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# Residents rally to fight golf course

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Former scoutmaster George Forsythe says he's tired of watching as stands of trees are bulldozed in Novi and would like to see a place where people can enjoy what remains of the city's natural environment.

That's why he's become involved in PARKS - People About Reserving Kids Space - a two-year-old organization that is slipping into high gear again to fight a golf course proposed for the North Novi Park.

"I feel we're being duped a little bit here. We voted for parks and hiking trails and playing fields for everyone, then all of a sudden now we're having this golf course shoved down our throats," Forsythe, a former golfer, said.

"I don't see why we have to take one of the natural places we've got left and turn it into a golf course."

Forsythe and other residents are hoping to head off at the pass plans for an 18-hole golf course on the 443-acre park.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m., the Novi City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the Activities Room at the Novi Civic Center. They'll be looking at potential uses of the park land purchased with a voter-approved bond issue. Along with the $6.5 million, 180 acre golf course, that could include picnic

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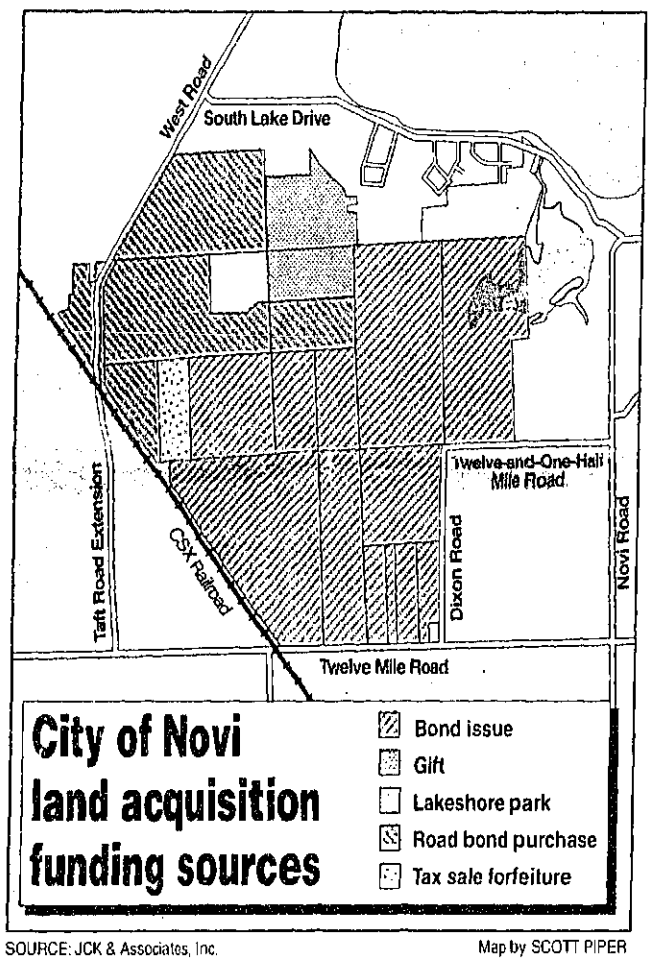


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# City of Novi is key north-end landowner

The City of Novi owns 713 acres of land in an area bounded by Twelve Mile Road on the south, South Lake Drive on the north, West Road and the CSX railroad track on the west and Dixon Road on the east.

The $8.407 million package was purchased by a combination of park bond money and road bond money. In addition, some of the land was donated.

Prior to the purchases with the bond money, the area already included the Oakland County Wastewater Treatment Plant and the 30-acre Lakeshore Park.

A mile-long, $7 million extension of Taft Road (most likely with a new name) will travel north/south through some of the property, which was purchased with road bond dollars. Wetlands mitigation for city projects, including 17 acres of wetlands mitigation to compensate for the new road, will be done on this land.

Future plans for the 443 acres purchased by the 1993 park bond money are under discussion, but currently city officials are considering a golf course for the site. This chunk of property includes 19 acres of Shawood Lake.

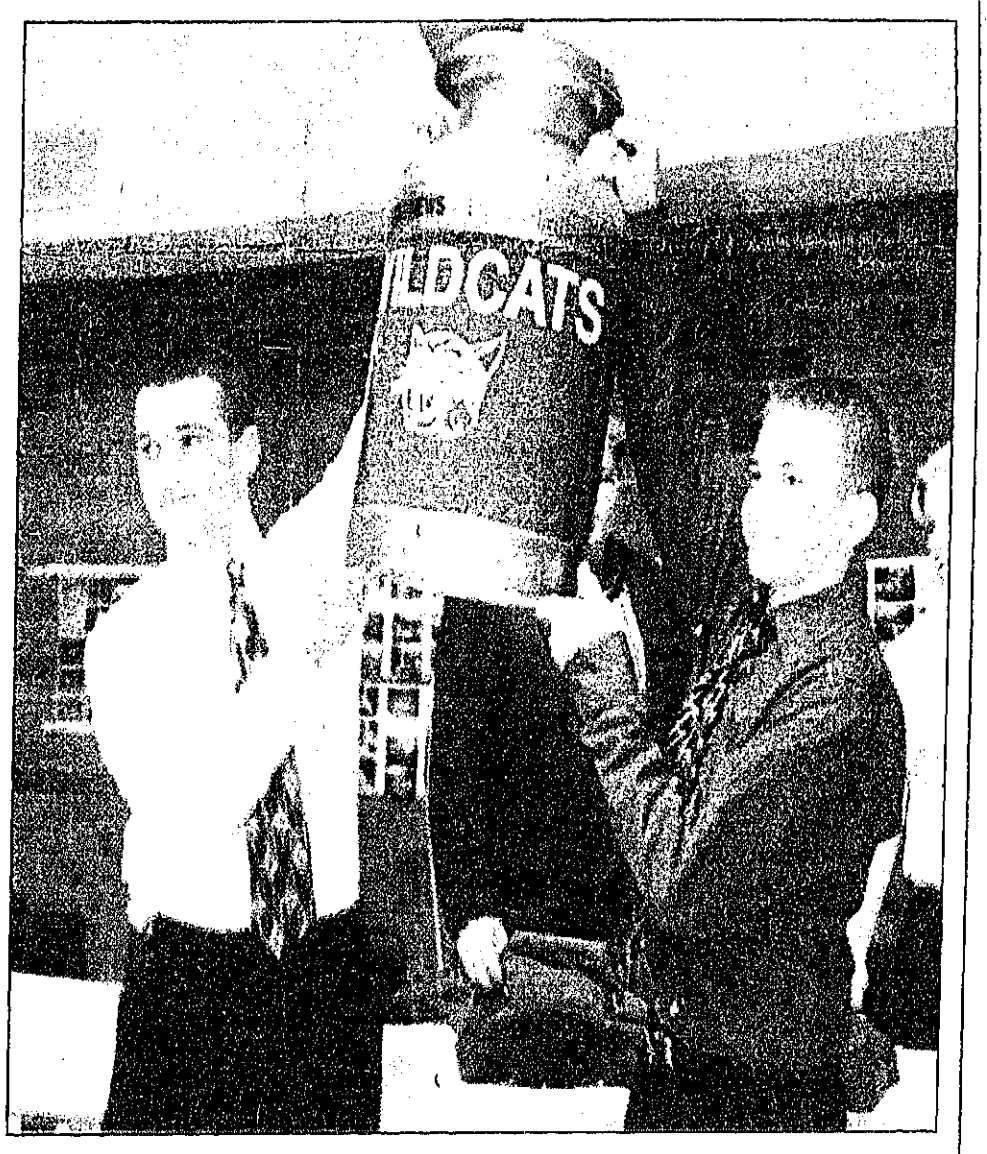
## Spoils of war

Above, Novi football players gather around the glorious Baseline Jug towards the end of a Nov. 12 evening banquet for the guys, their parents and coaches at the Novi High School cafeteria.

The jug was presented by *Novi News* Editor Mike Malott in honor of the Wildcat's stunning victory against the Northville High School Mustangs.

At right, two of the four Novi Varsity Football Team co-captains Jason Hill and John Gauruder hoist the trophy, which will be presented each year by *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*. Expect to see this icon of sportsmanship, which is a glorification of a milk jug donated by Guernsey Farms Dairy, around town and in all kinds of interesting places in the year to come. The Stanley Cup's travels will have nothing on this globetrotting award.

The new, improved version was painted by Northville artist Jeff Von Buskirk and features the logos of each high school. Guess which side is shown here?



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# Library installs 'kid friendly' computers

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Only a handful of parents complained in Novi about the undesirable detours they hope their children won't take as they enter the Information Highway.

But their concerns about the convergence of kids and pornography at the public library echoed those heard nationwide.

Since the issue was raised last summer, an ad hoc Internet committee met with some parents and suggested some changes in how the library's Internet service - which attracts 3,000 users a month - is offered. Among them is the installation of KidsNet, six computers that default to filtered search engines designed to protect children from obscene material.

"We consider this to be evolving. We are not going to be done with the Internet and the changing laws and technology. This is going to be evolving for many months," said Library Director Brenda Evans.

"Those communities that have been the most successful in resolving the conflict of values are those that have good, creative solutions that balance the need for the public's access to knowledge to knowledge and protecting children."

Last week, the library's existing 12-computer Internet station was reconfigured, to make it more difficult for other library patrons to eye the screens -and a possible glimpse of something objectionable.

Cynthia Sheppard penned a letter to the Novi City Council in June, after she observed a young teen watching graphic sexual material on a computer at the library. Sheppard said she didn't feel comfortable sending her kids to the public library, because she feared they'd be exposed to pornography.

In response to letters from both

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Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Teens from St. James Church spent a cold night outdoors.

# Teens experience homeless lifestyle

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Sleeping outdoors on a cold November night, with a cardboard box as the only shelter, isn't how most local teens spend their weekend.

But for youngsters from St. James Catholic Church, the goal wasn't to have a good time that Friday evening, but to learn about how homeless people live.

Not only did they raise money (over $500) for the Pontiac Rescue Mission, but but they honed their own skills of compassion and empathy.

"It's just the experience. It's kind of like walking in someone else's shoes. I kind of like to experience about what things feel like for other people, to learn other perspectives," said Sean Gregory, a tenth grader at Brother Rice High School.

After a dinner cooked by parents, the kids settled into their

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# Community Calendar

*To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.*

## Thursday, November 19

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500. Lisa Fockler, Oakland County Public Health educator, will speak on "Raising Drug Free Kids — Setting the Limits."

## Monday, November 23

### City Council

Novi City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

### Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### Wills and probate

Robert J. Essick, attorney at law, will talk about wills and probate in a talk at the Novi Civic Center, in Room A, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be a question and answer period after the talk. There is no charge for attendance.

## Tuesday, November 24

### Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

### Novi Concert Band

No rehearsal today. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

### ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads., off I-275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

### Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

### Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.

### F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0130.

### Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

### Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

## Wednesday, November 25

### Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

### Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

### Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

## Thursday, November 26

### Thanksgiving Day

Have a happy holiday. City offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Library will be closed.

## Friday, November 27

### The Day After

City offices and the Recycling Center will remain closed on the day after Thanksgiving. The Novi Library will be opened.

## Tuesday, December 1

### Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

### Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

### Seniors meeting

The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

### Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Call 348-0009.

# Kids' cards on sale

The Northville Township Foundation again this year ran a contest for children from the Northville school system in grades 3 through 5. This year's winner was 10-year-old Christopher Nelson.

The full color cards are available for $15 at the following locations:

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# Class gives a sample of workplace technology

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Students at Novi High School are getting a taste of technology's impact on their future career choices.

Craig Caurdy, who teaches "Introduction to Career Technology" at Novi High School, oversees several high tech modules in his classroom designed to give students a taste of technological careers from aerodynamics to television.

Students in the class can use the modules to learn the intricacies of high-tech fields.

Caurdy added he believes it is not just his class that is in tune with technology, but the entire high school.

But, not many classes give students a chance to test the aerodynamics of a car in a wind tunnel or test their flying skills on a flight simulator.

Other technological areas covered by the class include; aerodynamics, animation, biotechnology, computer aided design, computer graphic design, desk top publishing, electronic music, exploratory electronics, fiber optics and lasers, flight simulation, and robotics.

This wide range of areas give the students plenty of chances to try their skills and discover which technology they enjoy the most.

Caurdy said each module varies in enjoyment and depends on the student's opinion of the topic covered by the equipment.

If a student is not excited about a module, Caurdy said he reminds them they only have to be in that section for five days, then they can move to another.

Modules differ greatly from one another. While students in the desk top publishing module design cards and posters, students in the bridge building module are spending five to six hours designing and building a small wooden bridge, only to break it in two minutes on the module.

There are a total of 21 different modules, each dealing with different technological aspects of careers.

Students in the class are placed into two person teams. Caurdy said he tries to pair 4.0 students with students not doing as well.

By doing this, it gives students more incentive to do better on their projects and learn more.

Caurdy said the class is exploratory and designed for ninth and tenth grade students looking for possible careers to pursue. The class also gives the students guidance by pointing them to classes at Novi High School that will give them more education in jobs they may be interested in.

"This class is kind of like a feeder," he said. "It gives a kid information of maybe what mom and dad may be doing for a career."

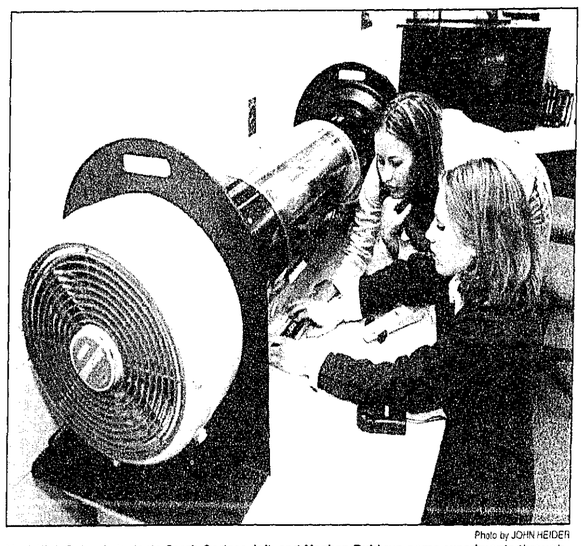
While the class gives students a taste of technology, Caurdy said the equipment is already three years old and many modules are out of date. Some modules are at least two years behind in technology.

Because of this, the class will be getting new equipment upgrades soon.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for Business and Operations, said the upgrade will cost $12,337. This will basically fund new computers and monitors for the classroom.

Koster said this cost was budgeted into the general fund.

Caurdy said he would like to get the class more into robotics. This will keep the students more up to date with the manufacturing industry, which is using more robotics in its factories.



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Novi High School students Sarah Corless, left, and Meghan Ruhl run some experiments through the school's technology center's wind tunnel on a recent Wednesday morning.

Caurdy said in the past, workers stood on assembly lines putting together products. Now, the workforce has been cut and there are just a few workers sitting in chairs running the robots that put the cars together.

Regardless of the technology and his future upgrade dreams, Caurdy said what makes his class special is the students involved with it.

"I enjoy working here. I hope I can say that 20 years down the road," he said.


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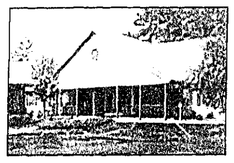

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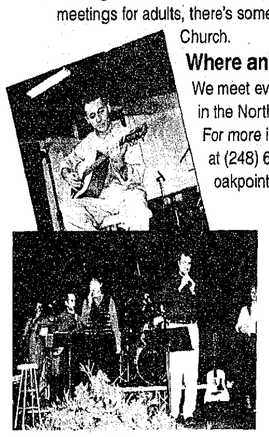

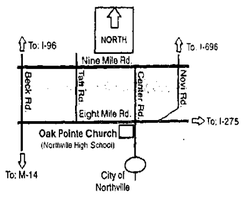

# Woman threatened, car vandalized

A 45-year-old White Lake woman was threatened around 6:30 p.m. Nov. 10 in the parking lot of TJ Maxx on Crescent Boulevard.

The woman said she was attempting to park her vehicle near the entrance to the store when she noticed a dark colored van parked in a parking space with its break lights on.

The woman waited for the van to move, but it did not. So the woman pulled her vehicle into the space next to the van.

Since the van was parked at an angle, the woman spoke with the driver of the van, a white female around 30 years old wearing dark colored clothing, and asked her if she was going to move.

The driver then became very upset and began making threats at the woman.

The female driver said, "It's people like you that get people with guns after them."

The White Lake woman then left her vehicle, entered TJ Maxx and contacted the police department.

An officer responding to the call could not locate the van, but did find the White Lake woman's car with a fresh scratch running along the entire length of the passenger side.

## Police News

### CAR STOLEN

A 19-year-old Redford woman's 1991 Pontiac Sunbird was stolen sometime between 10 and 11:30 p.m. Nov. 11 from the 20000 block of Woodland Glen.

The woman said she was in the area visiting friends and parked her car around 10 p.m.. But when she returned at 11:30 p.m. her car was gone.

The woman said she locked her vehicle. The was no evidence at the scene of a break-in.

### EQUIPMENT STOLEN

Items valued at $13,000 were stolen sometime between 1 p.m. Nov. 8 and 8 a.m. Nov. 9 from W-S Equipment Company on Heslip Drive.

A 1996 Integrity Trailer valued at $4,500 and a 1988 Scissor Lift valued at $8,500 were stolen from the business.

The owner of the business said he left the lift on top of the trailer and placed a lock through the trailer hitch to prevent it from being stolen.

### THREE ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

Three men were arrested for fraudulent use of a credit card Nov. 10, in Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, the three men made several purchases throughout the mall with the card. On one of these purchases a check of the card revealed the three men were not the owners of the card.

They were subsequently arrested.

### MAN ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested Nov. 9 after he was caught trying to steal merchandise from Lord and Taylor in the Twelve Oaks Mall.

The man was observed by employees over closed circuit television concealing a Fossil brand wallet in his pocket.

The man then attempted to leave the store through the lower level exit, but was stopped by employees.

He was later arrested by the Novi Police Department.

*Citizen with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.*

# Driver fails to stop, causing four-car crash

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Three vehicles received minor damage after they were pushed into each other by a fourth vehicle, around 1 p.m. Nov. 11 on Novi Road near Tans-X Drive.

The accident occurred when three cars were lined up stopped for stopped traffic at the intersection and the fourth, a 1998 Olds Bravada driven by Nancy Ann Malloure, 47, of Northville, ran into the rear of the vehicle in front of it.

This caused the vehicle in front of Malloure's 1998 Bravada to be pushed into the rear of the vehicle in front of it and that vehicle into the rear of the vehicle in front of it.

There were no injuries, but Malloure was issued a citation for failing to stop within an assured and clear distance.

# Cassis impresses House Speaker Perricone

By Tim Richard
Staff Writer

Rep. Nancy Cassis has two special pages in House Speaker-elect Chuck Perricone's scrapbook.

"I want the original copy. I didn't know what you were going to say until you said it. It was great," said Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, whom Cassis had nominated during the 57-member caucus of the House GOP class of 1998.

"Quite an orator," agreed Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, patting Cassis on the back. "And she's going to do great things on tax policy."

Perricone was picked over Rep. Mark Jansen of Grand Rapids in the closed-door, secret vote of Republican members-elect on Nov. 10.

Cassis, R-Novi, didn't seek a leadership post, but don't be surprised if she lands a key role on the House Tax Policy Committee through a Perricone appointment.

"A family man, a skillful fighter for our Republican caucus, a true friend and a charismatic leader" is how she described Perricone, 38, who will lead the House in 1999-2000.

"Yes, at times forthright – some would say blunt – but with a frankness that lets you know what's on his mind," she went on. "From the beginning, my class benefited from his inclusive style when he brought us together two years ago and urged us to come together."

Cassis, finishing her first full term in the House after service on the Novi City Council, revealed it was Perricone who gave her "the shove" to challenge Democrats in 1997-8 on the hot topic of income tax cuts.

Democrats preferred cuts targeted to specific segments of the population. Cassis pushed the Republican agenda – an across-the-board personal income tax cut of 0.1 percent per year until the rate drops to 3.9 percent after five years. Result: a stalemate, with no tax cut.

The GOP's takeover on Nov. 3 will put Cassis in the center of the 1999 tax cut drive.

"Isn't this the mark of a leader? Someone who can bring us together, listen, roll out the welcome mat, open the door to our individual and collective strengths?" a fired-up Cassis told the caucus.

Perricone, himself an accountant, has a reputation as a hard-nosed partisan who will be less inclined to compromise and prefer to use his 57-53 majority to flatten the opposition with the GOP caucus agenda.

In an interview afterwards, Cassis noted that the new set of leaders has far more diversity than past Republican charts with their heavy emphasis on Grand Rapids and Holland members.

"How's this for diversity?" she said, pointing to Andy Raczkowski of Farmington Hills as majority floor leader, Speaker pro tem Patricia Birkholz of Saugatuck, associate speakers pro tem Judith Scranton of Brighton and Bruce Patterson of Canton; assistant floor leaders Mary Ann Middaugh of Paw Paw and Paul DeWeese of Williamston, caucus chair John Pappageorge of Troy, and assistant caucus chair Charles LaSata of St. Joseph.

Aiding Perricone in the transition will be a familiar Oakland County face – Suzanne Miller Allen, raised in Farmington Hills. As a Young Republican 10 years ago, she drove national convention delegates to and from the Dallas airport.

Later she worked for Sen. (now Lt. Gov.) Dick Posthumus on the Senate Commerce Committee, then for Rep. Paul Hillegonds when he was House speaker in 1995-6.

When the transition is finished, Allen will move onto the staff of Sen.-elect Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, the former House minority leader.

## Novi Briefs

### Christmas In April

Every April, metro area volunteers dedicate a Saturday afternoon to fixing up homes for people who need the assistance, as part of the national "Christmas In April" program.

On Monday, at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, a cake and coffee reception will be held to honor Novi participants in "Christmas In April."

A number of Novi residents, especially elderly citizens, have been beneficiaries of the volunteer event. Anyone interested in getting involved in next year's "Christmas In April" is encouraged to attend the reception, plus a presentation on the program at the beginning of the Novi City Council's 7:30 p.m. meeting.

In addition, if you know someone who may qualify for assistance, applications will be available Monday.

### Youth Assistance meeting

An introductory information meeting for parents who have children who have received treatment for Chemical Dependency will be at 6:30 Dec. 1 in the Novi Youth Assistance office.

Focus will be on identifying what care support services are needed in the community.

Please call (248) 347-0410 for further information.

### Two new teachers

Walled Lake Consolidated School District have hired two new teachers.

At the Nov. 19 meeting of the School Board of Trustees, members will be asked to approve the hiring of Bethany Bean, as a music teacher at Commerce/Keith Elementary and Kathren O'Brien as a teacher consultant at Banks Middle School.

Bean's hiring was effective Nov. 2, while O'Brien's will not be until Nov. 30.

### Police take on the Lions

The Novi Police Officers Association and the Detroit Lions will take on each other in basketball.

The game will be Feb. 18, but tickets are on sale now.

For tickets call 347-3430. For more information contact Officer Diane MacGregor or Officer John Nelson at 348-7100.

All proceeds will go to the Novi Police Officers Association.

### Novi School Board Meeting

The Novi Community School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Novi Woods Elementary School.

The Novi Woods Quality Team will be making a presentation and the board will be updated on the Communication plan.

# Driver hits tree after collision with another vehicle

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Two vehicles were involved in an accident around 8 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The accident occurred when a 1999 Ford driven by Norman Alan Silverman, 52, of Grosse Pointe, turned left onto Eight Mile Road from Haggerty Road.

However, Silverman turned his vehicle directly into the path of an oncoming 1990 Ford traveling on Haggerty Road, driven by Mary Tata, 70 of Novi.

The two vehicles collided, causing Silverman to lose control of his car. He drove off the road and ran into a tree.

No one was hurt.


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# Students collect for the needy

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Orchard Hills Elementary School is getting into the spirit of the season with two donation drives giving to the less fortunate.

Paul LePlae, principal of the school, said they are collecting toiletries for Honduras victims of Hurricane Mitch.

LePlae said his students collected toilet paper, shampoo, toothbrushes and many other hygiene essentials.

As of Monday, the students had collected six boxes of personal hygiene products. Collections started Nov. 11.

Michelle Sankovic, Orchard Hills PTO president who came up with the Honduras project, said a teacher approached her about a week ago asking if the school could do anything for the hurricane victims.

After this, she found a company in Troy that was taking up a collection for the victims.

The company, Empire Electronics, is stationed in Troy and has an office in Honduras.

Sankovic said she called the company and offered to have the school help them in their collections.

So far, Empire Electronics has filled five 40 foot containers with supplies for the victims from their collection drive.

The supplies, donated by the students of Orchard Hills for the hurricane victims, were picked up Tuesday by representatives of the company.

But, this is not the only helping hand the school is offering the less fortunate this season.

Orchard Hills is also collecting outerwear, such as winter hats, gloves and coats, for the Clothes Closet at the Church of the Holy Family.

This is the fifth year the school is collecting winter supplies for the church.

Principal LePlae said the collection started Nov. 9 and goes until Friday.

He said so far the students have collected enough clothing to fill four large boxes.

PTO President Sankovic was optimistic the school was going going to collect even more.

"We are going to be taking over [to the church] probably three van-fulls," she said.

Regardless of the final amount they end up donating, LePlae said the most important thing is what the students learn from giving.

"They really get excited about it. They like the feeling they get from helping people," he said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills Elementary students show coats donated to the Holy Family Church. From left are Kelsey Sankovic, Asuka Yamasaki, Ashley Buxton, Deepika Yuvaraj, and Victoria Sehnaidt.

# City at first stage of expansion plan

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi City officials will soon go looking for an architect for the Novi police department expansion project, approved by voters in a bond issue on the ballot earlier this month.

Craig Klaver, Novi Assistant City Manager, said he will give a notice of intent to the City Council at its Dec. 7 meeting to inform the council of the need for an architect. He said he has one in mind already. It will then be up to the council to decide whether to use that architect or open a bidding process.

Klaver said his architect did the preliminary drawings for the expansion to give voters an idea of what was needed before Nov. 3.

The architect, Dennis Dundon, also was the original designer of the current Novi Police Department building. This gives him knowledge of the current building's history and the design style used.

Klaver said it will be up to the city council to decide if they want to go with someone who knows the history and style of the current building or a new architect with new design ideas.

> "We are hoping to deliver a product to the voters as soon as possible."
> Craig Klaver,
> Novi assistant city manager

However, Klaver said he is still considering asking Dundon to take part and does not even know if Dundon wants the job. He said he may ask Dundon soon if he would like to submit a proposal.

Regardless, Klaver said the city is hoping to begin the bidding process for the project and to be ready to break ground by next spring.

He added that like any building in Novi that undergoes an expansion, the Novi Police Department expansion will go through the city's site plan review process.

This means all preliminary and final site plans for the project must first be approved by the Novi Planning Commission.

"We are hoping to deliver a product to the voters as soon as possible," Klaver said.


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# Commission nixes sub plan

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Due to several negative recommendations from city consultants, Novi Planning Commissioners rejected the Willowbrook Farm Subdivision Number 2 and 3 development Nov. 4.

The project is located on the northeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road. The development would consist of 110 units of single-family residential housing.

One of the strongest non-recommendations came from Linda Lemke, woodlands consultant for the city.

Lemke said while the developer has given a try at saving the woodlands on the site, it is still not enough.

"The woodlands are of extremely high quality which is very rare in the city," she said. A majority of the trees on the site are listed as regulated woodlands on the city woodland map.

Lemke said the trees in the site are at their climax of development and it has taken hundred of years for them to get to this point.

She added the site also has a major waterway, Bishop Creek, running through it and a loss of trees would change the quality of the creek thereby changing the habitat of the area.

> "I know my 7-year-old isn't going to do too well dodging 200 percent more traffic."
> Chuck Pierce,
> Novi resident about a proposed subdivision near his home.

Lemke said a location such as this, with such high quality trees, would be perfect for the city to purchase and turn into a park.

However, she added, the city probably does not have the resources for such a move.

Lemke said the only alternative she would be comfortable with is a reduction of the number of residential lots in the subdivision.

While Lemke argued against the loss of the trees in the area, residents argued against increased amounts of traffic.

Part of the development plan is to join existing roads in a subdivision to the south. The roads in this subdivision were built in the 1950's and are considerably more narrow than modern roads.

Many of the residents felt that the increased traffic from this development would be unsafe for the narrow roads in their subdivision.

Sheldon Schwartz, a resident in the area, said the current subdivision does not have sidewalks and this leads to many children playing in the streets.

"Any additional traffic will create danger, " he said.

Chuck Pierce, another resident of the area, agreed, saying this development would increase the traffic in the area by 200 percent.

"I am not against these people building houses. But, would you like to take Ten Mile and drive it through your subdivision? I know my 7-year-old isn't going to do too well dodging 200 percent more traffic," he said.

Mike Kahn, vice president of Singh Development corporation that is designing the project, said his company has been working for quite a while with the city on these issues.

He said his company has pulled back lots and made additional changes to try and save sensitive areas on the site.

Kahn said he feels he has met all the woodlands ordinances and is prepared to mitigate to replace lost woodlands.

The consultants and the residents did not agree.

Because of the problems with the site plan, Commission Brent Camp said he would make a motion to table the plan to give the developer more time to address the consultants' and the residents' concerns.

However, Dennis Watson, assistant city attorney, informed him the planning commission was required to complete review of the project within the next 45 days. This meant the commission could not make a motion to table the project.

"In that case I would make a motion to deny the request," Camp said.

Seeing a possible wide support for denying the request, Commissioner Kim Capello told the developer if they requested to table the project, the commission could do that.

But the developers indicated they wanted a decision that night.

A motion to deny the site plan request was passed 5-2. Commissioners Kim Capello and Karen Piccinini voted for the project.

A second motion to deny woodlands and wetlands permits for the project, passed 5-2. Commissioners Capello and Piccinini also voted against denying the permits.


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## Tea and cookies

Rita Sandon, left, and Bert Weening joined others at the Novi Senior Center for its first attempt at "Tea and Polite Conversation" Monday afternoon. Seniors were joined by their friends and colleagues at the center that are involved in providing activities and services for an hour or so of tea, cookies and discussions.

# Obituaries

### SUSAN V. KRIEWALL

Susan V. Kriewall, 89, of Bay City died Nov. 10 in Novi. She was born Aug. 2, 1909, in Akron, Mich., to Matthew and Victoria (Arlouskas) Verbiscus.

Mrs. Kriewall and her husband, Edward F. Kriewall Sr., whom she married in Frankenmuth on June 13, 1936, owned Bay Marine Sales in Bay City for 20 years. She was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Bay City and the American Business Women's Association.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Edward F. Jr. of Novi; and three grandchildren, Karen Lack and Julie Kriewall of Novi and Jacqueline Kriewall of Santa Maria, Calif.

Mrs. Kriewall was preceded in death by a son, John A. and her sister, Blanche Messner.

The funeral liturgy was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Holy Trinity Church. Interment was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Bay City.

Arrangements were made by W.A. Trahan Funeral Chapel in Bay City.

### CYNTHIA TAYLOR

Cynthia Taylor, 46, of Novi died Nov. 5 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born Feb. 6, 1952.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by her husband, Houston; sons, Joseph (Tracey) and Jeremy; daughter, Julie; sisters, Terri Screm and Joanne Aron; and grandchildren, Gage, Jordan and Kyra.

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 9 at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

### LARRY J. FREEL

Larry J. Freel died at his home in Novi on November 10. He was 56 years old. He was born in Detroit and raised in Tawas City, Michigan.

Mr. Freel was a printer at Viassis inserts and enjoyed collecting James Dean memorabilia.

Surviving are his father, Keith Freel of Gladwin, a sister, Karen Freel-Klein, of Gladwin and a brother, Kevin Freel of Brighton. Also surviving are his special cousins Curtis and Vicky Kobs of Tawas City, his aunt Opal Mallon and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

No services were held and arrangements were through Jacques and Kobs Funeral in Tawas City. Burial of remains will be in Fairmount, Indiana.

Anyone wanting to write a special memory of Mr. Freel to share with the family may send them to Vicky Kobs, 396 N. Lorenz, Tawas City, MI, 48763.

# Target donates $4,500 to Novi parenting workshop

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi Community School District recently received support for its Focus on Families Workshop from Target Stores in the form of a $4,500 grant.

The grant is awarded to community programs based on two criteria. Herb Vanderploeg, Eight Mile and Haggerty Target store team leader, said a program must meet an art criteria or a social action criteria to receive a grant.

A program that meets the art criteria is one that is designed to bring art to families. A social action program is one that helps parents improve their parenting skills, as the Focus on Families Workshop does.

Target stores usually donate about five percent of pretax dollars to surrounding communities based on these criteria.

Debbie Brauer, director of community relations for Novi Community School District, said the Focus on Families Workshop is designed to help with parenting.

She said it gives parents information on how to deal with nutrition, exercise, stress management and internet access, as well as many other topics with their children.

The workshop will be March 20 and is open to parents and community members.

Brauer said the grant from Target will take care of a great deal of the cost of the workshop. The rest of the costs will be covered through other grants.

The is the fourth year the workshop has received grant money from Target.

# Novi Public Library notes

### Library hours

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

### The Internet: Tools & Tips

Just for parents, this overview of the Internet includes suggestions for promoting safe, rewarding online experiences for your family. The class meets Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. Please register in advance for all Internet classes by phone or in person.

### Introduction to the Internet

Our basic introduction to the Internet contains a brief history, terminology, searching techniques and online safety tips. Class meets Saturday, November 21, at 2 p.m.


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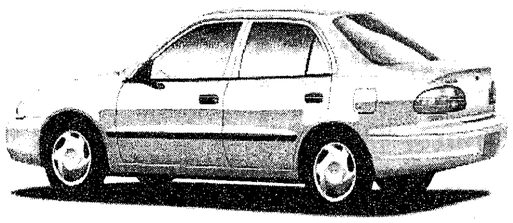

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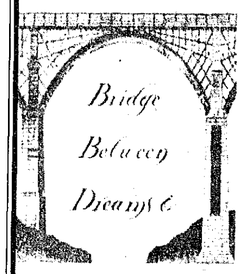


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# Students host a Madrigal evening

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Take a step back in time to auld England with the Novi Choir Department, as they host their eighth annual Madrigal Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at Novi High School.

Paula Joyner Clinard, choir director for Novi High School, said the event is a lot like an old English feast with traditional Renaissance-style music, food and drink.

Students in the choir, school band, Wildcat Choir and Jazz Cats will be dressed in period costumes and portraying various characters from a Renaissance feast. Guests will be greeted by characters such as a king and queen, knights, jailmen, a traveling play troupe, bowmen and damsels in distress.

Seniors Brent Craverilla and Jessica Kellogg will be portraying the king and queen of the event.

"It is a large undertaking because students have to be in character for 3 to 3-and-a-half hours," Clinard said. "There is quite a bit of practice needed to make sure we are prepared."

Students began practicing for their parts shortly after the choir's fall concert in early October.

Participants will start their Madrigal experience with about 45 minutes of pre-dinner entertainment in the King's Forest — which is commonly known as the high school commons area.

After this, they will be taken to the King's Banquet Hall — high school cafeteria — for a complete four course meal, followed by a theatrical presentation. The dinner will be catered and Clinard said she will be able to serve over 600 guests.

Clinard said it is very difficult to explain what a Madrigal Dinner is to people who have not been to one, but she assured it is quite an experience and the school undergoes a massive transformation.

"The cafeteria doesn't even look like a cafeteria, it looks like a castle hall," Clinard said.

One important aspect of a Madrigal Dinner, she added, is the guests are not passive observers, but take part in the festivities.

Each guest must observe a set of rules, or the King's Rules of Etiquette. If they do not observe these rules, they must help entertain the rest of the guests.

Clinard said it is not uncommon to see an entire table full of of guests, who have to stand up and sing a song to the rest of the hall because one of them failed to follow the rules.

"The guests take part and quite frequently," she said.

Tickets for the event are $25 dollars each and payable by cash or a check made out to the Novi Choirs. Tickets can be obtained through the main office at Novi High School or by calling 449-1525.

Tickets are on sale now.

Any profit gained from the dinner will go into a fund that will help choir students go to summer camp.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

This year's King (Brent Craverilla) and Queen (Jessica Kellogg) will preside over the Novi High School's Madrigal Dinner, an annual holiday feast of food and song on December 12th and 13th.

# Computers not only mess in millenium

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

As government and business employees scramble to get their computers Y2K compatible, some people are facing a more low tech problem with the approach of the year 2000.

Namely people who pre-purchased tombstones with "19--" engraved as the year of their death - that now find themselves alive and well at the turn of the century.

Although Sue Senne, a receptionist at Northville's Inch Monuments, hasn't taken any calls from people concerned about the problem, she said she's sure they're out there.

"I don't know if they're panicking yet," Senne said. "But when the year 2000 rolls around, we'll see."

Sue Senne will have to deal with the quandary herself.

Senne's grandmother ordered her tombstone at age 56, when her husband died in 1958.

Although she inscribed the year of her death in the 20th century, with the year 2000 just 13 months away, she is 97 years old.

"She doesn't plan on going anywhere anytime soon," Senne said of Edith Troubley, who lives in Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. "She's not worried about it. She'll leave it for the grand kids to deal with."

Her boss may be able to help.

Richard Cardinal, owner of Inch Monuments at 580 S. Main St., said although no one has approached him yet to fix a stone, the memorial business is well aware of the problem.

To avoid it, he said, forward-thinkers stopped engraving "19" on stones decades ago.

"When I started in this businesses at 16, we were no longer putting 19 on markers in 1968. If people were 60 or 70 years old then, chances are they're not alive today, but some are," he said.

The easiest remedy is to cover the date with a bronze plaque, engraved with the year of passing and affixed to the granite stone.

Another option is to fill the "19" with a resin and powder mixture that matches the stone. When it hardens, the stone can be re-engraved.

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Employees for Inch monuments can do both procedures on-site for about $200, depending on the size of the job and the type of granite.

"The problem is, granite will last forever," Cardinal said. "The repairs won't."

Resin, for example, can discolor or crack. Bronze plates may corrode or loosen.

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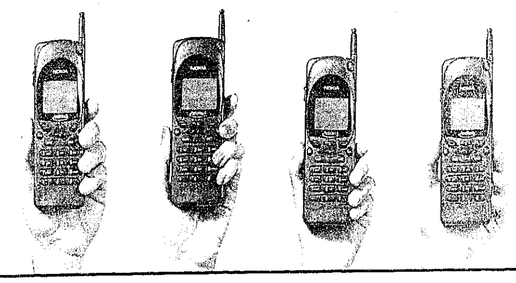

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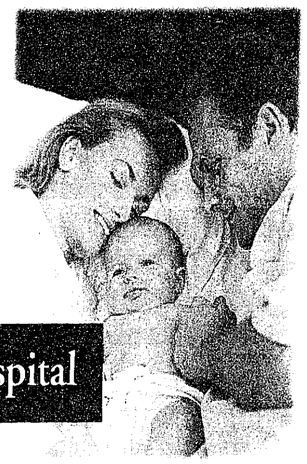

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**MONDAY, NOV. 9**

Wire down, 21530 Novi Road, 10:55 a.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 29827 Charlemagne, 11:09 a.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 12:20 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 25875 Novi Road, 1:38 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:44 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 3:27 p.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, I-96 and M-5, 4:04 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 4:25 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40583 Village Wood, 5:03 p.m., Squad 3.

Service, 22351 Commerce, 5:58 p.m., Squad 3.

Woods fire, 23584 E. LeHost, 6:14 p.m., Engine 3.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 10**

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Railroad, 7:19 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, I-96 and Beck Road, 8:58 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 39500 Orchard Hill Place, 10:11 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 39830 Grand River, 11:30 a.m., Squad 1.

Transformer fire, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 2:02 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, Grand River and Beck Road, 2:06 p.m., Squad 4.

Fire alarm, 42200 Arena Drive, 2:28 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Wires down, 202 Burlington, 2:29 p.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, Novi Road and Fourteen Mile, 2:40 p.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 3:19 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 44483 Midway, 6:04 p.m., Squad 3.

Electric fire, Beck and Grand River, 6:42 p.m., Engine 4.

Chemical alarm, 42400 Arena Drive, 9:35 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Fire alarm, 41700 Gardenbrook, 10:19 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

Medical, 507 Eckenhart, 10:25 p.m., Squad 4.

Fire alarm, 42400 Arena Drive, 11 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11**

Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 12:43 a.m., Squad 3.

Wires down, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 12:40 a.m., Engine 1.

Fire alarm, 43580 West Oaks, 1:03 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Wires down, 41390 Ten Mile Road, 7:24 a.m., Engine 1.

Assist police, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 8:43 a.m., Responders, 505, 515.

Fire alarm, 25875 Novi Road, 11:15 a.m., Engines 1, 4.

Fuel spill, Market and Grand River, 2:05 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 27780 Novi Road, 2:31 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 40600 Eight Mile Road, 3:44 p.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, 43650 Nine Mile Road, 4:09 p.m., Engine 3.

Woods fire, 23584 E. LeHost, 5:30 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 44639 North Hills, 6:01 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 8 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 27155 Sheraton, 10:25 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41959 La Roi, 11:29 p.m., Squad 2.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 12**

Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 6:37 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Car fire, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:57 a.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 29997 Adorne, 8:40 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 40224 Washington, 10:28 a.m., Squad 1.

Brush fire, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 3:02 p.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 4:11 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 31000 Westgate, 11:53 p.m., Squad 2.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 13**

Medical, 43326 Little Falls, 3:44 a.m., Squad 3.

Fuel spill, Grand River and Town Center, 7:31 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 10:36 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 11:30 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 27780 Novi Road, 1:05 p.m., Squad 1.

Tree fire, 1301 Mariga, 4:17 p.m., Engine 4.

Investigation, 194 Wainright, 5:19 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 41550 Grand River, 6:49 p.m., Squad 1.

House fire, 23810 LeHost, 7:43 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 45733 Lakeview, 11:01 p.m. Squad 2.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 14**

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:27 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 44530 Louvert, 12:44 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 1:13 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 24966 Portsmouth, 1:33 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 27468 Novi Road, 3:52 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45170 Wilshire, 4:16 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 4:40 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 27760 Novi Road, 5:23 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 8:13 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 31275 Portside, 10:12 p.m., Squad 2.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 15**

Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook, 9:36 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 25710 Glamorgan, 4:21 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 41831 Chalet, 7:19 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 27072 Brunton, 10:12 p.m., Squad 1.

# Northville Park right on target

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

The block work complete, volunteer workers are now moving into the next phase of construction at Northville Community Park.

But Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation president Mary Gans said more supplies and volunteers are needed to finish the job.

"We're moving right along and doing really well," Gans said Thursday. "This is our biggest undertaking yet though, and we need some help."

The group is refurbishing the restrooms, concession areas, storage facilities and installing lights at the Beck Road park. The cost of all the work is expected to top $250,000, according to Gans.

While it's hoped that the park will be complete in time for a spring grand re-opening picnic and plaque dedication, a substantial amount of materials are still needed. Gans said the group was seeking roof and shingle materials, ice and water block, roll-up doors, quarry tile, a tile setter and landscaping material.

The majority of the Friends' money is generated through its once-a-year dinner auction, which nested nearly $50,000 this past April. Gans stated a similar auction is slated for 1999.

The Friends have already raised thousands of dollars for other Northville and Northville Township park improvements. Gans said the group has used $18,000 for resurfacing tennis courts and Fish Hatchery Park, added a $10,000 aerator to Fish Hatchery Park and *placed a roof over the maintenance* building and purchased lawnmowers for Northville Community Park.

> "This is our biggest undertaking yet though and we need some help."
> Mary Gans
> Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation Pres

In addition, Gans stated $7,000 in renovations have been made to Ford Field and $20,000 were spent on Northville's playscape.

For the current work at Northville Community Park, Gans explained that pledges of nearly $50,000 have been secured from Northville soccer and baseball programs.

"Everyone's been such a big help to us, and we definitely appreciate their support," Gans said.

*Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information on making contributions or volunteering your time, contact Gans at (734) 462-4413.*

# Third-graders say 'thanks' for their playground

> "Thank you for raising your taxes for our playground."
> Josh Goings,
> Orchard Hills student

Last week, the girls and boys of Orchard Hills Elementary School swarmed onto their brand-new playground.

If the laughs and happy faces weren't enough of a thank you for any Novi taxpayer who happened to be passing by, Orchard Hills third grade teacher Lois Gdowski wants to get the word out that the kids are grateful.

"I explained to my third grade class that the people of Novi agreed to pay extra taxes so that it could be built," Gdowski wrote *The Novi News*.

"We all wanted to thank the people for providing us with a safe, fun and first-class playground."

Who can say no when a teacher asks that her students letters be printed? Following are thanks you notes to the taxpayers of Novi from Lois Gdowski's third grade class

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for paying your taxes. The last play ground we had was made of wood. This one is made of plastic. I like this one best. My favorite part of the playground is the whole thing.

I love the playground.

**Hilarie Anne Denomme**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the new playground. It was really nice of you to do that. My favorite playground equipment was the tire swing. I liked it because it was really spinny. I liked it better than the old tire swing. It is the best playground in the world. I hope the grass comes soon. I hope you like my letter. Thank you for the playground.

**Elizabeth Diaz**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for giving us such nice things to play on. My friends and I like the basketball hoop. It is neato. We think it is the boom too. Rain or shine, it is exciting. I like the slides. I looked out the window on Nov. 12, there was green grass. I can't wait until next fall. It is a lot better than our old playground. I think it is the best playground in Michigan. I can not wait until the soccer field is ready. It looks fun.

**Adam N. Pyett**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for raising your taxes for our playground. It was very kind of you. It has been great so far. We will have tons of running games when the grass grows. My favorite thing is the tube slide. It is so neat you did all this just for a kid's playground. I loved the way it looks. It is a lot better than the old one.

**Josh Goings**

**Dear People of Novi,**

I really like the playground that you gave us. It is really cool and I would like to thank you for the money that you gave to us to have it. I play tag every day with all my friends. We go all over it every day. I love the funnel slide. I dive into it when I go down. Then one kid broke his arm because he fell off it. So we can not go down it fare first.

We have some grass now that you put in the dirt. The tire swing makes you sick and have a stomach ache. I like the thing were you follow directions. I think the stretchy swings are fun. the funnel tube, the thing were you throw the ball is also fun.

**Nicole Gazdecki**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for helping us have our new playground. I really like it. My favorite place is the tire swing. What I like best about the playground is all the colors. They are really nice. Thank you for it again. I really enjoy it. I think it was very nice of you to do that. Thank you for it for the third time.

**Shannon Endicott**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for giving us money. I like the new playground. I like the game funnel ball. It is fun. The slide is fun too. The sliders on the bar are fun. I like them too.

**Jon Clarkson**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the playground. It is very fun. It is the best playground I ever had. My favorite part is playing tag on it and swinging. Thanks for everything.

**Jordan Czapski**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the new playground. It is great. My favorite piece of the equipment is the biggest part of it – the jungle gym.

**Devan Clements**

**Dear People of Novi,**

I just wanted to say thank you for the new playground. I really love it. I love the tire swing. It is fun to play on. I push people on it. I also play on the slides.

**Rebecca Ann Schuitman**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for helping raise money for the new playground. I really like it, it is fun. I like the bars a lot. It is the best playground ever. Thank you very much.

**Sarah Barton**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the playground. It is really fun. I really like the funnel ball, the stand up bike and the swings. It's a lot better than our old recess in the parking lot.

**Danielle Trubac**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for giving us the playground. I like the big slide the best. All of the Orchard Hills kids like the new playground.

**Brad Strother**

**Dear People of Novi,**

I am happy about the playground. I like all of you and the work that you do. It is a nice playground that you made. Thank you for all the work that you have done.

**Kevin Yu**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the playground. My friends and I love it. My best thing on the playground is the tire swing, tether ball and funnel ball. I like everything!!!!! Thanks for putting in the money.

**Vanessa DeCello**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for paying more tax money for our new playground. My favorite part of the playground is the big part with all the slides. All the kids like it. My class plays on it 2 times a day. Everybody likes it.

**Remo Desantis**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for helping us get such good playground equipment. I really enjoy playing on the bars with my friends. We like to hang upside down and do flips. Thank you!

**Katy Wagner**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for paying more taxes so we could have a new playground. My favorite thing is called the hang spinner. We really like the playground. It is awesome. Thank you.

**Alex Suttle**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for raising your taxes so Novi could buy Orchard Hills students new playground equipment. The kids are very happy to have new and better equipment. We have made all of it useful. I love the slides and the funnel ball game. The teachers think it's better than out in front.

We still have no grass but we will next year. I love the way it turned out. (It sure is better than the old one.) There are more things to do and we all love to play on all of them.

People in Novi are so generous. Everyone at Orchard Hills loves the new playground. Once again, thank you people of Novi!!

**Lauren Shelar**

**Dear People of Novi,**

I really like the playground that you gave us. The best thing of the playground. I think, is the basketball court. Sometimes I play tag and I cannot wait for the soccer field to be open.

**Kyle Simone**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for giving Orchard Hills the money to build a new playground. I love the structure and the tetherball. I think it is great.

**Daniel Spisak**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the new playground. I really like it! I like the thing where you hang on to a wheel and spin, funnel ball, tire swing and stand up bike. It's better than our old recess place.

**Amanda Costello**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for giving the students of Orchard Hills their new playground. Now we have more equipment to play on. I'm so glad that the people of Novi did that just so we could have a better playground. The two things that are my favorite things to do on the playground are basketball and soccer. I am so glad you did that for us. Thank you a lot.

**Jenna Carosio**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the new playground. I really appreciate it. I like the game funnel ball the best because it is competition and hard. I really like the new swings because you can go really high. We even have about two play structures. Thanks a bunch.

**Michael Symanski**

**Dear People of Novi,**

Thank you for the new playground area. It's better than our other playground. My favorite part of the new playground is the curly slide. I like the basketball court too. Too bad we can't go on the grass till next year. I looked out the window on Nov. 10. Some of the grass has already grown! I just heard that someone is going to plant grass, bushes and seeds.

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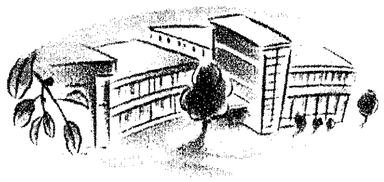

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# There are good and bad points for 35th District Court

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

The good news: bids are being accepted for contractors to build the new 35th District Court.

The worrysome news: all bids come back far in excess of the $7.2 million estimated construction costs, a re-design of the building will need to be made.

And the bad news: even if a bid comes back within the financial parameters, the project probably won't be fine-tuned until the summer of 2000.

Combined, those three elements were making Judge Ron Lowe rather nervous.

"Everything right now is in such a state of flux," Lowe said Friday. "It's a real period of uncertainty for us."

Bids are due back to the building authority by Dec. 10. Once the bids are returned, it's a matter of finding a bidder that both the bond advisory board and court building authority find acceptable. A timetable set up by the authority calls for an awarding of the bid sometime in either late December or early January.

But given the gung-ho nature of the construction trade, Lowe said some are beginning to have serious doubts that the building as planned can come to fruition within its present budget.

"The concern we have now is that we're not the only job out there looking for a bid," Lowe said. "The health of the economy is making the cost of some projects go way up."

Plans call for the new court to be constructed on the same land as the old court at Haggerty and Plymouth Roads. Compared to the old court, it will have one additional courtroom and be situated on levels, plus a basement-level records storehouse.

The original courthouse was destroyed in a July 1997 fire caused by a powerful electrical storm. Before setting up shop in its present location at Five Mile and Cherry Hill roads, the court had held session in several communities the court services.

The court is one of the busiest in the state, handling thousands of cases each year.

The court was able to lease the land upon which the court is now operating from nearby Unisys. The company gave the court a lease which will run through November of next year.

An extension of the lease to the court is entirely dependent on what happens with the sale of the land, according to Lowe. If a buyer for the Five/Cherry Hill property is found, any lease established with the court would be set up with a new business partner.


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# Ring in the holidays at local events

With the holiday season opening, residents of Novi have a variety of happenings to choose from in both Novi and Northville to help launch that holly jolly mood.

**Friday, Nov. 20**
**Hometown Holiday Light Parade:** As the official start of the holiday season in downtown Northville, Santa Claus will be holding court and a 6:30 p.m. parade will wind through Main, Center and Hutton streets. For the season, the historic downtown will will be decked with new banners, as well as yards of garlands, ribbons and lights.

Free carriage rides will be offered, plus kids can whisper their Christmas lists to Santa Claus at his brand-new house.

The grand marshall is Chuck Gadica, weather anchor of WDIV TV.

**Saturday, Nov. 21**
**Twelve Oaks Mall, plus the Rockettes:** In Novi, Santa Claus will be putting in an appearance with several of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular Rockettes on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Joining Mr. Claus and high-stepping dancers at the 12 noon event will be radio personality Big Al Muskovitz, from Puttan's People on WOMC-FM.

Big Al, the Rockettes and Santa will lead a sing-a-long of holiday songs for children, then will flip the switch to light the spectacular 30-foot tall tree in the mall's Center Court.

The tree is at the middle of the mall's brand-new take on Christmas, which includes animated penguins performing in their own band in the "Polar Lounge" ice cream parlor, flying reindeer and lot of other cool stuff.

After the lights are on, the Rockettes and Big Al will be on hand until 2 p.m. for photographs and autographs, while Santa will be holding court in his "Polar Palace" from Nov. 21 through 4 pm. on December 24.

The folks at the mall suggest people plan to visit St. Nick early to avoid long lines.

Going along with the penguin theme, customers who accumulate $400 in receipts on a single shopping day can show them at the Center Court Information Desk and pick up a free musical National Geographic Penguin Snowglobe. Offer good while supplies last.

As a fundraiser for the Salvation Army, the Twelve Oaks Gift Wrap service will presents purchased at any of the stores. The service is located in the Lord & Taylor corridor, near Panera Bread, from noon to 9 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Sunday hours vary through the holiday season, for information, on the gift wrap service, call (248) 348-9400.

**Novi Newcomers Holiday Shoppe:** Find an assortment of home party products, including Discovery Toys, Pampered Chef, Longaberger Baskets, Candle Lites and Dorling Kindersley Books. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 344-7112.

**Sunday, Nov. 22**
**Northville Annual Christmas Walk:** From 12 noon to 5 p.m., the includes free horse and carriage rides with Santa Claus. The pick-up point is in front of the Marquis Theatre.

From 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Northville Bandshell, the Center State Dance Company will perform while at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Northville Christian Assembly Choir will caroll the crowd.

During the day, non profit groups will be selling wreaths, hot cider, nuts, pumpkin bread, hot chocolate and baked goods. It's all sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

**Tuesday, Nov. 24**
**Main Street, Novi Holiday Walk:** For the third year, the City of Novi will officially step into the holiday season with a stroll down Main Street. A mystery holiday guest will appear (clue: the guest dresses in red velvet and has a long, white beard.)

As in other cities, there will be songs, good cheer and a tree lighting. But where else but Novi will merrymakers get to chow down on free Marcus Burgers, served up by the Novi Lions?

Plus, the award-winning Novi High School Marching Band will be performing, as well as the Senior Variety Series Group. From the Oxford Inn Tavern, singer Joce'lyn B and the band Impact 7 will set the scene with holiday tunes.

When the walk was first launched, not much was built at Novi's new downtown but the street and sidewalks. Now, buildings are sprouting up and new businesses have moved in.

Park either at the Vic's World Class Market lot or the Red, Hot & Blue lot.

**Friday, Dec. 4, Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6**
**Novi Theatres presents "The Nutcracker."**

One of the season's most-loved traditions will be presented by the Youth Theatre. Tickets are $7 in advance at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department or $8 at the door.

The show is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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Following is a concert by the Novi Middle School Girls Select Chorus. Mayor Kathleen McLallen will greet the holiday makers and a group sing-along follows.

At 7:10 p.m., Santa Claus will arrive in a fire truck to light the tree at city hall. Music, entertainment for kids, visits with Santa and snacks will round out the evening.

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## Furniture features ornate stylings

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Owners Lou Nantais and Patricia Allen show off the merchandise at Antiques And Pine Design.

'The real thing or reproduction?'

At Antiques And Pine Design, that's a typical question. The mix of furniture at the new Grand River Avenue and Novi Road shop ranges from 100-year-old plus Dutch cupboards and English armoires to new mahogany pieces from North Carolina ornate enough to look like fugitives from Meadowbrook Hall.

Owners Lou Nantais and Patricia Allen moved from Florida to Michigan to launch their store, which opened in October. Novi's become the place to be for home furnishings retailers, Nantais said.

"I knew Novi was just exploding. I just felt Novi needed something like this. They say this is going to be furniture row," he added.

"What I wanted to bring to this area is the quality and the right price."

If the furniture's not vintage European, it's a reproduction crafted in solid wood, no veneers or pressboard here. The pine pieces come from England, while the mahogany is made in North Carolina with old-fashioned style details.

Allen — a nurse practitioner from Florida now adjusting with some difficulty to the Michigan climate — is the buyer for china, teapots, fabric baskets, antique English luggage and other accessories at the store.

"It's fun to pick it all out, it really is," she said.

Nantais is an investment broker who grew up in West Bloomfield, before moving to Florida. But after 20 years in that business, he wanted a change. A visit to a similar store in Florida sold Nantais on the idea of going into the furniture business.

"The idea was to sell a quality product at the right price. I like to have things that nobody else has. I want people to walk in and say, I've never seen that before," he explained.

"I want the people to feel at home when they walk into the store."

Sheer coincidence is how he found just the location he wanted for the shop. He called Paul Bauman, owner of Reid Lighting, to ask about getting lighting installed in a location Nantais was eying at a nearby shopping mall.

"I said, 'I really want your building' and he said, 'you can have it,'" Nantais said.

Reid Lighting has since moved to another Grand River Avenue location.

For someone doesn't care for the natural wood look, a piece can be given a cracked, distressed paint surface or something even more customized.

The store will commission Florida-based artist Daria Witt, who has been featured in "Victoria" magazine, to paint whatever a customer may fancy.

"She'll do anything you want, if you sell show her a pillow or piece of furniture, she'll copy it," Allen said.

Much of the furniture offered is substantial in size, from armoires, bombe chests, kitchen tables to a leather-topped executive's desk. With the trend towards larger homes, bigger furnishings are needed, Nantais said.

With the natural wood and hand-carving, the new pieces may well become the antiques of the future.

"You just don't see this craftsmanship today," he added.


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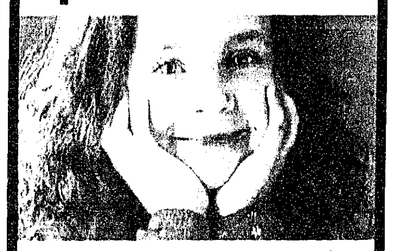

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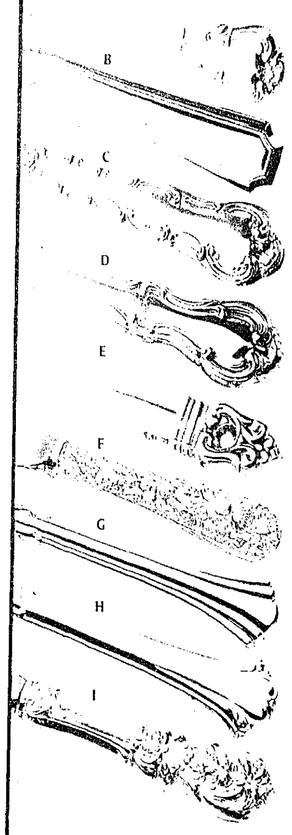


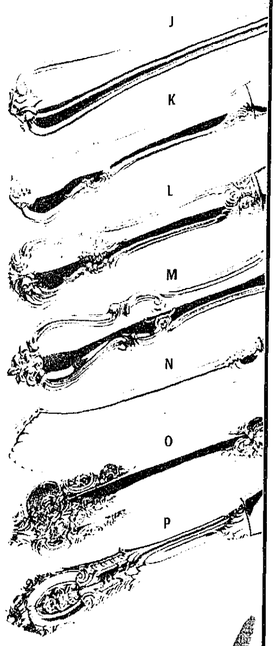


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# Dancers in the swing once again

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Photo by TOM HIBBLEN

Stefan Chmielewski and Jean Moran show off their footwork.

Triple step, triple step, rock step.

Break it down to basics and you've got a simple dance move any couple can master.

Embellish it with sweetheart wraps, low kicks and partner spins and you've got an upbeat, impressive set of moves that make up the latest dance craze.

Swing dancing is sweeping the nation, and the trend landed in Northville in September with beginner classes at the Northville Community Recreation Center.

Dance instructor Elaine Kallio said she suspects swing has gained popularity due to movies like "Swing Kids" and "Swingers" and a Gap commercial with khaki clad twenty-somethings performing acrobatic swing.

"Things take a while to trickle into Detroit," Kallio said. "Swing is replacing country as the newest hottest dance."

Big band revival bands are hitting the top of the charts and bars are hiring swing dance instructors to spread the trend, but for people who'd rather get the basics in an alcohol- and smoke-free environment, studio classes may be the best option.

The rec center has offered country line dance lessons for years but program director Pat Brown was inspired to start a swing class by her daughter Ellen, 16.

"My daughter's in high school and she came home and said 'Mom I want to take swing, it's really in'," Brown said "It's having a resurgence."

Fifty-five people signed up for the fall classes, and Brown had to close enrollment and start a waiting list.

Those that got in learned the basic swing step on the first day, and added an average of two moves to their repertoire every Wednesday evening.

"It's very, very popular," Brown said.

Swing began in the thirties with the music of Count Basie and Glen Miller. Now, bands like the Brian Setzer Orchestra and Cherry Poppin' Daddies, or more locally, the Starlight Drifters, add a modern twist to the old swing style.

The latest swing dancing is based on the Jitterbug and the Lindy Hop, variations that were considered vulgar when they first evolved.

"Swing gives you a ton of freedom compared to a lot of other dances," Kallio said. "Most ballroom dancing is very structured. You stand a certain way, you hold your head a certain way. Swing lets you bring in your own styling and your own personality a lot more than the other dances do."

Depending on your age it can be very athletic, too, but if you don't dare dips and aerials it's fit for any age.

The community's interest gives Kallio hope that formal dancing will gain over free-style.

"Free-style dancing has been around for a long time because people don't have to make any effort or investment. Swing dancing is infinitely harder," Kallio said. "If you learn how to dance and you like it, you'll probably find some way to dance your whole life."

So many teens called looking for classes before the Homecoming Dance that the rec center is planning a special teen workshop in the spring.

Junior Mindy Marburger confirmed that swing has made inroads at Northville High School within the last year.

"Since more bands have come out with that kind of music, it's in," Marburger said.

Partnered in the class with her friend Alex Christopoulos, Marburger learned the lead role, which will make it easier for her to teach the dance steps to both guys and girls.

"We were at a party and someone put on swing. We tried but since we learn to country music, it was a little fast."

Since her students are of different abilities, Kallio uses different styles of music to vary the dance tempo, including some songs from the country line dance class she also teaches.

To make the next session of swing lessons suitable for both beginner and intermediate dancers, Kallio said she'll teach at a beginning level, but stress different moves.

Some couples that progressed quickly during the fall session said the class gave them a great foundation, and readied them for more advanced instruction.

"The class teaches you the basic steps. From what you learn there you can go on and get more advanced moves. You can do nothing but improve," said Jim Grove, 26.

His partner, Rebecca Emerson, agreed.

But Emerson expects to see other dance trends gain popularity as well.

"I think the general trend is couple's dancing. It's not just swing, but I think swing is close to rock and that's why it's getting more publicity," Emerson said.

"Couples dancing is back."


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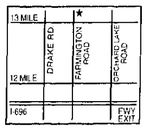


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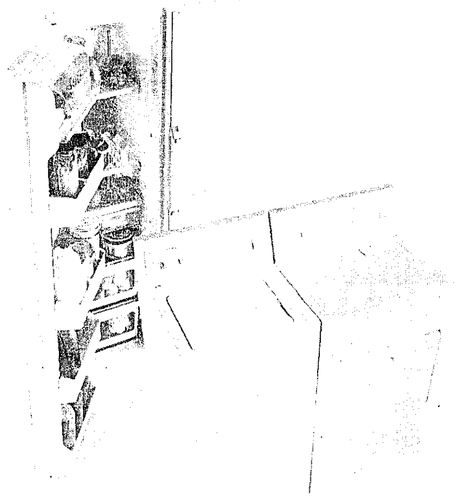

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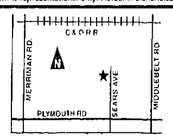


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10:00 a.m. — The Great Adventure
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: Rob Yustick
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company
12:00 p.m. — Consumer Corner: Winterwise
12:30 p.m. — Home for Life: Installing a Storm Door
1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Legally Speaking
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Tribute
3:00 p.m. — This Is Racing: Owning a Racehorse
3:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: The Tribe
4:00 p.m. — Groove Session: The Family Pleasers
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today
6:00 p.m. — Global Connections
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium
8:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Bev Papai
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Pierre

**TUESDAY, NOV. 24**
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Spres Profile: Barbara Herard
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Craig Belmondo, President CEO Pro-Air
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Ichtarod
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — Orphan in the Sands
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: High and Low Impact
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies
8:00 p.m. — Nothing To It: Tabbouleh Made Easy
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Tribute
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25**
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today: Labor Day Bridge Walk
11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update: Drug Treatment Research
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Rob Yustick
3:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Pierre
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — Community Connection: Show No. 2
5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
5:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Bev Papai
6:00 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Kickoff Breakfast
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
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The new field guide is a companion publication to Hoagman's "Great Lakes Coastal Plants," published by Michigan Sea Grant in 1994, which describes plants typically found in the drier areas along Great Lakes shorelines.

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# Coalition of mayors confront Bullard on revenue sharing

By Tim Richard
Staff Writer

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, voted last June for a drastic change in the state's revenue sharing formula to favor townships. And Bullard refused to back down when 10 southern Oakland County mayors visited him in Lansing.

"Any change will take away from Detroit," the first term senator and former township supervisor said in the public Nov. 12 confrontation in the State Capitol.

"I have a track record of sympathy to Detroit and older urban areas," he said, citing the tax program to help Detroit expand its Cobo Hall convention center.

The mayors, however, urged Bullard to work for a new formula that doesn't shift money from Detroit and Pontiac to rural townships, thus subsidizing urban sprawl.

"Townships don't pave roads," said Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen.

"And we serve as a regional center, with a regional mall, exhibition center and commuter traffic."

"We're concerned about Detroit and Pontiac," said Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi. "In the long run, we will become an older city, too."

"They (townships) don't have the same costs," protested Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi, whose city's population triples as people from many towns come to work in offices there during the day.

"Two-thirds of townships don't provide anything in the way of police protection," said Dan Gilmartin, lobbyist for the Michigan Municipal League and former Livonia resident.

"Troy is anxious for money, but not at the expense of its neighbors," said Mayor Jeanne Stine.

The cities argue that most townships provide little more than volunteer fire departments, rarely police departments, more rarely libraries and parks. So townships don't need the money.

Moreover, say the mayors, cities find it costlier to replace 70-year-old water mains. Giving the money to townships would encourage paving of greenfields.

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But Bullard said legislators are looking at other ways to help Detroit besides giving it the lion's share of state shared revenue. "Detroit is a big winner under Proposal C (the voter approved $675 million environmental bond issue)," he said.

"Look at West Bloomfield Township in my Senate district," Bullard added.

"It's almost indistinguishable from a city. I'd like to help urban areas in other areas - not necessarily revenue sharing."

State revenue sharing began in 1971. Chief revenue source is 15 percent of the first 4 percent of the sales tax. Total pot is $1.4 billion.

The Senate in June passed SB 1811 by Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, to correct what outstate Michigan considers a rank injustice: Detroit with 10 percent of the state's population gets 25 percent of the pot.

Steil and the GOP argue that the 1971 formula, still in effect, rewards "relative tax effort" – subsidizing cities that impose high taxes for inefficient bureaucracies.

Steil's SB 1811 shifts to a per-capita formula. It won 30-6 Senate approval, winning all Republican votes and more than half of the Democrats. But Steil's bill has received no action in the House Tax Policy Committee, controlled by Democrats and chaired by Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti.

Detroit lawmakers support House Bill 5989, sponsored by Nick Ciaramitaro, D-Roseville. It follows population by awarding growth in revenue on a per capita basis.

Ciaramitaro's bill was introduced just before the House's summer break. It hasn't emerged from committee.

No action on either bill is expected in the Legislature's lame duck session, scheduled for three days after deer hunting season.

Republicans take control of both chambers Jan. 1.

Here is how the bills would impact various kinds of local units, according to the Independent Citizens Research Council:

• Townships – $91 million more under Steil; $41 million more under Ciaramitaro.

• Cities - $96 million less under Steil; $45 million less under Ciaramitaro. The Steil bill would cost Detroit $143 million, but help many suburban and outstate cities.

Steil calls Farmington Hills, in particular, a winner under his bill.

• Villages – $5.1 million more under Steil; $4.7 million more under Ciaramitaro.

The mayors held a news conference that morning in Farmington Hills before boarding a bus for Lansing.

But because both chambers were in lengthy sessions, they got only two lawmakers to attend their meeting in the Capitol Building - Bullard and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

"I agree with you 100 percent," Peters told the mayors. "If you pull that revenue sharing from older areas, you pull the rug out from under them."

Then Peters sat back and smiled as the mayors piled on Bullard.


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# Group rallies to combat North Novi golf course

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and biking trails on the remaining land.

PARKS held an organizational meeting last week in the home of the group's president, Chuck Tindall.

At the session were representatives from homeowners' groups, people who were active in Beck's conflict proposal for a pool of Novi Beck and people from various sections of the city, Tindall said.

"The majority of them come from the southern end of the city, from Ten and Beck and Ten and Taft," Tindall added.

"We're just trying to recruit people through the city who would want to join us in opposing the golf course. We're discussing our options."

The group's initial goal will be to attempt to convince the Novi City Council to place the golf course on the ballot.

"We want to see this thing take to to a vote of the people. If the majority of the citizens of Novi want a golf course, I'm not going to stand in the way," he added.

"The first thing we'll be looking at is changing councils mind and have them assure us they will take this to a vote."

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> President of PARKS

If that doesn't succeed, talk of a referendum election is in the air.

Backers of the golf course say it would bring in much-needed funds for the city's parks and recreation programs. Should the city pursue the golf course plan, council members have expressed an interest in a design that would be sensitive to the land's woods and wetlands environment and continue to provide a habitat for wildlife.

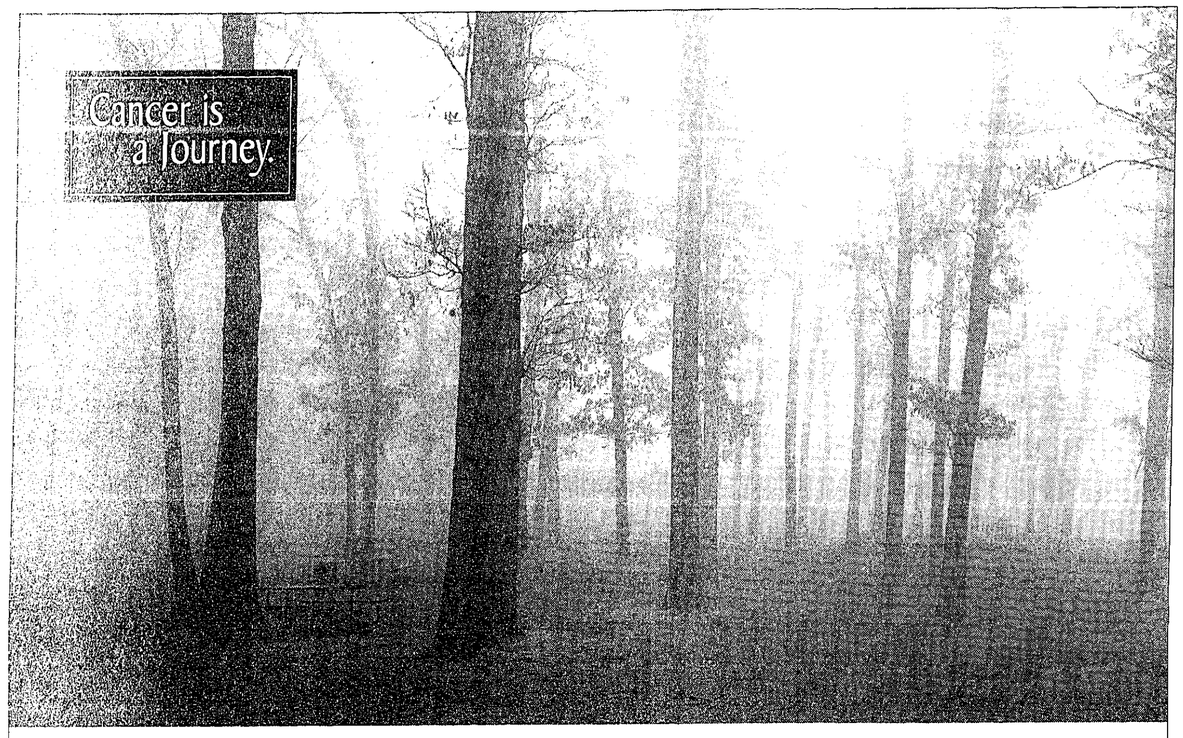
But for Forsythe, that's not enough.

Even if the woods are not destroyed, hikers won't be able to access them from a golf course, he said.

"The whole thing about the park was to have a natural site, to just go out there and study nature and sit on a log and watch. I can't go out and observe nature on a golf course, there's too much activity, with golf carts running around," he said.

"What we have left in this town is going to be lost."

*PARKS can be contacted by calling Chuck Tindall at (248) 669-9716.*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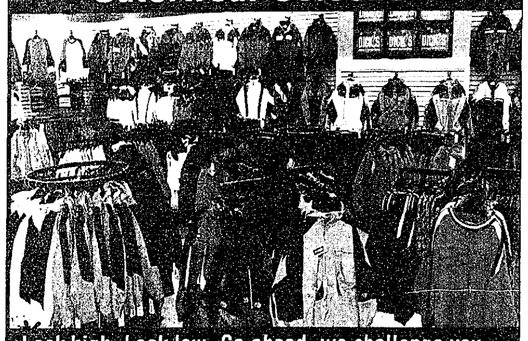

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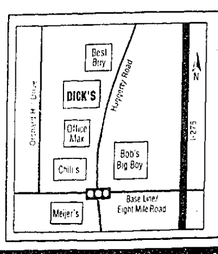


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# Boxed in

## Teens show solidarity with homeless

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cardboard boxes in the parking lot of the Ten Mile Road church.

Greg Gostomski, Director of Youth Ministry at St. James, had organized a similar night at another church and brought the program Novi.

The National Alliance For The Homeless estimates that on any given night, some 750,000 people are without a home in the U.S. Gostomski said he wanted the youngsters to have an inkling about what that might feel like.

"You wake up really sore and you really have a conception of what it's really like to sleep on concrete. It's an eye opener," Gostomski said.

"It was really cold about 2 a.m. and I work up and poked my head out and it was snowing."

Kids piled on layers of clothing to keep warm and brought sleeping bags and blankets.

Kathryn Lukowski, 14, said her parents weren't too keen on the idea, but let her go ahead and join the sleep over. She is in the ninth grade at South Lyon High School.

"It was cool. It was very cold. I'm fortunate that I have a home and roof over my head. I feel bad for the homeless people," she said.

"I think there is more I could do for them. It had never affected me as it does now that I did this."

Kathryn layered on several shirts over a big flannel shirt, and pulled on some gloves, but her legs were cold. She also found the inside of the box offered very cramped space.

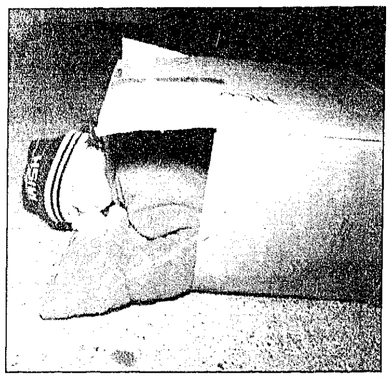
"We had them dress as warmly as possible and wear a lot of clothes. They all seemed to weather it really well. One young girl was asleep by 9:30 p.m., but a couple were up until 1 a.m. to 2 a.m.," Gostomski said.

Parents cooked a breakfast for the teens.

Sean, 15, was one of the kids who was not early to bed. He only slept fours and spent the rest of the time "keeping everybody else awake."

"I feel what we learned is that not everybody has in life what we take for granted. It wasn't fun, it was boring, which is basically what homeless people have to live with," he said.

"It was like we were homeless, we had no TV. The only thing that we had that was technically advanced was hand warmers."



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Katie Seidl, 13, of South Lyon, settles in for a night in a box.

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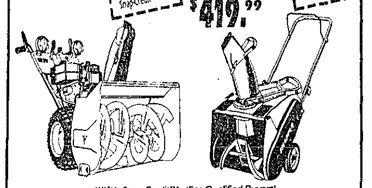

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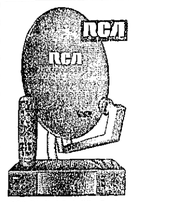

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## As We See It

### Library's Internet answer a commonsense approach

This past summer, Cindy Sheppard, a Novi mother was appalled when she walked through the Novi Public Library and saw a young teen watching explicit pornography on an Internet computer. Sheppard said the library was the kind of place she wanted to sent her own children to any more. She appeared before the Novi City Council to voice her concerns and her fears were soon repeated by other local parents.

The Internet is the most exciting tool to hit the public library since the Dewey Decimal system, but it's also become one of the most controversial.

Sheppard and other mothers were worried that when their own children went on-line, they could accidentally tap into unsavory websites.

And some adults said they did not appreciate looking at hard-core images themselves, while passing by the Internet stations. When you walk into your neighborhood video store,X-rated material is on the shelves. But it isn't being shown on the TV monitors posted throughout the shop.

It must be emphasized that the library received only a couple of complaints about this issue and most Internet viewers were not indulging in public naughtiness. But the staff was faced with a real dilemma.

Director Brenda Evans explained that libraries as a public facility are under strict scrutiny when it comes to First Amendment issues. The courts have taken a jaundiced view of any library that attempts to restrict free speech. Slapping filters on all the Internet stations, Evans said, is the equivalent of pulling books off the shelf on the basis of content. And that is not allowed.

But in response to the parents' very reasonable concerns, the library set up an ad hoc committee composed of two citizen library board members and two senior administrators, including Evans.

While their solution might not please everyone, we think it is a commonsense approach to a very real problem. Before any actions was taken, the proposals were run past Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson to see if any potential First Amendment violations existed. Watson found none.

Last week, the library reworked the arrangement of the 12 Internet computers in the Reference section. Before, the computers were lined up in two aisles and anyone browsing through Reference had a clear view of the screens. Now, $3,125 worth of modular dividers have been put into place, giving both computer users and other library patrons greater privacy..

This month, six child-friendly Internet computers with small-sized furniture will be installed. The computers will default to KidsNet, a homepage that offers filtered search engines for youngsters, including Yahooligans, Ask Jeeves for Kids and KidsClick.

What taxpayer in Novi would begrudge the $18,450 cost, when it helps keep a kid from accidentally tapping into something that would make his or her mom's eyeballs fry?

These are not perfect solutions. Evans said that a computer savvy kid can circumvent the system. But it will prevent an accidental downloading of obscene material.

But as the library's own Internet policy states, ultimately it is the responsibility of parents to monitor a child's use of the World Wide Web.

The library is also considering posting signs at the unfiltered Internet stations, which remain open to children, that Michigan Public Act 33 of 1978 bars knowingly showing obscene material to minors. Both Evans and Watson concede this is virtually unenforceable. If the library receives a complaint about a potential offender, in the first place, the computer user will close down the screen, leaving no evidence. In addition, the law states that the deed must be intentional., which is difficult to prove.

As a further measure, the library is holding a series of Internet classes for parents and kids.

While Sheppard said she 's heartened by the library's response, she's concerned that young teens still have access to Internet porn, because they won't be using KidsNet.

That's true and Evans said the library may in the future set up an Internet station for young adults. Overall, the committee has done a commendable job balancing free speech issues and the need to protect Novi's children.

### There's more to a good sport than athletic prowess

What do you get when you substitute one Baseline Jug for two plaques? A poor attempt at trying to preserve happiness and a missed opportunity for schools to teach the value of good sportsmanship.

Northville and Novi high schools decided not to bring back the Jug this year, saying the rivalry had brought out examples of bad behavior between the Mustang and Wildcat football players, student body and fans.

Is this really a proper solution to a growing problem? In our opinion, and in the opinion of dozens of people we've talked with, absolutely not.

For more than a decade, the Jug sat idle in the athletic trophy cases of Northville and Novi High schools, save for one day every year when the item was up for grabs between the rivals. The Jug never teased the opposition, nor did it make defiant gestures at the crowd. Some — and we emphasize 'some' — players did, however. But the majority of the young men we saw who played for the Jug simply took in the thrill of the victory or made silent vows to win the coveted prize the following year.

It would seem to us that the problem with the Novi / Northville football game wasn't the Jug itself, but rather the attitudes of a very small number of players and students. In our view, that's the fault of the administrators, coaches, teachers and parents who haven't driven the message home: bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated, no matter what the circumstance.

They say one bad apple spoils the bunch. We think our school districts need to do a better job of tending to their orchards.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Novi's profiles in courage

**Michael Malott**

Novi City Council members seem duly unimpressed with survey results. The majority apparently see little need for going to the election ballot with a question about whether the city should build a golf course in North Novi Park.

They were elected to decide these things, they argue. They were not elected just to put things on the ballot. They were not elected just to read and interpret poll results, they say.

Of course, they're right. We expect our elected officials to be more than mere representatives of their constituents' views. They must also be leaders.

Yes, for the most part, we expect them to represent the wishes of the majority of Novi residents. But there are times when elected officials must challenge their own constituents, to push them beyond their own self interests, to show them the way to be more than they already are.

It takes real wisdom to know the difference, to know when to lead and when to represent.

But history is replete with excellent examples of great men who got it right.

George Washington surely wouldn't have paid much attention to polls. Imagine the answers he'd have gotten if he had conducted a survey — "Should the Continental Army spend the winter freezing in Valley Forge so it will have a chance to fight the best equipped, most formidable army in world, which will surely hang each one of us if we lose? Or should we just go home?"

Abraham Lincoln could have let the south secede or negotiated away emancipation to keep those states in the Union, had he been reading survey results back then.

Brits preferred appeasement to Winston Churchill's policy of confronting and opposing Adolf Hitler until it was clear war was inevitable. Later, when Churchill wanted to confront Communist Russia too, it cost him his political career.

Of course, polls would not have favored going right to the brink of nuclear war when John F. Kennedy threatened it during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Surveys surely would not have supported Kennedy's decision to send troops to the south to enforce desegregation. But he was certain it was the right thing to do too.

Likewise, Lyndon Johnson needed real political courage to sign the Civil Rights Act. He didn't bother to check survey results before taking up that cause.

So let history note the political courage of Novi City Council. Though it might be unpopular, a majority of its members appear ready to take up the cause of the downtrodden golfer.

Golfers have been ignored and disenfranchised by our society as a whole. Consider that these golfers — on average men 45 years of age making $61,000, and thus powerless to help themselves — have been provided with no more than 75 courses on which to play their game in the immediately surrounding area.

Clearly golfers are not popular among the residents of the city of Novi. And left to their own devices, residents would surely continue to discriminate against them.

Thank God for our Novi City Council, which has the political courage to take up the cause of the abused golfer despite the fact such a position could be personally costly to them. Thank God for our Novi City Council, which knows this is not the time to merely pander to the popular view. And thank God for our Novi City Council, willing to challenge us and lead us to rise above our longstanding prejudices against the lowly golfer.

Ask not what your city can do for you. Ask what your handicap will be on its new golf course.

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## In Focus

**By John Heider**

**Look for yourself**

Members of the state champion Novi soccer team pose for a picture with their newest hardware, the state championship trophy, just moments after beating Brighton 4-0 in the state finals.

## Novi has become a business

**Jeremy McBain**

I have an idea.

Let's just turn most of the greenspace left in Novi into retail malls. Whatever large areas are left over, let's tear down the rest of the trees, fill in the wetlands and turn it into either a golf course, soccer field, or baseball field.

Then maybe we can meet the needs, both retail and recreational, of the citizens of Novi. An even bigger positive is, while meeting these needs, we can generate money (also called moola) for the city.

But as for hikers, picnickers, trails, trees and animals, they are merely expendable. Is it because there is no room, you may ask? Oh, heck no, it is because they don't bring in the moola like the above plan.

Always remember, Novi is not a city, it is a growing business. So, you hikers, trails, trees and animal lovers shouldn't be upset if you lose out, its just business.

Just a sec....AHHHHHHHHHHHH!

This is just an example of the crazy thoughts running through my head after listening to the statements made by city council members and administrators during a recent meeting about placing a golf course in Novi.

As crazy as it was to me at the time, it seemed certain city officials and administrators were more concerned about how much a golf course would bring to the city in dollars, rather than if it was the right thing to do to the Novi Tree Farm.

No matter how many citizens walked to the podium in the council chambers to voice their opposition to the golf course plan or write letters the editor of this paper, it comes down to one thing to the city council and the administration...money.

Their concerns were: How much money will this facility bring to us? What can we use this money for? Will this help us bring in more industrial developers to that area? What kind of money will they bring with them?

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and council member Bob Schmidt even said it would improve the "quality of life" in Novi.

They must be talking about improving golfers' quality of life, because it sure doesn't improve the environment's.

But, maybe these council members' idea of environment is whatever they see from the edge of the ninth green.

It is this sort of thinking that scares me as I look at the world. This sort of primitive thought that money should always come before the environment.

In our country's early history, we had this thinking. We flattened whole forests, dumped sludge in our lakes and darn near killed off several species of animals. All of this in the name of the almighty dollar.

But, we went past that thinking. We started saving forests, stopping pollution of lakes and started breeding endangered animals.

We did this under the realization that if we didn't, they wouldn't be around for our future generation's enjoyment.

Now, I ask the city council to ponder this question: How will you explain to future generations, why Novi does not have any natural passive forests?

However, on the bright side, maybe those future generations will be excellent golfers from this plan. So, who needs forests?

*Jeremy McBain is a staff writer for the Novi News.*



## Democrats need to reach out

**Phil Power**

The caller was a well-known columnist for a Detroit daily newspaper.

"Things can scarcely get worse for the Democratic Party," he started off. "First, Fieger gets whomped by Engler. Then Democrats lose the House and their working majority on the Supreme Court. Come New Year's, the Republicans will be in control of the entire apparatus of state government. When are ordinary people going to take the party back from the UAW?"

Good question. It's especially good because the folks atop organized labor in Michigan continue to refuse to speak to reporters from either Detroit daily newspapers on the grounds that the newspapers conducted unfair labor practices in winning the strike. "No scab newspapers" conveniently means not having to answer potentially embarrassing questions from curious reporters.

Those Democrats who do speak to reporters are generally unanimous in asserting that their party needs to be "revitalized," a code word meaning easing the organized labor's strangle hold. Non-labor party activists have been complaining for years that organized labor would rather control the party apparatus top to bottom rather than share power and win elections.

It was not always thus. Way back in the 1950s, Democratic Party Chairman Neil Staebler, Gov. G. Mennen Williams and UAW President Walter Reuther worked out a kind of collective leadership for the party. Organized labor had a seat at the table, to be sure, but other groups - blacks, women, farmers, even business and professional people - also sat in. Decisions might be contentious, but no one group dominated.

It worked. Democrats experienced great success for more than a decade. Then gradually for organized labor and especially in the UAW, the idea got around that it was m gradually for organized labor and especially in the UAW, the idea got around that it was more "responsible" for labor to run things directly without going through the inconvenient process of consultation.

The problem now for reform-minded Democrats is they lack a suitable forum in which to discuss their grievances and work out a plan to take back their party.

The traditional way political parties reach conclusions is by holding conventions, ostensibly a gathering of all party members, whose decisions would be binding on the leadership. But organized labor still dominates party conventions - often by paying members to attend and bussing cadres to convention sites and putting them up in hotels.

One method might be to adopt a system used in England to great effect by Tony Blair while he was wrenching the Labor Party out of the thrall of organized labor and converting it into a successful, middle class party.

The Labor Party operates through conventions, much like our own parties, but there is also something called the Parliamentary Labor Party, consisting of all Labor Members of Parliament. Unlike the British trade unions, Labor Party MPs have a common and compelling interest in winning elections. In the English system, that's the only way they get the power to form a government.

Maybe Michigan Democrats should hold a convocation of all elected Democratic officeholders. Their overriding common bond - an interest in reforming the party so as to win elections - would provide them a good starting point to analyze what's going wrong with the Democratic Party. Their collective standing as Democratic officeholders might immunize them against retribution by organized labor.

Moreover, many Democratic Party officeholders are themselves members of unions. Their presence at a convocation would serve as proof that, as a practical matter, any move to reform the Michigan Democratic Party must include organized labor as an important part of the coalition.

For years now, organized labor has been at the center of the Michigan Democratic Party. The problem is that it has been a center without any circumference. Figuring out how to include other folks in is the essential first step in any process of reform.

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## Golf course a disservice to children

## Letters

To the Editor:

It seems the Novi Parks and Recreation department has lost one of their parks. In fact, if you try to find it, you'll likely fail.

In 1993, when the Parks bond issue was passed, the north Novi park area was referred to as "the park for our children's future and the future of Novi." Five years later, the property is nearly inaccessible due to locked gates at Lakeshore Park and no signage to direct those who don't know where to access this extraordinary piece of land. This land offers miles of bike and walking trails which are isolated because we can't afford signs. The mayor says signs are expensive. Doesn't the city DPW make signs for the city? Is the council purposely trying to keep its citizens in the dark?

Many members of our city council wish to use 180 to 185 buildable acres of this property to build a golf course that the citizens of Novi are making clear they don't want. This acreage has been confirmed by two consultants. Does this mean our children only get five acres for their future? So where do the ball fields, picnic areas, playgrounds and bike trails go. The bikers, as quoted by the Novi Director of Parks and Recreation, can use the wetlands. All other areas are gone from the plan to mitigate the wetlands for the new mall next to West Oaks at Novi Road and Twelve Mile.

Is this what we the residents of Novi want? A *Novi News* survey indicated nearly 90 percent of those polled opposed the golf course. A Planning Department survey showed the residents opposed the city owning a golf course. The Parks and Recreation survey put the course sixth among the desires of the community behind the topped ranked needs of bike and hiking trails. The council doesn't feel these are legitimate surveys. Maybe because they don't reflect what they want them to.

With 74 courses in a 15-mile radius, our park needs are for biking, hiking, nature trails, play areas and picnic areas. Have you ever tried to get a picnic table at Lakeshore Park in the summer on weekends?

A golf course will serve 86 percent male players, 60 percent of them 35 to 54 years in age, and half making over $75,000 a year. Hardly a service to our children.

So what's next? The council will meet with the Parks and Recreation Commission on Nov. 23 at 6 p.m., which will not be televised even though this is a very controversial issue. I don't encourage you to voice your opinions at this meeting because the majority of the council has ignored the overwhelming public opinions expressed at past meetings.

What will be discussed at this meeting? Likely not the wildlife habitat study which shows this area as a core wildlife habitat, and not the storm water management plan that shows much of the property will flood, nor would I expect map overlays showing woodlands and wetlands that would be affected. (All of these reports and maps are available to you at the city offices.) The voters approved the purchase of the land. The voters should have a vote on how it is used.

Mark Adams

### Money should be spent on parks

To the Editor:

I can't believe that we are still spending money on a golf course study. It seems wrong. It is obvious the people don't want it.

I agree with the letters of Mr. Korte, Mr. Storm and Ms. Bond who made all the pertinent points in their letters of Nov. 5, but I disagree about voting on it. We already voted for parks not golf. Why spend more money on an election?

Mary Ann Weber

### Toth's statements seemed personal

To the Editor:

Joe Toth's continued barrage at everything he dislikes and isn't involved in regarding the City of Novi activities sure seems personal. It seems he has a personal column in every week's *Novi News* at his disposal. This note will probably be bumped if space isn't available for "Joe's column." Horrors. Gee Joe, we know you failed to be mayor in a recent election, don't take it personal. We know you feel that because of your past involvements in city activities as a council person, you truly want to see justice done but don't take it so personal. I guess we get the idea that you don't want the City of Novi to build a golf course. But don't take it so personal if they do.

To refer to golfers as "elitist idiots" who "chase a white ball around...wearing outlandish outfits" is a little personal, Joe. Calling these people "obscene" is stretching it a little, isn't it Joe? It's just summer exercise, Joe, don't take it so personal. Taking up some valuable park land that could be used for exercise and walking and such for the building of a golf course may not be the greatest idea of all time, Joe. But chances are that the land would be utilized for citizen activities to a much greater extent and frequency than dormant land would be, that isn't so bad is it? Are you upset, Joe, that this land, if a course is built, would be taking away from your everyday walks and jogs that you planned to utilize the land for? Oh, maybe you're not athletic Joe, and can't appreciate this particular sport, or many others that you don't participate in. Oh, I am sorry, that would be getting personal wouldn't it Joe? At least I didn't refer to you as obscene.

Listen people of Novi, there are a lot of golf courses that this area has access to. I am, sorry Joe, a golfer and it is a blessing to live in this area if you are one. I do agree with you, Joe, in this regard, we are not golf starved in this area. Not by a long shot. Usually city sponsored things do not pay out. Ask Dan Davis and the pool committee. People finally came to their senses on that one. Privatization is the only way to go. Why don't we just sell the land to a private golf course developer, let him do his thing out there. It's so far from the core population of the city and difficult to get there unless by accident, that it won't be utilized by Novi citizens (the park that is), anyway. Walled Lake would benefit not us. With that money you can get the signs you want, Joe. And by the way, maybe some money would be left over to build rest rooms and a concessions stand at the Napier Road Park as well. Shucks, that would be a good idea though. Gee, that sounds personal again. Sorry Joe and Dan.

Fred McMann

### What are city officials afraid of?

To the Editor:

There is a large room in city hall called the city council chamber. This room has expensive padded seating, electrical lighting, television cameras and microphones, all paid for by the Novi taxpayers.

The city also has a dedicated, 24-hour, seven days/week, channel (Channel 13) on the Time-Warner cable system. City officials also receive well over $100,000 in fees/taxes levied on the Novi subscribers and collected as part of monthly cable service bills.

When cable service was first negotiated for Novi (and Farmington and Farmington Hills), the city officials took possession of new television studio equipment, the dedicated cable channel, and the monthly fee/tax money for the purpose of cablecasting government meetings and affairs as part of the contract agreement with the cable provider.

Now if the city officials have the equipment, the council chamber, and the yearly fee/tax income of well over $100,000 each and every year - all paid for by the Novi taxpayers, why do they need to conceal some of their meetings in the Activities Room?

Are they afraid to cablecast an important meeting with the Parks and Recreation administration about the proposed golf course because it may provoke more Novi taxpayers?

Or are they afraid that some residents may video tape the meetings and keep these officials accountable for their actions against the Novi taxpayers?

When elected officials and hired staff slink off to the back rooms to conduct critical meetings, it is time to guard your money, protect your sons and daughters, and to assemble serious plans for the next local election in 1999.

Joseph G. Toth

## Everyone should appreciate nature

**Tim Richard**

It's good to know that our beloved legislators - with prison populations, falling charter schools, public health and wetlands to worry about - can lighten up and contemplate more important things in life.

Each session day, a member of the Michigan House and Senate leads his/her respective chamber in prayer. On Nov. 10, it was the turn of Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, a devoted outdoorsman. His invocation, as printed in the Senate Journal:

"Lord, we give thanks for the seasons. Those of romance, planning, harvest and politics are past. Deer hunters give thanks that theirs is here at last.

"We hunt deer because we love to, and we love the environs where deer are found, which is invariably beautiful.

"Because all the television commercials, cocktail parties and assorted social posturing we have to endure that we will escape.

"Because in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, our hunting is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion.

"Because deer do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, they respond to quietude, humility and endless patience.

"Because we suspect that people are going along this way for the last time, we don't want to waste the trip. Mercifully there are no telephones in most deer blinds, certainly not mine, because only in the woods can we find solitude without loneliness; because libations out of an old tin cup taste better out there.

"And finally, not because we regard hunting as being so terribly important, but because we suspect that so many of the other concerns are equally unimportant and nowhere near as much fun, we give thanks. Amen."

Dingell's prayer is not totally original. It's parodied from Robert Traver's "Trout Madness" which appeared in the 1960s. Traver was the pen name of John Voelker, who quit the state Supreme Court so he could return to his beloved trout ponds in God's country, area code 906, the Upper Peninsula. Voelker had his priorities straight.

One needn't be a hunter or trout fisherman to appreciate what Dingell and Traver are talking about. Although deer are fairly common, even in Wayne County, I count it a charmed I day when I see one.

Somewhere I read that the Chippewa Indians said a prayer of tribute when they killed a deer or bear. They addressed the deer as "brother" and promised to use his meat and by-products only for their own nourishment and shelter, never for wastage. I suspect Dingell's invocation was written in the same spirit.

No longer do we have wolves to prey on the deer herds, control their numbers and cull the weak ones. Either we let them overpopulate and starve, mow them down with our sport-utility vehicles, or hunt them graciously and with the reverence of the Chippewa.

Were you bothered that they named that glitzy, neon-lit megamall "Great Lakes Crossing," with its artificial nature themes? By the way, I found out why they were so anxious to finish it by Nov. 12. It wasn't so the lemmings could flock up I-75 to visit. The bosses figured that the construction workers would evaporate to the northland Nov. 15, the opening of deer season. Construction workers have their priorities straight.

My own ecological preference is for rivers. Lakes are OK, but they sort of lie there, and often they're cut up by morons in gas-guzzling speedboats and braying personal watercraft.

Rivers twist and turn, and you often round a bend to come suddenly on an eagle, a heron, a beaver, a lowly muskrat or a deer. Rivers contain trout if they're fast and shallow or northern pike if they're slow and weedy.

Sheila the Wonder Dog prefers rivers because she can wade them, cross them or swim out to greet canoeists. She's an Australian shepherd but thinks she's a Labrador retriever. Sheila frequently disturbs my fly-fishing, but that's OK; she needs her fun, too.

"Solitude without loneliness."

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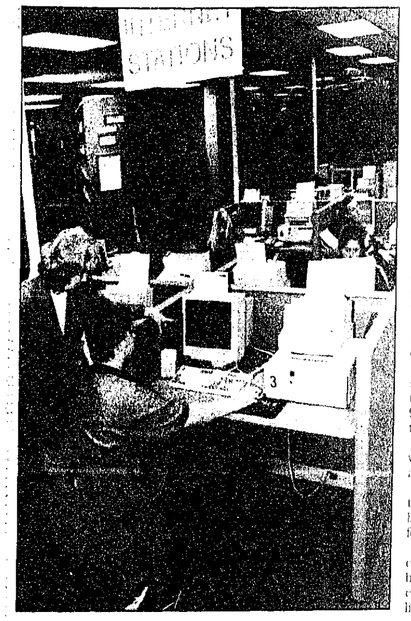

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Library Director Brenda Evans (left) oversees web-browser.

# Library heeds Internet concerns

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Sheppard and Sue Campbell, the library set up the committee, composed of library board members Victoria Dickieson and Jim Evenhuis, Evans and Assistant Director Pauline Druschel.

Sheppard was one of several parents who met with the committee.

"It's sounds like they're moving in the right direction," she said Monday.

"I think this is something our community was unaware of and I think we were able to make some changes."

Since the library installed the computers in 1996, a policy was drafted stating that ultimately, it is the parents' responsibility to supervise their children's access to the Internet. Each year, some 969,000 web sites are called up at the Novi library.

A library is on shaky ground when it starts to limit the public's access to information, Evans said.

"Libraries are held to the highest test of access to free speech because we are considered a public forum," she explained.

"Any action that is taken to limit content is considered like taking books off the shelf for reason of content, which is something libraries are not allowed to do."

The committee consulted with Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson before recommending changes that also include Internet education classes and the posting of a sign advising computer users that a state law bars willful distribution of obscene material to minors.

Setting up a modular arrangement the main bank of computers came with a $3,125 price tag. The library spent $18,450 for the children's computers and furniture, which will be placed near the children's non-fiction section in the east wing of the library.

In addition, the library will hold a series of educational classes about the Internet, using some $2,775 worth of staff time.

"Youth friendly" computers will feature home pages that default to these browsers with filters: Yahooligans, Ask Jeeves For Kids, KidsClick, Safe Search, Lycos Kids and Super Snooper. However, this equipment will mostly appeal to those under age 12.

Sheppard finds this only a partial solution.

"I'm not as concerned with the children who are in the third grade and under," she said.

"The middle-school aged children aren't going to go and sit in little chairs with Yahooligans. Their going to sit where the adults sit, so children still have access to pornography."

And even with filters, Evans warns that once the kids are online, they may find ways to circumvent the safety of the library's KidsNet browsers and enter the entire web, especially if they have an address they want to plug in.

"They don't want the children to accidentally open a web site that is offensive. That won't happen if they stick with these indexes," Evans said.

But filters provide a false sense of security, she added.

Watson advised the committee that the child-friendly computers will not violate First Amendment rights.

"It is readily apparent that the library will not be restricting access to the Internet, but instead will utilize those tools to direct or guide children to suitable web sites," Watson wrote in a legal opinion to the committee.

The proposal (KidsNet) does not appear in any respect to act as an actual prohibition on access for either minors or adults."

Protecting other library patrons from viewing material they might not wish to see won't be easy. Librarians aren't police officers, Evans said, and not judges.

Under consideration is posting signs at the computer monitors stating that Michigan Public Act 33 of 1978 bars knowingly distributing obscene material to minors. But both Watson and Evans say that is virtually unenforceable, in the context of library Internet usage.

"By the time we're able to get to the computer, that item will be gone. A person has to knowingly disseminate the material. It's very easy for a person to say 'I didn't know that existed. This isn't the site I was looking for, it accidentally showed up on my screen," Evans said.

"We could not position people behind every computer everyday to monitor what people are watching."

But Watson suggests the sign could have a deterrent value.

"The value of posting the notices is not that it will necessarily result in successful prosecutions under the statute, but rather that it will hopefully have an impact on the primary conduct of library patrons," he noted in his legal opinion.

Ultimately, the decisions on Internet use fall to individuals and their families, Evans said.

For Sheppard, greater public awareness of what's out there on the World Wide Web is part of the solution.

"Our best answer is to educate the public on the availability of pornography on the Internet and how to make parents responsible," Sheppard said.

# Time to register for winter at Walsh

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 98-18.143 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 200.9 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT PARCELS OF LAND AND ZONING DISTRICTS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE ABUTTING OR ADJACENT TO ONE ANOTHER IF THEY ARE SEPARTED BY A HIGHWAY, FREEWAY OR RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 9, 1998. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(11-19-98 NR/NN 864692) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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## NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-050

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Novi Development Associates L.L.C. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction office trailer on the project site for Adco Office Park, 21580 Novi Road, from November 25, 1998 through November 25, 1999 for use during construction of the project. Adco Office Park is located on the east side of Novi Road south of Nine Mile Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to November 25, 1998.

GERRIE HUBBS
PERMIT ANALYST
(248)347-0415

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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for **Police Portable Radios** according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the office of the purchasing director.

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Notice dated: November 19, 1998

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## NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TREE & STUMP REMOVAL

The City of Novi will receive Request for Proposals for **Tree & Stump Removal** according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

**A "mandatory" pre-bid meeting will be held Thursday, December 03, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.** to be held in the Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024.

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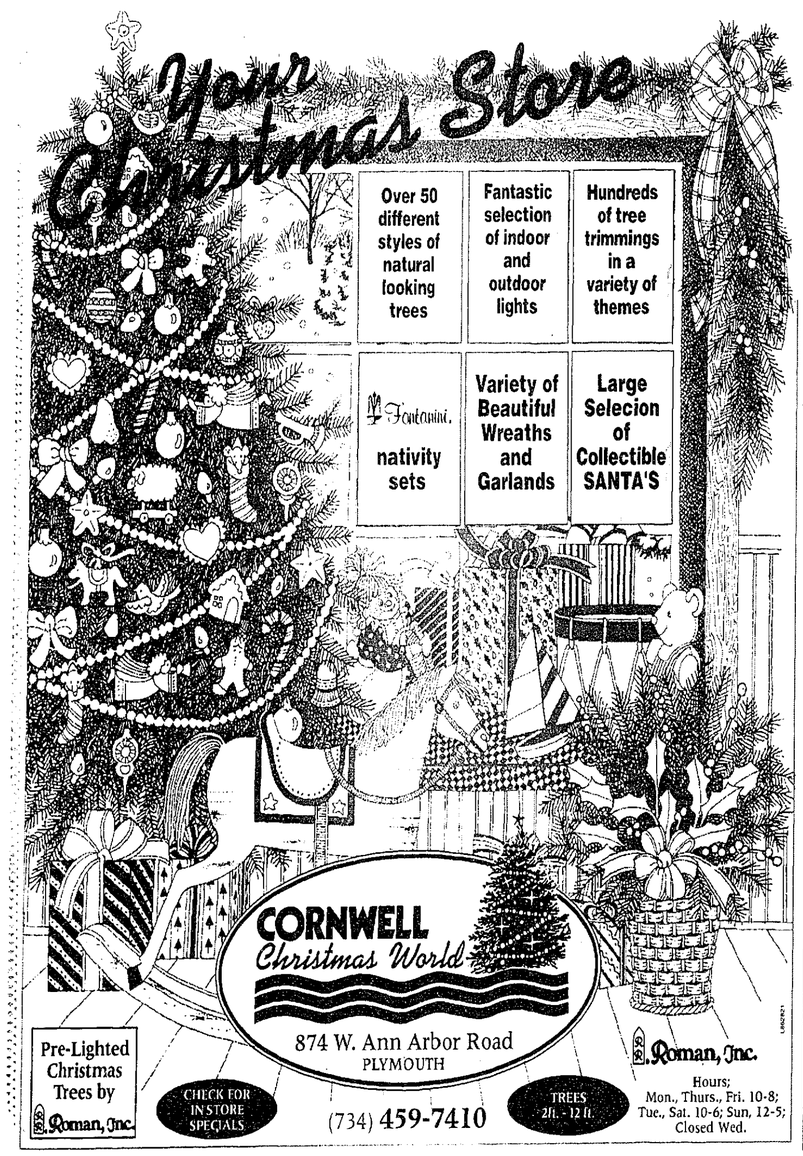


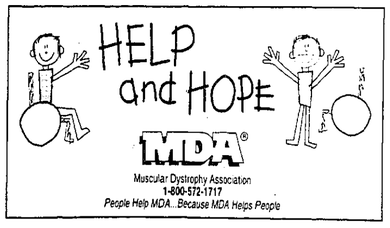






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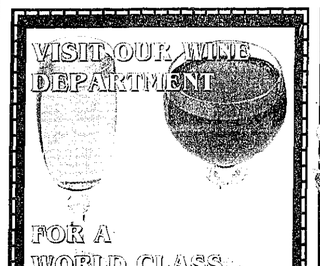

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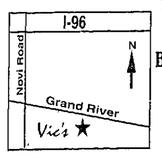


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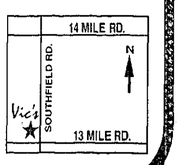

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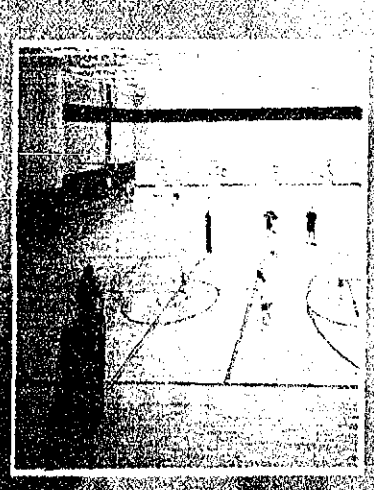

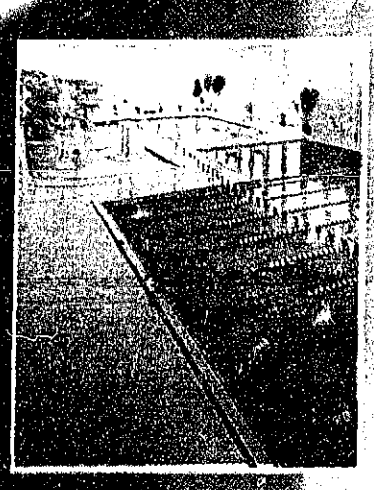

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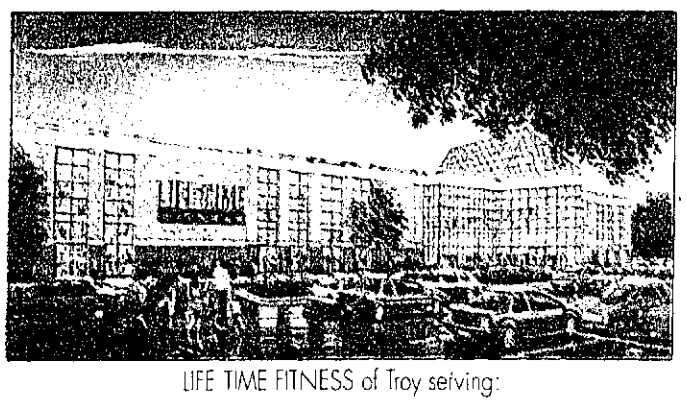

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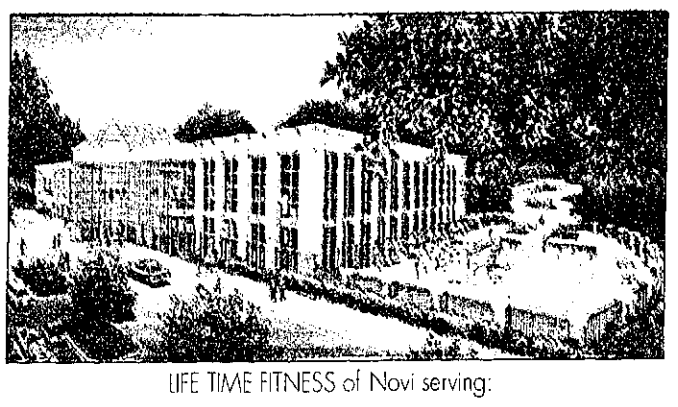

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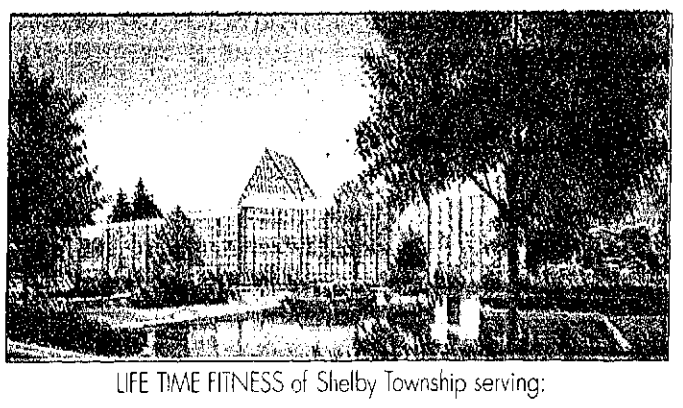

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Northville Township resident Karen Groves is more than a co-worker — She's a friend. So, when she was diagnosed with cancer, the office pitched in to help ...

# Walk Way

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

It was one of those things they couldn't, and wouldn't, sweep under the rug.

Cancer is a topic people don't want to talk about, especially in the workplace.

But since Northville Township resident Karen Groves' cancer came back, her co-workers at on-line graphics inc. have been there for her.

They organized a team of people to go on the breast cancer walk on Oct. 17 on Belle Isle to raise money and awareness of the disease.

They let Groves in on some of their plans, but not all of them, because they wanted to surprise her.

Being an organized person, which landed her the job at on-line graphics in the first place, she offered to help get things moving.

No, they told her, they could manage.

She, however, had her concerns. Groves had a few suggestions such as name tags, or wearing the same color T-shirts.

They just assured her again that everything would be fine.

Groves tried to reassure herself that they could manage to pull it off without her help.

"With her organizational abilities, I think it was tough (for her)," said Joan Blough, owner of on-line graphics.

The morning of the walk, Groves pulled up in her car. The day was warm, but overcast. The first person she saw was Blough, who had on a T-shirt she hadn't seen before.

"Wow, look at those t-shirts," Groves remembers thinking. "It was a shock, I cried."

All 21 people who walked the 4.7 miles donned the shirts written by co-worker and customer service representative Kristin Shrader. A big pink ribbon with "Team on-line graphics, inc." was imprinted on the front and "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. I am walking for Karen Groves and the other 180,300 women and men diagnosed with Breast Cancer this year" on the back.

"It was a perfect day for walking," said Blough. "There was a little breeze blowing off the lake."

Groves was first diagnosed with breast cancer in July 1996.

When Debbie Pletzer, head designer, saw a flyer about the walk for breast cancer in a store, she thought it would be great if they could put together a team for Groves.

"I'd just been wanting to do something to feel like I could help her, because there's really nothing you can do when it's cancer except be a support," Pletzer said. "When I saw this I thought it would be a good way to show her how much we love her and care about her and a good thing to do for others, too."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

**Members of the Team on-line graphics inc., who supported their friend and fellow employee Karen Groves (seated, bottom), show off the T-shirts they wore for a breast cancer walk-a-thon. Top row, from left: Joan Blough, Debbie Pletzer, Kristin Shrader, and bottom row, Todd Marsee and Brian Townsend.**

## How can you help a co-worker who has cancer?

- Accept the person as they were and still are.
- Let them take the lead in talking about the disease. If they want to talk, be a good listener. Listen to what is said and how it is said as well as what is meant but not said. Give them realistic support and reassurance.
- Respect the wishes of those who choose not to talk about their illness. Others may want to talk about it one day and not another.
- Try to feel comfortable when there is a conversation lull. People can sense discomfort in others. Silences can help focus our thoughts. Don't feel you have to say something.
- Touching, smiling, looks that convey affection show the co-worker that, even though they are ill, they have not changed in your eyes.
- Cancer patients do not always want to think or talk about their disease. It adds to the quality of life to laugh and enjoy the things around you.
- Continue to involve the co-worker in activities now that you did before the diagnosis, if they are able.
- If they are off work, continue to visit or call, if you did so before the illness.
- Be yourself, don't worry about whether you are doing things "right."

Blough believes they raised several thousand dollars although "we didn't stop to count it."

Both Pletzer and Blough also have family members or friends who are battling breast cancer.

Groves had met Blough and Pletzer many years ago but was asked to work for on-line graphics during a big project.

A few days later Groves told Blough "you know you really do need me here."

Blough knew Groves had fought breast cancer but that it was now history.

"I quite honestly didn't even think about it," Blough said when hiring Groves as a project manager about a year ago.

"She is a great organizer and it's really made a difference. She's had a big impact on one portion of my business here that has been very important. It was good that we maintain that in an orderly way, it's very complex and she came in and did a good job, saved a lot of headaches," Blough said.

Blough founded on-line graphics inc. 11 years ago out of her home and now employs nine people in an office tucked away behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant in Plymouth.

"We don't talk about it every minute of the day but we do talk about it," Blough said. "We don't pretend it's not there and it's not serious, then we also have to work and make our living, and keep clients happy. It's a good distraction."

Prior to coming to on-line graphics, Groves had been a Northville Township clerk for one and a half years. She is taking a break from the Plymouth Theatre Guild for the time being. Groves figures she probably worked about 60 hours a week for 10 years straight for the theater group, seven of which as president.

"I need to focus on (my health) and my work," Groves said. "I'm doing fine with that."

Several months ago, when Groves received word that her cancer was back, she was home alone, but not for long. Blough and Pletzer wrapped up what they were doing at work, and drove to her home.

"There's always a major event in people's lives that hits, and you need accommodation to that," Blough said.

Pletzer had been told by Groves' friends that she didn't want to hear from her friends, but found out that was not true.

"Don't be afraid to embrace them and tell them you're there for them because they need that support," Pletzer said.

Blough said that although in a small business like on-line graphics it's hard to separate personal lives from business lives because they spend eight to 10 hours a day together, a larger company should be no different.

"We cry a lot but we laugh a lot too," Blough said. "We tease her. I think that that helps us all."

They rib her about never having a bad hair day.

"They're just jealous because I have a wig and I don't have to do my hair," Groves said.

Groves received word from her doctor on Oct. 27 that the new treatment she is receiving, which consists of chemotherapy, as well as a variety of drugs including the new FDA drug Herceptin, is working.

"I was like the second one at U-M to receive it," Groves said.

Groves, has been married to Tom for 28 year.

"My husband is thrilled that I am doing this. He thinks it is the best thing for me and I agree," said Groves.

They couple have lived in Northville Township for 22 years and have a son and a daughter.

"I think that it's really important that people know they options they can do for other people in the workplace," Blough said."There's a lot you can do in the workplace. I've seen it in bigger corporations where people will get ignored. It is so important that people deal with it and talk about it."

# Alumni to be contestant on show

Photo by TOM HIBBELN

**Randy Juip was selected to be a contestant on "Jeopardy."**

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

If you watch "Jeopardy" on Wednesday, Nov. 25, you will see a familiar face. Randy Juip, a 1993 graduate of Novi High School, will be a contestant on the show.

"I've really enjoyed that show," said Juip who's watched "Jeopardy" since middle school. "I've always wanted to be a contestant on the show but never thought it was going to happen."

This past summer, Juip saw a notice tacked on to the end of a "Jeopardy" show announcing a contestant search in Detroit, the first time such a search had been held in Detroit for many, many years.

"When I saw that I was incredibly excited and fired off a postcard," said Juip, who lives in Detroit.

Juip received a letter saying he could participate a few weeks later.

On June 17, Juip went to the Renaissance Center in Detroit and was among 75 people who completed a 50 question written exam on 50 different subjects.

"I knew they did tryouts in other cities but had never seen them do a tryout in Detroit," Juip said.

One of 15 who passed the test, he was then given a screen test, which included playing a game of Jeopardy.

"Just the preliminary examination was quite an experience," said Juip whose name was added to the contestant pool.

Juip was home one night studying evidence when the phone rang. On the other end of the line was a Jeopardy representative who asked him if he wanted to be a contestant.

Juip, along with his parents Brian and Micki, his sister Christy, and his girlfriend Maureen Hindelang, flew out to Culver City, Calif. for the Oct. 6 taping.

Unlike in the past when the television show paid the air fares for the contestants but did not guarantee them a spot, Juip said that this year the contestants paid their own air fare but were guaranteed a spot.

So the Juip's made a vacation out of it. They went to Las Vegas the weekend before the Tuesday taping and then drove to Culver City.

"It was great," Juip said. "The trip was phenomenal."

Jeopardy's domestic audience is 17 million viewers, according to Juip.

"They told us that just before the taping so it was quite a bit of pressure knowing that there was 17 million viewers on the other side of the camera," said the first-time television contestant.

Contestants do not receive any notice as to the subjects at all, according to Juip.

"It was a lot more difficult than I thought it would be," Juip said. "When you sit at home you can answer the questions off the top of your head – no pressure. There is no science to the buzzer."

During the taping, the actual buzzer mechanism is hard to get working, according to Juip. Then there's the lights, television cameras and audience.

"I was still very aware that I was on a game show on TV," Juip said. "It got a little easier but there was still that realization."

Behind the scenes, the show's host, Alex Trebek, is quite a jokester, according to Juip. He would sing and dance, and even do a little operetta for the audience.

"He seems so stern on television but he is actually a very jovial guy," Juip said.

While in high school, Juip was very active in the debate team, the marching band, and student government. He is a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan where he majored in political science and history. Juip is currently a second year law student at Wayne State University.

Christy, 20, is a student at Eastern Michigan University studying art and aviation.

Randy and his family lived in Novi for 10 years. His parents, Brian and Micki Juip, now live in White Lake, Mich. They still own the Frame Peddler on Novi Road in Novi.

# Lions Club to begin annual candy cane drive

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Lions Club annual candy cane drive will start on Saturday, Nov. 21, and will continue through Nov. 29. The project will be co-chaired by Dick Stopinski and Otto Griener, a Lion transferee from Pennsylvania. Each year the Lions work to make this annual fund raiser more successful than the year before. This year's challenge is to beat last year's collection of over $9,000. Anyone wanting to assist in the drive should contact one of the co-chairpersons.

This event usually contributes about one-third of the monies donated to charitable programs. Recently purchased by the Club was an Optelec Spectrum Color Video Magnifier for the Novi Library. This magnifier is located in the rear of the library in the senior citizen section, where large print books can also be found.

Additional outside-the-community programs include the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. This program involves the placement of trained and qualified dog guides with the blind. The program has serviced over 10,000 such teams around the world. Presently, the facility is in need of more dogs to continue this service.

Breeds commonly used include German Shepherd, Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, standard Poodles, and some cross breeds. No dogs are purchased, all are contributed. Ages required are between 1 and 2 1/2 years old, no sexual preference, size must be at least 24 inches at shoulder, and no papers are necessary. If interested, contact a Lions Club member or call directly, 777-5332.

Additional charitable causes include Penrickton Center, Welcome Home for the Blind, and many more.

## Novi Highlights

### NOVI CHORALAIRES

Considered by many Novi residents as the first in many family Christmas events is the Novi Choralaires concerts. Many are planning to attend one of the three performances that are currently in the making. Proceeds from these popular concerts will be given to the Novi Homebound seniors and the Novi after-school recreation program. Scheduled appearances are: Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Methodist Church; Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church; and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Family. Tickets, $7 for adults and $6 for seniors and children 12 and under, can be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office, at the door, or from one of the Choralaires.

The title for this year's program is "Christmas Is Here Again." Included in the program will be the Talacoda Handbell Quartet along with a variety of selections including secular songs, traditional carols, spiritual, a Caribbean carol entitled, "The Light Came Down," also March of the Kings, etc.

Director Jan Wassilak is celebrating 22 years with the group. She has a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in applied voice from Boston University. Accompanist Trenda DeGraw is in her second year with the Choralaires. Her background includes working with the University of Michigan Jazz Ensemble and Mercy Chorus. In addition to the Redford Youth Theater.

Plan to stop by the Novi Library and view the interesting Choralaires display prepared by Gail LeVan and Pat Brown. Displayed are pictures of members and past performances, in addition to historical facts.

The Choralaires are taking orders through Parks and Recreation for their annual live wreath sale. There are two sizes: 24 inches at $15, and 36 inches at $25, with choice of Poinsettia ribbon, red or plaid. The wreaths will be complete with pine cones and ready for pick-up at the Civic Center on Monday, Nov. 30, after 12 p.m.

### MEADOWBROOK CHURCH

Holiday news at Meadowbrook starts with a harvest dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22, a tradition held this time of year. In charge of serving the meal will be the Hospitality Committee. The price for adults is $6 and $3 for children ages 5-12. Those attending are asked to donate a canned or non-perishable food item. All dinner proceeds and food items will supplement the Thanksgiving envelope contributions, donated to adopted holiday families.

The annual congregational Thanksgiving Eve service will once again present a Pilgrim family in costume and a "Tithing Man" to keep order and collect tithes. The service will start with a "ringing" in of the service at 7:30 p.m.

The WSC will have their "Treats and Treasures" sale on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will feature holiday cookies, other baked goods, candy and other treats from the kitchen, also crafts and handmade items, floral arrangements, attic treasures, jewelry, cutlery, and cookbooks. There will be no admission charge.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Board of Christian Education will sponsor the traditional Christmas Workshop. The occasion is for all ages and will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.; a light lunch will be available. There will be crafts for all ages - to make and take home. Volunteers will be present to help instruct in the making of Christmas decorations.

This Sunday, Nov. 22, the children will receive empty gift boxes and will be asked to fill them with non-holiday items for children ranging in age from 4-12. Collection of gift boxes will be made on Dec. 20 and sent to the Indian Trails Mission in Mesa, Ariz.

### NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Holy Family Catholic Church recently hosted the monthly meeting of the Novi Ministers and finalized plans for the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service. This service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

Included in this program will be the Rev. Louise Ott, United Methodist Church, presenting the sermon, other clergy members will present scripture, etc., and a combined choir led by Diane Miller will present the musical portion of the service. Not only will clergy from Novi United Methodist and Faith Community Presbyterian be represented, but also clergy representatives from Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church and the Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal will also be present. This is a community service and all are welcome to attend.

An offering will be taken and given to the Novi Food Bank - a project providing for needy families in the community. Most churches have food bank containers in their vestibules to receive donations of paper products, non-perishable items (i.e. canned goods). These items are then taken to Faith Community Presbyterian Church and sorted by volunteers. Distribution is done on two Monday mornings of the month. For more information, please call the church office at 349-5666.

Another community project is the Clothes Closet located at Holy Family with access from the southern driveway. Carol Ann Donnelly is in charge of this program and is assisted by volunteers. To find out what hours are available to drop off clothing on Mondays, first and second Thursday, and third and fourth Saturday of the month, please call 349-8553. For those wishing to obtain clothing, please call for an appointment.

The Novi Ministers Association is open to any clergy member within the community. They meet on the first Monday of the month and information is available by calling the Rev. John Budde, 349-8847.

*Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.*

# Dancers bring home the trophies

Dance students at Northville's Plazza Dance Company had a busy summer competing in New York and Florida.

Donnell Quaker finished the first round as a top five semi-finalist with his entry "Sellin' Out" at the Teen Mr. Dance of America in New York City. Donnell scored high in two out of four audition classes among 13 contestants, winning the national ballet and tap scholarships.

Twenty-seven other students went to Disney World for the Fifth Annual Starquest National Performing Arts Competition "Quest for the Best."

Plazza dancers qualified to participate in this event by winning top honors locally in April.

In the first round, trio Brienne Dluzniewski, Angela Grima, and Allson Hedke qualified for the final round winning a Platinum Level Trophy and the special judges award Triple Heat. They went on to win three top honors in the final round - High Score in the junior duet/trio category, The Complete Package Award for costume, choreography and performance, and Gina Plazza was presented with the judges award for choreography.

"Rhythm Nation," a precision routine performed by Emily Cummins, Grima, Ashley Handley, Hedke, Megan Kemski, Shana and Kim Baber, Stephanie Kinsman, Carolyn Kirkman, Katie Mann, Michele McClintock, Nicole Primo, Trisha Santoro, and Jackie Sinko won the Highest Gold in the first round and qualified for the "Quest for the Best" finals. With one dancer sick, they went on with a rechoreographed piece by Marilynn Esper to win the Second Highest Score trophy.

"Sugar and Spice" featuring dancers Kim Baber, Kendall Kosbe, Sinko, and Rachelle and Renee Hadley, took a Gold Medal and seventh overall high score. Choreographer for the group Tania Garrant, also took a gold medal in a solo jazz performance "Put a Lid on It," which was choreographed by Plazza.

Esper, choreographed two gold medal winners - "Black Cat" performed by Jennifer Chiroyan and "Hannah in Red" performed by Shelly Mitchell; as well as Platinum Level trophy winners - Lisa Nowacki in "Bye Bye Blackbird" and Jessica Vartanian in "Tribal Dance."

More Gold Medals went to the tap routine "North and South" and a musical theatre number "Wet Paint," both choreographed by Plazza. "Wet Paint" dancers Dluzniewski, Grima, McClintock, Rachel Martin, Cummins, Handley, Kirkman, Kinsman, Ashley Robinson, Vartanian, and Kemski, also received the judges special "Home Improvement Award."

"North and South" performed by Dluzniewski, Grima, McClintock, Martin, Cummins, Handley, Kirkman, Kinsman, Robinson, and Melanie Markarian, took eighth overall high score.

A ninth overall high school and special judges award for "Clean and Sparkling Performance" went to dancers Chiroyan, Dluzniewski, Martin, Mitchell, Nowacki, Robinson, Kristen Penk, Candice Simons, and Vartanian for the jazz number "Young Woman's Blues" choreographed by Esper.

Plazza and her sister, Esper, are owners/partners of Plazza Dance Studio.

## Church Notes

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at **HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. It is a quiet service of Bible readings and music to prepare us for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The community is invited to attend.

Sunday School is held during the 11 a.m. service. Holy Cross also has a 7:45 a.m. service. Please call the church office weekdays at (248) 349-1175 between 9 a.m. and noon for additional information.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will hold the Treats and Treasures Sale, sponsored by the Women's Service Club, on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures, cutlery and more will be available. There is no admission fee.

The Harvest Dinner will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. Reservations are needed.

The Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. This will be a traditional Pilgrim Worship service complete with a Pilgrim Family and Tithing Man.

The Novi Choralaires will be presenting a concert on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, or at the door the night of the performance.

For information, call the church at (248) 348-7757.

The Gay Spiritual Support Group will meet at the **NORTHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Eight Mile and Taft roads in Northville, on Monday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. in the lounge. Parking is available in the upper lot, which is closest to the lounge.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, will present a "Walk Thru the Old Testament" seminar on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The international seminar uses interactive learning techniques to help people absorb and remember key characters, geography and major themes of the Old Testament.

Separate seminars will be held for adults (seventh grade and up) and children (age 5 through sixth grade), making this a great family activity.

Fees are $15 for adults, $10 for children and includes all materials. Participants may bring a sack lunch for the mid-day break.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street in Northville. Call (734) 453-5280.


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# Parks and Rec brochure no longer mailed to every home

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Winter Novi Parks and Recreation Brochures are in the mail. But don't be alarmed if you don't get one.

In a cost-cutting measure, the Parks and Recreation Department has switched from bulk mail to direct mail, according to Marilyn Troshak, deputy director of the department.

With the rate of growth of Novi, Parks and Rec had 22,000 copies of the fall brochure printed, 20,000 for the bulk mailing.

"In a cost saving measure, the department is mailing directly to participants and those who are interested in information," Troshak said.

With direct mail, only 7,000 to 10,000 copies of the winter brochure will be printed.

"Studies have shown that your actual participating numbers are less than 10 percent of what you're sending out if you're doing bulk mail," Troshak said.

There will be distribution points where residents can pick up a brochure including the Novi Library at 45245 Ten Mile Road, the Novi Ice Arena on Novi Road between Ten and Nine Mile roads, the Soccer Zone at 41550 Grand River, and, of course, the Novi Parks and Recreation office at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

> "We're not trying to eliminate anyone from getting the brochure but eliminate unnecessary printing and mailing costs."
> Marilyn Troshak

"We're not trying to eliminate anyone from getting the brochure but eliminate unnecessary printing and mailing costs," said Troshak. "With this procedure we're saving over $18,000 each year in printing and mailing costs."

Even in the bulk mailings, many of the 28-32 page brochures ended up undeliverable to residents because routes change in between the time the route number is assigned and the brochure is printed, according to Troshak.

"What we're also trying to do is get the people who may fall through the cracks," she said.

These residents involved in the special interest activities such as youth and adult leagues and Novi Youth Assistance can call to be placed on the mailing list.

The mailing list has been generated from people who have utilized the programs during the last two years. If residents want to continue receiving the brochure, they can call and get their named added to the mailing list.

Troshak said the department will try direct mail for this brochure and next and if it ends up not working out, will go back to the drawing board.

Brochures are being mailed out this week. If you don't get one and would like a current brochure, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department office at (248) 347-0400 and one will be mailed to you.

## Birth

Emily Margaret Richmond

Dale and Kim Richmond of Novi announce the birth of their daughter, **EMILY MARGARET**, born Oct. 2 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce, Mich. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces. Also awaiting baby Emily's arrival was her sister, Elizabeth, age 3.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Marsha Bryant of Pleasant Ridge and paternal grandparents are Dale Richmond and Ginnie Gentry of Ortonville.

# Clothes Closet hours change

There are only five more days to donate to the Holy Family Clothes Closet before Christmas.

The hours for the Clothes Closet, which is located in Church of the Holy Family, 21505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will change for the remainder of the year.

If you are planning on making a donation of clean clothes and baby items in good condition, the hours will be as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 21 - 9 a.m. to noon

Monday, Nov. 23 - 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28 - CLOSED

Monday, Nov. 30 - 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3 - 9 a.m. to noon

Monday, Dec. 7 - 9 a.m. to noon

The Clothes Closet will reopen on Monday, Jan. 4, when their hours will be 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping organize the Clothes Closet, or need other information, call (248) 349-8553.


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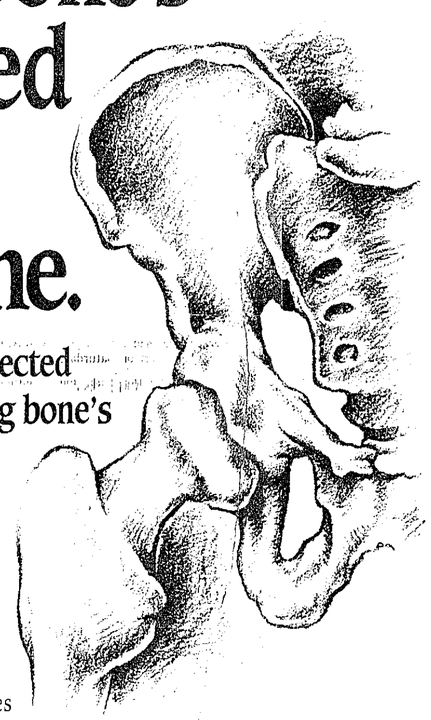

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## Wedding

David and Kimberly Strange

Mr. and Mrs. William Szur of Novi announce the marriage of their son, David Martin Strange, to Kimberly Ann Fisher of Farmington Hills. Their wedding was held June 6 at the Novi Methodist Church.

Both are graduates of Western Michigan University.

They met in Florida and five years later on a beach in St. Maarten, David proposed to Kimberly.

They now reside in Novi.

## Engagement

Catherine Page/Michael Ellis

Catherine Marie Page and Michael McCormack Ellis are engaged and planning a September 4, 1999 wedding. Parents of the future bride are Harry and Sandi Page of Northville. The future groom's parents are Terri Ellis of Anchorage, Alaska and Michael Ellis of Ketchikan, Alaska.

The couple met in Kona, Hawaii two years ago. The future bride is a graduate of Michigan State University and currently works as a graphic artist in Seattle, Washington. Her fiance will be graduating from the University of Washington with a construction management degree.

# Native Americans to hold pow wow

Buffalo Spirit Native Dance Theatre, Canada's premier Native dance troupe, will entertain an expected 20,000 festival-goers at the 6th Annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow on Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Novi Expo Center.

Their interpretation of traditional dances will set the stage for a weekend of Native American culture, crafts and cuisine.

This pre-Thanksgiving celebration will provide families with a look at the nation's Native American heritage. Dancers, musicians and singers from several tribes across the United States and Canada - including Mohawk, Apache, Oneida, Cherokee, Ojibwe, Navaho and Chippewa - will meet to share their cultures and traditions. The different styles of dances like the grass dance, fancy dance and jingle dress dance will depict distinctions among tribes and similarities in their movements.

At the center of the festival is the "Sacred Circle" where the performances and the pow wow take place.

The Sacred Circle represents the cycle of life and other things sacred to Native Americans: the sun, the earth, the moon and their drums - "the heartbeat of our nation," according to Jerry Laughing Bear Kuykendall, a lecturer and elder in the American Indian movement and event consultant.

More than 100 trader tables offering authentic Native American arts and crafts will surround the dance area.

Hungry festival-goers can feed their appetites for Native American fare and feast on fry bread, corn soup, Indian tacos and other delicacies.

Children under age 12 will make free crafts, including dance sticks and kachina dolls. Kids and their parents will learn about Native American culture from storytellers and artisans demonstrating basket weaving, bead-working, wood-carving and more.

Display areas set up for viewing include a tepee, tribal regalia, weapons, hides (elk, beaver, caribou) and more.

Free unity key rings made of four colored beads will be given away to children ages 3 to 12, while supplies last.

Specially designed commemorative patches will be available for purchase. Scouts can earn badges by participating in the festival.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22. There will be Native American drumming, dancing and storytelling throughout the day, with ceremonial grand entrances on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 6 pm. and Sunday at noon.

Admission is free for ages 2 and under, $6 for ages 3 and up. Group tickets are available in advance for groups of 10 or more for $5 each by calling (248) 352-0990. Parking is $5.

The Novi Expo Center is located off I-96 at exit 162 and Novi Road in Novi.

Last year's event attracted more than 14,000 people from across southeast Michigan. This festival is produced by Metro Parent Publishing Group, Inc. and North American Indian Association of Detroit and is sponsored by SelectCare, Comerica, WKBD/UPN50 and WDRQ 93.1.

# Register now for youth basketball

The Winter Youth Basketball League registration ends Monday, Nov. 23. There is a $10 late fee for those who register after Nov. 23.

Registration fees for the 11-game season for girls and boys 7th grade through 12th grade is $78. Fees for Northville School District residents in Novi is $81. The non-resident cost is $85.

All players must fill out a personal data form at the Community Center Building to be used in formatting teams.

There will be a coach's meeting on Monday, Dec. 10.

The season's games are held on Saturdays from Jan. 9 through March 27, 1999. There is a possibility that there will be two to three mid-week evening games.

Practices will be held one to two times per week in the evening according to coaches availability.

For details, call Northville Parks and Recreation Department at 349-0203.

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# Residents attend DAR meeting

The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the DAR, met for their 71st Birthday Luncheon last week at the Hawthorn Valley Country Club in Westland.

Northville and Novi residents who are members of the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter include Phebe Huff, Patricia Keyes, Kathleen Leo, Minit McDonald, Toni Mcdonald, Ardis Mcleod, Rebecca Miller, Susan Petres, Paula Stuart, and Barbara Trenkle.

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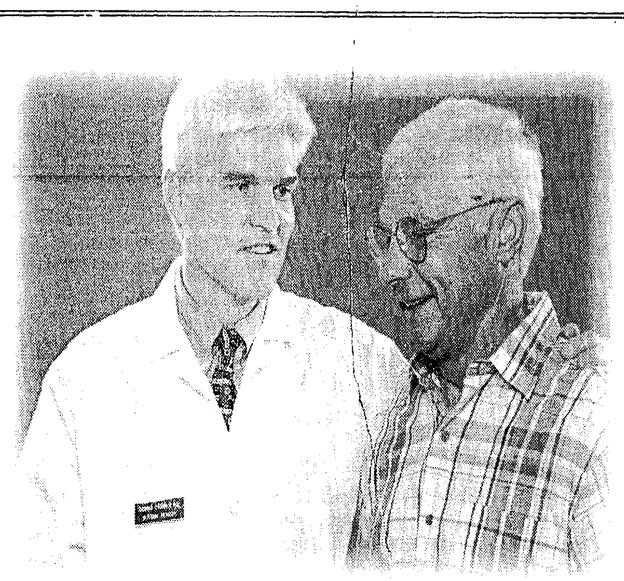

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## School News

**COOKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Cooke PTSA met on Nov. 5.Students submitted 113 stories and 14 poems for the "Scary Story" contest. The winners in the Story Division were: sixth grade - Jon Gress, seventh grade - a tie between Devon Rupley and Emily Kaur, and eighth grade - Gerard Breitenbeck. In the Poetry Division, the winners were Melissa Doyle and Milena Soc.

During the month of November, the Media Center will accept donations of canned food instead of money to pay past-due fines. The food will be donated to a local charity.

Erica Johnson and Diane Cavicchioli were selected to participate in the Regional and State Honors Choir. They will perform in January at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. The next Choir concert is Dec. 8.

The Academic Enrichment students in sixth grade are reading The "Golden Goblet," a historical novel about Egypt. They will soon be creating their own pyramids.

The eighth grade students just finished their hurricane forecasting experience through an on line unit from the University of Michigan. Over 200 schools in the nation participated in this unit. The group of Erica Johnson and Sheena Killanni had the best score of all participating schools for Hurricane Lester. Students also forecasted Hurricane Mitch.

The 6A team is involved in the Dig 2 project while studying about Egypt.

The 6B team is going on a field trip to Eddy Geology Center in Chelsea on Nov. 12.The 6C team has been working on the beautification of Oakwood Cemetery. Meijers of Northville and Brickscape donated the 200 daffodil bulbs the students planted. Danman Hardware also donated tools for this job.

The 7B team will read "Waiting for the Rain," along with the study of Africa. In math enrichment, students built toothpick bridges. The first place bridge could withstand over 800 grams. Students participated in the annual Cooke cook out. Other garden produce was donated to the senior citizens.

In a special presentation, Alan Shanoski talked to PTSA about a program the 6A team is involved in called "Kids Helping Kids." The class is learning about Afghanistan country and culture. They will be helping the children to get an education and build a school. Mrs. Nedam spoke on the history and invasion of Afghanistan and the idea to help build a school through fund raisers and other activities.

An optional DARE program for the sixth grade will be offered starting Jan. 18. This 17-week program will be held before school from 7:30-8:10 a.m. Officer Mays will distribute flyers to the sixth grade.

Make a Difference Day was very successful. A big thank you to the Dunkerly's for the benches in the front of the building.

In November, the Student Council will participate in the student council exchange. The Science Fair will take place from Dec. 14-17. Dwight Stegreen has been nominated for the WDIV Teacher of the Year.

IOWA test results are expected by Thanksgiving.

Anyone who has a suggestion for a support group topic can contact the counselors.

The Cooke Carnival was a big success and the profit was $5,552. Many students were unchaperoned at the Carnival.

For PTSA membership, 75% of Cooke families and 62% of the staff has joined PTSA.

The deadline for the Reflections contest is Dec. 18. Entries can be made in the following categories: literature, music, photography, and visual arts. The theme is "Suddenly You Turned Around and... ."

The Safe Home program is in need of a volunteer to represent Cooke.

Anyone interested in being on the nominating committee to help select a slate for next year's officers should contact PTSA President Diane Houren.

Students caught being good are: Domonique Desira, Jimmy Engstrom, Laura Rogers, Andrea League, Matt Melvin, Katie Blake, Theresa Adkins, Kathleen Egan, Sarah Manley, Amy Knoth, Travis Otremba and Stephanie Kinsman.

Citizens of the Month are: Team 6A - Shannon Zingle and Mike Tasse; Team 6B - Tasha Vardya and Mac Stutler; Team 6C - John Maise and Shannon Farris; Team 7A - Justin Hagan and Mary Schubert; Team 7B - Jacob Vitale and Katie Kneisel; Team 8A - Nikki Watts, Stephanie Kinsman and Alex Karchon; and Team 8B - Ben Sherman, Susanna Klimek and Jim Riehl.Colleague of the Month is Christine McDonald - Academic Resources.The next Cooke PTSA meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 9:15 a.m.

*-Karen Cameron*

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Novi students prepare for musical

**The Walled Lake Western High School Performing Arts Department will present "Annie" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19, 20 and 21. The Choir Director/Producer is Greg Cleveland. Novi students involved in the musical include, from left, Mariah Baker, Leigh VanOver as Annie, Deborah Ellison as Peggy, and Stephanie Szlamkowicz. Performance times for the musical are 7:30 p.m. with an additional Family Matinee scheduled for Saturday at 11 a.m. Cast members include 60 high school students, 20 middle school students, 55 members in the technical crew and a 45-member pit orchestra. Tickets can be purchased in the school lunch commons daily between 10:30 and 11:50 a.m. or by calling Sandy at (248) 960-8520. If tickets are still available the night of the show, they can be purchased at the door. Last year's musical was sold out. Tickets are $10. All seats are reserved. Senior citizen discount night is on Thursday evening and tickets for seniors are $6. Tickets for seniors will be $6. The Saturday matinee price is $6. Walled Lake Western High School is located at 600 Beck Road in Walled Lake.**

# OWL Chapter plans holiday brunch

The Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League will begin the holiday season with a festive buffet brunch at historic Botsford Inn on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m.

The brunch will feature a silent auction and the raffle of a $100 Shadowland gift certificate and a beautiful, hand-made Christmas wreath. The Extension Chords, an ensemble from the award-winning Sweet Adelines East Pointe Chorus, will entertain with a variety of traditional and new vocal selections. In the spirit of the season, they will conduct a brief sing-a-long.

This is the principal fund raiser for Farmington OWL, and proceeds enable the Chapter to continue the vital work of advocating for a better quality of life for older women.

Tickets are $20 and must be paid in advance by Nov. 29.

For information, call (248) 478-2635 after 6 p.m.

# Guests invited to attend meeting

The Northville Woman's Club will meet on Friday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street in Northville.

Guest speaker Ruth Ann Melikan's topic will be "Fairlane, The Henry Ford Estate."

Chairperson of the day is Karen Poulos.

This is a guest day. If you are interested in attending, contact a Northville Woman's Club member or call president Lonna Lemmon at (248) 348-2587.

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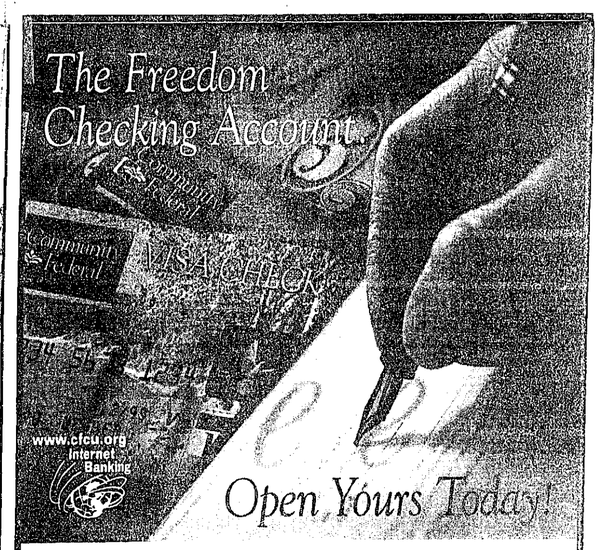


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## Broadway-style musical

The Northville Christian Assembly cast members, from left, Debi and Shellie Kloeckner, Ruth Morrison and Rick Gonzales, will be among those performing "Four Tickets to Christmas" at the bandshell during Northville's Christmas Walk on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. They will also be serving hot wassail and giving out tickets to the musical performances to be held at the church on Dec. 11, 12, and 13.

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## Entertainment listing

*Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.*

### AUDITIONS

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS:** Auditions for "The Fantasticks" will be held on Nov. 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. There are roles for six men and two women.

For details, call (248) 356-8904.

**MUSICAL:** Auditions for Novi Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz" will be on Dec. 8 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

There are many chorus, lead and supporting parts available for actors ages 7 to 97. Come prepared to dance, sing and act.

All actors must pay a participation fee of $125 once cast. Audition packets can be picked up at the Novi Civic Center beginning Monday, Nov. 9, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.

**SOUND OF MUSIC:** The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m. for children; and on Tuesday, Dec. 1, and Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. for adults.

Show dates are Feb. 19 through March 6.

For details, call (734) 427-1775 or the phoneline at (248) 349-7110.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**NOVI THEATRES:** Performances of "The Nutcracker" will be on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The Children's Annex production is adapted for the stage by Mary Kay Davis. Performances on Friday and Saturday will be at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 p.m. The all reserved seats are $8 or $7 in advance.

Call (248) 347-0400.

**COOKING CLASSES:** The Kitchen Witch is offering the following classes during November: Fabulous Desserts on Nov. 19.

The class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. The Kitchen Witch is located at 134 East Main Street in Northville.

For costs and to register, call (248) 348-0488.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Novi Choralatres will present Christmas Celebration concerts on Dec. 4 at Farmington Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River in Farmington at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 5 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 6 at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi at 4 p.m.

Tickets are $7 for adults, and $6 for seniors and children and may be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi or at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the After School Recreation Program and the Novi Homebound Seniors.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.

**BORDERS BOOKS:** Ongoing events include the Toddler Time stories for children 3 and younger on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and Toddler Time for children three and younger on Wednesdays t 10 a.m.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center.

Call (248) 347-0780.

**BARNES & NOBLE:** Children's special storytimes are Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Open Mike Poetry Readings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The series includes Nancy Nelson, Rick Bailey, Henry Ford Community College, on Jan. 12; MacGuffin editors on Feb. 9; Herb Scott, New Issues Press, on March 9; Linda Nemec Foster, "Living in the Firenest," on April 13.

Upcoming events include: romance author of "While the Moon Looked Up to Heaven," Terry Stellini, on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.; book signing with Gus Mollasis, author of "On A Wing and A Prayer" on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m.; and pianist Jeffrey Michael on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes and Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville.

Call (248) 348-0609.

### THEATER

**ANYTHING GOES:** The Plymouth Theater Guild continues its 52nd year with the Cole Porter musical comedy "Anything Goes."

Shows are scheduled for 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 20, 21, 27 and 28, and Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m.

Performances will be in the Water Tower Theater on the campus of the Northville State Psychiatric Hospital on seven Mile Road west of Haggerty Road.

Locally, tickets may be purchased at gardenviews, 202 West Main Street in Northville. General seating tickets are $11 in advance and $12 at the door. For information or group rates, call (248) 349-7110.

Other shows during the 1998-98 season include "The Sound of Music in February" and "Wait Until Dark" in May.

**TRINITY HOUSE:** Performances of "Sister Camille's Kaleidoscopic Cabaret" continues through Nov. 22. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m.

Sister Camille, written by Canadian playwright Paul Nicholas Mason, presents a wide-spectrum of ordinary people attempting to muddle through their life with grace and dignity featuring 19 actors playing approximately 42 different roles.

The show contains subject matter that may be inappropriate for children. Parents are encouraged to use discretion.

Tickets are $10 for non-members and $8 for members.

Group rates are available.

Trinity House is located on the northwest corner of Six Mile Road and I-275 in Livonia.

For ticket reservations, call (734) 464-6302.

**GENITTI'S:** Afternoon performances of "Clueless at Christmas" will be held on Dec. 11 and 18 at 11:30 and 1 p.m.; Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m.; and Dec. 20, 21, and 22 at 11:30 a.m.

It's a murder mystery done in Genitti's interactive comedic style along with a seven-course Italian lunch.

Genitti's is located at 108 East Main Street in Northville.

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**MARQUIS:** Performances of a musical adaption of the classic tale of "Cinderella" will be at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 21, 22, 28, 29, Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 2, and 3.

General seating tickets are $6.50.

Group rates are available. No children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

For details, call (248) 349-8110.

### MUSIC

**LABOOM:** The teen club LaBOOM, formerly Modern Rock Cafe, is located at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

Call the hotline at (248) 925-1000.

**LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL:** The Lakeview Bar and Grill is located at 43393 West Thirteen Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi Road. Ron Coden performs on Saturday.

For details, call (248) 624-2800.

**WAGON WHEEL:** The Wagon Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. Main in Northville.

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**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

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**LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL:** The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

Call 349-9110.

**TUSCAN CAFE:** Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 until 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. Call 305-8629.

**BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS:** Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food and Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills.

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**FRIGATES INN:** Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The Tim Flaharty Trio Open Blues Jam is every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

Call (248) 624-9607.

**STARTING GATE:** The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

**BOGEY'S BAR AND GRILLE:** Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

Upcoming performances include: 2XL on Nov. 19; Mystery Train with Jim McCarthy on Nov. 20; Immunity on Nov. 21; DJ and dancing with Paul King of DJ's on Nov. 22; GRR and special guest star on Nov. 25; "Surprise" on Nov. 27 and 28; and DJ and dancing with Paul King of DJ's on Nov. 29.

Call (248) 669-1441.

### ART

**DANCING EYE GALLERY:** The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main.

Theresa Schierloh, owner of Dancing Eye Gallery, has invited artist Marilyn Joy to do a trunk show of her extensive selection of her original jewelry on Sunday, Nov. 22, from noon to 4 p.m.

Call (248) 449-7086.

### NEARBY

**THE GAYLORDS:** St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road in Livonia will sponsor a performance by The Gaylords on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building.

Tickets for this fund raiser are $20.

Call (734) 464-1250.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:** The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 1999 Entertainment Ultimate Books to raise funds for the chorus' charitable and educational activities. Books are $40 and contain hundreds of specials on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more.

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Call (734) 459-6829.

**COMEDY:** Farmington Players present "A Tuna Christmas" by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams on Nov. 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28. All performances are at 8 p.m. Additional matinee performances will be at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22.

The Farmington Players is located at 32332 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are $12.

For details, call (248) 553-2955.

**ART AUCTION:** The Spirit of Detroit Chorus of the Sweet Adelines International will host an Art Auction on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Tickets are $5 and includes light refreshments and door prizes. There will be a cash bar. The preview begins at 2 p.m. and bidding starts at 3 p.m.

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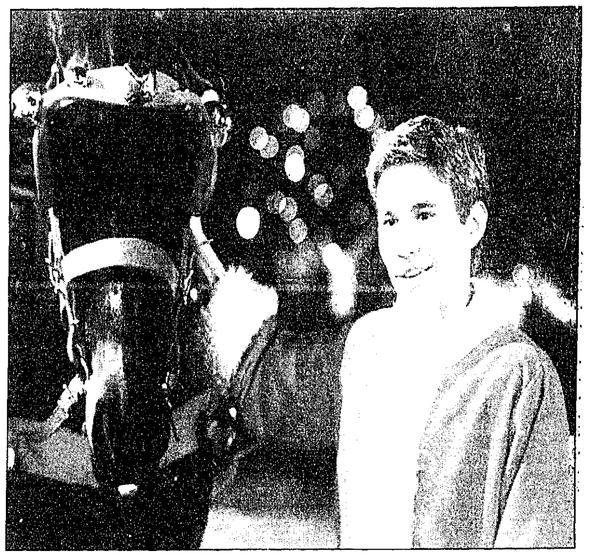
### Somewhere between Los Angeles and New York, student finds true meaning of Christmas



Johnathon Taylor Thomas (upper left), as Jake Wilkinson in Disney's "I'll Be Home For Christmas," meets an assortment of loonies, including petty criminal Nolan (Andrew Lauer, upper right) as he races across country to make his way from the middle of the California desert to New York by 6 p.m. Christmas Eve — or risk forfeiting the vintage Porsche his father promised if his son comes home for the holidays.

Jonathan Taylor Thomas stars as Jake Wilkinson, a self-absorbed college student, who, just days before Christmas awakens to find himself stranded in the middle of the California desert — wearing a Santa suit and a white beard glued to his face.

The butt of a pay-back by the football team who thinks he double-crossed them by not providing the correct answers to a finals exam, Jake has to find a way to get to New York by 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve — and catch up with his girlfriend Allie (Jessica Biel) who is on the road with the school stud Eddie (Adam Lavorgna) — or risk forfeiting the vintage Porsche his father (Gary Cole) promised if his son comes home for the holidays.

As Jake desperately hitchhikes his way east, everyone he meets unwittingly sets into motion a comedy of errors as they look to Santa for help and advice, in Walt Disney Pictures' comedy, "I'll Be Home For Christmas."

Anyone who's ever tried to travel across the country during the Christmas holidays can sympathize with the plight of 18-year-old Jake Wilkinson. Who of us cannot recall our "holiday joy" at the memory of icy highways and snow-bound airports? Or of being gathered in some crowded terminal with hundreds of fellow travelers, all weary, anxious and short-tempered, listening to a harried attendant explain for the umpteenth time that our flight's been overbooked, and someone will have to be bumped? And all the while, Christmas Eve is closing fast.

Jake's situation is similar — but with a few new twists. Mere days before Christmas, he finds himself stranded in the middle of the California desert with no wallet, I.D. or cash.

The first twist is, it's Jake's own fault. How he ended up in the desert is the result of a plan he had for some of a few of his fellow students that went awry.

The second twist is, as part of his victim's retribution, he's been dressed in a Santa Claus suit with a white beard glued to his face.

The third twist is that the mastermind behind Jake's desperate situation is his arch-rival Eddie who has taken advantage of our hero's "absence" to put the moves on his girlfriend Allie, offering her the ride home for the holidays that Jake failed to provide.

As he hitchhikes, freeloads, cons, flies, crawls, races and bullies his way east, Jake sets in motion a comedy of errors involving a series of eccentric and amusing characters who both help and hinder him on his way.

Will he make his deadline to New York City — and also, at the same time, manage to save Allie from the clutches of the nefarious Eddie?

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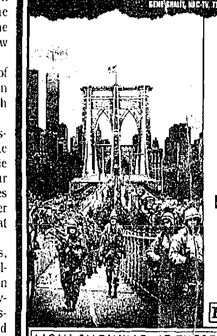

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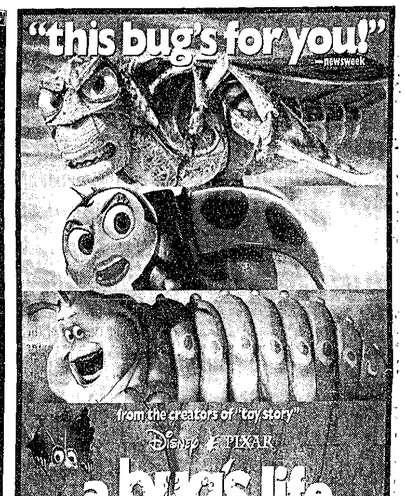

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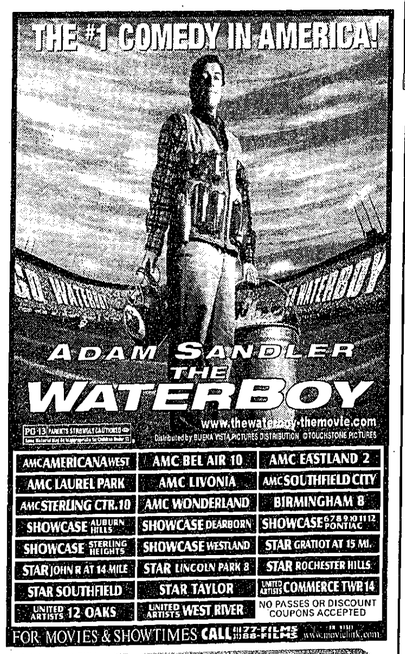

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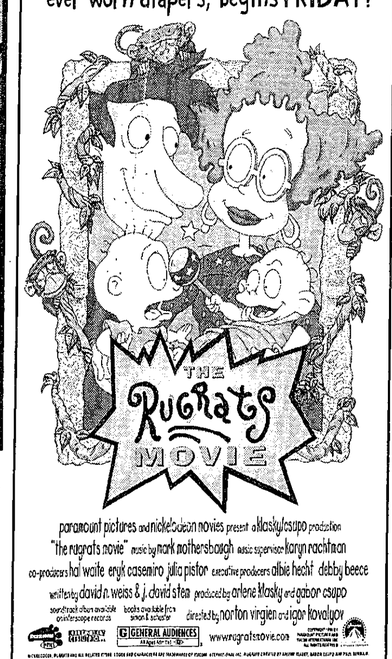

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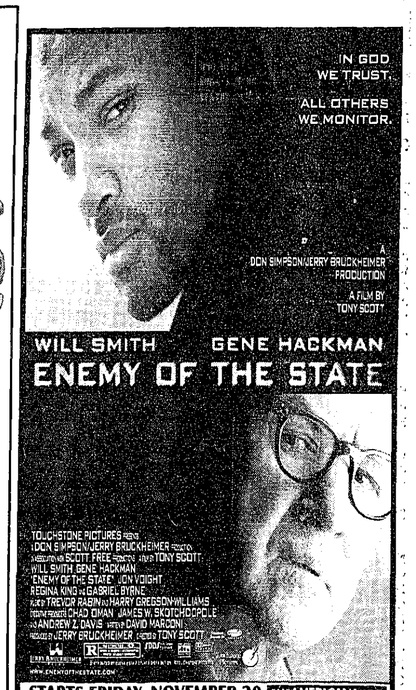


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# Here we come

## *Novi hockey team laces up skates against Northville*

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The place is here. The time is now.

It's been a long time coming, but for area hockey fans, the wait has paid off.

The Novi Wildcats took the ice for the first time, in their new arena, last night for a game with the Brighton Bulldogs (after The Novi News' deadline). The team's second game is tomorrow, also at the Novi Ice Arena, against the Northville Mustangs.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School hockey coach Dan Phelps, center, instructs his first-year varsity team during a Monday afternoon session at the Novi Ice Arena.

Actually its not the first time the team took the ice. Their first action came last weekend when the team played eight periods of hockey in six and four team scrimmages.

The team is coached by 32-year-old Dan Phelps, who has been an assistant at Livonia Franklin the past five years. Phelps, who began playing hockey at the age of five, is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he played hockey his final two years after transferring from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point.

He's also played junior hockey in the Western Ontario Junior B League as well as the North American Junior League, so there's no lack of experience behind the bench.

Fortunately for Phelps, the communities' enthusiasm for hockey drew 50 kids out for the team, including nine goalies. Understandably, this should be one of the strong points of this year's team.

"That's a very big amount for a high school team," Phelps said. "We decided to keep three goalies and we feel we picked three good ones. I feel one of our primary strengths is our goaltending."

Senior Brian Ward and junior Beau Brandeau will share time in net, and sophomore Jeremy Goodman will also see some time this season.

"Ward and Brandeau will pretty much be the two who will be alternating," the coach said. "When we get into tight situations we'll go with who's playing best. That's part of hockey."

Novi's skaters have a variety of experience. The lineup consists of seven seniors, seven juniors, six sophomores and a freshman. Phelps has a blend of triple-A, double-A and single-A players and one junior player, senior winger Chris Booth.

"He brings a lot of character to this team and he'll be one of our best players," Phelps said.

Senior Rob Innis will also play an integral part of this year's team. At 6-feet-2, Innis will be a physical force at center for Phelps. "He's a very fast, very skilled player. He'll lead a lot by example," the coach said.

Junior Travis Malott and sophomore Kyle Major will solidify the Novi offensive attack. Malott is a forward who has played triple-A hockey for a few years. "Travis is just a super kid all the way around. He leads by example with his talent on the ice and he leads by example with his character off the ice. He's kind of got the whole package," Phelps said.

Major has been one of the biggest surprises for the Wildcats so far this year. "He's a real gritty kind of kid, kind of a grind-line player. He leads by example on the ice and is willing to learn," said the coach.

Defensively, senior Pat Muston, sophomore Jered Genso and junior Jeff Poulos will lead the way.

"Pat is a pure athlete. He has a lot of determination and I think a lot of kids look up to him. He hasn't played hockey in a couple of years, but he's kind of came out of his shell," the coach said.

"What's good about us is we feel we have a very good, diversified group of kids as far as age groups," Phelps said. "Everyone understands that the team concept is stressed in this program. We are a team and we all contribute whether we're on the ice or off the ice.

Other team members include; senior forwards Andy Saari and

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Novi High School hockey team members work on some sprinting drills during a Monday afternoon practice at the Novi Ice Arena.

# 'Cats finish third in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi used a late run to force overtime and then ran away from Lakeland en route to a 63-53 win in the regular-season finale Nov. 10 at Novi High School.

The win ended the Wildcats regular season and gave the team a week off before beginning district action last night (after The Novi News' deadline).

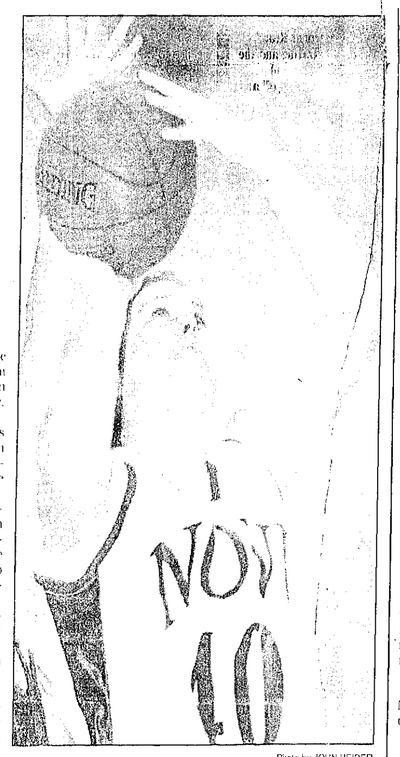
Novi squared off against Western Lakes Activities Association champion Plymouth Salem at Plymouth Canton High School. The winner of that game advanced to tomorrow night's district championship game beginning at 7 p.m.

Against the Eagles, Novi overcame a 51-47 deficit in the last two minutes and tied the game at 53-53 at the end of regulation. In the extra session, it was all Novi.

Junior forward Kelly Bendernagel got things going with the first bucket, and fellow junior Erin Quinn followed up with a steal and basket to give her team a 57-53 lead. Moments later junior center Kristen McGlinnen added another bucket and Diana Fallone iced the win with a pair of free throws. Bendernagel scored the last field goal to cap off a 10-0 overtime for the 'Cats.

"I knew that if we could stay close, we could win this one," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said. "With the nice distribution of scoring we were getting, we had a chance. We really came out ready to play in that overtime."

Nine different players scored for Novi, which claimed sole possession of third place in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) with the win. The 'Cats finished the regular season at 12-8, including a 7-5 mark in the conference. Milford won the championship with a 10-2 mark, one game ahead of Howell (9-3). South Lyon was fourth (6-6), followed by Lakeland (5-7), Brighton (4-8) and Hartland (1-11).



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Novi junior Kelly Bendernagel made the all-KVC second team.

Quinn led Novi with 15 points and Bendernagel added 12, all of which came in the second half.

"I think she started off slowly, but she started hitting some shots in the second half and came up big for us," Cichonski said. "And Erin, she's one of those kids you can turn to and say 'we need you in there,' at any position. She has a quick first step and takes the ball to the hoop well."

The game was tied at the half, and remained close throughout the second half.

The winner of last night's game will play the winner of the Northville/(Canton-Churchill) contest for the district championship.

## *Three 'Cats earn honors*

Three Novi players were selected to the all-Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) teams as selected by coaches this past Sunday.

Kristen Kearney was named to the first team, which included seven players in all. Other members of this team were Milford's Christie Schumacher, South Lyon's Brooke Raths, Howell's Jessica King, Lakeland's Dawn Houck, Brighton's Libby Voshell and Howell's Stephanie Bencar.

Earning second-team honors were juniors Kelly Bendernagel and Kristen McGlinnen. Beth Rice and Erin Quinn were named to the honorable mention squad.

# Northville or Novi

## *Record editor, sports editor debate on tomorrow's outcome*

Robert Jackson

VS.

Jason Schmitt

### "Northville will win"

With the Novi/Northville hockey game just a day away, Northville Record editor Bob Jackson and Record and Novi News sports editor Jason Schmitt decided to sit down and discuss just who, the Wildcats or Mustangs, will come away with the victory.

Although none of the reasons below are scientific, each must be carefully analyzed and dissected in order to figure out who will win the game. Even if neither of us make much sense, come Friday night, one of us will be right.

**Schmitt:** Remember last year. A team from Northville surprised everyone by winning a district championship in its inaugural year on the ice.

And that team didn't have a distinct home arena.

This year Novi does, and it's rarin' to prove it too can win the big one in its first year on the ice. Novi coach Dan Phelps likes to look at his team as "The new guys on the block." Sounds good enough for me.

**Jackson:** C'mon Jason, if you actually believe that, you should be the chief executive officer of Disneyland. Home ice advantage won't determine the outcome. Skating, goaltending, and special teams will, however, play big in this game and Northville should prevail in each of those categories, which means I expect a huge win from the Mustangs.

**Schmitt:** You know, you're right. If Red Wings fans know anything, it's that goaltending is of the utmost importance. And that's where Novi is at its best. Nine goaltenders came out for their inaugural team, and that means there's a lot of depth at the position.

Northville may be a skilled skating team, but Novi may surprise a few people with some skill of its own. Besides, where's that Kevin Boone kid now?

**Jackson:** You're so predictable. Yes, Kevin Boone is gone and enjoying success at U of M Dearborn, but this year's Northville squad is laden with talent. Evan Edwards, who was tied with Boone in team scoring last year, returns as a senior leader. Coach Brad O'Neill says Edwards has the hardest shot he's ever seen – heh it might just take nine Novi goaltenders to stop this kid. Look for Edwards and blueliners Justin Waineo and Chris Baldas to add some offensive punch.

### "Novi will win"

**Schmitt:** Predictable...now that's a word that has me in first place in our hot picks feature located on page 10B. Perhaps you should take a look at who is in the lead heading into the last week of predictions.

Besides, it's not just what's going to be on the ice that will be the deciding factor tomorrow night. Everyone knows that this rivalry, young and old, is fueled by emotions, emotions that led Wildcat teams to state championships in cross country, soccer and even baseline wins over Northville's basketball and football teams this year. It's all in the mind, Mr. Jackson.

**Jackson:** Jason, Jason, Jason. You must be breathing Zamboni fumes. This isn't about cross country, soccer, or the Baseline Jug. It's about finishing checks, hustling to loose pucks, forechecking, backchecking, blistering shots, bone-rattling hits, and goals...lots of goals. Sure emotion will play into it, but Northville's squad will play O'Neill-style hockey – poised disciplined, and aggressive. That's what will lead them to a victory on Friday. **My pick: Northville 5, Novi 2.**

**Schmitt:** Checks, schmecks. (Heh, did you look at my record in the hot picks yet?) Last year may have been the year of the Mustang, this is the year of the 'Cat. The psychological edge goes to Novi. The longer bus ride for Northville should tire the team out.

You know, Bob, maybe we should take the top off of the new Baseline Jug and turn it into a Baseline Cup. I'm sure Novi wouldn't mind us borrowing their cup, as long as we give it back to them after they win. **My pick: Novi 3, Northville 2.**

# Pipas, 2nd doubles team named HomeTown all-area

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For years anyone interested in playing club tennis in the Northville and Novi areas had to travel to Farmington, West Bloomfield or Ann Arbor to satisfy their appetite.

But when the Novi Sports Club opened up this fall, a whole new window of opportunities popped up. Now girls and boys, men and women now have a place to play when Michigan's weather turns nasty, without traveling great distances to do so.

"We've already got all of our girls playing there," Northville coach Uta Filkin said. "Usually the kids take a break from tennis and concentrate on school or other activities, but it seemed like the girls started playing inside the day after states."

Northville and Novi players used to have to travel to North Farmington or Ann Arbor to play during Michigan's bad seasons. With the Sports Club, located just off Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads, players from both communities as well as South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland High Schools can cut down on travel time.

Eventually the quality of tennis in the immediate area is going to rise, it's just a matter of how long from now.

At least for now, HomeTown's all-area squad still has a Northville/Novi flavor to it. But as the interest in tennis begins to peek its head into the surrounding South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland communities, it won't be long before those schools start catching up.

Just as the Mustangs and Wildcats have done.

Here's a look at HomeTown's first team, which reflects the great season turned in by both Northville and Novi, both state finalists.

**Sarah Pipas**
**Novi senior**

The Wildcat's No. 1 singles player had one of the most impressive seasons in team history, posting an incredible 21-5 record at the toughest flight in tennis.

She won the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC)championship, leading her team to its third-straight league crown, and finished as a regional finalist in the Division 1 regional at Livonia Stevenson.

As a captain, Pipas won her first match at the state meet before falling to the state semifinalist from West Bloomfield in the second.

"I think you can say she did a tremendous job for us," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "In terms of dedication and preparation, she's one of the best players we've ever had at this school."

**Jessie Mills**
**Northville junior**

Aside from a few of her teammates in practice, little stood in the way of Mills this year on the hard court. The junior finished the season with a 23-3 record after winning both conference and regional championships.

After receiving a bye in the first round at the Division II state meet, she went on to win her second round match before bowing out in the quarterfinals. She's a repeat first-team selection at second singles.

"I think she was greatly improved (from last year)," Filkin said. "She's getting more and more tournament experience and she's starting to find the resources she has within herself."

**Lauren West**
**Northville freshman**

West posted a 23-3 record in her first year on the varsity. She, along with fellow freshman Marta Walasek, took the area by storm by winning a regional championship and finishing runnerup at the Western Lakes conference tournament.

"I knew she was coming," her coach said. "She is an all-around player with no weaknesses. There's a lot of adaptation at the high school level and it's always a big step for a freshman to come in and play singles. She's really going to push Kerry (Woolfall) and Jessie (Mills) next year."

**Marta Walasek**
**Northville freshman**

The other half of the Mustang freshmen duo, Walasek thrived at the fourth singles flight. She finished 23-3 en route to conference and regional championships. She was seeded third at the state tournament and lived up to it, making it all the way to the state semifinals before losing to the eventual champion.

"Marta is just half a step behind Lauren in match experience," Filkin said. "Once she gets a little more match experience, she'll be a force."

**Julie Glock**
**Northville senior**
**Kara Anderson**
**Northville senior**

Although Filkin rarely lets her doubles teams play more than a year together, how could she say no to this pair? Anderson and Glock earned all-state honors a year ago and performed every bit as well in their senior season.

The two posted a 22-4 record while winning both the conference and regional titles. Glock and Anderson lost just three games total in each tournament.

At the state meet, the pair was seeded second and reached the semifinals before losing to Birmingham Marian 6-7 (3), 5-7.

"They've been so powerful and so good for two years now," Filkin said. "Julie has a big serve and great ground strokes and Kara is great at the net. They were a good combination. I'm going to have a big hole in my doubles lineup."

**Amrutha Nagarajan**
**Novi junior**
**Jessica Diedzic**
**Novi senior**

This pair played consistent tennis all year long and finished the year by winning a regional championship and winning their first-round match at the state tournament.

Nagarajan was 21-6 and Diedzic was 19-6 this season. The duo was runnerup at the KVC meet, finishing behind Brighton.

"Jessica was the most improved player on our team from the last match last year to the first match this season," Hanson said. "This team was up and down a little bit. They lost some bad matches, but had some big wins for us."

It was Nagarajan and Diedzic's win over Livonia Stevenson in the regional final that vaulted the team to the regional championship over Farmington Mercy.

**Christina Chase**
**Northville senior**
**Nicole Lindholm**
**Northville junior**

Providing a great deal of depth to the Northville lineup, Chase and Lindholm finished with a 22-4 record and conference and regional championships.

The team was seeded second at the state tournament, but suffered a tough second-round loss to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

"Christina was a really big asset to us," Filkin said. "She was the aggressive one at the net and Nicole was the steady one who kept the ball in play. My second and third doubles teams were extremely close."

**Joanna Lee**
**Northville sophomore**
**Lauren Farris**
**Northville freshman**

If the state ever decides to add fourth doubles to the regional and state tournaments, unfortunately it will be too late for this duo. Lee and Farris were a perfect 15-0 this season. The team lost just one game in winning the Western Lakes tournament.

With four of Northville's top six doubles players graduating, both will move up in the lineup, along with extras Sarah Poirer and Rachel Huang.

"Joanna has greatly improved from last year and Lauren is a nice little hitter for a freshman," the coach said.

## ALL AREA TENNIS

### First Team

| Flight | Name | School | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 singles | Sarah Pipas | Novi | senior |
| 2 singles | Jessie Mills | Northville | junior |
| 3 singles | Lauren West | Northville | freshman |
| 4 singles | Marta Walasek | Northville | freshman |
| 1 doubles | Kara Anderson | Northville | senior |
| | Julie Glock | Northville | senior |
| 2 doubles | Amrutha Nagarajan | Novi | junior |
| | Jessica Diedzic | Novi | senior |
| 3 doubles | Christina Chase | Northville | senior |
| | Nicole Lindholm | Northville | junior |
| 4 doubles | Joanna Lee | Northville | sophomore |
| | Lauren Farris | Northville | freshman |

### Second Team

| Flight | Name | School | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 singles | Kerry Woolfall | Northville | sophomore |
| 2 singles | Judy Namm | Novi | senior |
| 3 singles | Jodi Berg | Milford | senior |
| 4 singles | Taeko Nakazawa | Novi | junior |
| 1 doubles | Rebecca Rittner | Novi | senior |
| | Tara Stevens | Novi | junior |
| 2 doubles | Kristin Potchynok | Northville | senior |
| | Angela Trapnell | Northville | junior |
| 3 doubles | Maureen Vermeulen | Novi | senior |
| | Jill Buckman | Novi | senior |
| 4 doubles | Lindsay Pahl | Novi | senior |
| | Christina Cypher | Novi | sophomore |

### Honorable mention

**Lakeland** - Christy Yessian
**Milford** - Krista Storey, Stellanie Roose
**Novi** - Sarah Holt
**South Lyon** - Kellie Kern, Kristen Pfeffer, Krissy Villemonte

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A few Novi High School Hockey players "take a knee" during Monday afternoon's practice.

# Northville makes first visit to Novi

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Trevor Schneider, senior defensemen Matt Hoy and Ryan Major, junior forwards Dan Szcuga, Jeff Goff and Jason Perras, sophomore forwards Kurt Russell and Angelo Barducca, sophomore defenseman Justin Harvey and freshman forward Geoff Paquette.

The team will play a 24-game schedule, 12 of which will be against Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) foes. The team will also face Northville, West Bloomfield and Dearborn Heights Crestwood two times each.

"I know that Brighton and Milford are going to be tough. They are perennial powerhouses," Phelps said. "I think this year the KVC will be a very competitive title to shoot for.

"I think we'll be very competitive. This is a first-year program. I think it's going to take time for these kids, not only to buy into our system, but to get to learn to play with each other," Phelps said. "As a coach all I can ask right now is that they go out there and give me 100 percent every time they are on that ice. If they're doing that we feel that our success rate will be there."

After tomorrow's game with Northville, the 'Cats are off until next Wednesday when they travel to Compuware to take on South Lyon.

"Everybody has been super with me as far as supporting this team," Phelps said. "Dr. Cheal, John Lawrence, Chuck Hughes, John Fundukian, all of them have been very supportive and we want to put a good product on the ice for them."

## 1998 NOVI HOCKEY SCHEDULE

| Date, | Opponent | H/A | Time | Arena |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/20 | Northville | Away | 8 p.m. | Novi |
| 11/25 | *South Lyon | Away | 7:10 p.m. | Compuware |
| 12/2 | *Hartland | Home | 8 p.m. | Novi |
| 12/5 | W.L. Western | Away | 8:20 p.m. | Lakeland |
| 12/9 | *Milford | Away | 7:20 p.m. | Lakeland |
| 12/11 | Northville | Home | 8 p.m. | Novi |
| 12/16 | West Bloomfield | Away | 8 p.m. | Cranbrook |
| 12/23 | *Howell | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |
| 12/30 | W.L. Western | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |
| 1/6 | *Lakeland | Away | 7:20 p.m. | Lakeland |
| 1/8 | Crestwood | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |
| 1/13 | *Brighton | Away | 6 p.m. | Grand Oaks |
| 1/20 | *South Lyon | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |
| 1/22 | Crestwood | Away | 6 p.m. | Canfield |
| 1/23 | N.B/Huron | Away | 8 p.m. | Ice Box |
| 1/27 | *Hartland | Away | 8 p.m. | Grand Oaks |
| 2/3 | *Milford | Home | 8 p.m. | Novi |
| 2/5 | West Bloomfield | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |
| 2/10 | Livonia Franklin | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |
| 2/12 | *Lakeland | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |
| 2/16 | *Howell | Away | 5:30 p.m. | Grand Oaks |
| 2/19 | Farmington | Away | 5 p.m. | Farmington |
| 2/24 | B.H. Andover | Home | 6 p.m. | Novi |

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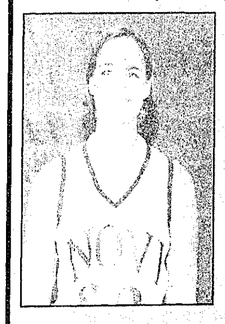
Kristen Kearney - Senior



Kearney helped her team to a season-ending 63-53 win over Lakeland to claim sole-possession of third place in the Kensington Valley Conference.

The senior earned first-team all KVC honors this past weekend in a vote by conference coaches.

Teammates Kelly Bendernagel and Kristen McGlinnen were second-team selections.

Novi all-state soccer players

Several soccer players earned all-state honors last week in voting by the states coaches.

Senior midfielder Alan Lyskawa earned "Dream Team" honors as one of the 11 best players in the state, regardless of class. Along with that honor, he was also an all-state, region, and district pick.

Seniors Derek Ornekian and Rusty Herbst were also named Division 1 first-team all-state. The two were among the top 14 players in the state.

Seniors Matt Smith and Doug Gibson received honorable mention all-state status. Along with those honors, the pair were all-region and all-district selections.

Novi won its first-ever state championship in soccer this season with a 4-0 win over Brighton in the finals.

The televised taping of the game will be aired this Sunday by Time Warner cable in Novi.

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# Five Novi flights make 2nd team

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

As the quality of tennis continues to grow in metro-Detroit, every flight seems to get deeper and deeper. Thus, HomeTown has put together a collection of talent worthy of second-team honors.

**Kerry Woolfall**
**Northville sophomore**

After winning a state championship at third singles last year, Woolfall lost to the eventual state champion this year. Despite the second-round exit at the state meet, Woolfall still finished with an 18-8 record at the games' toughest flight.

She finished as a regional semifinalist and runnerup at the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament.

"For her to come from third singles to first singles is quite a jump," her coach Uta Filkin said. "I think last year was a case of the under dog syndrome for her."

**Judy Namm**
**Novi senior**

Just like any coach would draw it up, Namm saved her best tennis for last. The senior won a regional championship and went on to finish as a state quarterfinalist.

"She's a very, very athletic and quick player," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "You know that she's going to give you 110 percent every match. It's nice to have a 1-2 punch like that."

Namm finished the season with a 14-7 record and a second-place finish at the conference tournament.

**Jodi Berg**
**Milford senior**

Confidence was the name of Berg's game this season. Berg was 10-5 in her matches this year.

"This was a real coming of age year for Jodi," Milford coach Rich Kynast said. "Once she had a couple of wins, her confidence kept rolling."

Berg finished runnerup to Brighton at the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) meet.

**Taeko Nakazawa**
**Novi junior**

Nakazawa turned in a similar season to that of her teammate, Namm. The junior finished second at the (KVC) tournament, but came back to win a regional title a week later.

She lost in the first round at the state meet, but still managed to put together a 22-5 record, second best on the team.

"She was a pleasant surprise for us this year," Hanson said. "Taeko's role next year will be much bigger. She has a lot of potential."

**Rebecca Rittner**
**Novi senior**
**Tara Stevens**
**Novi junior**

There wasn't a flight on HomeTown's all-area teams closer than this one. Rittner and Stevens fell in three sets to Kara Anderson and Julie Glock of Northville and went on to finish with their team's best record. Stevens played one more match than her teammate, and finished with a school record 23 wins against just three defeats. Rittner was 22-3.

The pair won the KVC title as well as the regional championship at Livonia Stevenson. "As a doubles team, they are one of the better ones I've ever had," Hanson said. "They are an aggressive doubles team which worked well together."

**Kristin Potchynok**
**Northville senior**
**Angela Trapnell**
**Northville junior**

Despite winning the fewest matches in Northville's starting lineup, the duo still finished with an impressive 15-4 record.

Potchynok and Trapnell won the conference tournament and went on to win a regional crown as well. Potchynok was the steady force who made very few mistakes, while Trapnell used her flat ground strokes for consistency.

**Maureen Vermeulen**
**Novi senior**
**Jill Buckman**
**Novi senior**

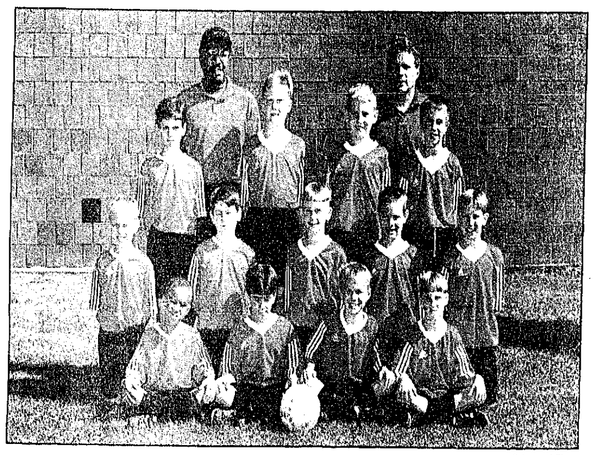
This pair of seniors were the best in the KVC, winning the third doubles championship. Vermeulen was 19-6 and Buckman 18-6 and the two finished as regional semifinalist. They went on to receive a bye at the state tournament before bowing out in the second round.

"These two got better every match this year," Hanson said. "By the end of the year they were playing excellent tennis. These two will be missed, as all the seniors will be."

**Lindsay Pahl**
**Novi senior**
**Christina Cypher**
**Novi sophomore**

Pahl won her second-straight KVC title at fourth doubles while providing a good mix with her sophomore partner. Pahl was 17-3 on the year while Cypher was 16-5 in her first season on varsity.

"Lindsay is such a steady player," her coach said. "I knew exactly what I was going to get from her each time out. It's tough sometimes getting two players to play well together, but this team really worked out well."



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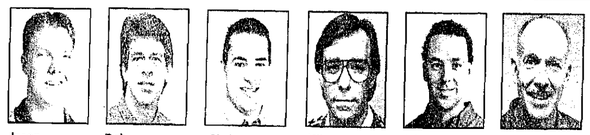
## The Terminators

The Novi Terminators completed the fall U-10 Boys WASL Division I outdoor season with a perfect 8-0 record. The team compiled six shutouts and outscored their opponents 34-5.

Pictured are front row (l to r); Bradley Frey, Brendan Dellicolli, Patrick Shrader and Patrick Haffey. Second row; Ryan Dwyer, Matt Phillips, Jason Dudek, Jimmy McCusker and Kenny MacDonough. Third row; Sean Bugbee, John Hendrick, Brad Petroskey and Tommy Ciaverilla. The team's coaches are Ben Frey and Gary Shrader. Not picured is Kyle Potocki.

## Hot Picks

*The staff at the Northville Record and Novi News will be putting their football knowledge, or lack thereof, out there for all to laugh at. Each week there will also be one guest trying to outpick the staffers.*



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| Illinois at MSU | MSU | MSU | MSU | MSU | MSU | MSU |
| Florida at Florida State | Florida State | Florida State | Florida State | Florida State | Florida State | Florida |
| Penn State at Wisconsin | Wisconsin | Penn State | Wisconsin | Wisconsin | Wisconsin | Penn State |
| Raiders at Denver | Denver | Denver | Denver | Denver | Raiders | Denver |
| Detroit at Tampa Bay | Tampa Bay | Tampa Bay | Tampa Bay | Tampa Bay | Tampa Bay | Detroit |
| Miami at New England (Mon) | New England | New England | Miami | Miami | Miami | Miami |
| Last Week | 4-3 | 3-4 | 3-4 | 4-3 | 6-1 | 4-3 |
| Season Record | 46-29 | 45-32 | 45-32 | 46-31 | 45-32 | 43-34 |

# Sports shorts

**VARSITY POM PON TAKES SECOND**

The defending state champion Novi pom pon squad finished second at the 1998 Mid-American Dance Team Championships this past weekend.

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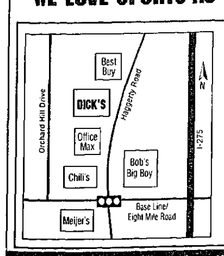


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## Health Column

# Parents should set an example

Chris Klebba

**In an effort to get and keep my children active, I am considering some home gym equipment as a Christmas present. One of my children is 13 and the other 11. Is it OK for them to start weight training at this age? Do you have any other recommendations on how to get them away from the TV at least for a little while?**

I would like to commend you on accepting some of the responsibility for your children's physical activity and condition. Unfortunately, adolescent inactivity is a large problem and many parents leave that area solely to our schools. This is a critical mistake (as pointed out in the Surgeon General's report on physical activity and health), since only about 19 percent of all high school students report being physically active for 20 minutes or more in daily physical education classes. Only about one-half of young people (age 12-21) regularly participate in vigorous physical activity and participation in all physical activity declines strikingly as age or grade in school increases.

The number one thing parents can do in my opinion to start to resolve this problem is to consider setting something of an example themselves. I don't think it is a coincidence that adult physical participation is at a ridiculously low rate also. While the number of adults who exercised at least twice a week increased by 11 percent between 1995 and 1997, the number of nonparticipants increased nearly as much. While I am not a specialist in the area of child behavior, this example has to have an effect on our children. Coming home from work and going swimming together, playing basketball, walking in a park or even in a mall, whatever it is, is a start versus fighting over the channel changer or computer. Our kids need to live out actual physical games instead of playing them all fantasy style on the electronic games.

Your idea of home equipment is a good one with a few concerns. According to the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM), training can be safe for children if certain guidelines are followed and appropriate supervision is provided. Your young trainees require special attention to make sure that damage does not occur to his or her growth and development. Otherwise, if practiced properly, strength training does not have a negative effect upon growth, flexibility, cardiovascular or motor development. Some reports do indicate injuries with home training because some parents throw the equipment in the basement and let their kids go, maybe with a training book. This is not recommended. I do not know your background or availability, but maybe you and your kids could make this a family affair a couple times a week. Some general AOSSM guidelines to follow are as follows:

• Never apply maximum efforts with the weights. This can result in serious tissue-related problems.

• The participant must have the emotional maturity to accept direction from a coach or personal trainer.

• Proper supervision is key. A personal trainer can be a valuable asset to start and maybe the parent can take it from there.

• Strength training should be a part of an overall conditioning program for fitness.

• Choose exercises that require minimum technique points, in other words, more simpler exercise.

• Frequency – two to three times per week.

• Duration – 20 to 30 minutes per session.

• Intensity – light weight to start, 5 or 10 pounds, 6-15 repetitions emphasizing proper form, working up to 1-3 sets total per exercise.

• No maximal single repetition lifts, stick to the 6-15 recommended repetitions.

Last word of caution, be careful of your equipment selection. As you are aware, the media represents all the latest super gadgets and that is a separate column. In short for children, stick to the basics, a good bench and some free weights are usually the place to start. Good luck.

*This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information, call (248) 449-7634.*


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## Health Notes

### Healthy Solutions seminars

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks. On Monday, Nov. 23, Ann Jackson, Ph.D., a Northville physychologist will be presenting "Alternative Psychology;" a non-medichal view of so called psychological syptoms.

On Friday, Dec. 4, Val Wilson describes "Macrobiotic Cooking" : learn the basics of macrobiotics and healthy eathing habits. A macrobiotic recipe will also be discussed and the dish available to taste.

Monday, Dec. 7, Cindy Klement, NC, discusses "Medicinal herbs"; learn the historical uses of herbs from relieving headaches to stopping heart attacks.

Monday, Dec. 14, Karen Farrell presents "Aromatherapy"; discover the many uses of essential oils, including beauty, work, physical fitness, home care, pet health and gardening.

All seminars are free. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

### Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise – and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. $55. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

### Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions available. Families are welcomed. $30 fee and appointment required. Botsford's Health Development on Grand River., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

### Breastfeeding Basics

Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding: How to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. $20. Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

### Circuit Training

A multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. $70. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

### Diabetes-Cize

A 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center. This program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

An appointment is required. For more information, call the North Oakland office, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield, (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; or West Oakland, Walled Lake (248) 926-3300.

• Healthy Cooking Demos: "Best Beef Recipes." Tired of the same old recipes? This session will give you just the right seasonings. Meets at 7 p.m. There is a $6 fee and preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network on Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information or to register.

### Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

### Prostate Cancer Meeting

These meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. For information call (248) 424-5543.

### Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

### Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

### Managing Your Blood Pressure

Free blood pressure checks, open to the public, are being held in the emergency room of Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, Monday-Friday, from 9-11 a.m. No appointment necessary.

### Diabetes Education

A comprehensive program which includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: $20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

### Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, A.D.D., or sensory integration dysfunction.

Continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. The cost is $100. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

### Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Continuous program by appointment only. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call (810) 380-4170 to register.

### Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

### Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

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