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## County may say no to DDA tax transfer

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

April 15 is tax day for the City of Novi, at least a tax decision day. At that time, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to vote on a resolution that would deny Novi's "capturing" of county taxes in a proposed Grand River-based Downtown Development Authority, with the understanding that the county and city will work together to further explore the concept. County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R- Novi, said the county is likely to opt out, until the Michigan Tax Commission issues a finding that Novi's DDA meets the standards of a state law governing the districts. "We're not going to vote for it now. We're going to send it back to

the state. If the state says yes, we'll deal with it," Schmid said. City Manager Ed Kriewall said he isn't sure the county will come on board, even if the state is positive. City officials have been lobbying the county to not adopt the proposed resolution. "The biggest hurdle we have is the county. If they drop out, they won't persevere," he said. But Schmid said that if the state finds Novi meets the criteria, that may be all the county board will need. "I don't think the county would back away from it," she added. Over \$39 million worth of improvements are proposed by the city for the district, that would along Grand River Avenue, from Beck Road to Meadowbrook Road, including downtown property

south of the freeway. Grand River is a county road, but the county hasn't done much with it, Kriewall said. "A lot of the problem stems from the lack of county funding for road improvements. To me, this is a just reason for the county to go ahead with the DDA, to make up for the gap in funding efforts," he added. Schmid doesn't buy the argument that the county owes the city this gesture as a compensation for not paying more attention to Grand River Avenue. "I'm getting really tired with this dumping on the county," she said. "It just seems they like to use the county as their whipping boy."

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## Novi Road a risky drive

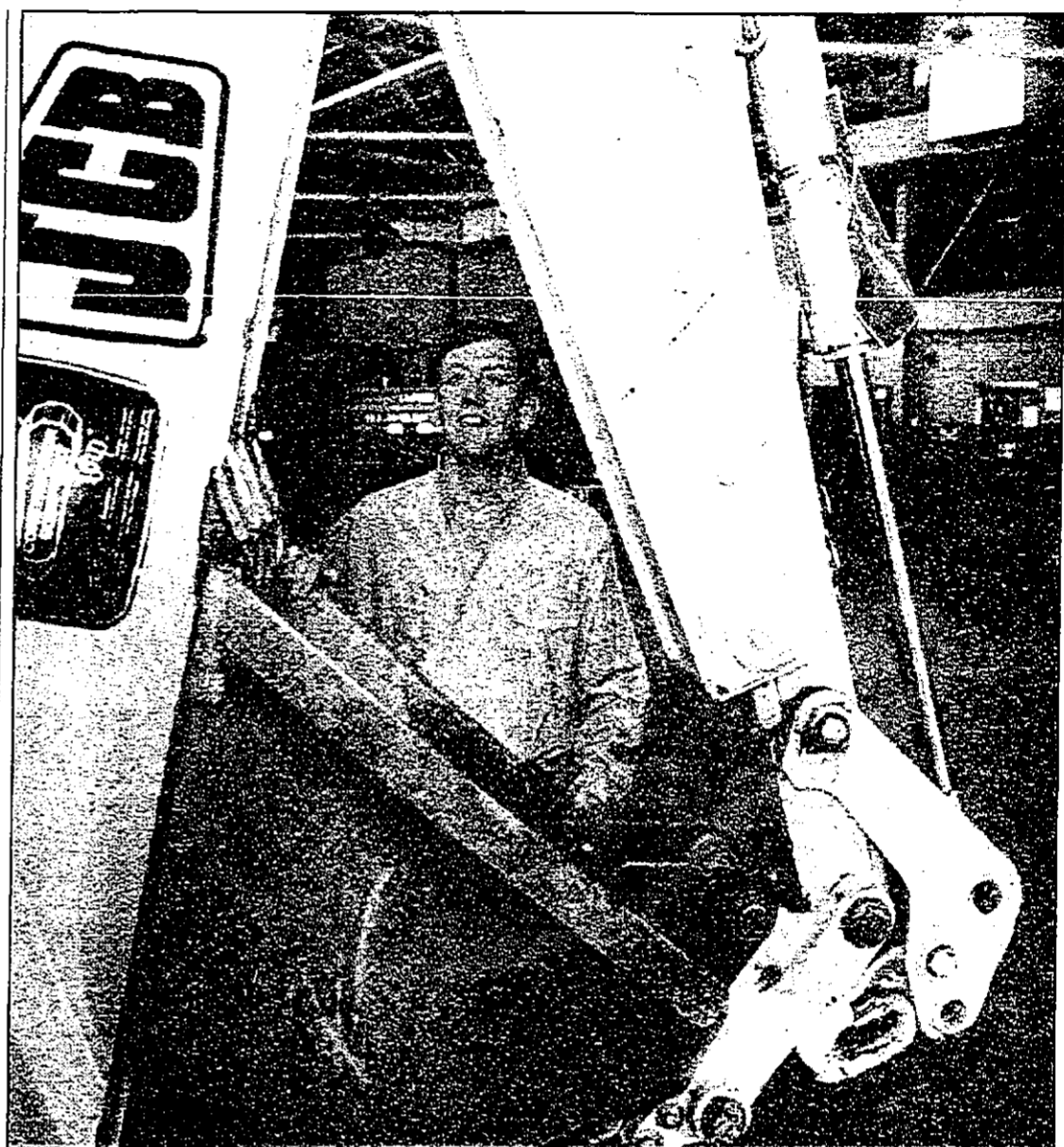
By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

Thanks to higher volumes of traffic, Novi Road has more motor vehicle accidents than any road in the City of Novi. According to statistics released by the Novi Police Department, in 1998 accidents at all intersections of Novi Road combined saw a total of 120 injury accidents and 516 non-injury accidents. Novi Police Lt. Tim McNamara attributed these numbers to an increase in the amount of traffic

on Novi Road. He added, this trend is being seen on all other roads in Novi, due to the city's ever-increasing population. "The more cars there are, the higher the volume of traffic and the more accidents occur," McNamara said. As for Novi Road being the most dangerous road to drive on in the city, McNamara said this may be true because more accidents statistically increase your chances of being hurt in a crash. Luckily, though, most of the

accidents have been non-injury. Those that did, involved injuries that were only minor, he added. McNamara said the most common reasons for accidents on any road in Novi are tailgating and excessive speed. This is especially dangerous when traffic begins to back up, causing motorists to stop. Due to limited reaction time, excessive speeds and tailgating, drivers have a harder time stop-

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Novi DPW Superintendent Craig Smith is ready to move to bigger digs for these big rigs.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## If the price is right...

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Location, location, location. Novi's Department of Public Works has it. In the heart of the city's developing downtown, the DPW yard sits on 32.7 acres of prime real estate, at the north side of Eleven Mile Road, east of Novi Town Center. Now a potential office developer from out-of-state may buy the Delval Drive site. The city's only too happy to sell its land-banked treasure. "They're looking at the potential of the DPW site and they're doing some appraising of its value," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

"I think they might be willing to make us an offer. The ground alone is worth a lot of money." Whatever price the city's willing to take, it'll have to be enough to build a replacement DPW building and yard. Kriewall estimates that would be in the \$4 million to \$6 million range. Moving on wouldn't be a heart-break for DPW Superintendent Craig Smith. "We are really tight. I have too many people for this building, actually not enough space for all the various departments," Smith said. Employees from the Water & Sewer, Parks and Recreation and Forestry departments share

quarters with the DPW's 26 workers and five administrators. The new location would be at land the city owns adjacent to the Walled Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant on West Road. This property was purchased with road bond money for the Taft Road extension. Novi's owned the Delval Drive acreage for 15 years. It sits just on the periphery of the official Town Center District. Because the DPW site is owned by the city and not subject to taxation, its value has been on the city's tax rolls and hasn't been assessed, City Assessor Glenn Lemmon said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Sluggo

David Wrock, 11, shows his game face as he prepares to take a swing at a ball during the American Baseball Camp, held at Novi Meadows for three days during spring break time.

## Cop stunned by settlement

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

While Novi city officials may have been quick to settle a lawsuit filed by Eleanor and Tracy Thompson alleging police abuse, they forgot to notify the Novi police officer named in the suit. According to Craig Klaver, assistant city manager, a lawsuit charging Officer (now Detective) John Nelson with using excessive force in 1994 was settled for economic reasons recently, not because Nelson committed any wrongdoing. However, while trying to save the city money in lawyer's fees, city attorneys failed to notify Nelson they were going to settle the lawsuit. Nelson, a Novi police officer with a spotless record,

said he was very upset about the decision and that he was never told about it before reading it in last week's edition of The Novi News. "If it were my decision, I would not have settled. To them it was a purely economical reason, for me it is otherwise," he said. Nelson said the last he knew of the case was when it was dismissed by a U.S. District Court and Nelson was granted immunity. However, Nelson was not told that an Appeals Court reversed that decision in January and the city responded by settling the case for an undisclosed sum in February.

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## Golf Guide

## Mapmaker, mapmaker make me a GIS map

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Cody, an intense 3-year-old Cairn terrier that goes ballistic over birds, is about to become a local media celebrity. If you're interested in a dog license, Cody's photo will be the picture you push on the touch-sensitive computer screen, when a new kiosk featuring city services is installed at the Novi Civic Center in about a month. The pup is owned by David Maurice. Novi's Data Management Specialist in charge of the city's Geographic Information Systems, or mapmaking program. Novi launched its GIS in 1996. For a year, Maurice has been alone at the helm of three computers. Mapmaking may be an ancient profession, but it isn't what it used to be. "At one time explorers were out there discovering the world. It's a

big thing with GIS, it's changing things around and bringing geography into the new millennium," Maurice said. At the kiosk, features will range from an audio address by Mayor Kathleen McAllen to a scoop on city activities, from details on how to get a liquor license to when the Zoning Board of Appeals meets. An outside firm, the Technical Application Group, designed the kiosk's program, with input from Maurice. The computer is expected to be installed on the back of the elevator in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. While the kiosk will get facts about Novi out to the public, Maurice's role of pinpointing places in town is largely focused on assisting city departments in doing their work.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 14 David Maurice, Novi's data management special, maps city.



## Community Calendar

*For more information on these activities, contact the organizers or special events editor at the Novi Civic Center, 2111 Haggerty Rd., Novi, Michigan 48247.*

Thursday, April 15

### Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### Youth baseball

No. 1 youth baseball team meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 11671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 248-347-5792.

### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2147.

Monday, April 19

### ABWA

The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Woodham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Golley at (248) 924-1718. For membership information, call Betty Johnson at (248) 992-6559.

### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call Tom Lalut at 248-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, April 20

### 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) 922-9244.

### Bereavement group

A monthly bereavement group will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road between Novi and Tall roads. There is no fee for attendance. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Michael M. Meyer. The topic of discussion will be "A Breath of Spring - In the Midst of Grief." There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

### Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30-9 p.m. at Kerby's Rotay Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

### Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### Civil Air Patrol

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

### 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 Sawmillier, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a

member of the clergy from the area.

### 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, April 21

### Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7-9:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Thursday, April 22

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 11671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 248-347-5792.

### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2147.

Sunday, April 25

### Concert Band Performance

The Novi Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, April 27

### 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) 922-9244.

# Novi school board opposes voucher proposal

By JEREMY MCBAIN

The Novi school board may be taking a stand against school vouchers by sending several politicians a resolution condemning the idea. This comes in response to recent moves by political groups to propose a law allowing school vouchers in Michigan. To do this, the group is circulating a petition to have the proposal placed on the Michigan election ballot in 2000. Currently, school vouchers are a violation of the state constitution.

According to Carol Ehring, trustee on the Novi school board, a resolution by the school board is needed to combat this group. "We are entering a new era of talk on education. We have a Republican governor and legislation that may have a kind of agenda," she said. "We are going to have to make some of our voices heard." According to the proposed resolution under consideration, school vouchers for private and parochial school tuition are damaging because it would drain resources from public schools.

Due to this and the fact that public schools educate a majority of the students in Novi, the resolution urges state policy makers to oppose any effort to use public tax dollars to finance private and parochial schools. "It is needed at this time because of the situation we are in," he said. "We as individuals took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and Michigan Constitution. The Michigan Constitution prohibits vouchers." Superintendent Emmet Lippe said the school board will be hearing more on this issue as the 2000 election approaches. "A lot of money is going to be spent to push this," he said. Kortlandt added many of the supporters and money will be coming from outside of the state. This was particularly annoying to him as he commented, "It should be people located in Michigan involved in this process."

The board will be voting on the resolution at its next meeting April 15 at Orchard Hill Elementary School. If the resolution is approved by the board, copies will be sent to the boards of other Oakland County districts, elected local and state officials, including Governor John Engler and the Michigan Association of School Boards.

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# Novi police sell helmets at a bargain price

By JEREMY MCBAIN

Novi Police Department wants to help keep your brain safe by offering bicycle helmets at a reduced price. Adult-sized helmets and regular child-sized helmets will cost \$9.95. Helmets will cost \$7.45 for children up to 4-years-old. "You could spend \$30 to \$40 easily on one of these helmets," said Novi Police Officer Lou Bigliardi.

This year, Bigliardi and fellow Novi Officer Mark Kohls have teamed up to expand the program to adults as well as children. "We are hoping to really involve the adults because kids do what they see their parents doing," Bigliardi said.

Both Bigliardi and Kohls said they got involved with the program because they felt it was worth the work to keep it going. Plus they have seen positive results from programs such as this.

"We are seeing a lot more people wearing helmets," Kohls said. "A big reason you see a lot more people wearing them is because of the involvement of the police department." Bigliardi agreed and pointed to programs such as last summer

when officers awarded children who wore helmets while riding their bikes a coupon for a free Sturpee at Seven-Eleven.

Kohls added he and Bigliardi are hoping to expand this program even further next year to include a bicycle safety fair. For further information, contact

Officer Bigliardi, of the Novi Police Department, is assisting his department in getting bicycle helmets to the community.

Officer Bigliardi or Officer Kohls at the Novi Police Department by calling (248) 348-7100.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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# Playground deals lead to banning

By JEREMY MCBAIN

While some schools have problems with students bringing guns or dealing drugs at school, Orchard Hills Elementary School is taking steps to stop high-stakes dealing of Poké-mon cards on school property.

School principal Paul LePiae outlawed the cards in early March after students started bringing money into school to buy the cards from other students.

"The noon aids reported large amounts of money being brought in," LePiae said.

However, LePiae added that he could not confirm those reports. "The cards are about an inch square, with characters on them from the Nintendo Gameboy Game, Poké-mon."

LePiae said the cards are very popular among the students, but they have become a "distraction to learning."

LePiae said he began to get complaints from teachers about students trading the cards in class and the reports of students buying them from one another on the playground.

For these reasons, LePiae banned the cards from the school.

"The noon aids reported large amounts of money being brought in."

Paul LePiae, Orchard Hills principal

Students are still able to play the Poké-mon Gameboy game, but only during recesses that are inside.

Students caught with the cards will have them taken away temporarily, he said. Their parents will be contacted to pick the cards up.

"It is just a fad that has gotten out of hand."

LePiae said the students seem to be cooperating with the new rule, but he admits they do make fun of him from time to time because he mispronounces "Poké-mon."

"I don't know if they can compare (this fad) to my good old days of collecting baseball cards," he said.

When questioned why baseball cards are better than the Poké-mon cards, LePiae laughed and added, "I didn't trade baseball cards in school."

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# Thief uses confusion to get money

An unknown white male got away with about \$85 dollars, April 10 after confusing the cashier at Big Boy's restaurant on Novi Road.

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A witness said the man came into the restaurant and ordered a hot chocolate.

The cashier got his drink and rang his total up, advising him he owed \$1.22.

The man pulled a \$50 bill from his pocket and gave it to the cashier. After she made change and gave it to him, the man asked for change for a \$100 bill.

The cashier did so and the man asked for the other amount of change, confusing the cashier.

After the man left, the cash register was checked and it was missing \$85.

The man is described as a white male, about six feet tall, weighing 190 pounds, with brown hair, a mustache and a white shirt.

The man also had bloodshot and glossy eyes.

He was given a sobriety test and arrested.

The man was later given a chemical breath test at the Novi Police Department, which indicated he had a blood alcohol content of 0.22 percent.

The officer then asked the man if he could search the car and the man refused.

The officer called in a K-9 unit, but before it could arrive the man retreated and allowed the officer to search his car.

The officer confiscated the plant and field tested it. It tested positive for marijuana.

The officer also found a pack of rolling papers and a small pair of scissors.

Submitted to the city in February, plans are afoot for Meadowbrook Corporate Park, a 260,000-square-foot office and research center. The development is slated for a spot east of Meadowbrook road, north of I-96. The land is already zoned for office-service technology.

By looking at the website, viewers can see a map of all Oakland County roads and they can zoom in to a particular road.

Areas with the most traffic congestion are colored red, while areas with very little traffic are colored green. Bryson said. The map indicates intensity of traffic using the color red, orange, yellow and green.

"Red and orange are the ones you want to look for," he said.

By creating this site, Bryson said the commission fulfills two desires. The first is sharing traffic information with the public, so their travel time is shorter. The second is, by using this system, people avoid congested areas, adding fewer vehicles to the problem.

"Is a pretty cool system," Bryson said.

Data for this website comes from the commission's FAST-TRACK system which has been providing traffic information to Oakland County since the early 1990s.

With the system, traffic lights are adjusted depending on the amount of traffic at that particular intersection.

Bryson said.

It does this through the use of cameras located at various intersections. Bryson stressed the cameras only send real-time traffic data back to the road commission, not pictures.

"We are not law enforcement. Our goal is to facilitate as smooth of traffic as possible," he said.

There are currently about 360 intersections in Oakland County using data from the cameras. Bryson said the commission hopes to have the cameras at every intersection in Oakland County in the future, but is only able to put up about 30 cameras a year.

According to Bryson, a FAST-

While the officer was speaking with the man, the officer smelled an odor of marijuana and observed a leafy green plant sitting on the front passenger seat.

The officer asked if there was any marijuana in the vehicle and the driver said no. The officer then asked if the man had been around anyone who was smoking marijuana. The driver said, "No, I am a doctor," and handed the officer a business card identifying him as a podiatrist.

The officer then asked the man if he could search the car and the man refused.

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By creating this site, Bryson said the commission fulfills two desires. The first is sharing traffic information with the public, so their travel time is shorter. The second is, by using this system, people avoid congested areas, adding fewer vehicles to the problem.

"Is a pretty cool system," Bryson said.

Data for this website comes from the commission's FAST-TRACK system which has been providing traffic information to Oakland County since the early 1990s.

With the system, traffic lights are adjusted depending on the amount of traffic at that particular intersection.

Bryson said.

It does this through the use of cameras located at various intersections. Bryson stressed the cameras only send real-time traffic data back to the road commission, not pictures.

"We are not law enforcement. Our goal is to facilitate as smooth of traffic as possible," he said.

There are currently about 360 intersections in Oakland County using data from the cameras. Bryson said the commission hopes to have the cameras at every intersection in Oakland County in the future, but is only able to put up about 30 cameras a year.

According to Bryson, a FAST-

While the officer was speaking with the man, the officer smelled an odor of marijuana and observed a leafy green plant sitting on the front passenger seat.

The officer asked if there was any marijuana in the vehicle and the driver said no. The officer then asked if the man had been around anyone who was smoking marijuana. The driver said, "No, I am a doctor," and handed the officer a business card identifying him as a podiatrist.

The officer then asked the man if he could search the car and the man refused.

The officer called in a K-9 unit, but before it could arrive the man retreated and allowed the officer to search his car.

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## Novi Briefs

**Plaayaay ball**  
Never fear that the Novi Parks and Recreation youth and adult softball programs will have nothing to bat around when the season starts up. The city plans to purchase \$7,781 worth of softballs from Dees Sports Shop.

**Cleaning up the wreckage**  
The Grand River Avenue-based Keford Collision will remain the city's official towing company. The Novi City Council determined last week.

**A clean sweep**  
This may not be Holland and we don't see ladies with brooms and mops out swabbing the roads, but Novi does plan to swoop the grime off of local streets.

**Tune in soon**  
Beginning in July, the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meetings will be televised on the local government Channel 13. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

**South of the border cuisine**  
Chey's Fresh Mex, a national Mexican restaurant chain, has applied to the city of Novi for a liquor license approval. The eatery plans to locate in the proposed new Ramco-Gershenson shopping, tentatively known as West Oaks Village, on Twelve Oaks Road, west of Novi Road.

**Office space**  
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**Drunk attacks police**  
A 45-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving, resisting arrest and several other crimes around 9:30 p.m., April 7 in the Chateau Estates trailer park.

**Pothole podiatrist**  
A 39-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving, resisting arrest and several other crimes around 9:30 p.m., April 7 in the Chateau Estates trailer park.

**Microsoft hopes to harvest customers with commercial**

By Andrew DiTieri  
A store near Chicago and one in Pennsylvania will be in the ads.

"Anytime we can add more exposure for the store and downtown Northville it's great," said Ray Novelly, owner of the Northville Great Harvest store.

Novelly said Great Harvest was chosen because of the communication network the company has set up among its stores to share recipes, new ideas or any other information pertinent to the business.

"Rather than pick up the phone and call another store halfway across the country we use the computer," Novelly said.

Novelly said he thinks Northville was chosen because of "its small town feeling and atmosphere."

In addition to the Northville store, the commercial, Novelly said a small camera crew was in Northville that filmed the store and interviewed workers.

This won't be the first time the Northville Great Harvest has been in commercials. It's also been featured in commercials for WXYZ and for NBD.

The camera crew will be in the building from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the business will operate in a normal manner, Novelly said.

The commercials will begin airing during the upcoming National Basketball Association finals in late spring.

# Traffic woes may ease with website's help

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

The Road Commission of Oakland County is hoping its new website will help make your drive in rush-hour traffic more enjoyable.

Craig Bryson, spokesman for the Road Commission of Oakland County, said data from the commission's FAST-TRACK System was placed on a website Tuesday.

By accessing this site, drivers can see, in real-time, which areas of their commute are congested, thereby allowing them time to find another route and avoiding traffic back-ups.

The site is located at www.roccweb.org.

Rod Arroyo, traffic consultant for Novi, said he believes the system is particularly useful to Novi residents with longer commutes, because it will give them a chance to find an alternative route.

The FAST-TRACK system has cost the commission over \$50 million dollars in the last 9 years.

Luckily for the road commission, the entire cost of the program was covered by federal research grants set aside for high-tech, cutting-edge projects, Bryson said.

But, while this system provided great traffic information to traffic engineers at the road commission and adjusted traffic lights to correspond with this traffic, the public was not getting its full potential.

To meet this, a website was created and engineers worked on an Oakland County real-time traffic map for over a year, using traffic data supplied by the FAST-TRACK system.

In the end, Bryson said, the commission had a system that could be accessed quickly and easily by the public that gives them real-time traffic information.

The FAST-TRACK system seems to have had an effect on traffic in a particular area, Bryson said.

Smith said his experience with Novi residents have shown him they already have ways of beating congestion.

Most residents already know where and what time of day congestion on Novi roads is at its worse, plus they already know alternative routes to take, Smith said.

Visitors, the other hand, do not know the "secret" ways of getting around traffic congestion in Novi, so the road commissions website would be particularly helpful to them, he said.



## School work

Work is continuing at the new Novi Middle School in preparation for next year. (Left) Most of the hallways are complete and workers have begun to finish off the classrooms. (Top) Roofing on the exterior of the school is pretty much finished as is seen on the northwest wing.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

# Noise ordinance changes strive to kill grave problem

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Due to, in part, a recent embarrassment when its noise ordinance required a business next to a graveyard to conduct a noise analysis before being taken to amend the statute.

The Novi Planning Commission voted April 7 to send a positive recommendation to the City Council on a proposal to amend the city's noise ordinance.

According to Novi Planning consultant Rod Arroyo, the current noise ordinance states any developer with a special land use permit granted by the city must perform a noise analysis.

The proposed changes to the ordinance will give the planning commission more flexibility in dealing with this issue, by allowing it to waive the noise analysis if the project abuts a residential area and meets any one of a certain set of criteria.

Of those criteria the first would apply to the famous cemetery case, Arroyo said.

In the case, a developer came before the planning commission with a project being built next to a cemetery. However, since the cemetery is zoned residential, the project could not be approved by the commission until the developer conducted a noise analysis.

This would determine if the project would generate enough noise to disturb the residents of the residentially zoned area, in this instance, inhabitants of the graveyard.

To avoid future problems such as this, the proposed ordinance states, the commission can waive the noise analysis if "the adjacent residential district does not now, and is not likely to, contain residential dwelling units."

Arroyo stressed that, while the changes give the commission more flexibility, a developer's project must still meet Novi noise standards.

Eda Wedington, chair of the commission, supported the changes saying they are addressing problems that the previous ordinance caused.

The proposal passed unanimously and must now go before the Novi City Council for final approval.

# Graffiti vandal causes havoc in Chase Farms subdivision

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Novi police are investigating a recent rash of gang graffiti sprayed on homes and vehicles in the Chase Farms subdivision.

In four separate instances spanning from March 31 to April 7, someone spray-painted the letters "MoB" on garage doors and on the windows of a van. They also painted a pitchfork and some obscene words in the colors gold and blue.

Detective Todd Anger, of the Novi Police Department, said the incidents are being followed and hopefully those responsible will be caught soon.

Anger, who has studied gang activity, said the letters "MoB" are new to him.

"I have no idea what it means," he said.

Det. Todd Anger, of the Novi Police Department.

"I have no idea what it means," he said.

Anger added it is very unusual for members of a real gang to go around spray-painting as much as this culprit has.

"Most organized gangs don't even advertise what we are seeing now," he said.

Plus, Anger said, besides the graffiti, the department is not seeing any crimes that are usually associated with gang activity.

All of this added together means the culprit or culprits are not actually part of an organized gang, Anger said.

However, Anger cautions using the term "wannabe" when referring to individuals such as these.

"It may be a person who wants to prove something that may still be dangerous," he said.

If you have any information leading about this case, Anger urges you to call him at the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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### High on sales

Salesman Brad Smith with the Little Giant Ladder Company has a couple of customers try out his product during Friday afternoon's Home Improvement Show at the Novi Expo Center. The show ran through Sunday afternoon.

## School board seats open

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

Area residents can expect to see two new faces on the Northville school district's board of education this June.

The occupants of two seats up for reelection, now held by Robert Brown Jr. and Robert McMahon, have announced they will not run for the board again in the June 14 election.

Brown has been a school board member for 8 years and McMahon has been for 12 years.

"Twelve years is a long time and it's just time for someone else to come forward and offer their services to Northville," McMahon said.

McMahon said he's pleased with way he's seen the students, teachers, and parents grow together to form a community during the last 12 years.

"I think I made a difference by being part of a community that made a difference," he said.

Brown said he was most pleased with three things that have taken place during the last eight years: the start of block scheduling at the

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Robert Brown Jr.,  
Northville school board member

high school; the graduate profile; and business partnerships.

"I've also graduated two daughters from the high school and have other things that I would like to do at this point," he said.

Brown said he will continue to be involved in the community, possibly on education task forces and/or on parks and recreation committees.

He said he has one piece of advice for incoming school board members.

"Keep focus on teaching and learning and keep the students in mind," he said. "Don't forget those students are your client and cus-

tomers."

Board members said they hope to see more than just two people run for school board.

"The candidates need to discuss in an open forum the issues of concern to the community," McMahon said. "Maybe everything's great, but I think it still would be valuable to have discussions and debate on issues."

Joan Wadsworth, school board trustee who becomes the board member with the most seniority, said McMahon and Brown have set a good example for other board members.

"Both have been people hugely

committed to this board," she said. "Dick and Bob are real good examples of the level of commitment needed for a successful election and well miss them."

As for the upcoming election, Wadsworth said she hopes more than just two people run for the two open seats.

"I hope we have enough people so that the voters would have a choice," she said. "It would be nicer to have a real campaign. Hopefully we'll get some nice folks up to run."

Those who wish to run for school board must be registered to vote in the school district; be 18 years old; a resident of the school district for 30 days; have a petition with 20 valid signatures of people from the school district.

Petitions are due April 12 at 4 p.m.

Additionally, candidates must sign an affidavit of identity.

Petitions and affidavits are available in the business office of the Northville administrative building. More information may be obtained by calling the office at (248) 344-8444.

## Northville DDA okays land sale for office complex

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

A \$1.5 million to \$2 million office development could be on its way to downtown Northville within the next two years.

The Northville Downtown Development Authority has approved a recommendation from Gary Word, Northville city manager, for the city to sell two parcels of land at the intersection of Cady Street and Church Street to a developer for \$150,000.

The recommendation moves onto the city council for a vote within the next two weeks.

Word said the development proposed by Dennis Engerer, who is

renovating the NovaCare center at 215 E. Main St., makes perfect sense for the city.

"Those properties were acquired in the 1980s specifically for redevelopment purposes," he said. "This development makes sense and I see no basis to deny it."

About half of the land in the proposed deal is vacant and the other half is occupied by a house right on the corner and an apartment building north of the house. The apartment building, which is owned by Engerer, and the house would both be demolished as part of the proposal.

In a letter to the Northville Downtown Development Authority,

"That land is really underdeveloped. There's nothing there and it's really ugly as it currently exists."

Dennis Engerer,  
Northville developer

Word said that in 1998 the authority asked staff to determine the approximate value of the property without requiring a formal property appraisal. City staff reported a property value of about \$170,000 to \$225,000.

Engerer's original proposal price for the land was \$100,000. After a March 10 meeting between Word

and Engerer, the developer increased his offer for the land to \$150,000.

Following the offer, the city's contracted assessor John McLennan determined the offer of \$150,000, as proposed without commissions, demolition or other improvements, is a reasonable offer.

Engerer said he doesn't have plans finalized for the site yet. However, he said, his first choice of development for the land would be an office complex. His second choice would be an office/residential mix with housing units on the second level. The total development cost of the site and building between \$12,000 and \$14,000 would likely be between \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

A parking lot that could be used by the neighboring First Presbyterian Church of Northville or any other parties during off hours could be constructed where the apartment unit now stands. Additionally, underground parking could be an option depending on

how much parking space the city requires, Engerer said.

If approved by city council construction would begin in the next year, Engerer said.

"That land is really underdeveloped," he said. "There's nothing there and it's really ugly as it currently exists."

Additionally, Engerer said he's interested in that area of the city because of talks of making Cady Street a "kind of second Main Street" in the city.

"Some of the improvement plans proposed to develop Cady St. a real nice and could turn it into a really nice area," Engerer said.

## Woman drowns in Rouge

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

A two-day search for a missing Livonia woman ended Monday after search dogs located her body near a bend of the Rouge River in Hines Park.

The victim, 21-year-old Kerry Hoffman, was pulled from the rapidly-flowing water Monday after a K-9 unit found the body in a hidden area under a fallen tree.

Lieutenant John Sherman of the township's police department said an officer on his way to work Sunday morning observed a 1987 Toyota Camry half-submerged in the Rouge River along Northville Road, south of Reservoir. The driver of the car could not be located at the scene. The doors of the vehicle were closed, but a window on the car was ripped down. Police could find no evidence at the scene to suggest foul play or that the car had swerved after hitting a wild animal.

Sherman said records were pulled on the car. A check with the owner revealed that Hoffman was the last known person seen driving the car. She was said to have last been seen at around 5:30 a.m. Sunday after leaving a relative's home, according to police.

Police walked through the park for most of the day Sunday, but were unable to locate Hoffman. A tracking-dog unit was summoned from Van Buren Township on Monday. Within a matter of minutes, the dog found Hoffman approximately 30 yards downstream from where the car was found.

Additional assistance was requested from the Wayne County Water Recovery unit. Sherman said the woman's body was later turned over to Wayne County authorities for toxicology tests.

"There is no evidence of any foul play whatsoever at this point," Sherman said Tuesday.

Township public safety director Chip Snider said he was saddened at the case.

"The outcome wasn't good, but at least we were able to get some closure to this," Snider said.

## Fourth of July parade will march

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Get out those sparklers. The Northville Fourth of July Parade is most decidedly on.

Thanks to an overflow crowd of volunteers who turned out Monday evening, the 127-year-old event through the streets of downtown Northville was assured to live on another year. The numbers of faces attending the informational and organizational meeting had Northville Township Foundation chairperson Shari Peters was beaming with thanks.

"Nobody sat back. Everyone put their hand up for a committee," Peters said.

With the various committee chairs filled by volunteers, the big parade has been cleared, but two others remain: money to help cover the cost of the parade, as well as approximately 60 volunteers to help work each particular area.

One quirk in the event — it won't be on July 4. It's scheduled for July 3, as Independence Day falls on a Sunday this year.

The theme for the parade is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Peters said vintage cars will join along in a bicycle parade through the streets.

More locally, Northville High School's marching band has been penciled in as one of the musical acts who will pound the pavement this summer, Peters said.

The parade's route will be the same as it has been in past years.

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## Northville grad charged for part in MSU riot

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

Gary Pastor stares through the window on the back of his Salem Township house and calls what his family is experiencing a total "nightmare."

It started April 8 when Gary and Terri Pastor's 21-year-old son, Anthony David Pastor, was arraigned in East Lansing District Court on a felony charge of possession of an explosive device.

The incident allegedly took place during the March 27-28 riot in East Lansing that was sparked by Michigan State University's loss to Duke University in the NCAA men's basketball semifinals.

He was released after posting 10 percent of a \$2,500 personal bond. If convicted on the charge, Pastor faces up to 15 years in prison. In addition to legal troubles, Pastor may face disciplinary charges from Western Michigan University.

But Gary Pastor said he insists this is a case of mistaken identity.

"Maybe he looks like someone who did something, I don't know," he said. "But I can tell you this, that knowing his character, knowing his background and knowing the people he associates with that he is totally, totally innocent. It's a clear, unmistakable case of mistaken identity."

There have been 39 defendants in the case so far with 22 arraigned as of April 9, according to the city of East Lansing. Twelve of the 22 arraigned have been Michigan State University students. Additionally, there are 12 arraignments pending and five bench warrants outstanding for failure to appear for arraignment.

Anthony David Pastor has been at Western Michigan University for three years. Pastor's father said his son is busy balancing his studies and working two jobs.

Before going away to school, Pastor attended Plymouth-Canton High School and was a varsity letterman in baseball for three of the years. Gary Pastor said his son has never been in any kind of trouble and that he is "a very good human being."

Pastor said his son has many friends, including a group that he had grown up with that attend Michigan State University. Trips between Kalamazoo and East Lansing to visit each other were not uncommon, Pastor said, "whenever things are going on."

The last time Pastor visited East Lansing something definitely went on — a riot.

Gary Pastor said curiosity got the best of his son and that he went outside to see what was going on.

"When there's fires and sirens I think it's human instinct to say 'lets take a peek,'" Pastor said.

Because of the pending legal action, Pastor said he couldn't discuss details of how his son got from the point of going outside to gawk to being picked up at his Kalamazoo residence by Michigan State Police.

But Alle Phillips, Ingham County assistant prosecutor, said eye-witnesses have stepped forward identifying Pastor as having a Molotov cocktail in hand during the riots. A Molotov cocktail is made with a bottle and gasoline.

"People could have been seriously injured if it weren't for the quick actions of some security guards," she said. "Explosives are not toys."

Phillips said that's exactly the message the East Lansing District Court judge was trying to send by charging Pastor with a new law that took effect Jan. 1. The new law increased the penalty for having an explosive device from four years to 15 years in prison.

"This sends the message that no one should carry an explosive whether it's for fun or another purpose," Phillips said.

Elson Floyd, Western Michigan University president, said Pastor may face disciplinary action regarding the alleged incident.

"We began investigating these allegations as we became aware of them about 10 days ago," Floyd said. "If we find that a Western Michigan University student did in fact take part in the rioting we will not hesitate to take appropriate action. This is not something that we take lightly nor is it something that we will accept from our students, regardless of where it happens."

Since being arrested, Pastor said he, his wife and his son have been on a roller coaster ride of emotions from "disgust to anger to sadness to frustration" to a generally "very uncomfortable feeling."

"This is a terrible, terrible ordeal for a young man through to threaten and to jeopardize his life for something of this nature is unconscionable," Pastor said.

Pastor's pretrial hearing is scheduled for April 16 and his preliminary examination is scheduled for April 26.



# Nichols saw many changes at OCC in 34 years

By TIM RICHARD

It was a time of great change for the Old Country Club (OCC) in Farmington Hills. In 1965, the school was a small, one-story building with a few hundred students. Today, it is a large, modern campus with over 2,000 students and a wide variety of programs.

Tim Nichols, who has been at the school since 1965, has seen many changes. He recalls the excitement of the first year, the challenges of the early years, and the growth of the school over the decades.

Nichols says that the school has always been a place of learning and growth. He has seen the school expand its facilities, improve its curriculum, and attract more students from around the world.

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# State aims to bar lawsuits filed against prisons

By TIM RICHARD

The state is slow but the direction is clear. The state Legislature wants to block prison inmates from legal actions against the Department of Corrections.

Requiring prisoner to pay court costs for filing lawsuits was step one, said Sen. William VanRegenmortel, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

His next step is a bill to block "frivolous, non-meritorious" suits. And if an inmate collects damages from the state, he must first pay restitution to any victims of his crime.

The Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon, March 31, in 402-3 of the State Capitol in Lansing, if the Senate is done voting on budget bills.

VanRegenmortel took back March 17 from the American Civil Liberties Union and Prison Legal Services, a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation.

"This is throwing the baby out with the bathwater," objected Wendy Wagenheim, Birmingham resident who represents ACLU of Michigan in the Capitol. "There are some frivolous suits, but these don't take up the state's time and money. The ones with merit take

time and money."

Wagenheim cited suits by women prisoners where the Corrections Department didn't do what it was supposed to do. "There is widespread abuse of women in prison," she said, referring to a Court of Appeals ruling in favor of women in Scott (Plymouth) and Colkwater facilities.

Wagenheim called the restitution section "unconscionable. It makes no sense to award damages with one hand and take it away with the other," she said.

Sandra Gerard of Prison Legal Services said the bill would apply to people of whom 60 percent read at the sixth grade level or lower, a high percentage are mentally ill, and a large number are Spanish-speaking.

"These are not people who would ever be admitted to a law school. There are increasing numbers of juveniles," Gerard said. "You can't expect them to guess right. Simply logging a lawsuit is not a frivolous act."

She had some support from Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton. "I read the bill that if they file the suit, it was non-meritorious," he said.

Gerard said the filing fee law that VanRegenmortel praised actually has stopped inmates from filing suits. The trick, she said, is that

Black the court from appointing a lawyer at public expense for an inmate suing the state.

Require the inmate seeking judicial status to submit to the court a certified copy of his institutional account with a 12-month history of deposits and withdrawals.

Block an inmate from filing a second suit until he has paid all outstanding fees from the first suit.

Prohibit a prisoner from filing suit if two previous suits were dismissed as non-meritorious unless the prisoner is in danger of physical injury. Gerard referred to this section as "two strikes and you're out. This would be a lifetime limit."

Allow the judge to revoke the inmate's "good time credit" for filing a malicious or harassing suit.

Limits relief that a judge can order if the inmate's suit is successful.

Allow the Corrections Department to waive the right to reply to an inmate's suit. Gerard objected that it would put too much weight on the judge to judge the suit's merits by reading only the plaintiff's brief.

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**APPEAL LOST**

A State Court of Appeals panel recently upheld dismissal of a negligence suit by an inmate who was injured while operating a cream separator machine during a work assignment.

The Court of Claims (Ingham Circuit Court) ruled that the claim was barred by the doctrine of governmental immunity. Inmate James Russell argued that operating a dairy barn wasn't a governmental function.

The appeals court held, however, "Governmental immunity shields employees' activities that are incidents of running prisons." Because the cream was produced exclusively for use within the prison system, operating the cream separator was a governmental function.

The court panel said the dairy barn was operated "despite consistent losses - in part to engage the inmate in meaningful work and to help them learn a trade that may be useful to them upon their release from incarceration."

The 3-0 decision was signed Feb. 16 by Judges Peter O'Connell, Donald Hathcock Jr. and E. Thomas Fitzgerald.

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# Knollenberg speaks out against involvement in Yugoslavia

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Novi Mayor Paul Weljaj said U.S. Rep. Jim Knollenberg's criticism of U.S. involvement in Yugoslavia is "a wake-up call." He said the Novi Mayor has deflected public attention away from North Korea's weapons buildup and China's spending on U.S. weaponry.

Knollenberg, long-time GOP leader and insurance-agent serving his fourth term in Congress, was asked a range of foreign policy and domestic questions during the spring break in his 11th District office in Farmington Hills.

The district comprises southeastern Oakland County, all of Howell and most of Livonia in Wayne County. On the Yugoslavia issue, he said, "they're all over the map. We have people who don't want us in there under any circumstances, and we have people who want to put troops in there tomorrow."

"I can't walk into a family group without getting into a conversation about it. Even the young folks are inclined to be hawkish. Traditionally, the hawks tended to be Republican. Well, this situation shows you the reverse - the humanitarian light comes on. We have to do something about the murder and mayhem."

Chief of staff Paul Weljaj added it would take two weeks to deploy helicopters to the Kosovo region and even longer to deploy ground troops.

**AUTO HERITAGE**  
Southeastern Michigan will get one piece of federal bacon - an Automobile National Heritage Area. The Interior Department with national parks, the Agriculture Department with national forests, and Army Corps of Engineers with water projects and campgrounds, and even the Energy Department.

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# Court upholds sign ban

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

A city may ban all new advertising billboards without violating the Home Rule City Act, a Court of Appeals panel has ruled.

Holland passed the ordinance in 1994. City planner David Wymgar den testified that "we have been, since the mid-1980s, a main street USA program which is an affiliation with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We have taken great pride in what's happened in our downtown in terms of ridding off the 1950s aluminum store fronts."

"I think the community would perceive the placement of billboards in those locations as an abomination, an assault on what we've tried to accomplish aesthetically throughout town."

The city "grandfathered" in 20 billboards, allowing them to remain for their useful lives.

The Adams company didn't challenge the ordinance on the constitutionality of freedom of speech or a governmental takings. Instead it argued that the Home Rule City Act allows a city to regulate "and limit" billboards but not to prohibit new ones.

The Court of Appeals, however, said "Home rule cities are not limited to only those powers expressly enumerated." And because of the "grandfather" clause, the city didn't prohibit all billboards, the court ruled.

The appeals court overturned Allegan Circuit Judge George Cordigia's ruling that the Holland council made a "whimsical" act. The judge said, "On the contrary, the policy and philosophical decisions of the legislative branch must be respected unless unconstitutional or contrary to law."

Adams presented testimony that it would be able to sell space on its proposed new billboards. "However," said the Court of Appeals, "while the desire by national, state and local advertisers for billboards may well demonstrate a demand for such billboards, such proofs are not sufficient to demonstrate the

requisite public need for new billboards."

The unanimous ruling was written by Judge Richard Allen Griffin and joined by Charles Whitbeck and Mark Cavanaugh.

Source: Adams Outdoor Advertising v. City of Holland, CA No. 2085-03.

**2 REPS SLAPPED**  
House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, punished Detroit Democrats Ed Vaughn and Keith Stallworth for their behavior in a Senate Education Committee hearing in February.

The pair disrupted the hearing on the Detroit schools takeover, delaying it for two hours, and Vaughn grabbed the gavel from committee chair Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

They lost their travel privileges and floor privileges. The latter includes having visitors on the House floor and appointing pages. They could have lost committee assignments.

Perricone said the sanctions would be lifted once they publicly apologized to Bennett, senators and House members.

Bennett's office said Stallworth apologized, but Vaughn said he would not.

**RE-SENTENCING**  
In a complicated Eaton County case, a Court of Appeals panel said Ronald R. Alexander couldn't be given a consecutive sentence for home invasion, but it refused to throw out his sentence when Alexander argued that his juvenile history was considered.

Alexander pleaded guilty to second-degree home invasion for breaking into an Eaton Rapids Township home to steal food, coin, credit cards and jewelry and as a second offender. A circuit judge sentenced him to 15 to 22 years.

The Eaton judge noted Alexander had 11 prior convictions, was an escapee from a Louisiana facility, and that the victimized homeowner asked for a tough sentence.

The Court of Appeals rejected Alexander's claim that the judge looked at his juvenile record.

But it rejected the prosecutor's plea to uphold a consecutive prison sentence because "consecutive sentencing is to be imposed only where a Michigan prisoner or an escapee from a Michigan institution commits a subsequent crime."

Since Alexander had escaped from Louisiana, the appeals court said the Eaton judge "improperly imposed a consecutive sentence."

Source: People v. Alexander, CA No. 207444, decided April 2.

# Interest ordered on back support

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Three bad things can happen to a dad who skips town and doesn't pay child support:

- He can run up an \$89,000 debt, as did Patrick J. Law of Ferriside.
- He can be sent to prison for two years, which Law has served.
- And now the state Supreme Court says Law must pay 15 years interest on the debt, telling Oakland Circuit Judge Steven N. Andrews to calculate the amount.

"We hold that a trial court award interest under the Crime Victim's Rights Act," wrote Justice Clifford Taylor.

Supreme Court in 1996 Justice Kelly took no part in the Supreme Court deliberations.

Appealing to the Supreme Court was Oakland Prosecutor David Gorycva. Handling the appeal was assistant Marilyn J. Day. "He [Law] never responded to our appeal," Day said.

Law pleaded guilty to desertion and abandonment, was sentenced in 1992 to two years in prison and ordered to make restitution, Taylor's opinion said.

Day said Law was in Arizona for 10 years. His ex-wife was a White Lake Township resident who since has moved to Ohio.

From May 1979 through July 1992, Law was supposed to pay

\$43 a week. He also was to pay nearly \$42,000 in medical costs arising out of his daughter's injuries in an auto accident.

"He's paying \$146 a week now," Day said. That could increase after the circuit court adds in the interest.

In reversing Andrews and the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court said interest could be ordered because Law was being prosecuted under a criminal statute, the Crime Victim's Rights Act.

That act includes "the right to restitution." Said Taylor: "The term restitution is understood in Michigan to include interest."

Source: People v. Law, Docket No. 100763, decided April 8.

# Obituaries

**AMA U. MASTERS**  
Ama U. (Upchurch) Masters, 93, of Novi died April 8 in Charter House of Novi. She was born Sept. 29, 1904, in Illinois.

Mrs. Masters was a former resident of Farmington and Illinois. She had worked as a secretary for the Detroit Board of Education, and was a member of Northwestern Baptist Church in Southfield.

She is survived by a niece, Dorothy Presson and cousins.

Mrs. Masters was preceded in death by her husband, Ewing, in December 1997.

Services were conducted on Sunday, April 11, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Pastor Edc Karrer of the First Baptist Church of Royal Oak officiated the service. Interment was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Memorials to the charity of choice would be appreciated.

**KATHLEEN M. MACDOUGALL**  
Kathleen Marie MacDougall of Novi died April 4 in Providence Park Medical Center, Novi. She was born Aug. 2, 1950.

Mrs. MacDougall is survived by her husband, Jeffrey; son, Chase; brother, Ron Bator; and sisters, Renee (Jim) Mulka and Dawn (Mark) Humphrey.

Services were held on Thursday, April 8 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the Department of Physical Medicine/Science Research, 700 KMS Place, 13621 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1652 would be appreciated.

**MARY M. WAGENER**  
Mary M. Wagener, 85, of Novi died April 7 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was born April 16, 1913 in Gas City, Indiana, to Edward and Teresa (Malay) Ford.

Mrs. Wagener attended school at St. Benedict's in Highland Park and graduated as a registered nurse from Borgess School of Nursing, Kalamazoo. She was active at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

Services were held on Saturday, April 10 at Holy Family Church, Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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Memorials to the Angela Hospice or St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center would be appreciated.

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# Tailgating, speed cited as causes

## CRASH CARS

- Novi traffic accident totals for 1998
- Total number of injury-causing accidents on Novi roads: 274
  - Total number of non-injury accidents on Novi roads: 1,158
  - Number of accidents involving a bicycle or moped: 4
  - Number of accidents involving a pedestrian: 15
  - Number of car/deer accidents on Novi roads: 89

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ping when traffic in front of them slows. Plus, as traffic lines up, cars further back into the line are more likely to be involved in a traffic accident because of this reduced reaction time, McNamara said.

Usually these accidents involve more than one vehicle, he added.

Even though Novi roads are seeing more accidents due to higher volumes of traffic, McNamara said the Novi Police Department's traffic enforcement efforts only produce a "short-term fix."

McNamara said when a patrol car is placed along a road, the traffic does slow down while that car is there. However, the department does not have enough cars to place on all of the roads in Novi.

To combat this, he said all of the police vehicles patrolling the roads



Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
High traffic, stressed-out drivers lead to more crashes.

# Let your fingers do the walking through Novi's kiosk

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A geographic information system stores and retrieves, analyzes and displays statistical data about Novi physical features.

Anything that has a location on or under or even above the ground can be tagged by the GIS, whether it's a parcel or road rights-of-way or the location of a tornado siren, Maurice explained.

Zoning maps, available at the city clerk's office for \$2 apiece, are a GIS byproduct.

Other maps include one of the city's proposed historic districts system. It's really an information-getting tool.

Maurice has a master's in science degree in geographic information services, a subtitled of geography with a strong focus on computers.

Setting up a system of this nature requires major data input. The groundwork was done by Wayne State University environmental and engineering students under the leadership of Dr. Tappan

Data.

Here, the old cliché, garbage in, garbage out, really applies.

"You can't get good maps and results on something if you can't get that data in," Maurice said.

Among the material stored in the maps are aerial views of Novi, which can be overlaid with parcel maps supplied by Oakland County. Other information comes from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

If the GIS material is sent to public hearing notices, the GIS will

# Northville township, schools fine-tune agreement

BY ANDREW DIETERICH  
Staff Writer

The proverbial fat lady may be warming up, but hasn't sung a note yet in a battle between Northville Township and the Northville School District.

The latest episode of the almost year-long battle between the two parties will take place tonight.

Northville Township board of trustees will take into consideration changes to its proposed settlement between the two parties involved that includes possibly relocating the site of the planned soccer field for the new Northville High School.

The Northville board of education voted on the changes to the settlement agreement at its regular meeting April 13.

"We've established a good basis of communication and are getting closer and closer to a final agreement," said Thomas Gudritz, president of the Northville School District board.

Gudritz said he couldn't estimate as to when a final agreement could possibly be reached but he was "hopeful it would be a short time frame."

Township board members sent its proposal to the district after the district sent a letter to the Town-

ship clarifying several issues that caused some school board members said there was confusion on the settlement agreement and sent it to the school district.

The document that the township will be looking at includes "slight modifications" to the township's proposed settlement which includes among other things the township provides a game soccer stadium site that is acceptable to the district by July 1 lights will not be installed at the site.

Other parts of the settlement include: the closest corner of the soccer stadium will be about 75

# Northville wants Novi to pay for drain

BY CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Northville Township authorities continued moving toward forcing the city of Novi and Oakland County to help pay for reconstruction of a deteriorating water drain under Eight Mile Road.

The township enacted a petition last month to seek an intercounty drain agreement for the drain's redevelopment costs to be borne by multiple municipalities. The township claimed the agreement was needed because Novi officials were willing to make financial contributions to the work.

Township public services director Don Weaver said the petition, which seeks approval from both Wayne County and the state department of

Agriculture, would be evaluated in Lansing. A large amount of legal juggling is needed to be completed before Oakland County and Novi would be made to help cover the cost.

The Wayne County portion of debate is slated for an April 20 meeting of the county board of commissioners. By the time all negotiations are completed, Weaver said there was a strong likelihood that the method of assessment on the repairs would be changed from its tentative plan, which calls for the township to pay an estimated \$65,000 versus \$303,000 for Novi.

Water that passes under Eight Mile and into Northville Township has at times caused serious damage to homes and property for people living along the drain's banks. Grand Ridge residents plagued with the

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Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people of cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are seen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

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(4-15-99 NR/NN 892300)

# County may shelve, for now, Novi's DDA request

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I think it's totally unfair of them to continually be doing that. It's bigger than the Grand River/DDA trade-off."

The county's stand that Novi must first have a ruling from the Michigan Tax Commission that the proposed DDA meets the requirements of the state law has put a crimp in the process for the city.

"This is a little different. This has never been required before," said Novi Community Development Coordinator Heidi Hannan.

"The county has made a decision to look at these things a bit closer. Although they are getting out, they want to have an open door, so we can work on this."

Typically, a DDA's goal is to revitalize a decaying downtown. It's safe to say that the Grand River/Novi Road area doesn't have a reputation as a commercial dis-

trict sloping into a decline.

However, the stretch along Grand River has never met its true potential, Krievial said.

"I came here in 1969 and Grand River hasn't changed much between Novi Road and Back Road. Since the day we were incorporated, this area has been depressed," Krievial said.

"What would normally be prime real estate, nothing's happening there."

State law requires that properties within a proposed DDA district show a decline in assessed value. Hannan said 1998 assessments counted 38 properties that qualify.

Novi announced its intention to set up a DDA in January and held a public hearing on Feb. 22. The ball was then in Oakland County's court, state law giving the county 60 days to respond.

With a DDA, all taxes on new growth and increased assessments

from within the district's boundaries would be diverted from the treasuries of the county, city and Oakland Community College.

A city estimate earlier this year based only on an annual three percent increase in the market value of the existing developments within the DDA - suggested that as much as \$16 million in taxes could be captured by the district over 25 years.

"That figure doesn't include new growth, which is likely to be impressive. Along with the build-out of the Main Street project, developments coming in the near future in the area include two Marriott hotels, more building at Novi Town Center and a new strip mall at the Bates Hamburgers site.

On March 11, the Oakland County's Ad Hoc Downtown Development Authority Review Committee ruled that it didn't want county taxes siphoned to Novi's DDA. A resolution to the county board recommending denial in part because of "the speculative nature of the impact of the projected revenue loss to the county."

"The ad hoc committee includes representatives of the board of commissioners, as well as the county treasurer's office, the Equalization Division and the Economic Development and Corporation Council."

Oakland County is now requesting more data from communities such as Novi and Lyon Township that seek to set up a DDA. County officials say they want a good idea of how many tax dollars Oakland County stands to lose, as well as the estimated growth rate of taxable value in the district.

"We will continue to work with the county on this. They want more information on the properties in this district," Hannan said.

# Police defendant would have rather not settled

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Originally, the Thompsons named Nelson. Police Chief Douglas Sheaffer and the City of Novi in their lawsuit. Sheaffer and Nelson were removed from that lawsuit on its original dismissal.

Klaver said Nelson was not informed of the settlement because he was dismissed from the case as

plaintiff and his dismissal from the case had not been overturned by the Appeals Court. However, the case against the city was overturned.

But, Klaver advised Nelson should have been notified when the case was settled.

"I believe it was an oversight," he said.

Klaver strongly stressed the settlement was based on economic reasons and Nelson did not commit any wrongdoing.

"While Nelson said he could not speak to the lawsuit himself, he said he is well-respected on the Novi police force as an officer.

Nelson has been a member of the Novi police force for 11 years.

Throughout that period, he has had a spotless record and was recently promoted to detective, Klaver said.

"They would not have promoted Nelson if I was not a proper employee," Nelson said.

Nelson is best known on the force for his work with domestic violence and as the Novi domestic violence officer for two years. He also helped write the police department's domestic violence policy.

It was this work that led Nelson to be named Officer Of The Year in the Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence, as well as other citations and awards.

Nelson is also a second-generation Novi police officer - his father retired from the department as a lieutenant - which has given him very close ties to the community and police work. So much so, Nelson is even married to a fellow Novi police officer.

As far as the lawsuit, Nelson said: "It just left a bad taste in my mouth knowing what occurred."

For further information, call Haug at (248) 471-7763.

# Amnesty offered for overdue OCC library books

Oakland Community College's campus libraries are willing to forgive and forget borrowers who return overdue materials by May 31.

The reason behind the amnesty

records and account for all missing books and other materials before the new system is in place," Haug said.

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overdue items are brought into any of the college's five campus libraries by the deadline date. In addition, "library holds," which prevent errant borrowers from registering for classes or ordering

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 99-103.8**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-103.8 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-48 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LAWN INSTALLATION.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 5, 1999, at 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.

(4-15-99 NR/NN 892303)

TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1999.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1999.

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE**

Bidder pre-qualification forms for general contractors interested in submitting proposals for the construction of a 175 unit, Senior Housing development for the City of Novi Building Authority will be available at Noon, April 9, 1999 at the offices of the City Manager (45175 W. Ten Mile Road, 248-3474) and the offices of the architect, Siegal/Toumaala Associates, Architects and Planners, Inc. (31731 Northwestem Hwy., Ste. 261W, 248-851-3325). Completed forms must be returned to 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 no later than 4:00 p.m. EDT on April 23, 1999.

(4-15-99 NR/NN 891559)

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 99-18.149**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-18.149 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY" TO SECTION 201 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED; TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "DENSITY" CONTAINED IN SECTION 201 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "NET SITE AREA" TO SECTION 201 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO AMEND SECTION 501 OF SAID ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SHARED ELDERLY HOUSING AS A PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USE, TO AMEND SECTION 601 OF SAID ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE INDEPENDENT AND CONGREGATE ELDERLY LIVING AS A PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USE, TO AMEND SECTION 602, SECTION 1101.3 AND SUBSECTION 2301.3 TO UPDATE HOUSING TERMINOLOGY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 201, TO AMEND THE RM-1 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT DESIGNATION WITHIN THE SCHEDULED LIMITING HEIGHT, BULK, DENSITY AND AREA CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 TO PROVIDE MINIMUM FLOOR AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EFFICIENCY ROOM IN A RM-1 UNIT, TO AMEND THE DWELLING UNIT DENSITY REGULATIONS FOUND IN THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO AMEND FOOTNOTE (g) IN SECTION 2400 TO ADDRESS THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF ELDERLY HOUSING IN MULTIPLE FAMILY DISTRICTS AND TO DELETE SUBSECTION 1902.12.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 5, 1999. 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.

(4-15-99 NR/NN 892301)

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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 19, 1999. (248) 347-0459.

(4-15-99 NR, NN 892280)

TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGET**

In compliance with Act No. 437, State of Michigan Public Acts of 1963, and Act No. 27, State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 1999-00 college budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at the Grosse Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 20, 1999.

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The City of Novi Planning Commission announces a public hearing on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, to present and receive comments on the proposed updated City Master Plan for Land Use. Such comments must be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made verbally at the hearing. For further information, please call (248) 347-9475.

The proposed amended Master Plan for Land Use may be reviewed at the following offices of the Department of Planning and Community Development at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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## As We See It

### State ought not allow educational vouchers

Because it will take needed money from public schools and the fact the state Constitution forbids it we have determined educational vouchers will be destructive to education.



#### Education

Schools are already working at minimum budgets, facing the problem of teaching students, hiring teachers and purchasing quality teaching tools with limited amounts of money that always seems to shrink. The loss of even more money from their budgets will only hurt them more, not help them. A public education is a right for all of the people that must be supported by the government and all of the people. We support freedom of choice and those that choose to enter and pay for parochial or private school make a choice to do so because they can. However, there are families that cannot afford such a choice as this, so they too need a proper and well funded education.

future fashionable changes. Take, for example, the prohibition of alcohol, written into the U.S. Constitution during a time when it was politically fashionable to be against the sale of alcohol. That proved to be so successful it was later repealed and the constitution needed to be changed again.

Along the lines of the constitution, an educational voucher system creates yet another constitutional problem in the realm of religion. The U.S. Constitution gives people the freedom of religion and some would argue the freedom from religion. It is this right that gave rise to the concept that no religion in the United States should be held at a higher standard than others. Thus, separation of church and state. With this separation, the government is forbidden to provide any money or favors to any religion. Plus, religious institutions, do not have to pay any taxes or expect any demands on them by the government, further keeping this separation in place.

But, with school vouchers, tax money could be used to help fund parochial schools. This would mean tax money would be used for religious purposes. Clearly this would be a violation of church and state. One that cannot be accepted. Due to the many problems presented by even the concept of school vouchers, it is clear it is not a viable issue to support.

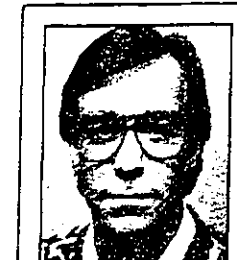
### Gift to community is a gracious gesture

Follow the news these days and the world seems like its reverting to the barbarism of the earlier half of the century. Cable TV is full of scenes of blind old ladies beaten by young soldiers, forced marches of civilians, bombings. Nasty, nasty times. Yet, the light still shines through everywhere, not least in Novi. Here, the quality of local volunteerism never ceases to amaze. Joining the ranks of the astonishingly generous recently were Steve and Izumi Myers, who restored an old apple barn on behind their barn and are now throwing the beautiful, 28 by 40 foot wood-floored room open for the free use of local clubs and other organizations. The couple run a bustling English/Japanese translation service Suzuki Myers & Associates from their residence, which is part of the old Simmons Farm on Ten Mile Road. All the couple asks is that guests take their shoes off when walking across the barn's sleek wood floor, bring their own refreshments and then pick up after themselves. The building is behind their home and the Myers evidently don't mind if their private world is "invaded" by a gang of scouts or a members of a service club, all of them possibly strangers, parking in their lot and strolling their grounds. Already, a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous has expressed an interest in using this most discreet of publicly-available gathering spots, as has the Chintokan Karate Club. Why do this? The active family already has uses for the room. Izumi Myers is using it as a ballet studio. But she explained that she and her husband established their home and business in Novi, and their children have gone through school here, and now they wanted to give something back. And what a gift it is. The Myers' gesture is extraordinarily gracious.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name will be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned. Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167 Or send E-mail to: novinews@tonline.com

## Heard a nasty rumor? It's true



Michael Malott

You may have heard a little gossip recently. Like most nasty rumors about me, this one too is true. Come May 1, I'll no longer be the editor of The Novi News. (Settle down ... settle down out there ...)

At the end of the month, the company which owns this newspaper is going to make me its state and regional reporter. I'll be covering the Michigan Legislature, state issues, state politics, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and Oakland Community College, among other things. Call it a promotion if you like. Call it the Peter Principle in action if you prefer.

What it is to me really is my dream job. For better than 20 years, I've been fascinated by state and regional issues and politics. I'm not sure I can explain that exactly, but when a new issue crops up, I immediately start thinking about the wider implications. When there is a controversy or debate in the local community, I find myself wondering about the impact it will have on all communities. So the chance to earn my keep writing about topics I somehow find so intriguing is really a rare opportunity.

And it comes with a very lofty title - Editor of the News Service Bureau of the HomeTown Communications Network. (When I'm impressed anyway.) What it really means is that I'll be trying to do the job Tim Richard is currently doing and has been doing - very well, I might add - for many years. He's retiring April 30. Or as I prefer to say, he's getting a promotion ... to statewide fisherman. (Now there's a job.)

No, they have not yet chosen my replacement. (I guess I'm just not easy to replace.) Since I got the word, I've been trying to touch base with all the folks in town with whom I've become acquainted over the years - whom I've come to know

## In Focus

By John Heider



It's that time again, and not just for the professionals

### Opening day?

## Cable contract presumes renewal



Caren Collins

For those who are not familiar with the process, a cable renewal is an unusual process, unlike any other type of negotiation. You see, the cities (or local franchising authorities) have the authority to enter into an agreement with a cable operator but only along the terms and conditions outlined by the federal government under the Cable Act. On top of that, there is a presumption of renewal. In other words, the government spells out that if a city is dissatisfied with its cable operator, it can't just kick them out when the contract runs out. In our communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, the cable contract with Time Warner expired in May 1997. But it has been extended by mutual agreement. The goal is to negotiate a new contract with benefits to the residents in exchange for Time Warner using our cities' rights-of-way. Under federal law, the cities may deny a renewal to Time Warner only after a specified administrative process and based on one or more of four criteria:

- Whether Time Warner Cable has substantially complied with the material terms of its existing franchise and applicable law.
- Whether the quality of Time Warner Cable's service, including signal quality, response to consumer complaints, and billing practices has been reasonable in light of community needs (this does not include the particular mix or quality of cable services provided over the system).
- Whether Time Warner Cable has the financial, technical and legal ability to provide the services, facilities and equipment set forth in its renewal proposal.
- Whether Time Warner Cable's proposal is reasonable to meet the cities' future cable-related needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting those needs and interests.

The cities may not deny renewal based on other grounds, such as programming quality, or programming packaging. These are First Amendment issues over which the operator, not the government, has competition in the multi-channel video market, and are free to grant additional cable franchises at any time, the cities must review Tim Warner Cable's renewal proposal on its own merits, based on the above criteria. In other words, the renewal may not be treated as a competitive bid process. The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission issued a request for renewal proposal to Time Warner on Feb. 25. Time Warner has until April 26 to submit a formal proposal in response. Then, according to federal guidelines, the cities have four months to either accept that proposal, or preliminarily deny a renewal based on any one of those four criteria above. Of course, both parties can continue to negotiate under the informal process. Sounds complicated doesn't it? Rest assured that all cities hope to renew contracts in the best interest of the residents. After all, if a profitable company is using our public resources to make money then it should also provide benefits to the citizens who maintain those resources. Caren Collins is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at Farmington City Hall. The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at SWOCC. The next Community Access Orientation is 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, at SWOCC. The next Access Forum is 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at SWOCC.

## Maybe terminals will improve service



Phil Power

They sure are scraping dirt out at Detroit Metro Airport these days. My Northwest Airlines flight last week from Albany landed (on time) on the south runway. We must have waited for a good 10 minutes past giant earth movers, big holes in the ground, piles of drain pipe and lots of construction workers.

The theory is the new \$1.2 billion mid-field terminal project will open some time in 2001. The project will feature a new air conditioning system that will include gates for international flights and a 700-foot-long passenger tunnel connecting with the smaller West concourse. All in all, the project is supposed to add some 60-odd new gates, virtually all destined for Northwest. That's what has a lot of people worried. Northwest has exploited its near-monopoly position at its "fortress hub" at Detroit Metro to increase its prices to among the highest in the nation, while simultaneously allowing passenger service to deteriorate. The question is whether the new terminal project will merely extend Northwest's market dominance or open the abem, gate to increased competition. Airport director David Katz says he's confident that as the terminal project gets to completion, he will be able to increase competition at Detroit Metro and, hopefully, bring prices down and increase service quality. How? Here's Katz's reasoning: Later this year, he will solicit bids to renovate the old Smith and Davey terminals, now the workhorses of Detroit Metro. At present, there are only 14 jet gates available for non-Northwest airlines. Once Northwest moves to the new mid-field terminal and after the renovation (which will include eliminating the A, C and E concourses at Smith), a total of 24 gates will be available for non-Northwest carriers, a substantial increase. Katz says he expects Southwest Airlines to step up its presence at Metro, along with Pro Air, which may find the runways at Detroit City Airport just too short and move some operations to Metro. Although Katz says there's no prospect of other big national carriers - American, Delta, United - taking on Northwest by building hubs at Detroit, he's hopeful each will choose to add gates once the construction is over. And there are other possibilities for increased competition, including TWA, which just bought a bunch of new aircraft. The obvious fear in all this is that Northwest, anxious to maintain its monopoly, will try to buy all the new gates for its own use. Other airlines just as anxious as Northwest to maintain their own fortress monopoly hubs, in the past have traded gates around from one airport to another to maintain dominance. Katz says he doesn't think that will happen. He says the old gate leases, going back to 1958, were "exclusive," which in practice meant they guaranteed Northwest's monopoly. New leases after 2001 will be "preferential" - that is, not exclusively held for one airline or another. Moreover, says Katz, "I don't think Northwest wants any of the old gates that will be modernized at Smith and Davey terminals." Andrea Fischer Newman, Northwest's vice president of government, law and civic affairs, agrees: "Northwest is not in line for any of these gates." There's no doubt that the poor state of airline service in Detroit is in large part the result of Northwest's monopolistic practices. But it's also the consequence of outmoded terminals at Metro, planned and built before the enormous increase in traffic that resulted from Northwest's hub. Maybe, just maybe, the new mid-field terminal and the rebuilt old terminals will result in a better facility for all passengers and a more competitive environment between air carriers. This might even bring down air fares and improve passenger service. If so, that's called getting the best of both worlds. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@tonline.com.

## Amazed by article about John Nelson

To the Editor:

I must say I am amazed by the article in last week's Novi News regarding Detective John Nelson of the Novi Police Department. I am a friend of John and his wife and I feel this article in no way describes the detective who works for Novi P.D. Detective Nelson has been an 11-year employee of the City of Novi and has a spotless personal file. Detective Nelson has been awarded numerous departmental commendations and was recently promoted from the Road Patrol to the Detective Bureau. Your newspaper has printed several articles in the past about John, including all his efforts to develop and implement the Domestic Violence Position he held for two years. For the City of Novi and your newspaper to paint a picture of negativity and question around this officer is just absurd. Detective Nelson deserves support and encouragement from both his workplace and our community. Everyday he works to better our living and/or working environments, perhaps it is our turn to encourage him. I do not know much about this lawsuit for excessive force or the settlement. I do feel the City of Novi may have done more damage than good by their comments in last week's article. The city is projecting

### Letters

the image they would rather settle claims of wrongdoing rather than fight them. If the logic used by this city applies, that of financial loss, then why does the city reason to fight some lawsuits and not others? What message are they truly sending? Detective Nelson - I for one want to say thank you for doing your job, a job most of us would never consider doing. I hope you will continue to be a part of the community in which I live and please remember, there are citizens who do support our local police. Kristine J. Wright

### Justify what city's asking for

To the Editor: Spring is here and Novi City Council met with their annual road improvement wish list. Number 12 on the list are they are persistently dragging up a call for five lanes on Ten Mile from Haggerty to Novi Road. If Council thinks the neighbors along Ten are ready to concede to making Ten Mile a surface expressway, they are mistaken. A rational solution for Ten Mile is three lanes including a center left turn lane. Anyone who has observed traffic along Ten would note that traffic flows reasonably well westward until it reaches Novi Road. This is where the delays occur because traffic can't cross Novi Road quickly enough because of the left turn signals for Novi Road and Ten Mile. On my wish list would be an explanation from Council, or their engineers, how getting traffic from Haggerty to Novi Road on another lane of traffic is going to improve the backup at Novi Road. Two other items of interest. An upgrade of the Ten Mile and Meadowbrook intersection, and an upgrade of the Ten Mile and Novi Road intersection. This seems to occur on a somewhat regular basis. As I recall the Meadowbrook intersection was upgraded just a short time ago and the Novi Road intersection has been so-called upgraded several times. What's the matter? Can't they get done correctly without so many frequent upgrades? Seeing the above in mind when you gaze at the size of the bond issue council will be asking for

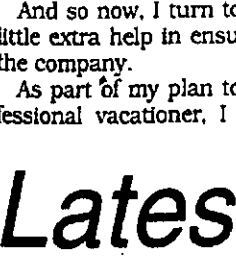
## Scary prospect of probation review



Andrew Dieterich

As you read this week's reporter column, consider this fact: This may be the last newspaper with my name in it! Gasp! How scary! Like thousands of other people in the country that started new jobs at the beginning of the year, corporate higher-ups are deciding my fate this week with the traditional end-of-probation evaluation. That's right, the same people that decide whether or not we need light bulbs or smiling sunshine on our corporate t-shirts will be deciding if I should report to work next Monday. And so now, I turn to you, our readers, for a little extra help in ensuring my position within the company. As part of my plan to avoid becoming a professional vacationer, I took my mugshot (see left) to False Bay near the Cape of Good Hope to seek out "the great one" to have it blessed my mug and make it lucky. This luckiness is now being offered to you by me at the mere cost of this newspaper. Simply cut the mugshot out, put it in your left shirt pocket, wallet or right rear pocket. When you need luck, pull it out, hold between index finger and thumb and wait for good things to happen. Here's how I benefit: you call The Lucky Dieterich hotline at (248) 349-1700 and tell someone that's already made it through probation all the good things that have happened to you by carrying your Official Lucky Dieterich mugshot.

## Latest corporate horror - exec pay



Tim Richard

A few years ago, I wrote about how Kmart - which was losing money, closing stores and laying off people - paid its CEO twice as much as company treasurer Wal-Mart, which was opening stores, hiring and moving into the No. 1 retail spot nationally. K mart's action was senseless. And as Michigan National Bank limped, Let's take a company close to home. Chrysler, formed by a merger in May of 1998, Chrysler CEO Robert Eaton collected \$16 million in salary, bonus, stock and options. Jürgen Schrempp, CEO of the former Daimler-Benz, collected about \$2 million. The WSJ story on page R 6 adds that Mr. Eaton, thanks to special conditions of the merger, gained nearly \$70 million in cash and stock when it was completed, while Mr. Schrempp got nothing extra because of the deal. The same story reports on the British Petroleum-Amoco merger, which other WSJ stories have reported was plainly won by BP. "In 1997 Amoco Chairman and CEO H.L. Fuller received total compensation - base salary, bonus, stock options and other compensation - of nearly \$2.06 million, while BP chief John Browne received \$1.6 million. Additionally, Mr. Fuller at the end of 1997 was sitting on \$18.6 million of paper gains from exercisable stock options, while the value of Mr. Browne's unexercised options was about \$650,000." The WSJ then quotes a study by consultant William M. Mercer Inc. of the 20 top-paid CEOs in two countries that found: "The Americans' salaries averaged 40 percent higher than their British counterparts." "Americans' bonuses averaged 210 percent of base salary compared with 50 percent for British CEOs." "The American CEOs, on average, were sitting on an astounding \$80 million in paper gains, while their British counterparts had \$2 million each in such unrealized gains." The WSJ section hesitated at suggesting reasons why American CEOs were pocketing so much. Certainly it isn't business genius. One study suggested that Germany's powerful unions dampen executive pay. Another pointed out, "At a surprising number of corporations, the chief executive officer ignores an obvious conflict of interest by serving on the board's compensation committee." Now, if John Engler and Candice Miller sought posts on the State Officers Compensation Commission, their own party would scream bloody murder. But such conflicts of interest are hardly blindered at by private companies such as Nike, Philip Morris and Innowex. At Innowex, the chief exec got an 18.7 percent pay boost over the previous year and installed his wife as vice president and general counsel. "Her salary and bonus climbed to \$214,712 in fiscal 1997 from \$159,038 the prior year," WSJ reported. Shucks, not even the "National Extortionists Association," as the right wing calls the teachers union, ever bargained for a 35 percent pay boost. Some kind of prize should go to Eastman Kodak CEO George Fisher, "whose compensation climbed to \$3.9 million from \$1.5 million after he moved to cut 14,100 jobs at the Rochester, N.Y., photographic-products maker in 1993 and 1994." After throwing the equivalent of a small city onto the economic scrap heap, Mr. Fisher must have been extremely tired at the end of the day and needed \$2 million worth of gratitude. Let's hear the Mackinac Center give three cheers for "supply and demand" and "competition." Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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## Public Access

### MONDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 a.m. — A New and Improved You: A Gift of Life  
 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor  
 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Obesity  
 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. — Your Real Estate Connection: J. Marc Jones  
 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Score  
 2:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates  
 3:00 p.m. — Hasting Street Paradise Valley Days  
 3:30 p.m. — The D.J.A. Security Guards as Art Connoisseurs  
 4:00 p.m. — (con't)  
 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. — Good News for Healthy Living: First Aid at Home  
 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. — Thornton Creek Girl Scout Thinking Day  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: NYCE

### TUESDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
 10:30 a.m. — The Show Me Show: Karate  
 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. — Voices From The Ghetto: Part 3  
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 3:00 p.m. — (con't)  
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 4:00 p.m. — Mr. Blue Fuzzy Show: Walk in the Park  
 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: Irwin Cohen  
 6:00 p.m. — Just For The Health Of It: Whiplash  
 6:30 p.m. — Community Connection  
 7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Circuit Training  
 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Score  
 8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Designer Wigs  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Lou Kasischke  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 a.m. — Community Living Centers  
 10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today  
 11:00 a.m. — The Show Me Show: Papa John's Pizza  
 11:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today  
 12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking  
 12:30 p.m. — On the Job With Sen. Abraham: Poison Awareness  
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture

1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
 2:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 3:00 p.m. — The Forum for Community Opportunities  
 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: NYCE  
 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 4:30 p.m. — Community Connection: Senex/Farmington Musicale/AARP  
 5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
 5:30 p.m. — A New and Improved You: A Gift of Life  
 6:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Workplace Violence  
 6:30 p.m. — Nothing To It: Tabbouleh Made Easy  
 7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Obesity  
 8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Bike Safety  
 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 9:00 p.m. — Voices From The Ghetto: Part 4  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators:

Circuit Training  
 10:30 a.m. — Going to the Chapel  
 11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Irwin Cohen  
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
 12:30 p.m. — The Great Escape: Sailing  
 1:00 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
 2:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Aromatherapy  
 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 3:00 p.m. — Reading With Tatiana  
 3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Craig Belmondo, President-CEO Pro Air  
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek  
 5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 6:00 p.m. — This Is Racing In Michigan: Owning a Racehorse  
 6:30 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium  
 7:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Cable Theft  
 7:30 p.m. — Your Real Estate Con-

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks  
 10:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — Lumen Christi  
 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
 3:30 p.m. — Reel Talk  
 4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
 6:00 p.m. — Community Connection  
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## Oakland park offers self-defense seminar

Awareness and knowledge can make all the difference in life-threatening situations.

To help educate residents, a free self-defense seminar is set for Saturday, May 1, from noon-2 p.m. at Waterford Oaks County Park.

"Kickboxing is the hot trend in fitness today. Women are taking classes to get in shape, but they are also learning skills to make them strong, swift and sharp," Master Instructor Ed Gomez said.

"We're going to translate these skills into techniques to stop an attacker."

The Leonard resident has more than 28 years experience in the areas of boxing and self-defense.

The seminar will focus on personal awareness, what happens during an attack, techniques that work in life-threatening situations, educating children about safety and working with victims should an attack occur.

Demonstrations of various techniques will be led by Gomez and Theresa Nadon of Clarkston, Justyna Kucab of Ortonville, Jaime Walker of Walled Lake, Deanna Kennedy of Clarkston and Jyl Ollar of Lake Orion.

"These ladies are professional and proficient in their respective areas," Gomez said.

"I think it also makes women feel more comfortable to learn self-defense skills from other women. If you feel comfortable, you feel confident. If you feel confident, you can protect yourself from harm."

Nadon will cover boxing/kickboxing skills. She is a Black Belt, a boxing coach and kickboxing instructor.

Kucab will focus on Jiu Jitsu tactics.

Participants are asked to wear jogging or sweatpants, a T-shirt and tennis shoes. Also, they need to bring water, a pen and paper. The free seminar is open to women and men.

The seminar takes place at Waterford Oaks County Park at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, between Scott Lake and Pontiac Lake roads in Waterford.

Registration is recommended. Call (248) 858-0913 to register for more information on kickboxing classes at Waterford Oaks County Park.

For more information on the seminar or instructors, call Nadon at (248) 673-8424.

## Library

### 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 Road. For more information, call 349-0720.

### Intro to the Internet

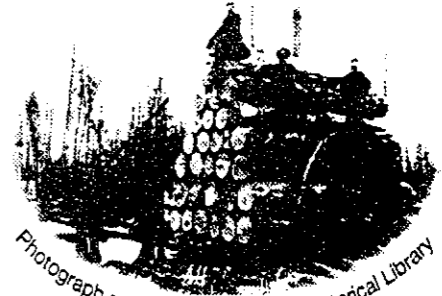
This basic introduction to the Internet contains a brief history, terminology, and searching techniques. All ages are welcome at the class, which will be offered on Saturday, April 17, at 2 p.m. Register in advance by phone or in person.

### Just for toddlers

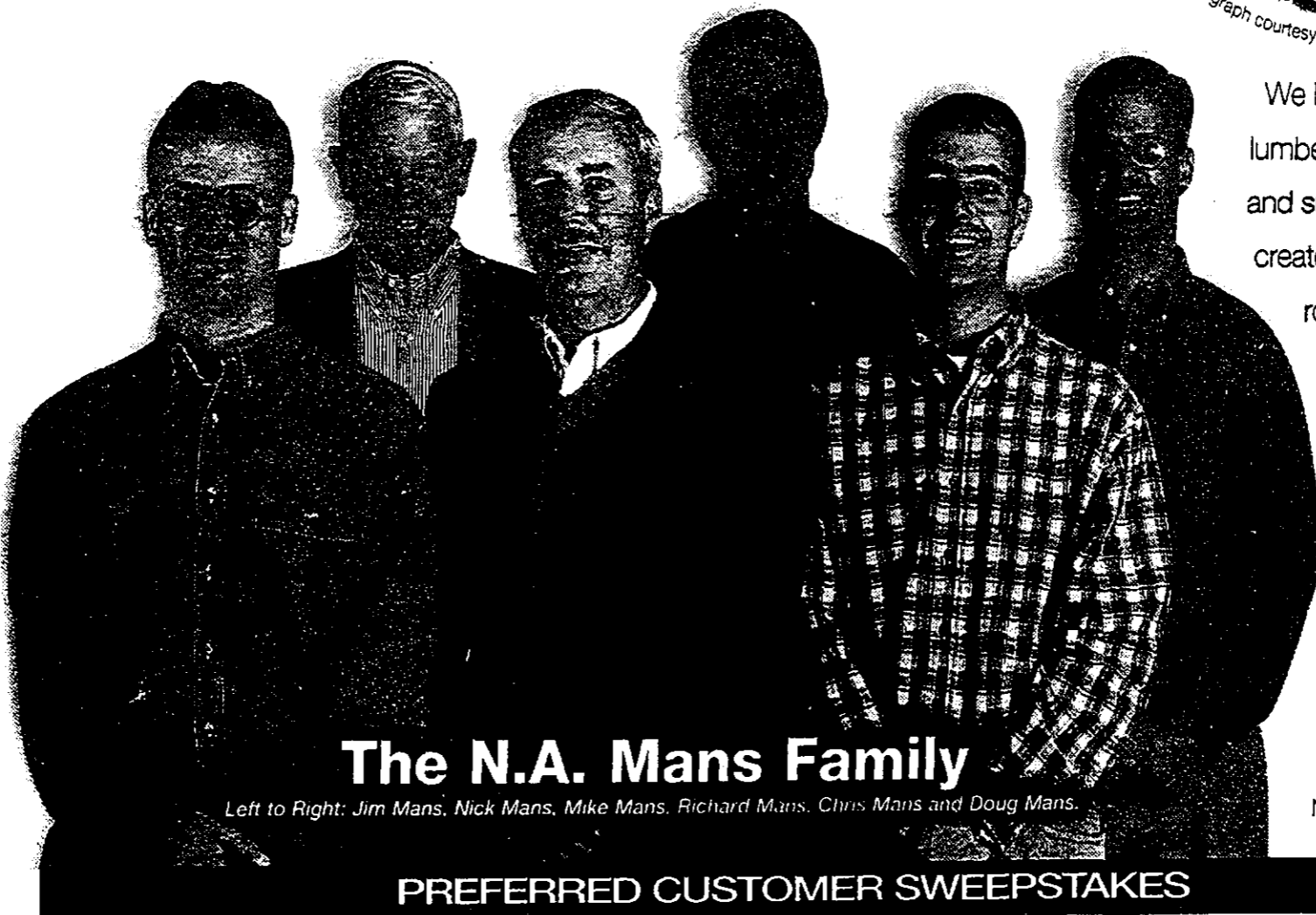
Children aged 18-24 months are invited to join us for stories, songs, and games on Friday, April 23, at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary for the half hour program. Space is limited, however, so toddlers and care-givers only should attend.

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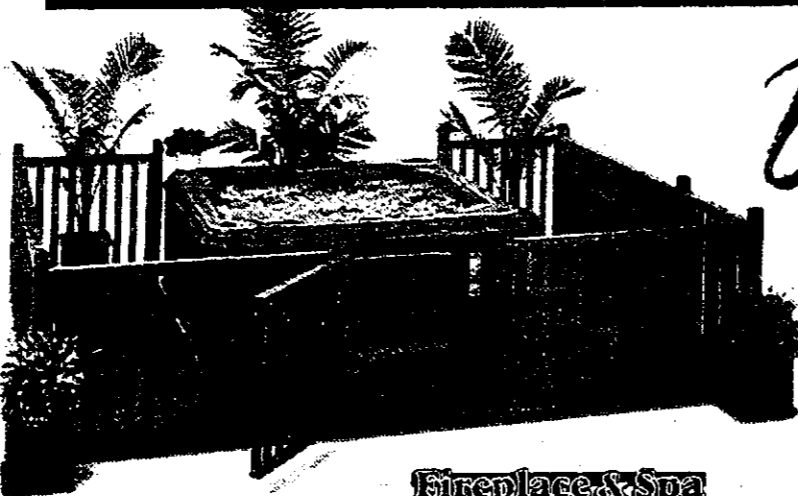


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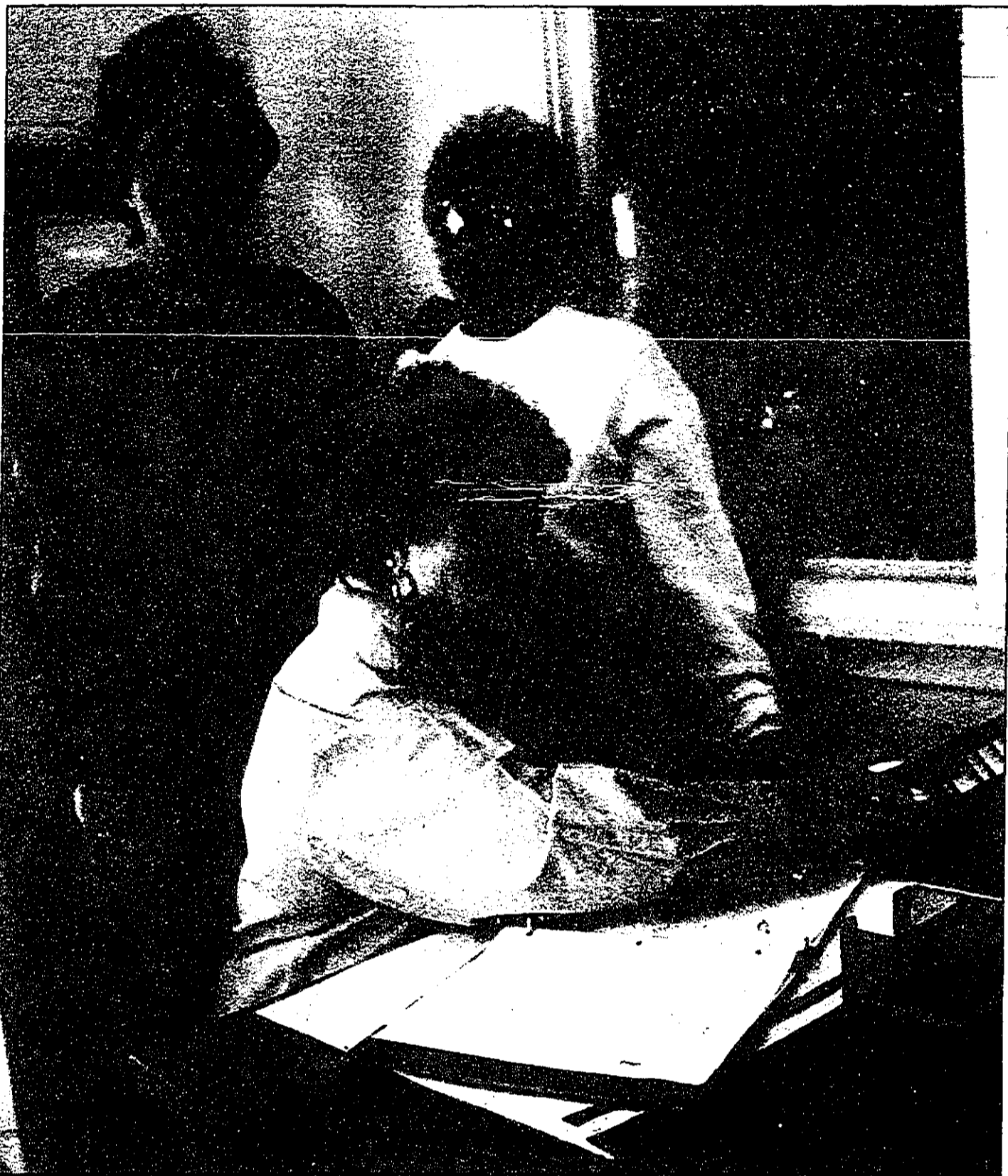
## Living

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THURSDAY  
April 15,  
1999Reaching  
OutFor the homebound,  
care is only  
a phone call awayCAROL DIPPLE  
Feature EditorThey reach out and touch lives everyday.  
That's the three-person team of the Northville Tele-  
Care Program.The purpose of the program is to call home-bound  
individuals Monday through Friday between 9 and 11  
a.m.There are no requirements to be on the list other  
than that the person be a township or city resident,  
according to Karl Peters, coordinator for the  
Northville Senior Center, which runs the program.Even when a resident has a home-bound individual  
staying with them for a couple of weeks, they can call  
and ask to be put on the list."All are seniors right now, but we have  
had home-bound, non-seniors in the past,"  
Peters said.Discussion during the phone call can  
include the weather, a television show, or a  
breaking news story."If they are not very outgoing you start  
with the weather," Jean Line said. "You  
finally break the ice and they come around."  
Line, who moved to Novi four years ago,  
had been a resident of Northville since  
1987.It is a paid position, and the women work  
one or two days a week for two hours at the  
Senior Center."I sit in my office and listen to them laugh  
all the time," Peters said. "They don't just  
call and hang up."Also part of the team is Isabelle  
Cholakian, a 12-year veteran. Line and  
Dorothy Stevenson both joined in about 1992."Who's counting when you are having such fun,"  
Line said.Line has been calling some of the same people since  
she joined the program, while others have moved away  
or gone into nursing homes.

"Some are very open and love to talk," Line said.

"Two ladies, they talk about recipes," said Line who  
has exchanged recipes because she also loves to cook.The group has had some close calls and have had to  
put the life line in effect.Everybody gets a call everyday but if a caller cannot  
reach an individual, they place a call to the designated  
next contact, and then to a family member. If they can't  
reach anyone, they call the police who do a care call.One time, just to be on the safe side, after repeated  
calls to a woman's home and a man, who identified  
himself as a brother-in-law kept answering the phone  
saying the woman was fine. Line finally insisted he  
bring her to the phone."What did you think, I'd been kidnapped," Line said  
the woman told her when she came to the phone."She became quite friendly with me after that," Line  
said. The two even went out to dinner when the woman  
moved away."You run into interesting things along the way," Line  
said. Normally the callers never meet the people they  
call.Line knew one of the women she calls wanted a gera-  
nium. Her grandson brought her a plant but it was not  
a geranium. Line was planting geraniums in her yard  
so she planted one in a pot for the woman and took it  
to her."You can tell that for some of these people, it is the  
only call they get all day," Line said.The calls she makes on Fridays sometimes last a lit-  
tle longer because the people know it is the only call  
they will get until Monday."I think it is a wonderful program," Line said. "This  
means you get a call every day. Somebody is checking  
on you."The length of a phone call varies, but usually aver-  
ages about 10 to 15 minutes."Some are very outgoing," Line said, "others you have  
to squeeze out every word."The Tele-Care Program was originally part of the  
Wayne County Office of Senior Services to the Aging.When the funding was being cut, the city and town-  
ship made a commitment to pick it up as part of their  
senior citizens program in 1986, according to Peters."Right now we're calling between 9 and 14 people,"  
Peters said. "We have had as many as 21. We would  
like more people to take advantage of it."If you are interested in receiving a call, or know  
someone who would benefit from the Tele-Care Pro-  
gram, call (248) 348-1312 or (248) 349-4140."Sometimes the kids want it more than the parents,"  
Peters said. "A lot of people don't want to admit they  
are getting dependent. This is a way of remaining inde-  
pendent instead of burdening their families."

The women take notes when they make the calls.

"If someone is just not feeling well, to themselves  
they think it is nothing, but when they talk it out with  
someone else, they call a doctor," Peters said.Callers can tell by the sound of a person's voice how  
they are doing. Like the time they knew a woman had  
had a stroke because she was slurring her words,  
which she had not done the day before."This is not an anesthetic-type program," Peters said.  
"This is more like a friendship which evolves."Yvonne, who is 84 and receives a daily call, has been  
a Northville resident since early 1940s."I enjoy it, I look forward to [the call]," she said. "I get  
a little news from somebody, that means a lot to have  
somebody care."Yvonne said she likes to talk about plans for the day,  
health, or other interesting topics.She has nieces and nephews but no close family.  
Both her husband and son are deceased."Time passes slow sometimes, then you go and get a  
telephone call and up you are again," she said.

The Tele-Care team members are, left to right, Jean Line, Isabelle Cholakian and Dorothy Stevenson.

*"You can tell  
that for some  
of these people,  
it is the only  
call they  
get all day."*— Jean Line  
Tele-Care caller

The Poulos brothers, left to right, Rob, Michael and Greg, have a very serious collection of Star Wars memorabilia which includes toys, costumes, and movies.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Brothers are Star Wars fans

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff WriterTo say the Poulos brothers are  
Star Wars fans is something like  
calling the Beatles "a music  
group."They're just three of the mil-  
lions who are expected to make a  
stampede to the box office on  
May 19 (or days earlier, depend-  
ing on who you are) to get the  
first glimpse at "Episode I: The  
Phantom Menace," the latest  
installment in the "Star Wars"  
saga.It's the first new movie in the  
science fiction epic in nearly 20  
years, which has stirred a  
cyclone of hysteria among both  
casual and hardcore fans. But  
for Northville residents like Rob,  
Greg and Michael, the interest  
level in the Star Wars movies  
never dipped. That's evidenced  
by the giant array of collectibles  
the brothers have amassed."The core of it is the Kenner  
stuff," Greg said, referring to the  
mainstream Star Wars toys. Like  
many youths growing up in theStar Wars era, some of the items  
were sold off when the interest in  
action figures shifted from Star  
Wars to G.I. Joe.But when the first rumblings  
of a new film were heard some  
four or five years ago, the Star  
Wars items were re-released in  
new packaging, once again gen-  
erating interest in the col-  
lectibles."We'd get as many of the fig-  
ures as we could," Greg said.  
"There would be some Darth  
Vaders issued with a longer  
lightsaber and others with a  
shorter one. We'd go looking for  
both of them."The most treasured single pos-  
session owned by Rob is a replica  
Luke Skywalker lightsaber.  
Priced at a king's ransom, it's an  
item only the serious collector  
goes for.As the movies go, both Greg  
and Rob said they enjoyed the  
original Star Wars best of all."There's just a neat attraction  
it has," Rob said. "It's the one  
movie of the three you could seejust on its own and not have  
many unanswered questions. It's  
just neat to watch."And watch it they have. The  
two oldest Poulos brothers esti-  
mated they've watched Star Wars  
some 40 to 50 times. But it's not  
just a casual munch-on-some-  
popcorn-and-enjoy-the-film view-  
ing."We've memorized the entire  
script," Greg said. "My girlfriend  
puts up with me throwing out  
the lines from the film."The lines also come out in day-  
to-day conversation. Rob  
couldn't provide any specific  
examples, but said it's a daily  
occurrence for him."There are just so many of  
them that fit into the regular  
scheme of things," he said. "You  
just start using them."In fact, Star Wars became so  
much a part of Greg and Rob's  
life that they said they used to  
quiz younger brother Michael on  
characters and storylines in the

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## Engagement



Matthew Latham/Jenny Fox

William and Mary Latham of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Matthew James, to Jenny L. Fox, daughter of Richard and Elise Fox of Greenwich, Ohio. The bride-elect graduated in 1993 from South Central High School. She received her degree in 1997 from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed at Gidd's Lingerie Inc.

The groom elect is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School. In 1984, he graduated from the University of Michigan and is presently employed at Diamond Tool Manufacturing Co.

## News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Novi News/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date.

There is no charge.



The Plymouth Community Chorus, some of whom are shown above, will perform the Spring Concert "Journey to Tomorrow" on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, at the Plymouth-Salem High School in Canton.

## Chorus to present spring concert

The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will present its Spring Concert, "Journey to Tomorrow," on Saturday, April 24, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m. at the Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

The chorus, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, will sing patriotic, sacred and rock songs, as well as love ballads, Broadway and movie tunes including "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Amazing Grace," "Rock Around the

Clock," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Yesterday," "Who Can I Turn To," and "Summer Rain."

Chorus members from Northville, Novi and Walled Lake include Joelee Baeman, Kathleen Briehmaier, Larry Burkley, Helen Fourmier, Peggy Halbert, Marcy Hershoren, John Hiemstra, Bonnie Mallon, Gina Matthews, Colleen Palmerie, Donna Polto, Frances Snyder, Joelyn McGeachy, and Jane West.

Starting with only 12 singers in 1973, the

chorus now includes 125 members from 25 communities in southeastern Michigan including Northville and Novi. The Chorus has sung with the Plymouth Symphony, at Tiger Stadium, at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and for numerous other churches and community organizations.

Tickets for the Spring Concert are available at "The Northville Record" office, 104 W. Main Street in Northville. They can also be ordered by calling (313) 455-4080.

## On Campus

**BRIAN WILSON**, a sophomore, has been accepted into Michigan State University's Honors College, a college meeting the needs of academically-abled students by providing a four-year program in any major field of study.

Wilson was admitted based on a strong academic record, letters of recommendation from

teachers, and a written statement on why he wished to participate in the honors program.

Wilson is undecided about his major. He is the son of Allen and Margaret Wilson of Novi.

Named to the Dean's List at Alma College for outstanding academic performance during the

'98 fall term were: **SARAH MCKINNEY**, **STEPHANIE MCKINNEY**, and **DANA WESTON**. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term receive this recognition.

All three students are graduates of Novi High School.

## Church Notes

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will present a panel discussion and information forum on "The Y2K Challenge" on Thursday, April 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Concerns such as what individuals can do to prepare for Y2K and what problems to expect will be addressed by the panel. Among the panelists will be Y2K consultants and a representative from the Emergency Management Division of the State Police. Each panelist will make a 20-minute presentation as well as answer questions. The goal is to present a range of view points on what to expect concerning the Y2K situation. The public is invited. For more information, call (248) 374-5937.

"A Lasting Promise" seminar will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an independent lunch break. The workshop will teach couples how to problem solve relationship issues and still remain lovers. Included will be tips to avoid the pitfalls of marriage and tips to nurture love for a life-long relationship. Skills are based on methods proven to be effective in maintaining marriages. Workshop presenter will be Janice Vanderbok, a licensed marriage and family therapist.

There will be a materials fee of \$15 per couple.

Five weeks of Daycamp for children entering grades 1-6 will be held from June 28 to July 30. Children may be registered for one or more weeks at a rate of \$90 per week. Activities include two weekly field trips, Friday "fun lunches," recreation, stories and crafts. Field trips will include Greenfield Village, Trout Farm, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Putt-putt golfing, Four Bears Water Park, and trips to the library. Daycamp hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., extended care is available. Registration and information is available by calling the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

For more information, call (248) 374-5978.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY**, 770 Thayer in Northville, will continue its three-concert celebration of the great 50 days of Easter on Sunday, May 2, at 7 p.m. with a performance of Our Lady of Victory Ministry of Music with Frances N. Brockington. The final performance in the celebration will be on Sunday, May 16, with harpist Christa Cris at 7 p.m.

A wine and cheese reception will follow each concert.

Tickets are \$5 for each concert. Family admission is \$10 each.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-2621.

Adult Christian Education at **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main Street in Northville, continues "Christianity and Contemporary Ethical Problems" in April with Dr. Jim Tubbs, professor of ethics and religion at University of Detroit Mercy. Tubbs continues the three week series with "Abortion" on April 19 and "Assisted Suicide" on April 26.

All are held in the Forum Room at 7 p.m. Childcare will be available.

Addition Place and the Alzheimer's Association will begin meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning April 22. All meetings are free.

For more information, call Sheri Landry at (248) 305-9600.

**ANTIUCH LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 33380 Thirteen Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will hold a rummage sale on April 30 and May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations will be accepted between April 24 and 28 at the main office.

For more information, call the church at (248) 626-7906.

Arbor Hospice continues the five-session program at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, on the "Journey to the End of Life: Opportunities, Considerations and Decisions" on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 27, and May 11 and 25. All are invited to attend. Reservations are needed by 8 p.m. on the Sunday before.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-1144.

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 44400 Ten Mile Road in Novi, is holding New Member Orientation classes on April 18, 25 and May 2 after the 10:30 a.m. services. Everyone is welcome to attend, get acquainted, and learn about the Presbyterian Church in the United States and Faith Community Presbyterian Church, in particular. Light refreshments and babysitting will be available.

Dr. Thomas G. Long will preach "Kindness: Simple and Not So Simple" on April 25 at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services. Plan on staying after the second series to enjoy a conversation with Long at noon. Refreshments and childcare will be available.

Recognized in "Newsweek" magazine as "one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world," Long is presently the director of Congressional Resources and director of Geneva Press for Presbyterian Publishing and the author of 13 books, including "The Senses of Preaching," "Whispering the Lyrics" and commentaries on Hebrew sand Matthew. From 1990-1997 he was the editor of "Theology Today." He is the senior homiletics editor for the "New Interpreter's Bible."

Mom's Offer Mom's Support (MOMS) is a Christian fellowship and activity group for women regardless of the age of their children. The group meets twice a month on Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

If you would like to attend an activity, reservations are necessary.

For more information, call (248) 349-5066.

The Women's Service Club of **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will hold the Semi-Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

**DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**, 21260 Haggerty Road in Northville, and Artists Against Violence present the PeaceMaker Tour featuring Bleach and special guests Viva Voce, and Glisten on Sunday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Modern rock band Bleach is touring in support of their second release "Static." Originally from Kentucky, Bleach spent last year crisscrossing the country for over 200 shows. The song "Epidemic's Girl," from their first album, received a Dove award for Modern Rock/Alternative Recorded Song of the Year. "Static" features the band's guitar-driven sound with elements of disco and glam rock.

Viva Voce features husband and wife duo Kevin and Anita Robinson. The group's first album "Horny for Now" was released on Cadence Communications in 1998. They have played dates with Sunny Day Real Estate, The Call, Starflyer 99 and Five Iron Frenzy.

Glisten is a new band on the KMG record label.

Artists Against Violence was formed in the summer of 1998 in partnership with New Life Clinics, Youth Development International and artists like Beach, Temple Yard, Identical Strangers, and Deniece Williams. They were created out of a sincere desire to address violence by and against youth, both in home and at school.

The concert will be held at the church. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

**NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH**, meets in Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in Novi. Sunday services are held at 10 a.m.

For more information about the church, call Pastor Mike Heusel at (248) 344-1775.

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, has Sunday School during the 11 a.m. service. Holy Cross also has a 7:45 a.m. service.

Call the church office at (248) 349-1175 for details.

**CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST-UNITY** which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Sunday school and nursery are provided.

Youth education is available for all ages. Fellowship follows the service.

The Singles Group meets on Fridays at Meadowbrook School from 7 until 10 p.m. in the lounge. The 4T Prosperity Class meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. Artist Way meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Unity Basics begins April 19 at 7 p.m. These classes meet in the school's lounge.

Meditation classes are held every Thursday at a member's home.

Women in Unity will meet on April 24, May 1 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. at the Novi Library.

The church has an active and ongoing Drama Club.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out the web site at [www.cotwest.com](http://www.cotwest.com).

## New Star Wars movie trivia

No one at 20th Century Fox is saying a word about the new Star Wars movie — possibly because producer/director George Lucas is keeping a tight lid on what is and isn't said about the long-awaited film. Here's what is known about Episode I, based on information from the official Star Wars website:

• The movie will tell the story of the upbringing of Anakin Skywalker, the name given to the boy who would eventually grow up to be Darth Vader. He's depicted as having a gift for mechanics and building.

• Ewan McGregor ("Trainspotting") will play the role of the young Obi-Wan Kenobi, around age 25. Obi-Wan, or Ben Kenobi as he was known in his older years, is introduced to nine-year-old Anakin Skywalker. The movie also stars Samuel Jackson ("Pulp Fiction"), Liam Neeson ("Rob Roy") and Natalie Portman ("Beautiful Girls").

• Another major plot will be the political and military shifts in the Old Republic that eventually brought the Empire to power. Along the way, the Lords of the Sith, a breed of evil Jedi knights, will do their best to destroy Jedi like Obi-Wan Kenobi. Darth Maul is the red-and-black-faced prince of the bad guys.

• The robotic Laurel and Hardy combination of C-3PO and R2-D2 will be in the movie.

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## Brothers preparing for newest sci-fi movie

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movie.

"If he didn't get a question right, we'd make him sit down and watch it again until he got it right," Rob laughed.

That's not to say the other two films haven't struck a chord with Greg and Rob. Greg said he's seen all three films in the theaters during their original releases, but had the best recollection of "The Empire Strikes Back." Rob, on the other hand, said his clearest memory was of "Return of the Jedi."

Of course, both Rob and Greg said they went back to the theaters and saw all three films when the special editions of the movies came out in 1997.

Every Star Wars aficionado has a soft spot for a particular character in the movies. For Greg, it was the dark prince of heavy breathing, Darth Vader. His love for the evil Jedi knight went so far that he asked his mother to make a Halloween costume for him.

"I didn't want one of those store-

bought things where it was just a plastic outfit and a cheap mask," he said. "This was something really cool."

For Rob, it was a toss-up between either Han Solo or Luke Skywalker.

Younger brother Michael (upon direction from his sinister older siblings) was made to dress up as either a Jawa — the pint-sized junk vendors on the desert planet Tatooine — or Boba Fett, the cool-talking bounty hunter.

As they wait for the release date of "The Phantom Menace" both Greg and Rob said they check out various Internet sites to get updates on the new film.

"We're on there almost daily," Rob said. "I can't wait for it to come out."

Are you a Star Wars collector? Meet fellow fans at the Michigan Star Wars Collector's Club website at <http://members.aol.com/~them-swcc/mwcc.htm>.



To all patients and visitors to the Botsford General Hospital Campus...

## We know, we apologize and it's going to be better soon!

Visitors to the Botsford General Hospital campus this spring will immediately notice that changes are in process. In June work will be completed and a new parking lot area will be available. The opening of this parking lot will add 170 additional spaces to the campus.

We know that it has been a challenge for visitors to our campus to find parking in a convenient, quick and easy manner. Although we have been aware of this for sometime finding a solution has not been easy.

We are grateful for the support received from Farmington Hills City Council and the Farmington Hills Engineering Division and Planning Department which made it possible for us to identify and acquire suitable land for the parking expansion.

Our neighbors provided valuable feedback during our early planning stages. The landscaping plan for the area bordering the parking site addresses our mutual desire to enhance, not detract, from the residential character of the neighborhood. Their cooperation and patience are greatly appreciated.

And to those who have circled our campus, arrived late for appointments and found their own creative parking arrangements...our appreciation and apologies.



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## Childhood stories brought to life on stage

The Novi Theaters' little people players and Children's Annex present "The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends" on April 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and April 18 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage.

In "The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends," the life of author Beatrix Potter is told by her governess, Annie Carter Moore, played by Ashley King. Beatrix, played by Grace Dzwonkowski, had a rather unhappy childhood sheltered in her bedroom playing with animals that the servants of the household snuck to her. She spent hours drawing these animals and making up stories about each one.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter, played by Alex Baum and Alleigh Wickert, were too busy with their social lives to help raise Beatrix. In spite of the dominance of her parents, Beatrix journeyed through her governess and went on to publish many classic children's books.

Six of Potter's tales are brought to life within the performance including "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," "The Tale of Mr. Tod," "The Tale of Two Bad Mice," "The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies," "The Tale of Jeremy Fisher" and "The Tale of Jemima Puddle-duck."

Cast members are from Novi, Northville, Farmington and Walled Lake and are ages seven to 12 years old. They include Molly Albert, Julian Andolucci, Emily Barton, Sarah Barton, Alex Baum, Stephanie Bonmarito, Hannah Branza, Jim Brunner, Mike Calk, Katie Check, Maggie Cherk, Andrew Christ, Megan Curwin, Chelsea Cramer, Amanda Crawford, Heather Donohue, Grace Dzwonkowski, Mark Favorite, Maura Gregory, Bryan Gtek, Amy Johnson, Lauren Kna, Ron Kretz-hut, Ashley King, Cameron Lewis,



Cast in this weekend's performances of Novi Theaters' production of "The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends" includes, left to right, Ashley King, Grace Dzwonkowski, Katie Check, Shannon Wagner, Chelsea Rozek and, kneeling, Mike Cash as Peter Rabbit.

Glenn Martin, Justin May, John McCarbridge, Marveth Miles, Michelle Minosko, Katie Mulaney, Caitlin O'Rourke, Marissa Oates, Andrew Petty, Julia Petty, Brian Renner, Chelsea Rozek, Barrett Schwartzkoski, Brett Schwarzlose, Elton Smith, Michael Symanski, Eric Tobe, Heidi Tobe, Katy Wagner, Shannon Wagner, Alleigh Wickert and Dawn Wilfong.

"The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends" is directed by Mary Kay Davis. Costumes are designed by Peggy Schwarzlose. The set was designed by Tim Amthorn and lighting is designed by Jennifer Drent, both of the Hillberry Theatre.

For further information, call (248) 347-0400.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27655 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 540-1540.

**PSO FINALE:** Russell Reed, music director and conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will team up with sons, David Reed, violin, and Robert Reed, cello, for the "Reed Finale - A Family Affair" on Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Reed, who is retiring, conducted the PSO for 12 years.

Maestro Reed will present a pre-concert chat on stage at 7 p.m. An afterglow will be held at Ginopolis Parthenon, 14900 N. Beck Road in Plymouth. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and college students, and children in grades K through 12 are free. Call (734) 451-2112.

**PERCUSSION CONCERT:** The University of Michigan Percussion Ensemble, under the director of Dr. Michael Udov, will perform at 8 p.m. on April 16 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students/senior citizens and \$20 for families and are available in advance at Pro Percussion Center, Inc., 1102 West Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth and at the church office. Tickets will also be for sale at the door one-half hour before the concert.

**MONTH-LONG EXHIBITS:** Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

**NEARBY BLOOD DRIVE:** The Wixom and children under four will be admitted free. Call (800) 849-0248.

**LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW:** The Catholic Central Mother's Club will present "An Enchanted Garden" luncheon and fashion show on Sunday, April 25, at the Rita Carlton in Dearborn. The social hour will begin at 11 a.m. Fashion for this fund raiser will be by the Somerset Collection. Tickets are \$45 per person. Entertainment will be by the Catholic Central Stage Band. There will be special appearances by Catholic Central mothers and sons. For reservations or additional information, call Sue Daly at (734) 522-3893.

**BORDERS BOOKS:** Events celebrating TV Turn Off Week, April 22-28, at 7 p.m. include: April 22, Giant toads, slithering snakes and other creepy critters; April 23, Stellaluna Storytime; April 24, Rosemary Wells' "Max and Ruby" Storytime; April 25, the Michigan Humane Society will bring in live animals and read stories; April 26, The Farm Lady shares stories and live baby animals; April 27, "Hippie at O'Reilly's" and a real life cowboy, Cowboy Arizona; and April 28, Dinotek and a huge collection of fossils and bones.

**STUDENT ART SHOW:** The Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents the Winter, 1999 Student Art Show, Tuesday, April 20, through Friday, April 30. Located in the campus's Smith Theatre Gallery, the show will feature student work in a variety of mediums including paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, and jewelry. The show opens with a reception and awards ceremony from 7 to 9 p.m. on April 20. Admission to both the reception and the show is free. The public is invited to attend.

**CONCERT:** A new concert series at Trinity House located at 38940 West Six Mile Road in Livonia will feature Jan Kiste, Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski on Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$13 for members. For more information and ticket prices, call (734) 464-6302.

**FASHION SHOW:** The Myasthenia Gravis Association's 23rd annual luncheon and fashion show "Carousel of Style" will be held April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Fashion will be from Twelve Oaks Mall. Featured speaker for the event will be Carolyn Clifford, Healthy Living Reporter for WXYZ-TV Channel 7. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available by calling (248) 423-9700. Proceeds will benefit research and patient service programs for Myasthenia Gravis, a neuromuscular disease.

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# Movies

## Climbing mountains

Characters aren't quite what they seem as they pursue good life

"Goodbye, Lover" is set in contemporary Los Angeles, a place obsessed with image and money. A place where outward appearances matter more than inner truths. Sandra Dunmore (Patricia Arquette), is at the center of a storm of overlapping relationships and betrayals. Sandra could be the girl next door. In fact, she is the girl next door: beautiful, friendly, a devout choreographer, a fervent believer in self-help tapes and always good to other others. Just as long as others are willing to return the favor. In her zealous quest for a much bigger piece of the good life, Sandra may have to step on a few toes — in her siletto heels. But that doesn't make her bad. It simply makes her a product of our times. She is the wife to one brother, Jake (Der-



Jake Dunmore (Dermot Mulroney) with wife Sandra (Patricia Arquette) in Regency Enterprises' wry thriller, "Goodbye, Lover," distributed by Warner Bros., also stars Ellen DeGeneres, Mary-Louise Parker and Don Johnson.

mot Mulroney), and mistress to another, Ben (Don Johnson). Sandra lives a life whose outward appearances seem good and pure but whose true character seems a lot darker. Sandra's on her way up, but her ad exec husband, Jake, is on a downward spiral, apparently flailing in a morass of alcoholism. Although Sandra sells high-priced real estate, this doesn't get her the lifestyle they both so desperately desire. Sandra and Jake aren't the only people who want things in this city of unfulfilled dreams. Jake's older brother Ben, a spin doctor and high-powered public relations executive, wants to preserve his access to the good life. And there's Peggy Blaine, (Mary-Louise Parker) a seemingly innocent bystander in the charade of power brokers and posers at the brothers high-powered public relations firm. She's an insecure junior of Ben's staff, with plans of her own. But her floundering loyalty to either Ben or Jake would suggest that she too may be another duplicitous player in this tale of double crossing and backstabbing. They're all young, beautiful and openly avaricious. But then it's the '90s: who

## Reviewer gives EDTV low rating

"Edtv" is about a man whose life is chosen to become a TV show. Seeing dummies? Good, you might remember this type of plot from a little movie called "The Truman Show." "Edtv" seems as if it were put together with Popcycle stickers. The cheap humor and numerous sexual situations were the only things keeping me from realizing that it

had an incredibly weak plot. A man agrees to put his life on television and to nobody's surprise realizes that he is in too deep and his producers will not let him out. Then Truman Burbank... oh, sorry, wrong movie. Then Ed decides to make a contest to see who can come up with the most dirt on any of the channel's big rigs. In a sort of attempt at free-

something big gets known and just before it is told he gets off the air? Wow. Had my heart going for a minute there.

A cheesy movie with dull jokes, so-so acting and pointless drama where the good guy wins. This movie is just another Hollywood attempt at money making by copying ideas. First it was disaster films, then monster films, then horror films. Now "Edtv" brings Hollywood to a new low by copying a great plot from "The Truman Show."

"Edtv" stars Mathew McConaughey, Woody Harrelson, Jenna Elfman, and Ellen DeGeneres. Rated "PG-13." Overall rating: D-

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INTERESTED?... This outgoing, Catholic DW dad, 39, 5'10", 170lbs., with blond hair, blue eyes

RECENTLY MOVED... To White Lake, she's a college-educated, Catholic DWV, 49, 5', 100lbs.



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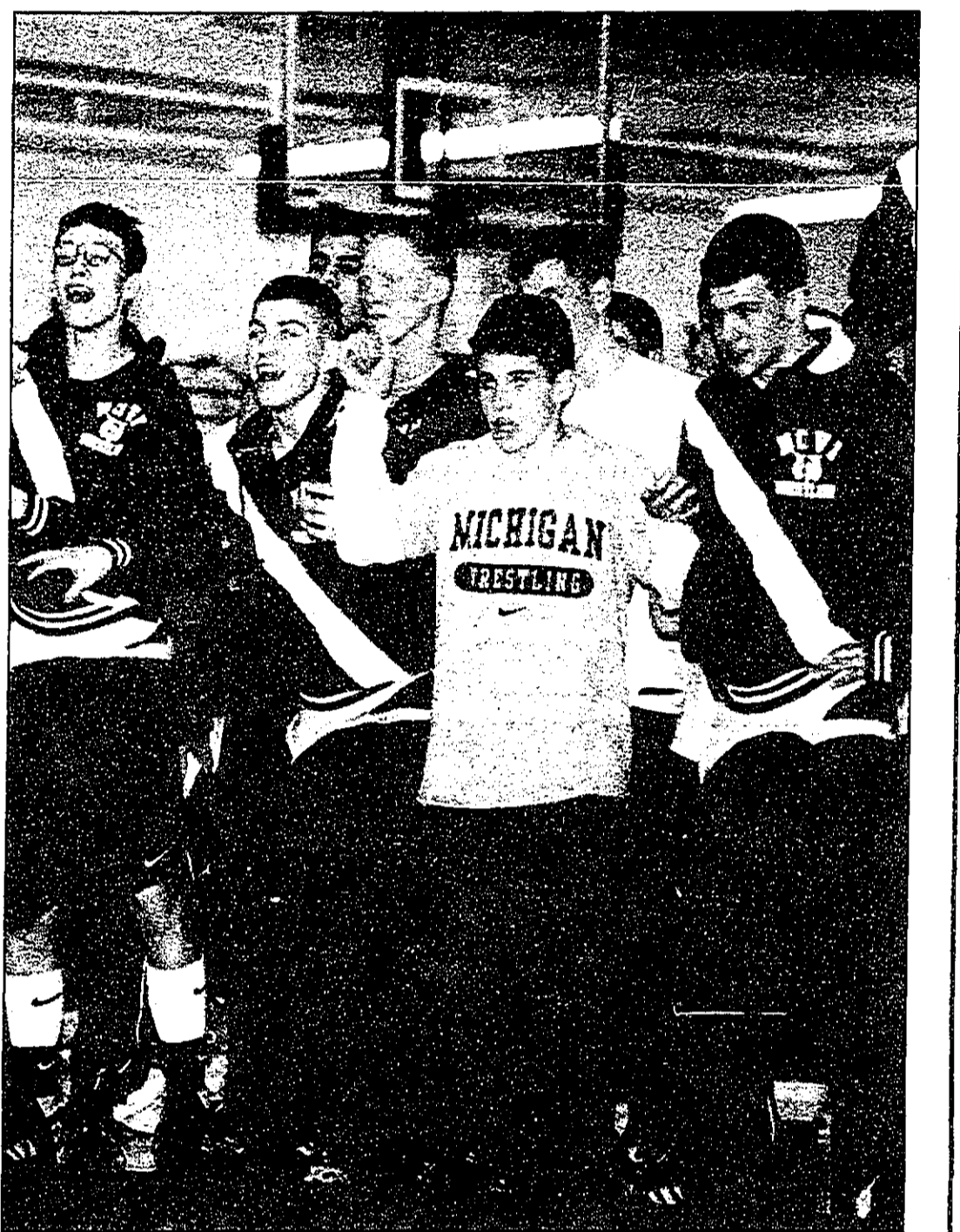
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WORTHY TRY... Share a romantic evening with a handsome SWPM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs.

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In our own back yard

Fans need to look no further than Novi High School for some of the best wrestlers in the state

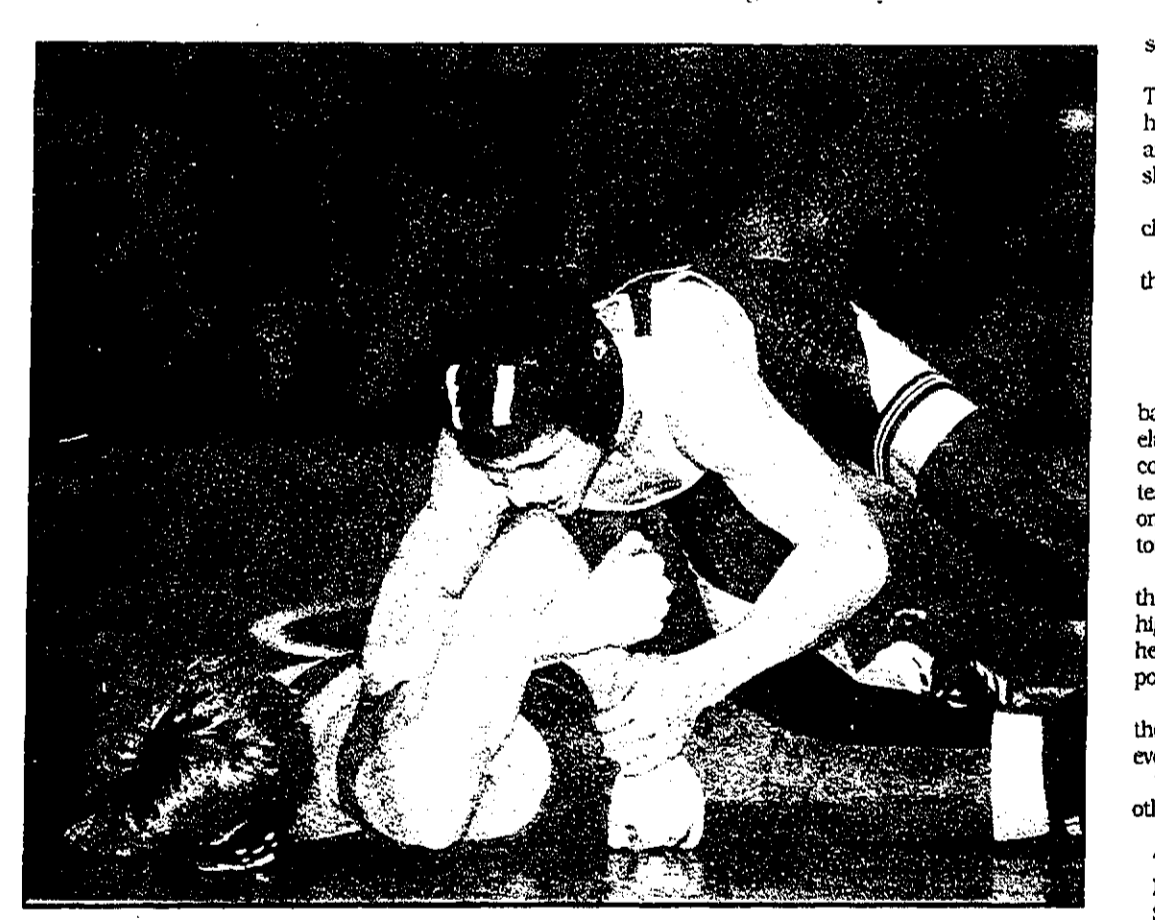


HomeTown's East/Central all-area team consists of high school athletes from Lakeland, Milford, Novi, South Lyon and Northville high schools.

The junior won the Kensington Valley Conference title for the second-straight year and finished third at the Oakland County meet.

Ryan Churella—Co-HomeTown wrestler of the year... Dan Jilg—Co-HomeTown wrestler of the year

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Ryan Churella overcame many obstacles this year, including Northville's Matt Tarrow (left), Churella lost three times to Tarrow last year, but beat him twice this season.

It wasn't just HomeTown wrestlers of the year Dan Jilg (center left) or Ryan Churella (center right) who brought Novi a second consecutive KVC title, it was an entire team effort.

WELCOME TO MY LIFE... Friendly DWPF 47, 5'4", N.S. who enjoys camping, fishing, playing cards

LEAVE A MESSAGE... Never-married SWPF, 35, 6'2", enjoys outdoor activities, coaching sports

ALL THAT'S CUTIE TOO!... Don't miss your chance to meet this DWPF 23, 5'5", who likes movies, reading, listening

Two Novi residents to take on Boston 103RD BOSTON MARATHON

It seems like just yesterday that the Boston Marathon celebrated its 100th running. But that was three years ago.

Novi crushes Northville 107-30

In the season-opening girls track meet, Novi trounced Northville 107-30, winning 14 of 17 events and sweeping seven of them.

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# Jilg, Churella HomeTown's best

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... 115-pound Lambert picked up where he left off the week before. Lambert was a regional quarterfinalist and a district semifinalist. He began this post-season with a second-place finish at the KVC meet.

**Brian Clark**  
South Lyon senior  
Clark might have been South Lyon's most consistent wrestler. He started early with an undefeated showing at the Birmingham Graves Invitational and never looked back. Finishing his senior season with a 31-8 record, Clark was the KVC champion at 196 pounds, then earned a third-place finish in the individual districts.

**Ryan McCracken**  
Northville senior  
The season of Northville's top captain, McCracken led his team by example.

"He's just an amazing leader," his coach said. "He would go out there wrestling sick, and still give his all. He had one of the biggest hearts on the team and I can't say enough about his leadership."  
The senior finished the year 30-11 and won the W-LAA championship at 171 pounds. He was third at the district tournament. He was a HomeTown first-team selection at 160 pounds last year.

**Ryan Giles**  
Northville senior  
After missing the first third of the season with an injury, Giles came back to finish 27-2 and win a district championship at 189 pounds. A four-year wrestler, Giles earned a reputation as a "hammer."  
He had a shoulder injury at the end of the season, but he still sucked

it up and wrestled," Townsend said. "He was focused on the team, and that was very noticeable."  
"We were in some close meets this year and he came through for us when we needed him to. He wants to win so badly that he just went out there and won."

**Tim Zematis**  
South Lyon junior  
There were many occasions when Zematis didn't wrestle like a man with a .500 season. As a district semifinalist, he was a regional qualifier, where he lost to the eventual 215 pound champion, Zematis was the fourth-place finisher in the KVC meet and early on a second place finisher at the South Lyon Invitational.

**Ted Bowersox**  
Northville senior  
The cream of the crop of heavyweight wrestlers, Bowersox was undefeated against area heavyweights. He defeated Novi's Brett Faulkner twice and went on to win a district championship.  
"He just ran into a brick wall at the state tournament," Townsend said. "It would have lost his first match he would have played. For a big guy, he's quick and agile."  
Bowersox was a tri-captain this year.

"We tried not to put Ted into any tough situations this year," the coach explained. "But if we were ever in that situation where we needed a win, Bowersox is one of those kids I'd want in that position. He's another great leader for us, and an all-around great kid."  
Bowersox finished 38-5 this year, won a conference championship and was third at the regional tournament.

## ALL AREA WRESTLING

First Team			
Name	School	Grade	Weight
Tim Braag	Lakeland	Sophomore	103
Ryan Churella	Novi	Sophomore	112
Dan Jilg	Novi	Junior	119
Peggie Torrence	Northville	Junior	125
Anant Saran	Northville	Senior	130
Tom Stanley	Midford	Sophomore	135
Kevin Neumann	Lakeland	Senior	140
Mike Chandler	South Lyon	Junior	145
Justin Lambert	Midford	Junior	152
Brian Clark	South Lyon	Senior	160
Ryan McCracken	Northville	Senior	171
Ryan Giles	Northville	Senior	189
Tim Zematis	South Lyon	Junior	215
Ted Bowersox	Northville	Senior	HWT

Second Team			
Name	School	Grade	Weight
Elbert Sauls	South Lyon	Junior	103
Matt Tarrow	Northville	Senior	112
Kevin Artucule	Northville	Senior	119
Andy Golden	South Lyon	Junior	125
Ryan Chamberlain	Lakeland	Senior	130
Aaron Platt	Novi	Senior	135
Chad Neumann	Northville	Sophomore	140
Dan Scappapico	Northville	Junior	145
Steve Yurkunas	South Lyon	Senior	152
Chris Rumpf	Novi	Senior	160
Adam Borashko	Novi	Junior	171
Nick Sloan	Novi	Junior	189
Pat Quiney	Midford	Sophomore	215
Brett Faulkner	Novi	Senior	HWT

**Honorable mention**  
Lakeland - Chris Brendel  
Midford - Sean Turner, Nick Lawrence, Jordan Boudreau  
Northville - Jeremy Carter, Joe Rumbley, John Koumouss  
Novi - Andy Raudauskas, Sarb Ronatgi, Nate Mitchell  
South Lyon - Matt Firby, Gino D'Agostino

## McDONALD FORD SALUTES NORTHVILLE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Kristi Arrington - Junior



In one of the few chances she may have to break loose offensively, junior forward Kristi Arrington scored five goals in the Wildcats' 8-0 trouncing of Walled Lake Central just before the spring break.  
Four of her goals came in the second half, all in a 16-minute span. Teammate Jill Gibson assisted on three of Arrington's goals.

### Mickie Rzepka - Sophomore



The 2nd-year sprinter/pole vaulter started off her sophomore campaign much like her first year, by winning. She took first place in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes and helped the 1,600 relay team to a win. She also won the pole vault competition against Northville.  
Her team crushed the Mustangs 107-30 in the season opener.

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# Health

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## Health Column

### Pregnant women should think twice

Pregnant women should not equate natural herbal remedies with healthy prenatal care. Herbal supplements and medicines abound on the shelves of today's supermarkets and health food stores, but women who are pregnant should think twice before adding a natural ingredient to their diet.  
"Pregnancy is a time when we need to pay particular attention to a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating habits. Remember that anything you eat or drink crosses through the placenta and affects the baby," said Sandra Lynne, a certified nurse midwife with the University of Michigan Health System. "As a general rule, herbs that we cook with are safe. Manufactured prepared herbal teas are safe. Herbal remedies that you may find in the health food store could be unsafe."  
"We just don't know the strength that we're getting because they're not tested or standardized in this country, so it's important not to ingest (herbal remedies) during pregnancy."  
Nearly \$4 billion in herbal remedies are sold annually in the United States. Unlike drugs that are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, herbal remedies are not monitored as an industry. The FDA views herbal remedies and products as dietary supplements and does not subject them to the rigorous research studies that are applied to pharmaceuticals. Dietary supplements are regulated only on a case-by-case basis.  
"I have great respect for herbal medicine. It works in a lot of people at a lot of the time," Lynn said. "But I really feel we need more studies. We need more research so that we really know what's safe and what's not safe in pregnancy."  
During the first three months of pregnancy, the baby's major organs develop rapidly. Food and liquids ingested by the mother pass through the placenta to the baby. Physicians typically recommend that pregnant women not take any medications during their first trimester. Lynn extends that precaution to herbal remedies.  
"Many people think, 'Well, this is just like a vitamin - it's over-the-counter, it must be safe. I don't need to talk to my midwife about that.' But we really need to know everything that our patients are taking, including herbal medicines," she said.  
Herbs to avoid during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy include:  
• Ginger in large amounts. While small doses of ginger may be used to quell queasy stomachs and morning sickness, large amounts should be avoided. A typical dose of ginger in Chinese medicine is 9 grams - an unsafe amount for pregnant women. Ginger used in cooking typically falls well below 9 grams.  
• St. John's Wort. An increasingly popular remedy for depression, it has not undergone enough testing to determine its safety during pregnancy.  
• Ephedra. The herb is commonly used to treat colds and allergies. Like St. John's Wort, however, ephedra has not been tested enough to be used safely during pregnancy.  
• Ephedra and kava root. Both are stimulants that can increase the heart rate and cause shortness of breath. Ephedrine, derived from ephedra, is sometimes used in cold remedies.  
If a pregnant woman wants to use herbal remedies later in her pregnancy, she should talk with her doctor or midwife.  
"After the first trimester, usually it's OK to take most over-the-counter medications and herbal remedies and herbal medicines, with the advice of your care provider, your nurse, midwife, or your physician," Lynne said.  
Prepackaged herbal teas are considered safe for pregnant women, as the amount of herb is small and poses no risk to the baby. Lynne cautions against making your own herbal tea, however, because it's difficult to determine just how much of the herb is being used. "If you make your own teas, they could be quite a bit stronger and they could have adverse effects on a pregnant woman and her baby," she says.  
Lynne suggests pregnant women interested in herbal remedies talk with their health care provider and consult textbooks or guides to herbal supplements.  
For more information, call U-M Telecare at 1-800-742-2300 and select category 1726 or, on the World Wide Web, visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/> and select Health Topic of the Week.  
**Facts about pregnancy and herbal medicine:**  
• Medications and dietary supplements of any kind should be avoided in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.  
• Pregnant women should not take echinacea. St. John's Wort, ephedra, kava root or large amounts of ginger in their first trimester.  
• It's best to consult a doctor or nurse midwife about any herbal supplements to be taken during pregnancy.  
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# Track team topples Mustangs

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... finished first in 1:05.9 and Jessica Cash (1:07.6) and Vidya Mahadevan (1:08.3) and Erin Quinn in 1:11.0. Erin Quinn was second in the 200 in a time of 28:1 and the 100 in 1:34. Junior Erin Quinn was second in the 200.

In the long jump, freshman Kate Rose, Quinn and freshman Laura Weiss finished 1-2-3 and Mary McDougal and Kelly Phelps were first and third in the high jump.  
Phelps, ran a 18.3 in the 110 high hurdles for first place. Her teammates McDougal and Erin Reid finished second and third. Phelps made it a double by taking the 300 hurdles in 53.8. Erin McDougal was second at 54.2 and Reid grabbed third.

In Nov's other relay win, Rice, Rose, Rzepka and Chipponeri grabbed first in a time of 4:28.

Rzepka made it four wins on the day by taking first in the pole vaulting competition. She vaulted 8.6, beating out Rice (8-0) and Heather Kuyko (7-6).

Northville got the better of Novi in the shot put event, but the 'Cats' evened the score with a 1st and 3rd in the discus. Christina Terrell took first in the discus with a throw of 95-1 1/2. Michelle Blumer was third. Stephanie Pridmore was runnerup in the shot put (31-11/2).

# Novi crushes Central

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

It may have taken awhile for a depleted Novi soccer squad to take control of its game against Walled Lake Central March 31, but when it did, it went out of control en route to an 8-0 romp over the Vikings.  
Junior forward Kristi Arrington scored five goals, four in the second half, and senior Jill Gibson added two goals of her own for Novi (2-1-1). Gibson also assisted on four other goals.

For half of the first half the two teams battled to a scoreless tie, until Gibson found Sarah Christoff for her first goal of the year at the 24-minute mark. The game stayed that way until the Wildcats struck fast near the end of the half.  
With two minutes remaining, Nicole Angelecci hit Arrington, who made a couple of nice moves around a defender to score her first of the game. Just a minute later, with 58 left, Gibson scored one of her own to give Novi a 3-0 lead heading into the half.  
The second half looked much like the first, with both teams unable to score early. But with 23 minutes left in the game, Arrington decided to take over. Gibson found the junior for her second goal of the game and the first of three hookups between the pair.

A minute later, Corless found Arrington, who scored to give Novi a 5-0 lead. Six minutes after that, Arrington scored again, off a pass from Gibson.

The two connected again nine minutes later, at the 33-minute mark to make it 7-0. Gibson took a Stephanie Lauder pass and scored with two minutes left to complete the scoring.

"Against some of the better teams, I think she (Arrington) will be marked better," coach Larry Christoff said. "Then we'll have to find another out-

let for scoring.  
"But I think this game showed me that we're in fairly decent shape. It showed me that we'll be very competitive this year."  
Sarah Clark started in the goal for Novi, but moved out to play in the field after the first five minutes of the game. Junior Michelle Jewell stepped in and completed the game for the Wildcats.

**Novi 1, Salem 1**  
Two days earlier, against much better competition, Novi was limited offensively, and had to rely on its defense to salvage a tie with the Rockets.  
Clark made 10-key saves in goal for the 'Cats, who were outshot by six shots.

"We played fairly even with them, but they had five or six more chances than us," Christoff said. "Sarah (Clark) came through with some tremendous saves."  
The game was scoreless until Salem struck one by Clark with 23 minutes left to play in the game. It looked as if the game would end that way, until Angelecci found Kattie Smith on a throw in with eight minutes remaining. Smith pushed it in from six yards out, right inside the penalty box to tie the game up.  
The tie was readily accepted by Christoff, who said his injury-depleted team really needs the two and a half weeks off it received as part of spring break. Novi played four games in six days, and does not play again until next Wednesday.

"We need this time off to heal some of our injuries," he said. "Our trainer Jeff really did a nice job keeping those girls taped up and ready to go."  
Ashley Cooley, Jennifer Urlick, Kristyn Hoag and Arrington have been nursing early-season injuries and Arrington has been hampered as well.

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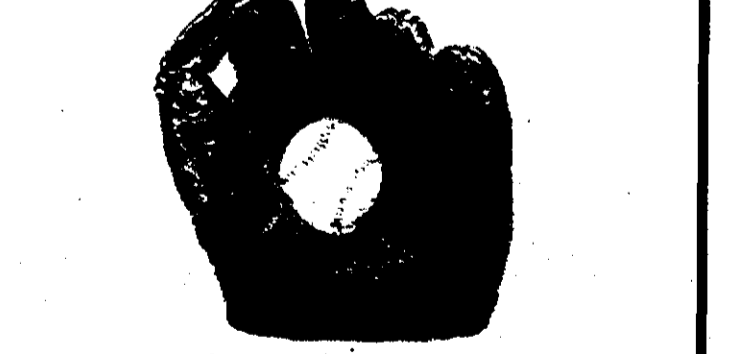
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The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

**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, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.  
This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100.  
To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

**Cancer Support Group**  
"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.  
Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experience.  
Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.  
For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

**Diabetes Education**  
This comprehensive program 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.  
This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.  
Call (248) 421-3905 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 children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.  
Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge.  
Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

**Child Health Clinics**  
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.  
Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

**Prostate Cancer Support Group**  
Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.  
Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

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**Menopause Support Group**  
Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.  
The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics related to menopause.  
For information, call (248) 424-3014.

**Free Foot Screenings**  
Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.  
For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs**  
These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help identify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.  
Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

**Hot Flash Study**  
Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

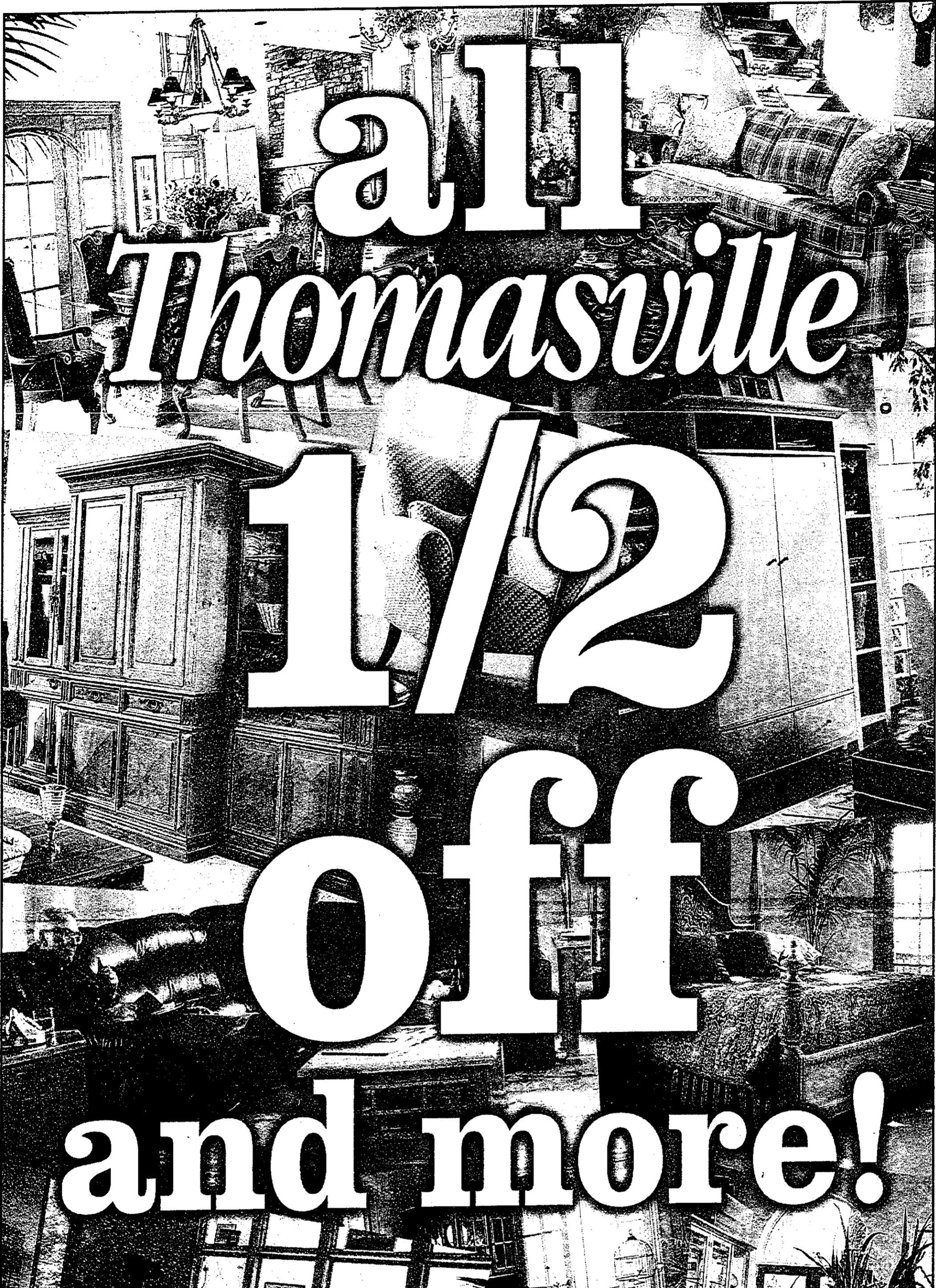
**Blood pressure checks**  
Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.  
Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.  
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