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There is more road work ahead!

Grand River Ave. construction begins

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Grand River Ave. will be reduced to a trickle next Monday when construction begins on widening project that could last a year and a half.

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) announced that they will begin the widening of Grand River between Beck and Wixom roads from three lanes to five on Monday morning. The RCOC is widening the sections in anticipation of the Michigan Department of Transportation's reconstruction of the I-96 interchanges at Beck and Wixom roads, which are expected to take place in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

The \$5.1 million Grand River project could take until early 2003 before it is completed.

"We will keep the road open for the duration of the project," RCOC Spokesperson Craig Bryson said. "By policy, we do not offer detours if the road is not closed. But, because traffic will be slow through the area, we do advise that drivers use alternatives routes."

During the first phase of the project, a temporary

road will be built to the north of the existing road. As soon as the temporary road is constructed, traffic will be shifted off the existing road, and the new eastbound lanes will be built. Once the eastbound lanes are completed, traffic will be shifted onto those lanes, the temporary road will be removed and the new westbound lanes constructed.

Throughout the project, access to all business and side streets will be maintained at all times. Federal funds will contribute to 80 percent of the total with the remaining 20 percent being picked up by the RCOC and local communities. The RCOC will pay half the 20 percent with Novi paying out 9 percent and Wixom chipping in with 1 percent.

MDOT originally expected to begin the interchange projects in 2002 and finish in 2003, but according to transportation officials MDOT had some delays in acquiring land for the interchange project and has delayed beginning the project until late 2003.

"It's a right of way issue," said MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi. "We're looking at purchasing right of way that we feel is fair. We may be studying alternative designs that may use less land."

MDOT had requested the RCOC speed up the Grand River improvement so that the work does not coincide with I-96 interchange construction.

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I-275 project approved

By LON HUHMANN
STAFF WRITER

Interstate 275 will be covered with diamonds by winter.

Actually, on June 28, the State Transportation Commission approved a recommendation by the Michigan Department of Transportation to diamond-grind a five-mile stretch of I-275 in Oakland and Wayne counties. The section will be from Five Mile Road to Nine Mile Road. The diamond grinding project is intended to reduce the noise levels and has made at least one state representative happy.

"I could not be happier that the Department of Transportation has decided to act on the concerns of residents," state representative John Stewart, R-Plymouth said. "Many constituents have come to me express their frustration with the excessive noise levels on 275. Diamond grinding the road should make

I-275 Reconstruction



SOURCE: MDOT

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Novi daycare closed by state

Facility closed after state officials learn that registered sex offender allegedly lived on premises

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Mrs. Violet DuQuet, who has been a registered day care provider since 1993, said she was "crushed" when her Novi home care facility was closed by the state.

The Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS) closed the business after it was found that a registered sex offender was residing at the home.

The house, located at 40688 Ladene on the city's southeast side, was closed after the DCIS

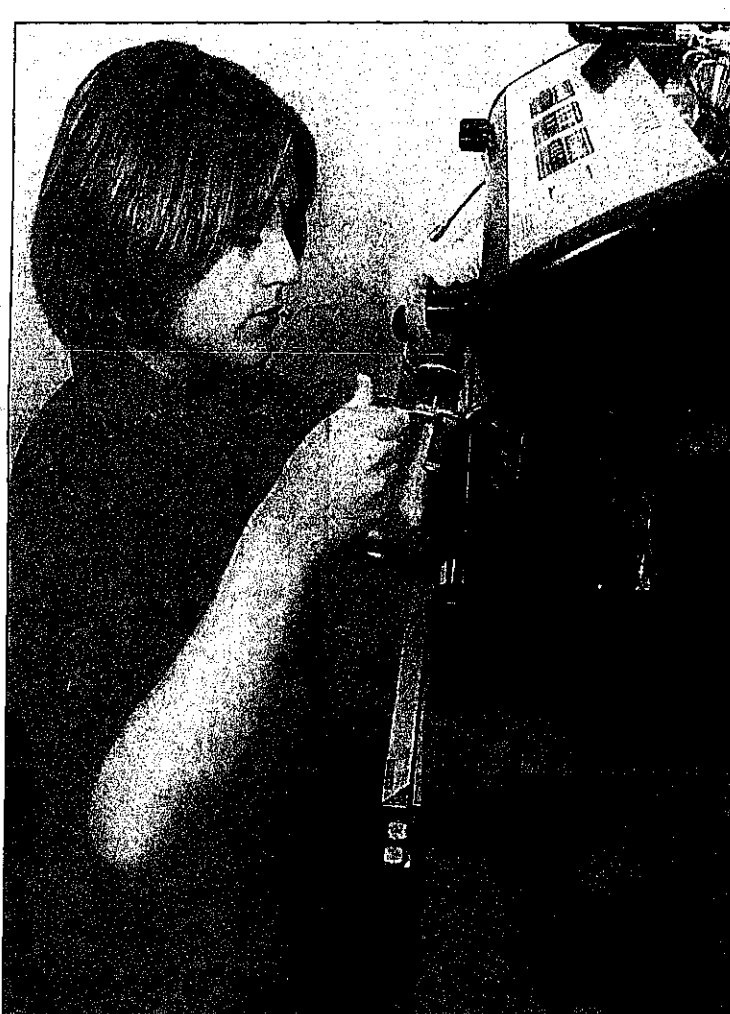
found DuQuet's 21-year old son was convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) third degree after having sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl.

"He's repented and has paid with his time in jail," DuQuet said. "It's even effected my younger son."

When asked if DuQuet was getting support from the parents of children she has been serving over the past eight years, the answer was a definite yes.

"Oh, yes," DuQuet said. "We have been getting a lot of support from parents and neighbors. They all know me. I mean, this is my life. I care about children. We are a God fearing family and whatever my son has done should not effect our whole family, especially like this."

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A cappuccino please

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Picasso Cafe employee Rachel Traub whips up a cappuccino at their Grand River Avenue location. For more on the new cafe, please turn to page 4A.

Voters to decide on new library

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Thomas Jefferson once said that libraries were the "cradle of democracy" and that "information is the currency."

And the Novi Library board hopes Jefferson's words ring true as they begin their "informational" campaign that will --hopefully-- culminate with the approval of a 1.20 millage election this coming November for a new library building.

Last week, Novi council approved the ballot language that would raise the local mills from .08 to 2.0 if voters approve the 1.20 mills of taxable valuable per \$1,000 on each Novi home. Owners of a home valued at approximately \$200,000 will pay an extra \$120 a year.

If approved it would be the third time Novi voters have been asked

to pay for city wide improvements. Last November, citizens approved a \$18.4 million road bond issue and last month voters approved a \$75 million bond issue for school renovation and technological upgrades.

"When your the last in line, it makes your job that much tougher," said Novi Mayor Richard Clark. "But, by voting approval of the ballot language I guess we (council) have given our support."

If approved, the millage would raise approximately \$2.7 million initially for a new library to be constructed next to the old facility just east of Taft Road on Ten Mile Road. A 25 year loan would then be secured for the additional \$17.3 million it would take to construct the new facility.

Novi Library Board Director Brenda Evans said that she hopes

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Youth Assistance Teen Center is a cure for summer doldrums

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

It's officially summertime and while the vacation has only just begun, your kids are already telling you they're bored.

While some youngsters are beating the summer blues by staring at the tube, others have found refuge at Novi Youth Assistance's Teen Center.

"It's just a place for kids to go during the day when normally they would have nothing to do," said the center's director Matt Topper.

"It's fun, it's free and definitely better than sitting around the house."

The center, which is open Monday-Thursday in the Novi High School cafeteria, offers a number of entertaining activities to keep kids busy, like video arcade games, ath-

"I love it because I get to go places my mom wouldn't take me."

Chris Lilla

letic activities, movies and arts and crafts.

"The Teen Center is a great place to hang out and have fun," said 12-year-old Megan Szalony who has been coming to the center the past two years.

"There's lots of things to do and it's a great way to make new friends."

The center, which is open from noon to 5 p.m., also takes kids on a number of exciting field trips to

places like Comerica Park, Sportway, Novi Bowl, Zap Zone and horseback riding.

While the drop-off center is free, day trips cost around \$10.

"I love it because I get to go places my mom wouldn't take me," said 13-year-old Chris Lilla.

The center, offered to young people aged 11-14, also takes the kids swimming and holds a number of educational-based programs throughout the week.

Topics during these programs include discussions on conflict resolution, peer pressure, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

There are also service projects planned in order to help kids get involved and invest in the community.

"We have a Senior Dance, where

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Novi Teen Center counselor Amy Hartland watches as Greg Schaffer plays a video game last Thursday at Novi High School.

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Novi daycare facility closed by state DCIS

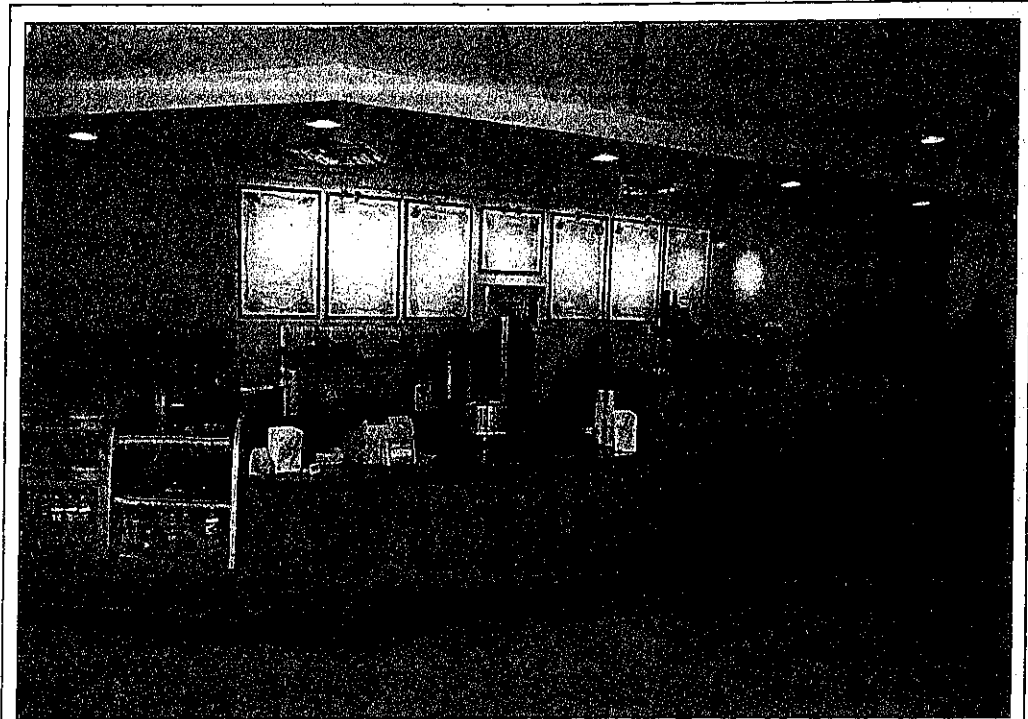
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 According to the DCIS Spokesperson Maura Campbell and the Child Care Organization Act of 1973, DuQuet violated a provision where by allowing "any person convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation, or who has been involved in substantiated abuse or neglect of children" to reside in the home.
 "I'm sorry, but we have to adhere to the law," Campbell said. "There are some people who make one

mistake and they are on the registry. If she would have told us she was on the registry, she wouldn't have gotten a license."
 Campbell said television stations began calling her after e-mails were sent to the television stations across metro Detroit saying that there was a sex offender living in the house.
 DuQuet said NBC's affiliate in Detroit, WDIV-Channel 4, had been to her house four times in one day. The ABC affiliate, WXYZ-Channel 7, had been to DuQuet's

house on Monday of last week and police told Channel 7 newswoman Sandy Heng, a Commerce Township resident, that they shouldn't return to the residence after a complaint of harassment was filed by DuQuet.
 "They were in your face," DuQuet said. "They didn't ask for an interview or even seem to want to know what the truth was. They just wanted to get their two minutes."
 DuQuet said her son did not know the female was 15 years old at the time of the incident, but noted the encounter was mutually consensual.
 "My son is not a child molester," DuQuet said. "He did not know the girl was 15 years old. I don't condone what he did. I know, and he knows, what he did was wrong and he is repentant for what he did."
 Campbell said DuQuet signed an agreement that she would "not exercise her right and would not fight" to get her license back. But DuQuet said she would like, one day, to work as a day care provider again.
 "I want my license back," DuQuet said. "But I don't know, at this point, that I will get it back. But I love children and I would like to work again."
 DuQuet can re-apply for her day care license in five years.
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New Novi library in hands of voters

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 The new library is something the citizens can afford to invest in.
 "I see this [proposal] as a realistic one for the voters," Evans said. "And we will conduct an effective ramping to inform the public."
 Evans said the new library would be approximately 80,000 square feet and cost the average homeowner about \$3.84 as opposed to the current \$1.53 per week each homeowner now pays.
 "With the kind of growth Novi has had, we think that this is not a shock," Evans said. "We think it's a necessary and will be supported by the voters."
 If constructed, the board would like to see the new structure erect-



The unique wooden counter at Novi's Picasso Cafe. The new eatery is open for business at its location on Grand River Avenue.

The art of sandwich making

Picasso Cafe offers a different taste for Novi residents

Sipping a lemonade or savoring down a giant-sized sandwich at Picasso Cafe, you may forget you are in Novi — for a second.
 While outside lurks the familiar hustle and bustle of a busy city, inside provides the quaint, intimate setting of a tiny village cafe.
 Companions quietly conversing over cups of cappuccino, the smell of freshly baked bread, and even the early 20th century artwork produces a somewhat foreign, but serene effect.
 "The cafe offers an extensive selection of freshly prepared deli sandwiches, bagels, soups, salads, pastries and coffees."
 "Our sandwiches are labor intensive—they're something we take pride in making," said the cafe's general manager Lynn Clawson.
 "Jerry [the owner] says, 'the bigger and soppier the sandwich, the better.'"
 Hungry customers can choose from a number of hand crafted sandwiches including their hot Peppered Pastrami Sandwich topped with Swiss cheese, red onions and mustard on Rye or their Veggie Sandwich stuffed with cucumbers, cream cheese, sprouts, lettuce, red onions and honey Dijon mustard on Pumpernickel.
 But both Clawson and owner Jerry Attee will tell you that it's their Picasso Turkey Abstract Sandwich that takes the prize.
 "It's really a work of art," said Attee, who has been in the restaurant industry for the past 11 years.

"Our sandwiches are labor intensive—they're something we take pride in making."
 Lynn Clawson
 General Manager, Picasso Cafe
 While Attee says their nothing generally artistic about the sandwich's appearance, it's what it tastes like that makes it a masterpiece.
 "It's really one of the tastiest sandwiches anyone has ever had," said the Farmington Hills resident.
 "It's sliced turkey breast served with cranberry sauce, cream cheese, lettuce, tomato, and creamy horseradish served on freshly baked Cranberry Walnut Bread. It's our specialty."
 Other sandwiches can be made with deli meats like ham, roast beef, corned beef, and chicken, with choice of breads like Sourdough, Tomato Basil, Wheat, and Marble Rye.
 Picasso Cafe also stands behind their rolled sandwiches called, Twescners, which are served on a fresh tortilla or pita.
 With eight choices to select from, customers can enjoy everything from meat-stuffed to salad-style Twescners like their Chicken Caesar and classic Tuna.
 Hot wraps are also available on the menu, serving fajita wraps like Smokey BBQ, Mediterranean, and Chicken Cordon Bleu.
 Light lunches can also choose Picasso Cafe combo's like a half-sandwich and bowl of soup or salad.
 "Those who are looking to sip some fine coffee will find plenty of aromas to tickle their nostrils with at the full-sized espresso bar. Choices include everything from Lattes and Mochas, to Cappuccinos and shots of Espresso."
 Attee, who also owns a small sandwich shop at the Dominos Farms Headquarters in Ann Arbor, says the cafe is also available for carry out and catering.
 Hoping to one day turn Picasso into a franchise, Attee says its the new cafe's generous portions and fine quality that are the driving force behind its increasing popularity.
 "Just because we're a cafe doesn't mean we cheat on food," he explained.
 "Everything served here, from the bread and pastries to the soups and salads, are made from scratch."
 Attee says he makes no excuses that his new cafe resembles that of the neighborhood Panera Bread.
 "We're similar (in appearance and menu), but we hope to set ourselves a part," he said.
 "I've learned that if you give a person a larger meal than they expect, you'll succeed."
 Who is not to say you can't have your sandwich and eat it too.
 Picasso Cafe is open Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about Novi's new Picasso Cafe, which is located at 39915 Grand River Ave., please call (248) 427-0600.
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Story by Stephanie Fordyce — photo by John Heider

Center opens doors to teens

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 We invite senior citizens to come out and socialize. It's a lot of fun," said Scalony.
 Also planned is a community luncheon where kids get to meet and converse with city and school officials.
 "The end of the year Lock-In is our biggest activity, in which all the kids come and spend the night," Topper said.
 Here kids gather together from 8 p.m. to 9 a.m., playing games, eating pizza, and watching movies.
 "It's really the highlight of the year," said 12-year-old Corey Martin, who returned to the center for the second year.
 Martin said what he likes about the center aside from the free activities, is the caring staff.
 "Everyone that works here is so

niche," he said, about the staff that is comprised five workers and several volunteers. "They all make you feel very welcome."
 Scalony said she'd encourage all kids to check out the center and stressed that parents can be rest assured that it is a safe, fun place for teens to go.
 "It's a great way to stay out of trouble," she said, "plus your parents know where you are."
 Novi Youth Assistance's Teen Center is open Monday-Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. in the Novi High School Cafeteria, June 25 through August 2. For more information please call (248) 347-0410.

ed just west of the current site. The old library could then be razed for parking.
 The library had been looking to put the proposal on the August ballot but postponed and will vote in November after looking over ideas for a new library.
 In a survey conducted last winter, of the 400 residents questioned, 63 percent said that they utilized the library facilities at least once a month. Another 26 percent said they use the site at least once a week.
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MDOT approves I-275 construction set to begin in fall

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 A significant improvement in the amount of noise area residents will hear.
 Stewart, R-Plymouth, is a member of the Transportation Committee and said he has been working hard and has continuously negotiated with the MDOT Commission for a solution to the noise on I-275. MDOT also believes this is an important project.
 "This commission made a commitment several months ago to address this situation and it has been a top priority for us and the department," chairman of the State Transportation Commission Barton W. LaBelle said. "We've been arming ourselves with data to make an effective decision. We anticipate that diamond grinding will reduce the noise level for adjacent residents."
 According to MDOT, in addition to the surface texture of a roadway, noise levels also are impacted by the volume and type of traffic, as well as freeway speeds and other factors. The five mile stretch was reconstructed in 1999 with a concrete surface after MDOT conducted the legally-required Life Cycle Cost Analysis. According to MDOT statistics, I-275 is one of the state's busiest roads and has daily traffic volumes that reach 200,000 vehicles, particularly in the Five Mile and Nine Mile area.
 Wear and tear, as well as noise on I-275 can be attributed to the commercial vehicles that travel the road. MDOT said the commercial vehicles account for 12 percent of the total traffic on I-275. Local officials asked MDOT to use a new type of grinding on the road surface in 1999, but the grooves, combined with an increase traffic have caused the noise to increase, Stewart said.
 "This is the most prudent, cost-effective method of trying to help residents in the area deal with the noise from the freeway," State Transportation Director Gregory J.

It is our goal to do this work at night so we can minimize the disruption to traffic. We also are working with the contractor in an effort to get this completed as quickly as possible, and quite probably by the end of this construction season."
 Gregory Posine
 state transportation director
 Rosine. "No magic bullet exists that will completely solve the problems caused by residential development occurring close to freeways."
 Rosine said diamond grinding the surface now will allow MDOT to remove the existing grooves and replace them with a pattern the department normally uses. According to MDOT, similar diamond grinding projects in other states have resulted in a decrease in noise levels. Stewart said this is the first diamond grinding project in the state.
 MDOT will also work with the original contractor to maintain the existing five-year materials and workmanship warranty. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1.5 million to \$2 million. MDOT plans on beginning work soon and hopes to be finished by the end of October.
 "It is our goal to do this work at night so we can minimize the disruption to traffic," Rosine said. "We also are working with the contractor in an effort to get this completed as quickly as possible, and quite probably by the end of this construction season."

New position created at high school
 Activities would be primarily be responsible for dealing with extracurricular activities and athletics; planning, coordinating and supervising all student events; serve as a liaison with community, and assist with supervision of various coaches and athletic aides.
 The Dean of Students-Attendance & Operations would assist with the management of attendance, supervision of parking related issues, monitor pupil accounting reports, act as a liaison with police resource officer and handle discipline issues.
 The administrative work load at the high school has stretched very thin," said Executive Director for Personnel Bob Schram.
 "That is why these additional positions are necessary."
 In an initial attempt to address the issues among increased staff and students, the district created the position of an administrative assistant two years ago.
 That position will now be eliminated and become one of two spots for Dean of Students.
 The previous administrative assistant Monica McGraw, would have taken the new seat, but resigned at the end of the school year.
 Both spots for the Dean of Students positions are vacant and are currently posted. Starting date begins August 2.
 Starting pay for the new positions will be \$71,000 each.
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OIS seeks special election for educational funding

By Stephanie Fordyce Staff Writer
 A special election in September that will provide funds for special education and vocational training, could greatly benefit students in Novi, according to local school officials.
 The Oakland Intermediate School District is proposing a countywide millage that if passed, would result in an additional \$2.2 million to Novi Community Schools.
 As special education costs continue to rise throughout the county, funding by state and federal sources fall short of providing for the cost of special education, explained Shelley York Rose, Director of Communications for Oakland County Schools.
 "State and federal government does not provide funding for mandated state and federal requirements," she said.
 "Because of this, school districts must use funds from their operating budget to pay for the un-funded costs."
 According to Novi Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe that means \$1.5 million out of the district's operating funds.
 "The school district currently spends \$3 million in special education costs. Only \$1.5 million is covered by state and federal funding,

so we have to cover the balance of \$1.5 million to make up the difference," he said.
 Director of Special Education for Novi Schools Donna Tinberg said the millage would help free up local dollars now used to fund special education programs and in turn spread more money evenly throughout the school district.
 "The federal government initially promised all districts 40 percent of the cost of special ed to be reimbursed at the federal level—they've never lived up to that promise," she said.
 "However the mandate remains but its terribly underfunded. It then becomes the responsibility of the district to fund that mandate."
 If approved, Novi schools would generate approximately \$1.75 million in special education funding.

enhancement of the countywide Special Education millage since 1985 and the only request for enhancement of the Vocational Education millage since its introduction in 1997.
 Increased funding for vocational education will provide funds necessary to protect the investment in the county's four technical centers, Rose explained.
 Novi Community Schools sends 41 high school students to the Oakland Technical Center South West for skill development in such areas as culinary arts, computer technology, the automotive technology, medical and health technology and business management marketing technology.
 "Vocational education, which is really an old term—we now call it career focused education, is undergo-

ing some heavy retooling," Rose said. "We've really upped the ante on technology driven jobs and careers and in order to better prepare our students, we need to meet the high demand on today's market and provide our kids with the best educational opportunities."
 "The millage, which would produce approximately \$10 million countywide, would provide new funds to support career focused education related programs and alleviate pressure on schools' general operating funds."
 "The moneys generated by the vocational millage would be split into two areas," Rose explained.
 "One would be to upgrade our four Oakland Tech Centers and provide improved technology, and second would encourage local districts to merge with other districts to create regional programs locally."
 For Novi, vocational funding from the millage would bring in around \$365,000.
 It is estimated that the proposed increased for an owner of a \$125,000 house would be an additional \$73 a year for the Special Education millage increase and an additional \$14 per year for the Vocational Education millage increase.
 The Oakland Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the election for the millages in June.
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currently, 555 Novi students are enrolled in special education programs in Novi. In addition, another 16 students who attend special education programs outside the community are also funded by the Novi school district. These are students that have needs that can not be directly addressed in Novi and include children with significant health or physical impairments.
 Oakland County as a whole, which covers 28 school districts, would see approximately \$50 million from the special education millage.
 Currently, Novi spends about \$35,000 for each special education student as opposed to \$8,000 for the average student.
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Novi theater group presents popular tale of river life

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

See a tale of friendship unfold along the river bank as Novi Theatres presents the popular story of *The Wind in the Willows*, July 13, 14, & 15.

Follow Mole, Toad, Rat, Badger and Otter through their many trials and tribulations in an exciting adventure for the whole family. "The Wind in the Willows is a classic story," said the play's director Carrie Wickert. "It's filled with laughter and action and group of wonderful characters."

From Rat's picnic with Mole to the troublesome Mr. Toad and his love for race cars, Wickert said the

"Everything is going great, we're really excited for opening night."

Carrie Wickert

production is sure to enthrall and entertain.

"When Toad develops a craze for motor cars, he sets in motion a chain of incidents, which his friends do their best to convince him give up the fast life and settle down," Wickert said.

Toad's addiction to rumpunching and his obsession with cars: his

imprisonment and escape and his fight with the Weasels and to regain Toad Hall - are all relived in this stage version of the Kenneth Grahame book.

The play includes a cast of over 40 actors, aged 7-19 years.

"It's just a delightful production," said Novi Theatres and Wickert's mom Linda.

"All the animals have very humanistic features, and the kids does a great job portraying their species distinctively and clearly."

Carrie said the group began practicing only three weeks ago, but said the cast already had their lines memorized beforehand.

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she said.

Performances are slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 15 and will be held at the Novi Theatres Stage at the civic center. Tickets are \$8 in advanced and \$10 at the door.

An energetic production, *The Wind in the Willows* is immense fun for both children and adults and a charming way to spend a summer evening.

For more information on the play, please call the Novi Theatres at (248) 347-0400.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at sfordyce@t.hometown.net.

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This workshop will provide that everyone can be an artist! Spend a special afternoon with your child while creating a work of art. Techniques include sponging, stamping and stenciling. Children will have a sense of accomplishment after creating something that is functional as well as fashionable on a pottery piece of their choice.

Class will be held July 17, at Novi's new Ready, Set, Paint! located in the Novi Town Center from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 for a parent and one child and \$10 for each additional child. A material fee of \$7 is also required.

Total Soccer Camp
This camp is for ages 5-16. Students will be grouped according to age and ability while they learn rules, game strategies, techniques and individual soccer skills. Bring a pair of shoes (for indoors), soccer ball, and shin guards. Specify child's T-shirt size on the registration form.
The camp will be held at Total Soccer's facility, 30990 Wixom Road, just south of Pontiac Trail. Bring a lunch and beverage. Latchkey is available from 3-5 p.m. for \$20 a day. Contact Total Soccer for arrangements.
The camp runs Monday through Friday, July 16-20 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Another camp is also scheduled for July 22-27. Cost is \$140. If those classes are full, other sections are available. Same time and location.

Rhythmic Gymnastics
Rhythmic gymnastics is a beautiful all female sport that combines dance and light tumbling with the use of a hand apparatus to develop coordination, grace and maturity. Gymnasts will learn exercises for increasing motor skills, coordination and flexibility, ballet, jazz, and modern dance steps, and tumbling skills and acrobatic elements such as cartwheels, forward and backward rolls and acro-jumps. Each gymnast will also have the opportunity to work with the ball, hoop, and ribbon. Instructor Jennifer Buckley is a U.S. National team member and has competed internationally. She is a safety certified and member of the USA gymnastics. Class will be held July 23-27 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Parkview gym. Cost is \$55.

Karate
This Karate class trains students in defensive tactics, helps build a healthy mind and body, and is a safe and effective way to learn proper self protection methods. The class will emphasize physical and mental growth along with socially responsible behavior. Students will be grouped according to ability level. Classes will be held in the Novi High School cafeteria June 19-August 2. Three courses are available: Tuesdays or Thursdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginners go from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and advanced go from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$38 for one day or \$66 for two days.

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For information on all of the above classes including registration, call Novi Community Education at 449-1206.

Man arrested for disorderly conduct

Novi police arrested a 51-year-old Westlake Drive resident after he began shouting obscenities at Novi police on July 4 around 1 p.m.
Police said that they went to the man's neighbor's house after the man was reportedly drinking and using foul language. When police arrived they asked the man if he had been drinking and he that he got a little high because the sun was shining. After police began talking with his neighbors, the man came out and began swearing at police, demanding they leave his neighbors alone.
After the man's outburst, police took the man into custody and charged him with disorderly conduct.

Apartment robbed
An apartment in the 2900 block of Beachwalk was broken into on July 5 sometime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. while the residents were away.
According to police reports, a number of items were missing including a 9 mm automatic, a laptop computer, a ladies' Gucci watch, a gold necklace and a scallop edge tallsmen with Arabic writing on the center.
It appeared that the apartment was not ransacked. The police report indicated that the apartment may have been entered through a sliding door.
Witnesses at the scene did give a description of two men who were seen loitering at the complex but both accounts were conflicting.
One witness described the two men, both with blond hair and standing approximately

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6 feet tall and weighing 230 pounds, who were "cruising" the area early during the morning hours.
Another witness reports seeing two men with brown hair that may have been brothers peering in windows.
The men may have been driving a gray Buick or Oldsmobile midsize four door sedan.

Woman battered
A 30-year-old Novi woman was arrested for disorderly conduct and felonious assault after she struck another woman with a baseball bat on July 8, at around 5 a.m. in a fight at a trailer park along Napier Road.
When police arrived on the scene the woman allegedly told them that she went to obtain \$21 she said the victim owned her. According to the victim, an argument broke out between the two individuals and the victim was struck several times with the bat.
The assailant was placed into and given a blood alcohol test that registered a 0.13 alcohol test.

SUV Stolen from mall
A woman went in to do some shopping in Twelve Oaks Mall around 10:15 a.m. and returned to where she thought she parked her vehicle at 4:30 p.m. to find the vehicle missing on July 7.
The woman said she was not behind in payments on the Burgundy 1999 GMC Yukon and that she was positive where she left the vehicle. Security cameras were not able to pick up where the vehicle may have been taken. The victim also said that there was not an extra set of keys left in the vehicle.

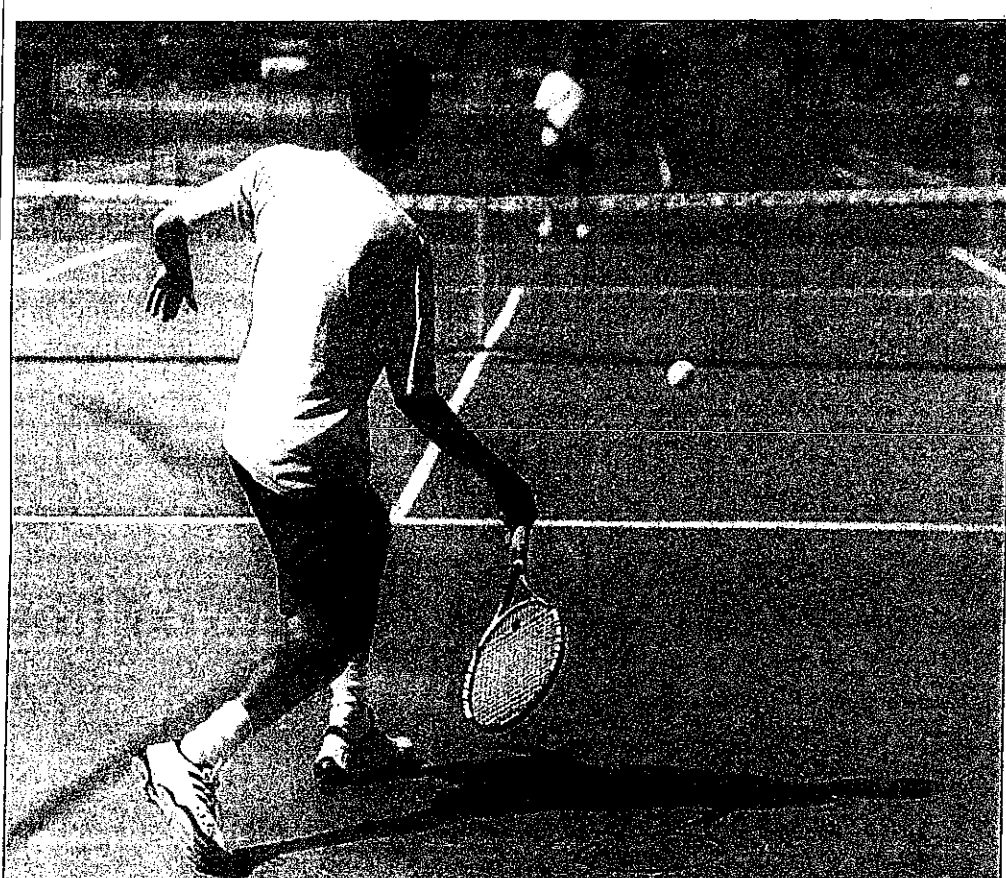
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The resident noticed the note upon retrieving her mail, where she also discovered a section of her new phone book tore out.
The complainant learned from her children that a fellow peer likes to be called (name).
Complainant did not want suspect contacted but requested a report on file in case of further problems.

Missing trailer
A 49-year-old man came to the Walled Lake Police Department July 2 when his white jet ski trailer was missing from its spot behind Husley Envelope Company in the city.
The man last saw the trailer June 28 and didn't notice it missing until July 1. The case is still under investigation.

A warranted arrest
A 36-year-old Wixom man was arrested after a lien showed that he was wanted on two warrants.
A woman was driving a '95 silver Thunderbird with a broken tail light. An officer stopped the woman and did a routine check on all of the passengers in the car.
The man was discovered to have a warrant for Wolverine Lake Police Department for possession of marijuana with a \$50 bond. He was also wanted with a \$75 bond for another drug crime in Detroit.
He was placed under arrest, hand cuffed and transported and processed without further incident.
He was placed in a holding cell for Wolverine Lake Police Department pending bond for court.

The leeman Cometh
A bizarre note was found outside a resident's home in Wixom the morning of July 2. The note, which read: "Leeman will reek havoc" was found under a cobble stone near the resident's mailbox on Barbary Street.



Follow the bouncing ball
Glenn Gabriel returns a shot to his father Marshall during a game of tennis at the Novi High/Public Courts last Tuesday afternoon. Glenn, a Novi High graduate, played on its varsity tennis team.

Sex offender, family to leave complex

By RANDAL YAKES
Staff Writer
The mother of a convicted sex offender said she is being forced out of her home in the Novi Ridge Apartment and Condominium Complex because of neighbors' complaints about her son.
Neighbors of the woman began a campaign last summer complaining that her son, previously convicted of criminal sexual assault, was living too close to the Orchard Hills Elementary school and was a danger to the community.
Last August, residents of the complex said that they were afraid for the safety of their children.
"They had nothing to fear and still have nothing to fear," the mother said. "He is not a danger to anyone."
The Novi News is not releasing the identity of the sex offender or the parent to ensure the anonymity of the assault victim.
The mother said that the campaign to "inform" has turned their lives upside down and is the reason her lease is not being renewed. She also said that the neighbors have

been exacerbating the problem by putting up posters that identify her son as a sexual predator.
"They won't renew my lease," the mother said. "They have been putting up the posters and I think that is the reason but they won't tell me. Legally, what they are doing is not wrong, but morally, I think it is wrong. It's not just my older son (the offender) that it is affecting, it is our entire family."
The mother said she called the Novi News in order to let the community know that she and her family were "moving on" and that they "will survive" despite "those who do not want us around."
According to the mother, the 18-year-old offender will not be residing with the family. He plans on moving out this September. The mother also said that her other children, who are enrolled in the Novi school system, will be forced to enroll in another school because of the problems renewing the lease.
"He (the offender) wants to move out," the mother said. "He doesn't want to be here anymore. He doesn't want to go through this."

The mother said the reason she has kept the offender in her home was because she too was a victim.
"I was raped from the time I was a baby until I was a teenager," she said. "I know what it means to be a victim."
The mother said that the cyclical effect of abuse is one that begins and ends in the home. She also claims that the offender was abused by his father. She also said that her former husband was abusive toward her and that she is trying to break the cycle of abuse.
"I have a good job that pays well," she said. "But everybody knows about the situation. My son hears it at school. He's dropped out."
According to Novi police, the offender does not have the right to step in and stop the posting of information about the perpetrator that is already available to the public.
But police did say that whoever is responsible for putting up such fliers could be the subject of a lawsuit if the subject of those fliers is harassed.
Police officials also said that even though someone is convicted of sexually assaulting a minor they have

the right to live wherever they please.
"I have been instructed to make any comment," Novi Ridge Complex Manager Judy Wesowski said. "I was told not to make any comment about what has gone on."
Bleznak and Associates in Farmington Hills, the management firm for the complex, refused to answer any calls. Vice President of Bleznak and Associates, John Podowsky, refused comment on the situation.
"I have not comment, at all," Podowsky said.
After a man with two criminal sexual conduct convictions (CSC) was sentenced for raping and murdering Megan Kanick, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl in 1994, then-President Bill Clinton signed Megan's Laws two years later in 1996. The law requires states to disclose to the public information about convicted sex criminals.
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Board to OK new PTO policy

School board expected to affirm new policy granting parent organizations insurance coverage
By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

Soon parent organizations like the Boosters and PTOs will be covered under the school district's insurance with the passage of a new Support Organization Policy.
The policy, which will officially be approved by the Novi school board on Aug. 16, will provide insurance coverage to fundraising organizations in the district.
Groups like the Novi High School Band and Athletic Boosters, elementary PTOs and other parent-student committees who help raise and contribute money to clubs and athletic teams, are individually liable and currently not covered by the district.
"They work hard trying to do fundraising in order to support the activities of our children and enhancing the educational experience that they have," said personal superintendent Bob Schram.
Schram said while school volunteers are covered by the district's insurance, support organizations are not and could be sued if something should occur.
"When I met with the PTO Interscholastic Council, they was a great concern over liability," he said. "We have never had anything written in the books about our policy on support organizations, and we felt that it was an important issue that needed to be defined."
In order to be considered under the insurance, each organization must first be approved by the school board.
Schram said the approval process will help the district keep a formal listing of fundraising groups, especially in light of the MHS sports calendar scam, in which a promotions company out of Indiana solicited money from local businesses, selling ad space for posters of the high school's football and basketball schedule, which were not approved or affiliated with the school district. The scam was first brought to the school's attention in February.
From now on, those support organizations not approved by the board will not be allowed to do fundraising.
Student-run fundraisers, like annual car washes, will not be affected by the new policy.

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County commissioners OK new judge for 52-1 court

By RANDAL YAKYI Staff Writer

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution that will add a new judge to the 52-1 District Court in Novi.

With the approval, the Novi court would receive another judge through the electronic in 2002 to be seated in 2003, then take away a judge, most likely Judge Michael Batcick's seat, and send it to the 42nd and 2nd Division Court in Clarkston in January 2003. Rose and White Lake Township would also be transferred to the Clarkston Court.

According to Novi court administrator Michelle Bilger, the additional judge will have little effect on the court docket.

"The case load will still go up by about four or five thousand," Bilger said. "When the new judge arrives we'll still have the same amount of cases as we have now."

Novi District Court Judge Dennis Powers agreed. Powers said that no matter what happens over the next two years there will still be a need for a fourth judge in Novi.

"We'll get some relief," Powers said. "But we need a fourth judge. We may have to split from the county and get the individual cities to adopt us. But one thing is for sure, something has to be done."

Novi District Court Judge Michael Batcick echoed Powers thoughts and noted that his move to Clarkston would not be advantageous to decreasing the Novi docket, but sponsors the move.

Senator Bill Bulward (R-Highland) and Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), who sponsored legislation for the new judge, said the current plan is the best way for Novi to receive a judge. Both were instrumental in bringing the new judge to Novi.

According to court officials, if the first three months of the year

are any indication, 2001 will be the highest court load ever.

In 1995, there were approximately 51,000 new cases filed with the court. By 1999, that number had leapt to 56,307. Last year, the number dropped, but only by less than a thousand at 55,100.

The Novi court expects to finish with between 62,000 and 64,000 new cases this year. State court administrative officials confirm that the Novi Court is the fastest growing court in the state -- bar none -- including the 46th District Court in Detroit.

The largest jumps this year come under the general civil cases and civil infractions that seem to be expanding at an enormous pace, according to court officials.

Randal Yakyi is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakyi@ht.hometown.net. He can be reached by phone at 1-(248)349-1700 ext. 105.

New business making a splash

By Stephanie Fordyce Staff Writer

Imagine yourself sitting in your backyard on a warm summer evening.

As you take in the night air, you slowly close your eyes and hear the distant chirps of crickets and the faint trickle of water flowing over rocks.

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"Some people want just a goldfish pond in the corner of their yard while others want something more elaborate like cascading waterfalls or massive fountain springs," said Casey Wright, of Novi's new water landscaping company.

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Replicating the ecosystem of a body of water comes easy for Wright and his sister Martha, who both started Splashy Designs back in April.

Furthermore, the Wright says water gardens are easy to maintain.

"The biggest misconception is that the ponds require lots of maintenance," he said.

"But that's not the case, the water gardens essentially take care of themselves. It only requires about five minutes each week."

Other myths to having ponds are that they attract mosquitos and that they become green and slimy. Wright said.

Water gardens are now becoming quite a popular feature these days, Wright, a CMU graduate, said.

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"Our customers are not enthusiastic gardeners. It's the average person who wants to have a place to relax every day after work, rather than waiting for a vacation that is six months away," said Wright's sister Martha, a horticulturist from LSU.

"Ask anyone with a water garden. They will tell you it is a place to escape to, that it is soothing, relaxing and environmentally friendly. These things are incredibly important now because people have less time and more stress in their lives."

While the business has generally focused on residential projects, Splashy Designs is looking to break ground in business and commercial properties.

They were recently selected to be Consumer Home Association's premier watergardener's and just finished a water feature at the Consumer Energy house, which is one of nine most energy efficient homes in the U.S.

"Creating water features is not just landscaping to us," Wright said. "Each pond we do is a work of art."

If you are interested in installing a water garden please call Splashy Designs for more information at (248) 477-7482.

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SOUND REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM MEADOWBROOK COMMONS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Sound Reinforcement System according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

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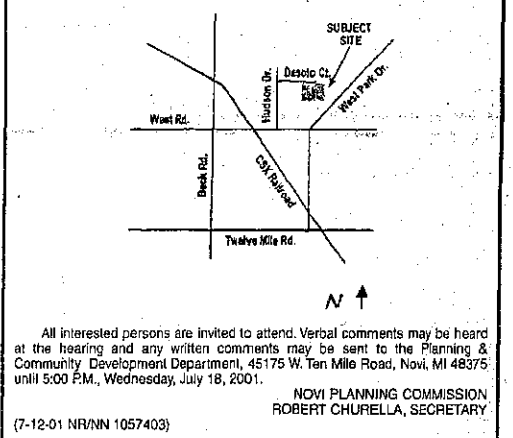
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All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Sound Reinforcement System" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder; to waive any irregularities or informality or to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48075 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 18, 2001.

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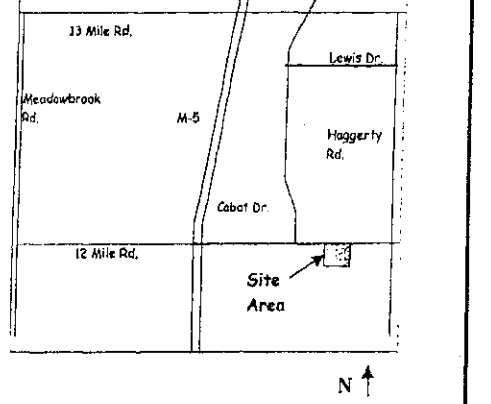
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE; FOOTNOTE (U), SUBPARAGRAPH (1), OF THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE, RELATING TO HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS IN AN OST DISTRICT; AND TO AMEND SUBPART 2509.6(g), RELATING TO BERMS, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OST DISTRICT WHEN ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

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 Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48075, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

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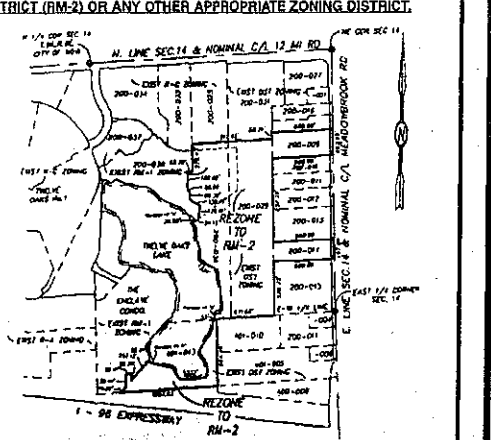


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Nothing's solved with court issue

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners recently approved the addition of one new judge beginning in 2003, but at the same time, a judgeship and two townships (Rose and White Lake) will be lost to Clarkston.

Judge Batchik admitted to the Novi News some time earlier this year: "[Novi is] getting shortchanged. I don't understand how they came up with the this but it doesn't make any sense."

It seems apparent that the Oakland County executives, and especially L. Brooks Patterson, did not want a new judge exclusively for Novi. We are perfectly aware of the fact that Gov. John Engler doesn't like to create judgeships. His stance has always been that if a new judgeship is created, another must be eliminated somewhere else. But it seems that when the idea of a new judgeship for Novi first came about, the initial plan was to give Novi a judgeship increasing the number of judges from three to four. And that what Novi needs — a fourth judge.

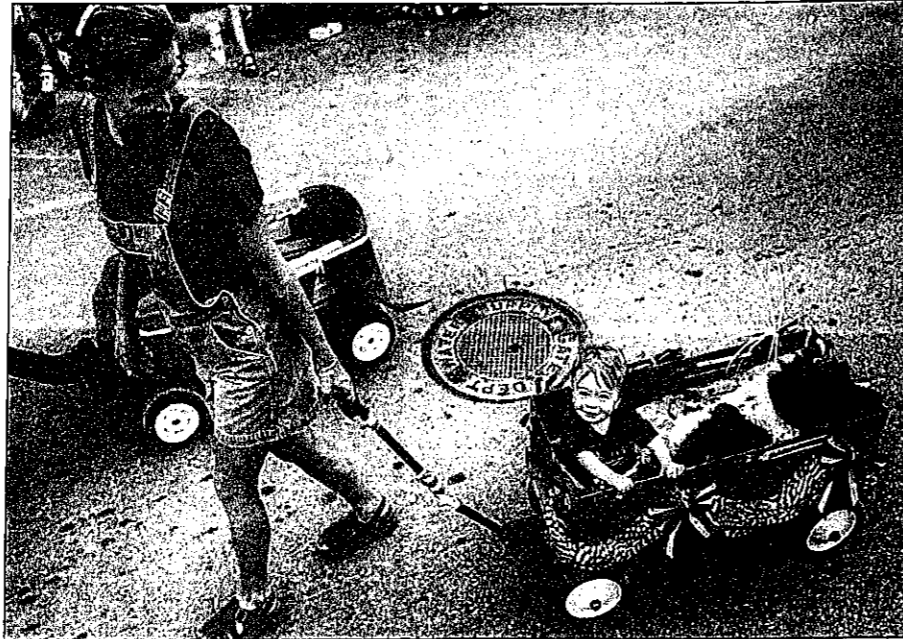
We have to agree. What is the point of creating a judgeship if only to lose a judgeship? Proponents of the current plan say that sending Clarkston jurisdiction of Rose and White Lake Townships will help alleviate the court. We say, "not so fast." According to the Novi court administration offices, Rose and White Lake only comprise 10 percent of the entire docket and that will easily be made up in two years when a the "Clarkston-Novi Switch" is completed.

So in two years the Novi court will be in the exact same situation it is in today. It seems when it comes to this Novi-Clarkston judgeship switch, nobody wants to call it like it is. The emperor has no clothes. With all the construction in the district that comprises the new 52-1 District Court in Novi as of January 2003 (which include the cities Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom; the townships of Commerce, Highland, Milford, Novi and the villages of Milford and Wolverine Lake) are all considered to be major growth area by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

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Mr. Engler approved the deal last January and Mr. Patterson capitulated, calling it "the best alternative." There is only one problem: It doesn't help the Novi court. Novi still did not get a fourth judge. As

Without the support, commitment, energy, and enthusiasm of Gary Kelly and the Novi High School students who participated in this program, along with Pat Hill, parent representative, this program would not have become the great success it has. To each and everyone of you, heartfelt thanks for in reality, each of you deserves to have your name inscribed upon this Proclamation as well for each of you in reality, made it possible.



A boy gets the ride of his life while being hauled along in a red wagon during Northville's Fourth of July parade.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

LETTERS

Thanks for the Korean War salute

On Sunday, July 1, I was a proud participant during the Korean Veterans Recognition Day.

What can the board of education be thinking? Is this another feeble effort by the board to avoid making a permanent decision?

That is not about lost dreams and unmet promises.

Thom Barry

Northville asks for water reduction

Dry weather conditions are expected to continue through the summer creating a water shortage in the Detroit system, which supplies the city of Northville and other suburbs.

Margaret and Allen Cassady

With CCW as law, what do we do?

Now what do we do? It seems that our higher courts along with our legislature are the only ones that realize that we are not violent enough and we need to continue to pursue the right to bear arms.

High school class made event possible

"Credit where credit is due." On July 2, I was the surprise recipient of a Proclamation from state Rep. Nancy Cassis. The Proclamation dealt with the recognition program to honor World War II veterans and in partnership with Gary Kelly, social studies chairman at Novi High School, to preserve the stories of these honored veterans for future generations.

Thank you for your help.

Gary Word City Manager Northville

Colligan is right choice for Northville

As 35-year Northville residents and parents of five Northville High School graduates, we read with interest the article announcing the appointment of Dennis Colligan as the interim principal of Northville High School. We applauded the remarks of Leonard Remierski when he said, "I have every confidence in him to do an outstanding job."

Share your opinions We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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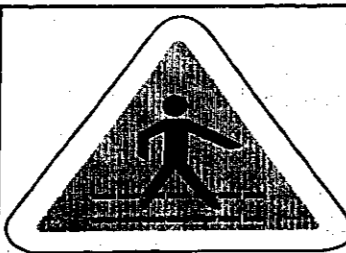
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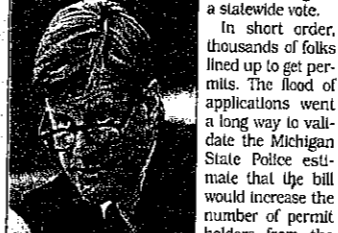
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Partisanship rears its ugly head

On a 4-3 split ruling a couple of weeks ago, the Michigan Supreme Court blocked a referendum on the new concealed weapons law that requires local gun boards to issue permits to carry hidden guns to anybody who isn't a felon or mentally ill. That let the law take effect and nullified the petition drive that collected more than 230,000 signatures calling for a statewide vote.



Phil Power

Many prosecutors — including Wayne County's Mike Duggan and Oakland's David Gorecki — resigned from their local gun boards, reflecting fierce opposition to the law from parts of Michigan's legal and police community.

Remember the way Justices Taylor, Young and Markman got into office? It was through the most expensive and vituperative campaign in Michigan political history.

of the campaign — which featured tons of soft money for both Republican and Democratic candidates — charged this method of picking justices will ensure that Michigan can reliably obtain from this court the best justice so it money can buy.

The original purpose of the provision was to make sure government did not grind to a halt if appropriations bills were constantly subject to lengthy vetoes. So the legal argument turns on whether the money slipped into the CCW bill was really a basic appropriation for a state institution or a limited allocation of funds for a specific purpose.

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The majority Justices are taking a real pounding on this one, and it isn't confined to editorial writers and columnists. "I'm terribly disappointed that the opinion files in the face of the people's Constitutional right to referendum," says Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. David Fink, Oakland Coordinator for the People Who Care About Kids Committee that ran the petition drive, says the decision "evicted the people's right to referendum. If legislators want to take away our right to referendum, all they have to do now is tack on an irrelevant appropriation."

Majority Justices argued "strict construction" of the Constitution required that any grant of money constitutes an appropriation. Dissenting Justices Michael Cavanagh, Marilyn Kelly and Elizabeth Weaver contended \$1 million lacked onto the bill for the admitted purpose of overturning any effort at referendum is hardly an appropriation and opens the door for all manner of similar legislative shenanigans. Justice Weaver noted in her dissent that the majority opinion opens the door for the legislature to "referendum-proof" a bill simply by attaching an appropriation — as little as \$1 will do.

Years ago people considering a real estate purchase went to a member of the Michigan Appraisers Institute for an appraisal. If the appraisal seemed out of line, skeptics would call the resulting document MAI ("Made According to Instructions"). Reading through the twists of the court's opinion persuades me this opinion was MAI from start to finish.

The politics are equally troubling. Remember that the way Justices Taylor, Young and Markman got into office? It was through the most expensive and vituperative campaign in Michigan political history. Critics

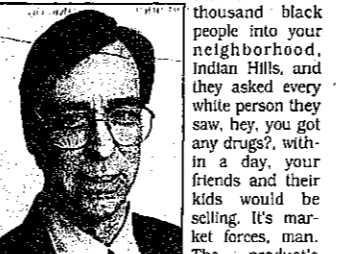
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Use reality in race profiling issue

"Right now, all over this country, a hundred thousand white people from the suburbs are driving around downtown asking every black person they see. You got any drugs? You know where I can get drugs? What kind of effect you think this has on the psyche of a black person, on their possibilities? If you sent a hundred thousand black people into your neighborhood, Indian Hills, and they asked every white person they see if they got any drugs? Within a day, your friends and their kids would be selling. It's market forces, period."

I've never seen statistics for this or a study of the question, but 20 years of reading police reports in my role as a suburban journalist has convinced me that many break-ins are transplanted crimes from the central city.



Mike Malott

The scene is one of several eye-opening moments contained in that popular motion picture. If you haven't seen it, I recommend it. Of course, the flick is a commentary on America's ongoing, if less than successful, "War on Drugs." It caught my interest as a commentary on our even longer-standing war on each other's neighborhoods.

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The zoo isn't the same any more

My mom told me every so often about the time leading up to the trip. I was sitting next to her at a little round table in kindergarten while the other kids were getting rounded up for the field trip. My mom, who was going to be heading up a group of rowdy kids, looked over and watched me get sick on the table. I'm sure I was teacher and the other kids.

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Diane Deel

My mom, who was always in tune with my childhood needs, told the teacher that I was not sick and I would not be causing a plague. She explained to her that I was just so excited to go to the zoo that I couldn't even sleep the night before. My mom was right. I loved seeing the animals. It was a magical place where my imagination would go wild. I guess it seemed like I was on an African Safari. I was only 5-years-old, I hadn't been around much.

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We paid almost \$20 for three hot-dogs, two bags of chips and two beverages.

Just as we were recovering from our heart attack over the expensive meal, all chaos broke out. We were sitting on a bench and finally started enjoying our-

selves by watching the antics of the elephants. That's when my son decided to throw one of his biggest fits ever. Nothing we did pleased him. The train wasn't coming any time soon and he wanted to see the rest of the animals while he threw a temper tantrum.

I felt like kissing the car when

we finally got back to it.

I'm happy I have fond memories of the zoo when I was young. It's just not the same anymore.

Of course I will be making the trek next year to the zoo with Zack. Mom, do you want to go? Mark's had enough.

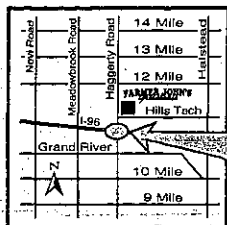
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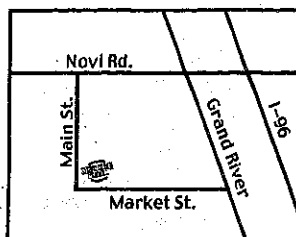


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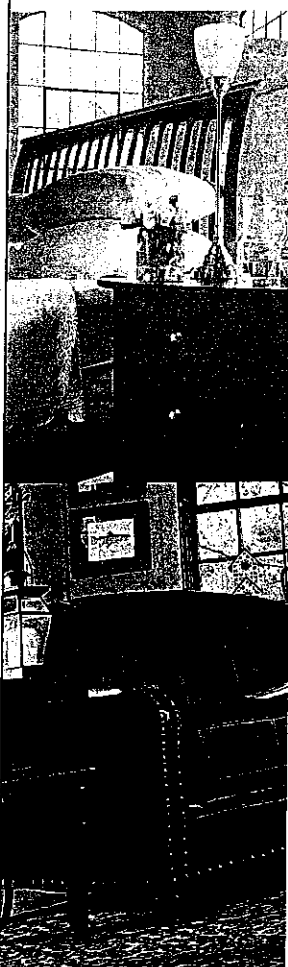
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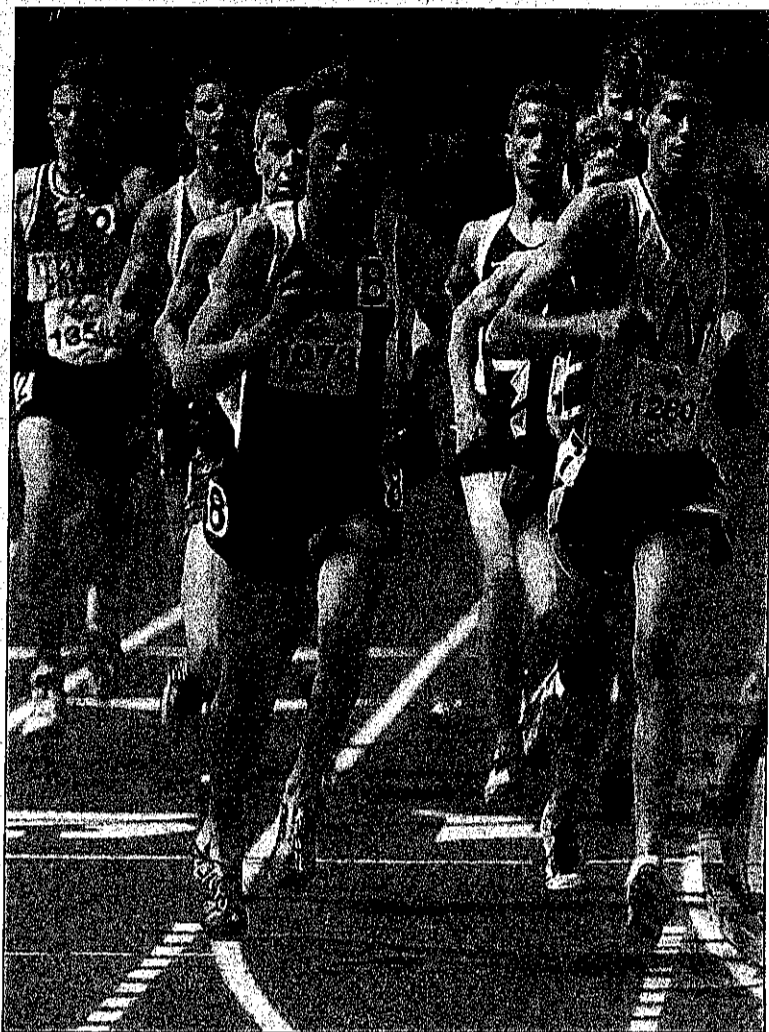
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National Champions Tim Moore, Mark Avenius, Chris Toloff and Eric Walle.



Tim Moore in the open two mile run.

National champs

Novi gets five All-Americans at national meet in North Carolina

By KELLI COOLEY
EDITOR

Red, white and blue. No, these aren't the colors left over from the Fourth of July or the colors of the Jello salad grandma made this year.

These colors represent five of the best high school runners in the country — five All-Americans in a national track championship which was presented to five Novi track and field runners on June 15 and 16 in Raleigh, N.C.

This is not to say the win was a fluke or not deserved. These five actually have been preparing for the last year, maybe the last three or four for this single event.

"The first I'd heard about the national meet in North Carolina, boys were talking about 4 x one [mile] during cross country. It was my first real exposure to giving it some thought," said Robert Smith, Novi track coach.

However, Smith would soon find that more than just the high school runners were talking about the 4 x one-mile. "When Tim Moore went to the cross country nationals in Orlando, one of the organizers from Raleigh asked if we were going to the national track meet. He said, 'I heard you have two bookends [Moore and Chris Toloff] that run hot miles,'" Smith said.

There was one more speed bump, though. To attend the Raleigh meet, each school must

qualify in a standard meet. However, there were no standard dual meets that were held which would qualify the Wildcats for nationals.

"The organizer said, 'Consider yourself invited. We know how good you are. There was good proof that we may have something here,'" Smith said.

Smith went back to Novi and told the boys not to plan anything on June 16. One of the runners father's booked hotel reservations. They were already registered for the 4 x one-mile. The director wanted Moore to run the two-mile open and Smith entered the boys in the distance medley relay (DMR) just for "kicks."

"I was still saying 'Boy, what did we get ourselves into.' We run against good competition. If we have a hard time against Rockford, what are we in for? I didn't realize Rockford is the best in the nation. My gosh, what we see is national caliber. I didn't give us that much credit. Our environment is top-notch," Smith said.

Thinking, "Wouldn't it be nice if we just placed?," Smith, other coaches, Moore, Toloff, Dan Stevens, Mark Avenius, Eric Walle and many parents paid for the trip themselves and drove 14 hours to Raleigh.

At the North Carolina State University track, these five runners had no idea the kind of Wildcat history they would make. Moore was the first to run the two-mile open,

which is slightly longer than the metric 3,200-meter race the boys normally run. Yet, Moore was excited and calm.

"He didn't look intimidated. He saw Dathan Ritzenheim from Rockford who he'd run against before and is the top runner in the country and thought, 'If that's the best there is, I can do this.' It was really cool to see," Smith said.

The race took off very fast, just as Smith had expected. He said Moore couldn't give a lead to anyone except Ritzenheim. Ritzenheim lead from start to finish and Moore had to concede to him. Smith said Moore stayed in a pack and ran a combination of his own pace versus out-and-out racing.

With the top runners in the country, there wasn't time to play a pace game. Moore kept mixing it up, switching from second to third to fourth in every lap.

In the middle lap, he actually ran faster than Ritzenheim. Moore held second place for a good chunk of the race and ended up placing fourth with a time of 9:03.84. "Tim gets all the credit due. He ran a great race. When he finished, there was a pause. We thought, 'We have an All-American. We can go home now.' We didn't realize the best was yet to come."

To be an All-American, a runner or team must place in the top six for the event. For Novi, all three events and all five runners were All-American.

The big decision Novi would have

to make was which order should the boys run in?

"With four minutes of time for each runner, we knew we'd have to be careful and play on each other," said Smith. The second-fastest runner usually opens a race, but who was the Wildcats' second-fastest runner?

"Toloff was our fastest runner last year. Moore was this year. We opted to run neither and have Eric run the first leg. He loves to run route with people. We knew if he had to play catch-up, he could overtake and go for the lead early. He's our No. 3 runner and he was running against everyone else's No. 2. He finished his leg in second place," Smith said.

Next came Avenius, usually Novi's No. 4 runner even though he's not slow; Avenius finished his leg still in second place. He was running against everyone else's No. 3.

Smith decided to have Toloff run the third leg. In track, coaches traditionally hide their slowest runner in the third slot. However, the Wildcats didn't have a slow runner.

"Toloff got the baton and blew the race wide-open. With every step, he was pulling away. We now had a 130-yard lead," Smith said. Moore was left to race last. As

Smith commented, they were all waiting for something bad to happen. The only thing that could happen were Moore tripping or dropping the baton. After so many close calls from second place at cross country state meet, second place at track state meet and missing first place in the state 4 x 800 by just .033 seconds, they didn't want to get their hopes up.

However, there would be nothing but sunshine for the Wildcats' this time around. Moore ran a solid race and the boys finished 16 seconds ahead of everyone for a group time of 17:20.92.

"We completely destroyed the field. We were all stunned. For 15 seconds, everyone looked at each other and then we all gave a group hug. This was so gratifying. This is the greatest feeling as a coach I've ever had, and it's even better as an athlete. All the hard work paid off for all these kids. This was redemption and then some," he said.

Smith continued, "I wouldn't trade a state title or anything for what we just accomplished. We set a new meet record. They ran the second-fastest time in 25 years. A mule is a slow leg and we won because we didn't have one. When you have four solid runners, we are going to capitalize on it."

The DMR was the last race for the Wildcats after running the 4 x one-mile Saturday morning. The DMR came too quickly Saturday night. As luck would have it, there was so much rain and lightning, the races were postponed until Sunday morning.

"It was the best thing that could have happened to us. I was getting a little concerned. I was afraid they would be satisfied and get goofy. We were able to get a good night's sleep and refocus," Smith said. The Wildcats were up against two tough teams — Atlantic Del Ray from Florida, which had won the event for two consecutive years in indoor track, and South Lakes out of Virginia.

Toloff ran first, running a 1:20.0 in 3:03. This kept Novi right in the pack. Smith said as Toloff was keeping up with the other two teams everyone was talking about, the announcer came on the public address and said, "Whoa — there are more than two teams out there. Here's Novi, Michigan, back for more. Holy moley!"

It seemed everyone would say the same. Stevens ran the 400 next in 52 seconds, slipping the Wildcats' position to fifth. However,

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Northville's varsity soccer team hits the field for a game against Brighton.



Northville all-stars make All-Area

The 2001 girls' soccer season provided some exciting moments and continued growth for this country's fastest growing sport.

Northville won its first Western Lakes Activities Association title by defeating Livonia Stevenson in the conference championship game. The win was the third in a row over the Spartans. The Mustangs finished the season 18-2-1 and was among the top five teams in the state all year. At one point, Northville was ranked seventh in the country. All three of the blemishes on its record came to state-ranked teams — Canton, Salem and Royal Oak Kimball.

The same could be said for Novi, which took

second in the Kennington Valley Conference behind Brighton, a team which reached the Division I state semifinals.

South Lyon saw a lot of improvement in coach Gretchen Clatterback's second season, finishing third in the KVC.

Here is a look at HomeTown East's all-area soccer team.

Kelly Anderson
Northville junior defender

Every team has a defensive specialist. But not every team has a Kelly Anderson filling that role for it.

Anderson had the unenviable task of marking the best players on some of the state's best teams this year. She held the nation's top player, Anne Morrell, scoreless in Northville's first meeting with Canton. Stevenson dream teamer Lindsay Gusick and Brighton's Division I all-stater Kelly Lord were two others who were shut out thanks in large part to Anderson.

"Team's can't overlook her," Northville coach Ron Metzger said. "She's very tenacious and a very good leaper. She doesn't mind sacrificing her body to get the ball out."



Northville's Lindsay Dunmead brings the ball upfield against Brighton in a home match in April.

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Quartet of 'Cats earn All-America track status

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Stevens ran a great race. "I've never seen him that focused. I think he possibly yanked a hamstring he was running so hard," Smith said.
Wilk was next, running a half-mile and finishing in leg in fourth place.
Moore ran with conviction, gaining a place and almost catching

Atlantic Del Ray in the process. The boys' third All-America event, the Wildcats' would finish third with a time of 1:08.92. "We entered the DMR almost as a joke. Let's just run it and have fun. Why not?" Smith said.
Indeed, these five men were racing with the top runners in the nation including one who broke a 35-year record of Jim Ryan's. Now, they too, are national athletes.

"I feel very honored to be a part of this. This was a nice life experience for me. I have to give all the credit to the guys, though. They could have lost focus, since four of the five of them graduated two weeks before the meet, but they came back every single day and practiced under intense conditions in early June. I made the guys run in sweat clothes so they would get acclimated to the intense weather conditions in North Carolina," Smith said. "They were really angry with me, but I said, 'Let's suffer now so won't in Raleigh.' Bless their hearts — they stuck with the program. I'm so proud of those guys."
All the All-Americans will run at college next year or when they graduate. Stevens will be attending Lansing Community College and running for the team there. Walle will run for Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. Avenius will attend and run with the University of Michigan, and Toloff gained a full-ride scholarship to Michigan State University. Although Moore is a high school senior, Smith said he's already being courted by everyone, including the U.S. Air Force Academy.
These five will leave a legacy for Novi runners.

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Jolly in Holly
The Northville Broncos baseball team emerged victorious from a late spring baseball tournament in Holly. Above, coach Terry Mills poses for a snapshot with the team members following the tourney.

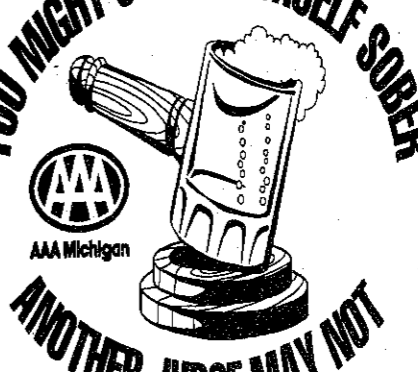
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Starting Gate	4	3		Northern Comfort	1	0	
Northville Moose	3	4		Big Indians	0	1	
Sliders	3	4		Inane Vertical 0-1*			
Deadwood	2	5		Novi Foundation Hustlers	0	1	
Quick Send	1	6		The Red Rave	0	1	
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Women's Softball - As of June 26 (Tuesday evening)				Women's Basketball - As of June 28 (Wednesday evening)			
Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties	Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
Starting Gate	6	1		Busen Appliance	1	0	
The Originals	6	1		Frankonia	1	0	
Major Tooley's	5	2		Hold On Tight	1	0	
Majestic Mortgage Group	5	2		Jump Start	1	0	
Skoater's	3	4		Drinking Dozen	0	1	
Grand Slammers	2	5		Hoop Chicks	0	1	
Charisma Salon	0	7		Joe's Team III	0	1	
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Community Events

Paintings by Barbara Eko Murphy will be on display at the Novi Civic Center through July 13. The display will be available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville will be hosting a **blood drive** on July 23 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

Northville historian Bruce Turnbull will host a one-hour walking tour of Northville's Victorian homes on July 17, beginning at 9 a.m. The walk will

begin at Stampeder Plus and return to the Northville Community Center. For more information, call (248) 348-0203, one block east of Pontiac Trail.

The **Northville Central Business Administration** is looking for non-profit groups and home-based businesses to participate in downtown Northville's sixth annual **Burgin Bazaar**, to be held July 27 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (248) 349-8769.

Oakland County Health Division will sponsor a **breastfeeding support series**. Sessions,

On Campus

Richard R. Harris, a sophomore, was named on the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame for maintaining a 3.4 or higher grade point average for spring semester. Harris is the son of Susan Harris of Novi and a 2000 graduate of Novi High School.

Alma College recently named local area students who made the Dean's List for winter term. They were recognized for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Northville students, **Megan Freeland**, Northville High School graduate, **Ryan Lueker**, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and **Allison Treloar**, Smith Lyon High School, are on the Dean's List for winter term.

Alan Jere Lyskawa has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester. He is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Rebecca Marie Kohl and **Peggy Bayce Liao** graduated from Duke University in May. Both graduates are from Novi. Kohl graduated with distinction in biomedical engineering. She received her bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering.

Janet Kleban of Novi recently graduated cum laude from Hope College. During her four years of study, Kleban maintained at least a 3.3 or better grade point average.

Vartanian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vartanian of Novi.

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In Service
 Marine Corps Pfc. **Gregory C. Tobias** recently reported for duty with Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgport, Calif. Tobias received an associate's degree from Rochester College, Rochester Hills in 1998. He is a 1995 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School.

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The best of the 'bloids

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Architect and fountain-designer Tom Holleman works on some plans in his Dubuar St. office.

Labor of love Resident brings Renaissance feel to Northville

If you keep your eyes closed and listen to the surrounding sounds of nature and smell the scents the breeze is carrying, your mind might begin to slip away into a place that resembles a garden in Florence, Italy.

However, as your eyes open, you remember that you are at Northville resident Tom Holleman's home on Dubuar Street basking in the atmosphere Holleman has created out of a love for past creators.

"There are qualities to classical design that don't go out of style," Holleman said. "I try to incorporate traditional qualities into a design. There is something refreshing about seeing a work that looks as if the worker put a lot of effort into. A lot of designs today tend to forget the beauty an object could possess."

Holleman, originally from Indian Village in Detroit, moved to Northville 15 years ago and took up residency in his current home. The home he now lives in is of his own design and he likes to call it a work in progress. Holleman moved to and remained in Northville because of the small town atmosphere.

"There is a unique quality to Northville that may be going away soon with the increase of growth, which is the small town feeling you get when walk down a street," Holleman said. "There are many historical homes in Northville that give the community a great character."

Residents can become more knowledgeable of Holleman's work by going to city hall and sitting in

the sun while listening to the smooth sounds of the copper fountain out front. His fountains have become a fixture at several houses on his street. He is assisted by Robert Grant in the installation and construction of the fountains.

Holleman said he has even had experiences of finding neighbors come by his home to sit and enjoy the fountain that resides on the west side of his house.

"It's unusual to live in a downtown area and be able to sit in your yard and enjoy nature like I can here," Holleman said. "I've found people sitting on my bench who just decided to stop by to appreciate the surroundings and the refreshing sound of the water splashing in the fountain. There is something magical about water."

The first question a person would have for Holleman after seeing his handcrafted fountain is, what is it made out of? Holleman goes to great lengths to find usable materials for his projects, but it is connections and friendships he has developed throughout his years that help him the most when it comes time to find the right materials.

"Several of the fountains I have made are made from old beer making vats that I have salvaged from breweries. These vats are very old and were handcrafted by German craftsmen," Holleman said. "I enjoy working with materials and items that have the look of having been slaved over and worked on for hours. Sometimes people want to throw older objects out, but many times those throw aways have plenty of productive life left in



One of Tom Holleman's fountains is in the backyard of his next-door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grant.



Tom Holleman with one of the fountains he created in the garden of his Northville home.

them, they can be made into something else. Character is important to me and if something has wrinkles or scratches on it, then that just means it has been through life."

Much work goes into the fountains, Holleman said. The initial planning is crucial for the final look of the fountain. One aspect of the planning is the question of placement. Holleman said he usually falls back on his knowledge of classical design to make decisions. His love for classical design can be attributed to the years he spent studying and traveling in Europe.

"Classical architects knew something about symmetry and proportion. Modern architects can learn a lot from the classic creators' understanding of design," Holleman said.

The surroundings of the fountain are also important in that it adds to the overall feel and look, according to Holleman. Holleman has examples of a fountain surrounded by tiles, hand-crafted granite and polished granite stones from China. He has used flower pots to make fountains and one favorite of his are his bird baths, which in the winter can also be used by birds and animals because of the placement of a small heater underneath the fountain. His fountains range in price from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

"Seeing the effect of the water without being able to see how it is done is a neat thing," Holleman said.

Holleman also does other projects pertaining to landscaping and home design. His work has recently taken him to Palm Beach to work on a home there and he will soon be working on a project in Lexington, Ky. In Lexington, he will be helping renovate a old horse farm. He said he will be getting a better understanding of the project by becoming more knowledgeable in the farm's surroundings and indigenous features.



A fountain in the garden of Holleman's home.

"For the horse farm, I will have to renovate it well enough so that it will fit the needs of the horse as well as the trainers," Holleman said. "I want the final product to be beautiful, but there can be compromises involved in projects. Ultimately, my goal for any project is to satisfy the functional requirements, but also turn the project into something beautiful. That's what I strive for. Having the right materials as well as workers who give 110 percent of their effort and time is crucial in achieving this

goal." Besides the hours of research and work, Holleman said getting involved with clients that are very interested in the final outcome of a project is what makes a project easy and more enjoyable to do.

"I will always be working and doing things like constructing fountains," Holleman said. "It's great to be able to enjoy your work, but it also makes a decent living."

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