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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

**Senior Prom**

Friday, June 2, was a night to remember for students at Novi High School. This year's prom was a gala affair held at the Sheraton Hotel. Students were chauffeured to and from the event in stretch limousines all in time to dance the night away, shown above. At right, students get into the swing of things by dancing to the oldies tune "YMCA."



**Tempers flare as two decline city budget**

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

A "Going Out of Business" sign might be appropriate at city hall if the Novi City Council doesn't reach a consensus on a 1995-96 budget before July 1.

After a wrap-up session last week, the council was expected to adopt Monday the \$14 million budget they've been thrashing out since early April.

Five votes are needed to pass the document and also roll up the city millage above the Truth-in-Taxation level. Only four votes were there, as Council Members Carol Mason and Joseph Toth raised the ire of their colleagues by refusing to OK the city's proposed financial blueprint.

"The city must adopt a budget. If it is not adopted by July 1, you

will not be allowed to spend any money. If you do, it is a violation of the state statute. Any city council member or administrator who condones the spending of money will be subject to civil liability for the amount spent," City Attorney David Fried said. "I am urging you to adopt a budget by the June 19 meeting ... It's a very serious matter."

Without a 1995-96 budget of some kind, the city won't be able to meet its payroll in July, the city attorney warned.

The council already is in violation of the city charter, which requires that a budget be adopted by the third Monday in May. However, several meetings were canceled after Council Member Tim Pope's May 8 car accident, as

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**Recall falls short, but just barely**

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Doug Erwin fell short of the signatures required for an election to recall the mayor and four city council members, but says a warning has nevertheless been sent to Novi's leaders.

By the June 5 deadline, the recall campaigners needed 3,428 signatures on petitions seeking to oust Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Members Robert Schmid, Joseph Toth and Rob Mitzel.

Erwin says they collected 3,012 signatures on the mayor's petition and 2,992 each on those targeting

Schmid, Toth and Crawford. Mitzel fared better - 1,700 signed the petition for an election to eject him from office.

"We came close. We didn't quite make it," Erwin said.

"I think it gives a clear message that there's a lot of disgruntled people out there. They are getting fed up by the way things are handled at the City Council and the Planning Commission. They're going to take a close look at what's going on up there."

The five were targeted for their support of the Main Street project and for agreeing to let a sliver of

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**In-line roller rink plan hits the 'dek'**

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

A proposal for an in-line plastic hockey rink on city land has been benched by a private developer.

But the Novi City Council is so gung-ho on the idea that they are now seeking proposals from anyone else who would like to rent a portion of the city's Department of Public Works yard to put up a Roller Dek.

City Council Member Rob Mitzel said the council members recently received at their homes a letter from developer Bill Bunn, who originally brought the plastic rink concept to Novi, explaining that he was backing down

because he had accepted a job transfer to another city.

Mitzel suggested the council look for somebody else to do the job and his colleagues agreed.

In May, the council approved a five-year lease to Bill and Lynn Bunn of Goal Scorer Sports, Inc. of a portion of the Delwell Drive site. The Bunnns planned to build an 80-by-180-foot outdoor, year-round plastic rink suitable for tennis shoe and rollerblade hockey matches.

They would have paid the city \$1,200 a month to lease the public land during the first year, moving up to \$3,000 a year in the last years, as well as a share of the profits.

**Renewal, two seats face voters Monday**

By SHARON CONDRON  
 Staff Writer

On Monday, June 12 voters in the Novi Community School District will be asked to renew a 5.49 mill levy and name two new school board members.

District officials are asking voters to renew an existing 5.49 mill levy for nine years. The \$2.8 million generated from the renewal will be used for operational expenses. The hold harmless levy expired in December.

"This is not new millage nor is it new money," said Superintendent Emmett Lippe.

"The millage renewal is essential for the school district if the citizens want us to continue the programs and course offerings we have for our young people."

Oakland Community College is piggybacking on the state's annual school election and asking county voters to approve a 0.8 mill increase for the college's use. If approved, the revenue generated from the college's levy will be

- Profiles of the candidates and there positions on the issues confronting the Novi school district appear in this week's issue. The stories are on page 6A.
- How candidates stand on the issues confronting the Novi and Walled Lake school districts is the subject of grids appearing on pages 7-9A.

used for its own needs and not at the disposal of any schools within Oakland County.

Three candidates have come forward for two four-year seats on the Novi Board of Education. Carol Elfring, Ruth Ann Jirasek and Ann Newton will square off on the ballot for the two expired seats on the board.

Trustee Michael Myers and Treasurer Stephen Hitchcock opted to not seek reelection this year when their terms expire June 30.

"If the renewal fails the district will have to make up for the \$2.8 million shortfall and that will

affect programs," Lippe said. "We would have to seriously look at that."

Voter precincts for school elections are different from those used by the City of Novi for city, state, and federal elections.

What follows is the list of the three precincts residents will vote at on Monday. In parentheses are the city precincts in which residents would normally cast their ballots in a city election.

Precinct 1 Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Road. (City precincts, No. 1 Novi Christian School, No. 4 Novi Village by the Lake, No. 9 Novi High School Auditorium, No.

11 Novi Middle School, and No. 13 Hickory Woods Elementary)

Precinct 2 Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quince. (City precincts, No. Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, No. 5 Orchard Hills Elementary School, No. 12 Holy Family Catholic Church, and No. 14 Meadowbrook Congregational Church.)

Precinct 3 Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook. (City precincts, No. 3 Novi Civic Center, No. 6 Fire Station 1 (Grand River), No. 7 Village Oaks Elementary School, and No. 10 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.)

Absentee ballots must be picked up in person at the Educational Services Building at 25345 Taft Road before 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10.

To be included in the June 12 count, absentee ballots need to be returned to the Educational Services Building by 5 p.m. on election day.

ings at other times as well. He never stays very long, just long enough to be a thorn in the side of school administrators and elected officials. He's done it again. Last weekend LeBlanc said he and his cohorts designed and built a makeshift printing press in time to kick out hordes of Vote no June 12 signs. The signs

cropped up around town and were posted in patches adjacent to school board candidates signs and those campaigning for passage of Oakland Community College's 0.8 mill increase.

The signs don't, however, tell Novi voters what to vote no on.

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**LeBlanc comes out in opposition to OCC**

By SHARON CONDRON  
 Staff Writer

He's back.

Just like a groundhog, Jerry LeBlanc shows up once a year. He usually comes above ground in June just around the annual school election, although he has been known to pop in and out of Novi Board of Education meet-

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# Found backpack contains missing mail

A Chase Farms resident found a grade schooler's green backpack lying on the ground stuffed with stolen checks on May 31.

The checks had been placed and written to various banks in large amounts, but it was unknown at the time of the report if those checks had been forged and cashed.

Police determined the checks had been stolen from a mailman's mailbox on April 15 when someone had set the box and mail on fire. Inside the backpack, police also found a textbook and homework papers with the student's name written on top. Police contacted the girl's father who agreed to have her talk with police about the incident. A computer check of the girl's identity indicates the girl had been involved in past cases of larceny of mail and mail tampering.

## Police News

### MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION

Police are still looking for the suspects who smashed windows and super glued 42 door locks at Novi High School on June 1. A window on the commons building was busted out and police found 42 door locks stuffed with super glue and paper clips. Out side in the high school parking lot, the passenger window on a 1980 Ford had also been shattered. Damage at the scene was estimated at \$2,140.

### STOLEN CLUBS

A woman discovered that two sets of starter golf clubs had been

stolen from her Chase Farms home on May 31.

The clubs, valued at \$800, were taken from an open garage which the woman's 14 police she often leaves open during the day while her children are outside playing.

### FELONIOUS ASSAULT

A boy was riding his bike on East Lake Drive when he was flagged down by someone who soon after shot him in the left shoulder with a paint ball gun and then fled north.

The ball left a large welt on the boy's shoulder. The boy and his mother told police the suspect has been seen in the area several times, but was not a resident.

### Correction

An editorial, entitled "School district is taxing the limits of public trust" published June 1, incorrectly stated that former school board member Robert Selman left mid-term. He did not run for reelection.

### Lakeside homeowners gather

The new Southern Lake and Shawswood Homeowners Association will meet June 12 at 7 p.m. at the community building at Novi Lakeshore Park. The city's Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki will be there to discuss proposed road work at Tatt, Beck and Novi roads.

**LARCENY**  
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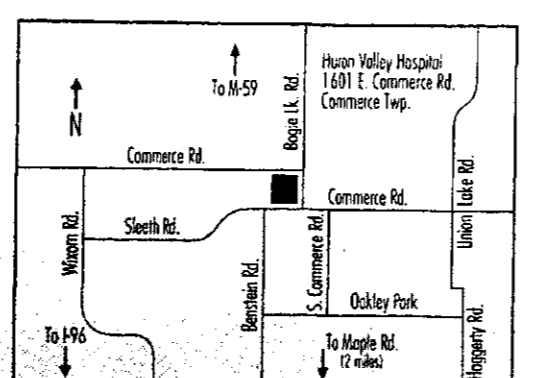
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# Novi High's senior class prepares for graduation ceremony Sunday

School Principal Arthur Miller said announcements are expected to last an hour and a half. Miller said letting go of the class of 1995 may bring a tear to his eye.  
"In my recollection of classes, I can't remember a group of 300 kids any older than these 300," he said. "They had a lot of fun and things have started as a result of this class."  
As sophomore, this class first started fresh school dances which had lost popularity among high schoolers in recent years. Miller said in previous years dances were held but turnout was low. For this year, dances in dances were rescheduled after this class took the initiative to bring them back.  
"We had five or six dances this year that were sell outs," Miller said. "The kids were dancing their hearts out and having fun."  
In past years it wasn't cool for juniors and seniors to attend dances. This class changed all that.  
"Our seniors led the way," he said. "They are more like old time high school kids used to be. They were cute, fun, and acted goofy like kids do."  
Class President and Homecoming Queen Lisa Antuma spearheaded the Wildcat team spirit. As Willy Wildcat, the school's mascot, Antuma made it cool to be Willy Wildcat again.  
"This class felt like they wanted high school to be fun," Miller said. "And judging from their academic performance this is also a very intelligent group."

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# New stores on line at 12 Oaks

A slew of new stores are preparing to open in Twelve Oaks, mall general manager Phil Morawiec says. Included in the new retail mix will be the World Bead Company, a make your own jewelry and craft shop and the Sassy Street Store, both scheduled to open in July.  
Coming later but under construction now are Gress and Kate Gress, Photos and Limited. Too, a preteen clothing boutique Healthier, which offers exercise equipment now in the center of the mall, will also be moving into its own store.

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**A CHIROPRACTIC STORY**

Joanna Griffith has had numerous allergies, migraine headaches, bronchitis, and pneumonia. She began care at Novi Chiropractic Clinic under Dr. Pat Chelenyak. Since getting adjusted, I have not had a headache and began to feel less stressful. Also, my allergies have improved. It's the first time ever I have been able to fight off a cold without medication. In the past, interfering with the nerves would get a cold and that immediately go into properly. By aligning her bronchitis or pneumonia, spine as it was meant to be. Joanna had a misalignment her body is able to function in her spinal column, the as it was intended.

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**WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

# Eight vie for three seats

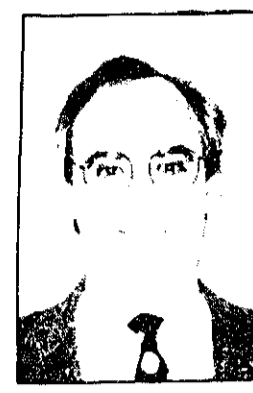


**HARVEY J. ALTMAN, PH.D.**  
Age: 46  
Education: B.S., New York Institute of Technology; Ph.D., New York University  
Occupation: University Professor (Associate Professor) School of Health Sciences, Grand Valley State University and Department of Psychiatry, Wayne State University, School of Medicine. Also president and CEO of The Counseling Network, PLC  
Length of residency: Seven in Commerce  
Past involvement/volunteer activities: Vice Principal, Fourth Elementary, PTA, two terms. Member, Restructuring Committee (current); Strategy Planning Committee (current); Participant, past two years, Career Day.

**Five vie for two 4-year terms in Walled Lake schools Monday. Altman, Drum and Ston challenge incumbents Siegler and Ruetenik. Voters cast ballots for two.**

**WILLIAM ERNEST DRUM**  
Age: 41  
Education: AAS (Associate of Applied Science)  
Occupation: N/A  
Length of residency: Nine months  
Past involvement/volunteer activities: Action Team No. 3 (Life-Long Learning)

**SAMANTHA RUETENIK**  
Age: 65  
Education: B.A. University of Michigan, M.A. Oakland University; plus 50 credit hours in education  
Occupation: Retired kindergarten teacher (21 years); 10 years president Bloomfield Hills Educational Association  
Length of residency: 12 years in Walled Lake School area  
Past involvement/volunteer activities: Two terms on Walled Lake Board of Education; member Strategic Planning Team from inception; Founder and past chair, Area Council for Diversity; Board member of Michigan Women's Historical Museum



**MARC A. SIEGLER**  
Age: 41  
Education: B.S. Western Michigan University, 1976  
Occupation: Director of Quality Assurance, Sherwood Food Distributors, 17 years  
Length of residency: Farmington Hills 9 years

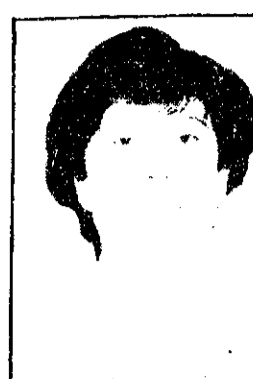
**Past involvement/volunteer activities:** School Board Appointee, 1994-95; School Board Liaison at Maple, Twin Beach, Pleasant Lake, 1994-95; Strategic Planning Teams 1990-95; Bond Committees 1989, 1992, 1994-95; Redistricting Committee 1990-95; Ethnic Diversity 1992-95; Walled Lake Western Marching Band 1994-95; PTA involvement 1986-95.

**WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

# Three in contest for 1-year



**RANDOLPH G. STON**  
Age: 41  
Education: Ph.D. and M.A. - The University of Michigan, Economic Development and Sociology, B.A. - Michigan State University, Social Science Majors - Psychology, Economics, Political Science  
Occupation: College Professor (Ecology) and Counselor  
Length of residency: Eight years residency  
Past involvement/volunteer activities: I have been involved with the Walled Lake Schools in three ways. As a parent, making recommendations for the K-12 curriculum redevelopment effort and as a counselor and professor at Oakland Community College.



**SUSAN ADAMSAN**  
Age: 41  
Education: Bachelor of science with honors from Michigan State University in Child Development and Elementary Education; graduate work in learning disabilities and reading instruction from Oakland University  
Occupation: Full time mother, part time bookkeeper for Resizer, Sales and Engineering  
Length of residency: Eight year residency  
Past involvement/volunteer activities: Treasurer and PTA president at Twin Beach Elementary; past first vice president, Fund raising chair for the PTA at Pleasant Lake Elementary; completing third term as president of Pleasant Lake PTA

**PAT CORK**  
Age: 43  
Education: Some college  
Occupation: Real estate sales  
Length of residency: 16 years  
Past involvement/volunteer activities:

**ALP ONDER**  
Age: 34  
Education: B.A. Finance, Michigan State University; One year graduate work toward M.B.A. Wayne State University  
Occupation: General Partner Investment Advisor, Roney & Co.  
Length of residency: Three years  
Past involvement/volunteer activities: Parent Volunteer at Hickory Woods Elementary Association; Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball Coach, Naci Youth League; Also wife will be PTSA President at Hickory Woods Elementary next year.

**As a separate race, three with compete for a one-year term on the Walled Lake school board Monday, June 12. Facing off for that seat are Adamsan, Cork and Onder.**

**Why Seeking**  
Why are you seeking election to the Walled Lake Board of Education? What talents, skills or experience do you expect to bring to the job? Why should voters choose you over the other candidates?

**Most Important**

What is the most important issue facing Walled Lake schools today and what would you do as a board member to address it?

**Assess Curriculum**

Assess the Walled Lake school district curriculum, its strengths and weaknesses, and suggest where you would like to see improvements in the school district's program.

**All-day kindergarten**

The district has proposed an all-day, alternative-day program for kindergarten classes. Do you favor this program, and why or why not?

**Bond Issue**

Building needs and the passage of a bond issue have been high priorities for the school district in the recent past, but it has been rejected twice by voters? Do you believe a bond should be put before voters another time, and what should be done to make the proposal more palatable to voters?

**Accommodating Growth**

Is there an alternative to a bond issue? If so, how would you suggest the district accommodate the growing student population?

**Educational Technology**

A large portion of the bond issue has been dedicated to the purchase of technology, computers and video. What level of technology should the school district have? How would you suggest it be financed? Are you satisfied with the district's curriculum for the use of such technology?

**Assess Finances**

Assess the school district's financial management and its strengths and weaknesses, and suggest where you would make improvements.

**Why Seeking**  
I am seeking election in order to stop the destruction of our schools by a state of mind development, and to participate in the design of school board responses that are educationally sound. I want to be involved in educating people to support the economic development in our communities. For 28 years I've been a counselor of college transfer students... I believe I can offer an outsider's viewpoint and a non-traditional way of solving the school's problems.

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I am seeking office because I feel that I can make a difference in Walled Lake. I will use my experience with children, as a parent, as a former educator, as a well read individual and as a leader in the community to help Walled Lake schools continue to strive for excellence in education. I have the ability to listen to all sides of a situation before making an objective opinion. I have been involved in the Walled Lake school district since we moved here eight years ago. I have been able to successfully take a leadership role when asked to do so.

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Is there an alternative to a bond issue? If so, how would you suggest the district accommodate the growing student population?

**Educational Technology**

A large portion of the bond issue has been dedicated to the purchase of technology, computers and video. What level of technology should the school district have? How would you suggest it be financed? Are you satisfied with the district's curriculum for the use of such technology?

**Assess Finances**

Assess the school district's financial management and its strengths and weaknesses, and suggest where you would make improvements.

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**Most Important**

What is the most important issue facing Walled Lake schools today and what would you do as a board member to address it?

**Assess Curriculum**

Assess the Walled Lake school district curriculum, its strengths and weaknesses, and suggest where you would like to see improvements in the school district's program.

**All-day kindergarten**

The district has proposed an all-day, alternative-day program for kindergarten classes. Do you favor this program, and why or why not?

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# Maybury plans to celebrate its 20th birthday Sunday

By **YVONNE BEEBE**  
Staff Writer

Maybury State Park is one of those best kept secrets you often hear about someone must have discovered a number about the place.

"We were really busy last week," said parks supervisor Anna Schuster. There were about 4,000 people here for the Boston parade.

Like most attractions, the park seems to be popular with everyone except those who live nearby.

"A lot of people around here don't even know about all the things we offer," park interpretor Karen Gamble said.

Park representatives led the 20th anniversary of the opening of the park is a good time to encourage people to come out and see the place, she said.

Maybury, a children's hospital from 1921 to 1975, is a state park in 1995.

Numerous events are scheduled throughout the day on Sunday that showcase the history of the park and Michigan nature and wildlife.

The celebration's official cake cutting ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. at the Eight Mile entrance to the park. Ranger Gary Fischer will give a welcome speech at the ceremony, while supporters indulge in cake, ice cream and refreshments.

Although the official welcome speech is scheduled for 1 p.m., many birthday activities will begin earlier.

For those who enjoy searching for just the right knickknack or gift, a craft show will be held on park grounds from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is sponsored by Creative Priority, the group that holds similar handicrafters' shows at the Northville Community Center several times a year.

At noon, Bruce Turnbull, Northville's long time historian, will give a walking tour of the grounds to tell of Maybury's evolution from a tuberculosis sanatorium to a state park.

Maybury naturalists will be heading nature walks through the park at noon, 1:22 and 3 p.m.

For those who have a Puritan work ethic, from 1:30 p.m. there will be ice cream making in the demonstration building.

Celebrators will be able to make the dessert with an old-fashioned hand crank that blends the cream, milk, sugar and egg into the favorite birthday cake accompaniment. The entire process takes about 20 to 30 minutes and is a popular activity, especially with children, Gamble said.

Admission to the park is \$4 per day.

# Board focuses attention on September bond issue

By **SHARON CONDRON**  
Staff Writer

Novi School officials did little if any campaigning for a millage renewal Thursday, and instead focused their attention on the proposed \$43.8 million bond sale they intend to ask voters to approve in September.

District officials will be asking voters to approve an approximately \$33 million bond sale to build a new middle school, renovate the existing middle school facility, and convert Novi Meadows to a kindergarten school. The new school will cost about \$75 million, the renovation a little more than \$10 million. School administrators intend to ask voters to approve at least a \$33 million bond sale and expect to offset the \$2 million difference between the actual cost and the bond sale with interest earned on the bonds.

Superintendent Emmett Lippert told the Board of Education Thursday he needed its nod of support to ask state Department of Education officials to approve the proposed plan and subsequent bond sale.

The board gave its unanimous support to file the preliminary bond application with the state department. Final approval of the plan and the exact amount of the bond sale will come June 15.

Board Treasurer Stephen Hutchcock asked the board to consider a second public hearing on the plan some several weeks passed during the first hearing on May 23, later some been addressed and have altered the plan.

Last month a half a dozen residents attended the hearing to share their opinions of the proposed plan. Some indicated reluctance to the renovation plan because it add more students to the school without increasing gym and cafeteria space.

Novi Middle School has a capacity for 200 seventh and eighth grade students. The proposed plan

the school will be renovated to handle.

"The net result is that the fifth and sixth grade building will go into the elementary building, while the first four rooms will become fifth grade rooms," he said.

Architect Mike Hall of Eanning, Howay and Associates presented a revised plan which adds four fifth grade classrooms on the north side of the Instructional Technology center, adjacent to third and fourth grade rooms.

He said he erred when he counted all of the classrooms in the school as usable classroom space rather than just the home base classrooms.

"We assumed all of the rooms were used as a home base but only general classrooms are used," he said.

That means he needed to add four additional classrooms to accommodate the 918 students.

about parking and playground areas at the renovated complex. But Hall and Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of finance and administrative operations, said Thursday there's adequate space around the building to provide segregated play areas and construct a separate drop off for kindergartners.

"We need to get a separate drop off for kindergartners, but there is ample space around the building for play areas for Meadows (students) without disturbing the current marked play areas," Halls said.

It seems to work," he added.

"Some comments made at the last meeting were very well taken."

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Erin Bjerke (center) recently signed a national letter of intent to play softball at the University of Detroit Mercy. She received a full scholarship from the Titans. Bjerke, a pitcher, posted a fine season for Novi High this season. The

right-hander won 21 ballgames, had an earned run average of 1.48 and struck out 270 batters. Her father Lee Bjerke (left) and Wildcat coach John Peace (right) look on as Erin signs with U-D.

**'Library' seeking liquor license**

The library is purchasing a pizzeria.  
No, the Novi Library is not getting into the restaurant business. But the Novi Shields Pizzeria on Grand River Avenue is getting out of it.  
The new owners of the site plan to open The Library Sports Pub and Grill, but Monday failed to win Novi City Council approval of their takeover of Shields liquor license because the request lacked the required documentation. The issue was held over to the June 19 meeting.  
Evelyn Barnett, president of the West Bloomfield-based Alibi Investments, seeks ownership of the license.  
Novi residents Bob and Alan Barnett will run the business. Bob Barnett is a former manager of a chain of Novi and Allen Park hotels and the former food and beverage director at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel in Romulus.  
Alan Barnett told the city council that the sports theme eatery will feature such amenities

as books and wide screen TV and will be comfortable to walk in."  
The Barnetts were asked to work the city's planning department to put together all the needed data, including a site plan and building cost estimates.  
City administrators were taken to task for not informing the Barnetts of what was required.  
"Somebody should be chewed out tomorrow morning," City Council Member Joseph Toth growled.

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**Students honored at convocation ceremonies**

**Scholarships, awards and honors go to Novi graduates**

The Novi school district held its Honors Convocation ceremony for graduating seniors Wednesday, May 31, at the Novi Civic Center.

The awards given are as follows:

**CLASS OF 1995 FOUR YEAR HONOR ROLL**  
Jennifer Allie, Pamela Beal, Sarah Boyce, Brandon Brown, Shannon Colligan, Kimberly Collins, Tiffany DeVos, Lori DeWitt, Darlene Galido, Wendy Grabowski, Deborah Havelka, Kirsten Hoffmann, Cristi Jarvis, Smur Jastja, Eric Kadaj, Veronica Kruth, Cassandra Lewis, Susan LeMay, Alice Lin, Kelly Lutes, William McInnes, Andrea Mione, Robert Mutch, Lisa Newkirk, Gregory Norris, Emily Pipas, Maria Roma, James Rose, Kathryn Shaw, Steve Teresinski, Ryan Van Poperin, Melissa Waara, Eugene Wang, Kelly Worgess, Ryu Yamamoto and Amy Yang.



Novi High School honored seniors in the class of 1995 on May 31 at the Novi Civic Center in the annual honor's night. Among this year's recipients were scholarships presented by Diane Burck on behalf of the Novi Newcomers to Emma Cartwright, Amanda Chorba, Kimberly Collins, Lisa Jones, and Jeffrey Katstra. The Northville U-M Alumni

Association scholarship was presented by Dr. Ed Rennell and awarded to Darlene Galido, Kimberly Collins and Amanda Chorba. At left Lisa Newkirk received a four-year NROTC scholarship and Kelly Lutes was this year's recipient of the Novi Board of Education's scholarship.

**DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS**  
Accounting: Carrie Gibbons  
Business: Veronica Krohn  
Art: Sang Lee  
Scholastic Art Awards: Sang Lee, Sarah Boyce, Matt Lund, John Philip Sousa Band: William McInnes.  
Louis Armstrong Jazz Band: Gregory Sobol  
Director's Award for Band: Courtney Lind  
Choir: Betsie Becker, Chad Darling, Carissa Foreback, Kirsten Martell, Rebecca Pylar, Jonathan Wroe, Derek Wladyschkin.  
Musical Theatre: Betsie Becker, Chad Darling, Sarah Rittner, Dan Smoliga.  
Work Experience: Catherine Chubb, Erin Willste.  
Office Education: Heather Hitchcock.  
Distributive Education: Rebecca Berner, Tricia Lombardi, Jamie McGillis.  
Trade and Industry: Adam Baldwin, Christian Gibson.  
Drama: Kary Hart, Kelly Lutes.  
English: Kelly Lutes.  
French: Andrea Mione.  
Industrial Technology: Sean Morrow, Jeremy Berard, Christian Gibson.  
Speaker Award: Jonathon May.  
Journalism: Melissa Waara, Jenny Ryan.  
Mathematics: Andrea Mione.  
Oakland Technical Center Attendance Award: Stephen Goodrich.  
Excellence in Education: Jessica Alder, Adam Baldwin, Mark Waack, Timothy Woods.  
Leadership Award: Adam Baldwin, Mark Waack.  
Radio: Evan Hirschelmann.  
Science: Pamela Beal, Andrea Mione.  
Social Studies: Kimberly Collins, Tiffany DeVos, Kelly Worgess.  
Spanish: Teresa Alvarez.  
Wildcat Male Athlete: Mark Lesperance, Jonathan Wroe.  
Wildcat Female Athlete: Kathryn Shaw, Christine Edwards.  
Community Volunteer Service: Hiroo Yamamoto.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Air Force ROTC Scholarship: Darlene Galido, Michael Harrison.  
Four-Year NROTC Scholarship: Lisa Newkirk.  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS  
Dyan Ahrens: Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Academic Honors Scholarship.  
Pamela Beal: Kalamazoo Presidential Scholarship, Western Michigan University Medallion Scholarship.  
Betsie Becker: Indiana University Scholarship.  
Nicolie Borashko: Northwood University Academic and Athletic Scholarship, Northwood University Provost Scholarship.  
Sarah Boyce: Western Michigan University Academic Scholarship.  
Shannon Colligan: University of Kentucky Scholarship, Central Michigan University - Centralis Scholar.  
Kimberly Collins: Miami University-Alumni Scholarship, Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, Michigan State University Spartan Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign President's Award Scholarship.  
Hunter Downey: Albion Academic Scholarship.  
Andrea Fischer: Mid American Pompon Scholarship - Eastern Michigan Recognition of Excellence



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National Merit Scholar: Andrea Mione.  
National Merit Semi-Finalist: W. Kevin Vicklund.  
National Merit Achievement Scholarship Award: Kimberly Collins.  
National Merit Letters of Commendation: Lori DeWitt, Darlene Galido, James Rose.  
**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Novi Education Association/Hartman Memorial: Amy Yang, Kelly Lutes, Kathryn Shaw, Alice Lin.  
Novi Educational Support Personnel Association (NESPA): Lisa Antuna.  
Novi French Club: Pamela Beal.  
Novi Spanish Club: Lori DeWitt.  
National Honor Society: Pamela Beal, Kathryn Shaw, Eugene Wang.  
Novi Board of Education: Kelly Lutes.  
Delta Kappa Gamma: Shannon Bressacher.  
Rotary: Kelly Lutes, Kathryn Shaw, Michael Newman.  
Rotary/Interact: Brenda Shah.  
Rotary Presidential: Steven Schwertner.  
Novi Jaycees: Teresa Alvarez, Tiffany Goley.  
Novi Parks and Recreation: To be announced.  
Novi Police Officers' Association: Tiffany Goley.  
Novi Police Lieutenants' and Sergeants' Association: Jonathan Wroe.  
Novi Newcomers: Emma Cartwright, Amanda Chorba, Kimberly Collins, Lisa Jones, Jeffrey Katstra.  
Novi Optimist Club: Dyan Ahrens.  
Novi Lions Club: To be announced.  
Northville U-M Alumni Association: Emma Cartwright, Kimberly Collins, Darlene Galido.  
Roger Felchak Memorial: To be announced.



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Richard Erwin Memorial: Lori DeWitt, Eugene Wang.  
Cathleen Ziegler Memorial: Nichole Borashko.  
Del Gerhardt Memorial: Steven Schwertner.  
Joel Finzel Memorial: Joseph Meyer, Rebecca Pylar.  
Joe Frankum Memorial: Shannon Bressacher, Jillian Kellogg.  
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Novi News All Area Academic Team: Darlene Galido, Andrea Mione, Lori DeWitt, James Ruse, Shannon Colligan.  
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# Insurance reform would limit awards

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Legislature has rewritten two auto insurance bills to pare costs and limit jury awards.

"Government is kowtowing to insurance companies and not looking out for the best interest of the people," objected Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, who voted against one of the measures. "The people have overwhelmingly voted twice to insure proposals and reflect that they do not trust insurance companies."

"I call it picking out the good, separating wheat from chaff," replied Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who shepherded the bills through the upper chamber. Some provisions of the bills were

in ballot proposals defeated at the polls in 1992 and 1994.

The Senate late in May put the finishing touches on House Bill 4341 which will:

- Make "serious impairment of body function or permanent serious disfigurement" questions of fact for a jury.
- Prevent recovery by a plaintiff who is more than 50 percent at fault for his own injury.
- Requires assessment of damage on the basis of "comparative fault" so that one party with "deep pockets" isn't required to pay everything.

The vote was a bare 20 in favor and 15 against with three absent.

All 20 yes votes came from Republicans.

The 15 yes votes came from 13 Democrats and two Republicans, including David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, whose district includes Novi.

The three absentees were all Democrats.

Senators shot down an amendment offered by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, that would have required an insurer to pay damages for failure to negotiate in good faith so that drivers wouldn't have to sue their own insurers for benefits.

They also shot down an amendment by Sen. Ken DeBeauvoir, D-Macomb County, that would have required auto insurers to file new lists of reduced premium rates 90 days after the bill becomes law.

Less controversial was House Bill 4679, which will limit the liability of car rental firms for bodily injury or death to \$20,000 for one person in one accident and \$40,000 for two or more persons in one accident.

The Senate passed that bill 31-4 with three absent.

All area senators voted yes except Alma Smith, D-Salem, who voted no, and Honigman, who was absent.

Bouchard told some worried senators the bill would have no impact on a driver's own car insurance — just the liability of rental car companies.

Both bills were returned to the House of Representatives for concurrence in minor amendments.

# Community Education

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## SEASONS OF THE PROM

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

While some girls have hung their prom formals in the closet already, other dresses may still be draped over the back of a chair or worse yet, lay crumpled in a pile on the floor.

Other seniors, however, were busy reaching into the recesses of closets and digging to the bottom of cedar chests to clutch a piece of the past so that they could share one more moment in time with others.

At the recent Prom and Special Occasion Fashion Show at the Novi Senior Center, participants brought formal frocks from decades ago to model or have volunteers model after the luncheon.

Dresses ranged in age from 70 years old to just off the rack and covered every decade from the 1920s to the 1990s.

To represent the early 1990s, Kristen Mathias, a summer employee with the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, wore a green sequin off the shoulder dress she had worn to the Novi High School prom in 1992. The cost was about \$150.

Amy Ahrens, also a summer employee with the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, modeled a green satin metallic and black velvet 1989 homecoming dress, minus the full length black gloves, purchased at Suzie's for \$110.

Cindy Stewart, Public Information Director, modeled a soft peach dress Eleanor Malchie purchased in 1978 at Christmas time for dances and parties.

Stewart was one of the only models able to squeeze into a tiny gray lace "Young Edwardian" dress which had originally been worn to the 1969 Birmingham Groves homecoming. The cost was about \$50.

Novi resident Maxine Gillette brought in her daughter Kay Polarzic's 1965 Northville High School prom dress which Kay had purchased in New York City. The beige lace dress had a pink satin back panel with pink satin bow. Kay wore the dress with long pink gloves and a white bunny wrap. Cost was about \$80.

To represent the 1950's, Ruth Sherlock of Walled Lake, brought in a beaded creme taffeta dress by Dance Original Creations which she purchased in Newark, New Jersey for \$50.



PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Ruth Sherlock, clockwise from top left, Marjorie Kelner, Cindy Stewart, Amy Ahrens, Cindy Stewart with Genevieve Burke, seated and Kristen Mathias modeled prom and special occasion dresses spanning 70 years at Novi Civic Center.

Stewart fit perfectly into Genevieve Burke's first formal which she purchased in 1940 for \$6.95 when she was employed at Hudson's Department Store. Burke was making \$14 for a six day week as a secretary. She also received a 10 percent employee discount on the purchase.

The formal dress of burgundy taffeta with machine sewn gold embroidered flowers with box pleats on the top of the bodice and sleeves with matching bolero jacket was purchased for a special occasion when Burke had a date with an interior designer who also worked at Hudson's.

Northville resident Marjorie Kelner's flawless figure fit perfectly into the black formal with gold trim that she had worn when she was 16 years old to the 1935 Junior High Prom at Plymouth High School. She bought it on sale at Kline's Department Store on Woodward Avenue in Detroit for \$10.95. Kelner figures she has probably worn the dress 20 times since.

Ruth Sherlock modeled her grandmother's dress of black Georgette accented with black jet beads circa 1922-24. "I put it away as a keepsake," she said as the reason for holding on to it.

To accessorize the dress, Sherlock chose rhinestone earrings, the very same same earrings which were featured on a cover of Vogue magazine in the early 1950's. The Paris original was purchased from J.L. Hudson's for about \$80.

**STORAGE TIPS**

If you are thinking about preserving your dress as a keepsake, it's pretty easy.

"Dry cleaning is really enough," Vicky Kerrigan, owner of Main-Centre Cleaners said. "Make sure they are cleaned to get the spots out of them because the spots will get darker over time."

Don't store the dress in plastic, she advised. Dry clean the dress and fold it with white tissue in between the folds and put the dress in a box. There is also special tissue available at dry cleaners.

"Store in a dry place, not the attic or the basement," Kerrigan said.

**Volunteer**

DUANE BELL

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

**Bell shares respect for stars and stripes**By DOROTHY NASH  
Staff Writer

Do you feel a thrill when you see the American flag flying from a pole or being paraded past you on the Fourth of July or Memorial Day?

You don't? Well, Duane E. Bell would like to change that for you. He is a Novi resident who served in the Medical Corps in the Pacific in World War II and has, since 1952, been a member of AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam). His local group of 500 members is the Perry Kenner Post, Novi, No. 76.

But back to the flag and having respect for it as a symbol of what our country stands for, Bell said AMVETS in Novi has provided Memorial Day services for audiences as far apart as Charter House nursing home residents and Girl Scout Brownies. "And I'm trying to coordinate with Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts," he said. But in the name of the stars

and stripes and the territory it flies over, AMVETS are also concerned about about the increasing use of alcohol and other drugs by adolescents; the need for more blood donors to fill the public need and medical scholarship programs.

Bell is active in the nurses' scholarship fund, giving the students money to further their education.

And then Bell goes every other month to the Veterans Administration Hospitals in Allen Park and Ann Arbor to visit with the veterans - play bingo and give the money-saving coupon books.

And again, locally, in the community of Novi AMVETS looks after veterans, widows and children, helping them find needed education, housing, work and medical attention.

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Boys U13 and U16 soccer league lineups and statistics.

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Walnut Creek: Walnut Creek Country Club renovation. Signing: Novi resident Fredrick Olson. Run for Health: Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Old Kent: Novi resident Paul Aufdenberg.



Eric Brandon made it to the big dance Saturday. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Agony of defeat

Lydia Raburn gets a hug from teammate Lisa Antuna after Novi's 3-0 loss to Salem in the region semi-final on May 31.

Vaulter falls short at state final meet

Senior pole vaulter was Novi High's lone representative at the state track meet at Saginaw High.

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Baseballers rip Northville 6-4

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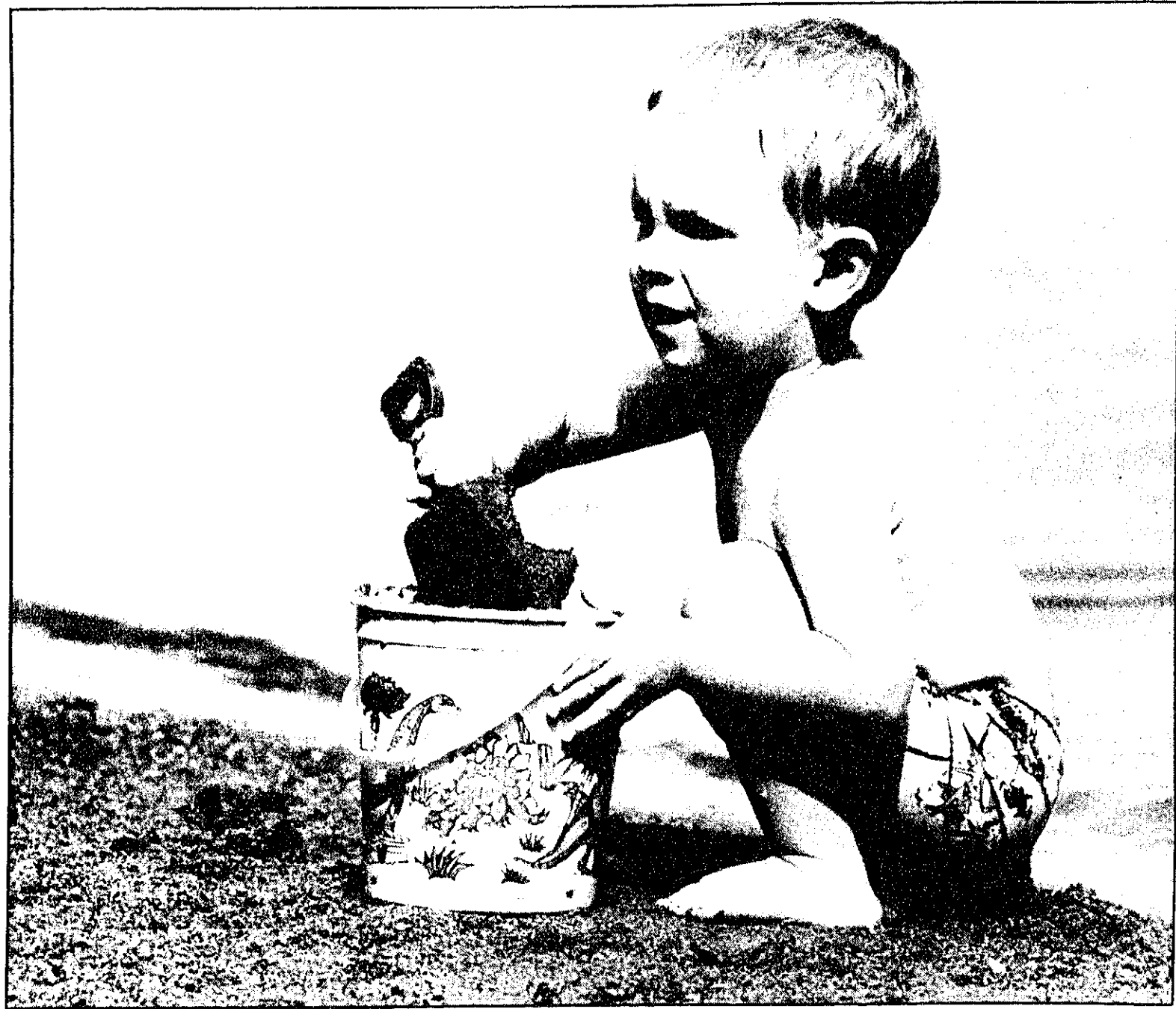
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Fun at the beach is only one part of Camp Lakeshore. The program is sponsored by the rec department.

## Camp Lakeshore set to open soon

Summer's almost here - picnics at the lake, backyard barbecues, swimming, vacations and warm weather. Sounds great, but there is some small problem with summer ... summer vacation for the kids. What do they do? How many times do parents want to hear "I'm bored" or "There's nothing to do."

Well once again Novi Parks and Recreation has the solution for you and your kids - Camp Lakeshore. This summer day camp program has been going on at Lakeshore Park for the last 10 years.

This year promises fresh new programs, activities and the same great staff (with a few changes). Your kids won't want to miss out on all the wonderful activities that Marilyn Troshak and her camp counselors have fun with arts and crafts, swimming, games, sports and field-trips.

"Even kids who have been to Camp Lakeshore in the past will want to sign-up this year because the program has been revitalized for the Summer of '95," said Kelly Paschke, Camp Lakeshore Supervisor.

The new programs and activities are great but that's not what

makes Camp Lakeshore so fantastic. The best thing about Camp Lakeshore is the experience the campers have because of the dedicated counselors. Many of the counselors are considering careers in teaching or recreation and their love for children is obvious. The kids "adopt" the counselors as big brothers and sisters.

"If they had camps like this when I was younger, I would have gone," said Assistant Supervisor Jason Stewart. "This is the best summer job I've ever had. It's hard to believe they pay me for having fun with the kids. This year we have a special Carnival Day planned complete with dunk tank, moonwalk and juggling clowns."

Camp Lakeshore is back to four two-week sessions staffed by one supervisor (Kelly), one assistant supervisor (Jason), four leaders (Keri, Jim, Mary Ellen and Erin) and two new junior counselors (Dan and Kelly).

The two-week Camp Lakeshore sessions are June 19-29; July 3-14; July 17-27; July 31-Aug. 10; from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Unfortunately, only Sessions 1 and 2 have openings, so hurry now and sign

up quick.

Don't forget the Hershey Track and Field Qualifier is July 20. That may be over a month away, but preparation and training is important prior to the local meet. Sign your kids up now for Hershey Track and Field Training, June 12-15, from 5:45-7:45 p.m., at the Novi Meadows track. The cost is only \$12 and it's open to kids 9-14 years.

Campers will work on the running and field events of their choice under the instruction of former college and high school track members.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 9, at 5 p.m.

"The beach and the sun is fun ... but Novi Theater is an experience." This year's summer camp production is *Jack and the Beanstalk ... a parody*. Kids ages 7 and older can audition on June 13 or June 14, at 7:30 p.m., for parts in the upcoming play. Rehearsals begin July 18 through Aug. 3, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from noon to 4 p.m. After kids pass the audition, they must register at the Parks and Recreation office no later than June 21. The fee is

\$100. *Jack and the Beanstalk ... a parody* will be performed Aug. 4, 5 and 6.

There's no need to worry about a lack of activities for the Novi youth. Check out the new Parks and Recreation brochure and the 1995 Teen Center Calendar at the Novi Youth Assistance office. Teen Center Supervisor Jeff Stewart has been hard at work planning great fun trips. New trips this year are Greenfield Village, Diamond Jack's River Tour and a Detroit Neon Soccer Game. Other trips include those to the Red Oaks Wave Pool, Four Bears Water Park, U.S. Blades, Novi Bowl, Tiger baseball, and horseback riding, canoeing and picnics at Kensington Park. Early registration begins Wednesday, June 21, from 1-7 p.m., at the Novi Youth Assistance office at the Novi Civic Center. Call 347-0410 for more information or to receive the 1995 calendar of events. Activities begin Monday, June 26.

Cindy Stewart is the Public Information Director for the City of Novi.

## Protect your child's skin from sun damage

By Mary Ann Komarynski  
Special Writer

Although skin cancer occurs in adults, it is caused by the sun exposure and sunburns that occurred during childhood. Every time you protect your child from too much sun exposure, you are helping to prevent skin cancer.

Apply sunscreen any time your child is going to be outdoors for more than 30 minutes. Give special attention to the areas most likely to become sunburned, such as the nose, ears, cheeks and shoulders. Set a good example and apply sunscreen to your own skin as well. About 15 percent of white children have skin that never tans, only burns. These fair-skinned children need to be extremely careful about sun exposure throughout their lives. If a child has red or blond hair, blue or green eyes or freckles, he or she is at an increased risk for sunburn or skin cancer. These children need to use a sunscreen throughout the summer and avoid the sun whenever possible.

The skin of infant is thinner than the skin of older children and more sensitive to the sun. Sunscreens - preferably sun block - brimmed hats, and pants and long-sleeved shirts are essential. Don't put sunscreen on areas where

the infant may lick it off. Also, don't use sunscreens containing PABA on infants less than six months old without first talking with your doctor.

Meanwhile, protect your child's eyes from the sun's rays. Years of exposure to ultraviolet light increases the risk of cataracts. Buy them sunglasses with UV protection. To prevent sunburned lips, apply a lip coating that contains PABA. If the nose or other area has been repeatedly burned, protect it completely from the sun's rays with zinc oxide ointment.

Avoid exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are most intense. Don't let overcast days give you a false sense of security. More than 70 percent of the sun's rays still get through the clouds. More than 30 percent of the sun's rays can also penetrate loosely woven fabrics such as cotton or gauze tops.

If your child becomes sunburned, aspirin or ibuprofen products started early and continued for two days can reduce the discomfort. Non-prescription one-percent hydrocortisone cream or moisturizing creams applied three times a

day for two days may also reduce swelling and pain, but only if used soon after your child was sunburned. Symptoms can also be alleviated by taking cool baths. Your child should drink extra water to replace the fluid lost into the swelling of sunburned skin and to prevent dehydration and dizziness.

Call your doctor's office immediately if your child:

- Develops blisters.
- Becomes unable to look at lights because of eye pain.
- Has an unexplained fever about 102 degrees F (38.0 degrees C).
- Has a sunburn that becomes infected.
- Starts acting very sick.

Reference: B.D. Schmitt, M.D., author of *Your Child's Health*. Bantam Books, Copyright 1994, Clinical Reference Systems, Ltd.

Mary Ann Komarynski, R.N., is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner at the Brighton Health Center. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell on staff at the U-M Health Centers.

## Rec Brief

### Hershey Track and Field

Date/Time: Friday, June 16, 10 a.m.  
Rain Date: Friday, June 23, 10 a.m.  
Location: Novi Meadows Track Area  
Preregistration required by Wednesday, June 14, 5 p.m. Entry forms available after May 24,

In the Parks and Recreation office.  
Events: Softball throw, standing long jump, 100, 200 meter dash; 400, 800, 1600 meter run.

Ages: 9-14 years (age determined as of Dec. 31, 1995).

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