

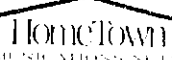
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Canadian firm eyes Novi for research site

By JAN JEFFRES
and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

With Novi's new office-service-technology ordinance now in place, one of the first major firms to take advantage of the new zoning category is expected to be the Ontario-based Husky Injection Molding Systems.

"(Husky) is putting the ordinance on the map," Novi Economic Development Coordinator Greg Capote said.

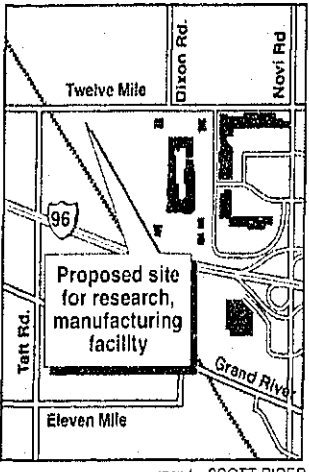
"It's a great company for Novi. It's a headquarters for a technical center in Novi."

In addition, other major firms are now eyeing Novi for regional or divisional headquarters, city officials say.

Within the next two weeks, Husky aims to gain ownership of 25 acres of property on the south side of Twelve Mile Road between Beck and Novi roads, said Matt Quinn, an attorney who is representing the company. A site plan for 60,000- to 70,000-square-foot facility, with the possibility for expansion, is expected to be submitted to the city within the next two to three months, he said.

"That's still in the works. We still haven't definitively tied down the property yet," Quinn added. The Novi operations would include plastic injection car parts, such as car bodies.

High tech firm eyes Novi property



"Here they would be doing experimental design on molding for car parts," Quinn said.

Husky is a multi-national supplier of injection molding systems, producing plastic parts such as preform for soft drink bottles, food containers, medical products and car bumpers.

Last week, the Novi City Council approved the OST ordinance and now, Capote said high-tech development is expected to heat up

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School choir members rehearse dance moves Monday with the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Opera extravaganza

Michigan Opera Theatre teams up with Novi High choirs tonight

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi High School choir students will show off at a concert tonight what they've learned from the Michigan Opera Theatre this week.

Visitors from the theater are teaming up with the students during a performance of several famous opera selections at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Fuerst Auditorium. Students from

the band department will provide the symphonic accompaniment.

The concert is free, however tickets for a pre-concert reception include reserved seats. The semi-formal affair begins at 6 p.m. at the high school and costs \$50 per person. The event is catered by Too Unique in Birmingham and hosted by the Novi Educational Foundation.

Choir Director Paula Joyner said students

spent a couple days rehearsing for the big night, but on Tuesday the drama, band, humanities, forensics and art students joined the program for a day full of workshops. Representatives from the Michigan Opera Theatre gave seminars on a variety of subjects including stage make-up, auditioning, physical comedy, set design and stage combat.

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Chopper dowses Novi gypsy moths with Bt spray

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you heard a helicopter buzzing in the very wee hours of May 13 and 17, you weren't dreaming.

A helicopter was spewing out *Bacillus thuringiensis* through 58 acres in Novi to wipe out Gypsy Moth caterpillars.

Conducted by the Oakland County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, the spraying was requested by the City of Novi late last year, after the foliage of trees in the Nine Mile Road area, west of Beck Road, was gobbled up by a nightmarish infestation of the caterpillars.

For Nine Mile Road resident Susan Couzens, it wasn't a minute too soon. She estimates some 20,000 caterpillars ate their way last year through her 2.5 acre wooded lot on Nine Mile Road. The critters made sitting on the deck or holding an outdoor barbecue

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Liz McCloskey, left, has a chat with Elicia Johnson during Wednesday's meeting of Orchard Hills Elementary students with their pen-pals at the Novi Senior Center.

Seniors citizens, kids make connection

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

After months of writing letters back and forth to senior citizen pen pals, first graders at Orchard Hills Elementary met the faces behind the words.

Approximately 50 first graders from Sharon Neal and Darlene Grabowski's class met with their pen pals at the Novi Civic Center May 13.

The program coordinates the public school district and city Parks and Recreation Department. Each month the students sent off a bunch of letters and received answers back from their pen pals. Some sent presents or gifts.

The students told teachers they couldn't wait to meet their senior pen pals at the end of the year and were dressed to the nines for the event in sundresses and shirts and ties.

After serenading the seniors with songs like "Getting to Know You" and "You've Got a Friend in Me," the students met up with their pals for the first time.

The kids weren't nervous at all, said Neal.

"We find there's a great spirit of

excitement," she said.

The kids spent an hour with the seniors exchanging gifts and stories and sharing cookies and cake. Parents pressed up against the wall in back, video cameras to their eyes, caught it all on tape.

"We have fun," said senior Doris Schultz. "I've got all my pen pals' work over the years. I have them hanging up on my porch."

Her pen pal was Drew Anderson, whose family relocated to Novi from Texas five years ago. His pen pal is sort of a substitute grandparent, said his mother Rami.

"My daughter, Megan, who's in fourth grade now, her pen pal still keeps in contact and sends her cards for birthday and Christmas."

The third grade LEAP students at Orchard Hills also partnered with senior citizens this year. What started out as an exploration of primary school days evolved into an interview of four generations to find out how school days have changed over the years.

Each of the seven gifted and talented students interviewed three generations:

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A special section ...



Quick action by mom saves toddler from drain

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
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Screams for help interrupted a bright, sunny Monday at the Park Place Apartments in Northville Township.

Next to the picnic table near the pine trees and pond filled with swimming ducks, a mother and child were trapped in a drainage sewer, the victims of what Northville Township Fire Department officials say may have been a nasty prank. It very nearly turned into a tragedy.

Instead, it was a scene from "Rescue 9-1-1," except that the heroes of the piece were strictly amateur.

Playing in the common field near Building 10 of the complex, located on Eight Mile Road, the mother had just turned away when her 20-month-old child toddled over to an open sewer cover and fell into the water about ten feet down, township fire officials said. Because of the grass, the open hole was not readily visible.

"She turned back around and the kid disappeared," explained Fire Sergeant Michael O'Brian.

"She had just turned around to get a toy and he was gone like that. They didn't see it was open. She looked in and very instinctively jumped in after him. She pulled the guy out and he was crying."

Dianne Burkhardt was unloading her artwork from her car when she saw the mother and child walking in the grass.

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Northville Fire Sgt. Michael O'Brian points out the sewer into which a Northville toddler fell Monday. Quick action by the child's mother averted a tragedy. Officials speculate teens may have removed the manhole cover as a prank.

Photo by WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

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Candidates in the gate for election race

By WENDEY PIERMAN MITZEL
and JIM JEFFRES
Staff Writer
The weather may just have begun to warm up, but candidates for the August election primary and November general election are thinking ahead.
Candidates for the upcoming election met Tuesday May 12, filing deadline in the Oakland County Clerk's office. Novi and Northville voters will need to make choices in these races:

38th Michigan House of Representatives District
The 38th State House of Representatives District is mostly populated by Republicans. Kristy Demas of South Lyon, the challenger to incumbent Nancy Cassis, is Nov. 2, announces her name. She was asked to run by the state Democratic Party, but says she won't be collecting campaign money.
"I know the incumbent is popular. I don't have a very good chance. It was important to get somebody to at least give her a run for her money," Demas explained.
"It's a way to ensure she doesn't get put back into office by being the only candidate."
Demas, 31, is no newcomer to politics. In 1988, she worked at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. After graduating from the University of Michigan, she moved to Washington, D.C. and got a job on the staff of Democratic Con-

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gressman John Dingell, D-Trenton. She worked for Dingell one year in Washington and 7 and a half years locally, as a case worker and in constituent relations, representing him at various functions.
Demas grew up in Walled Lake. Currently, she works in Ann Arbor as an executive assistant for Charles Gelman, a scientist and publisher of golf books.
Cassis announced in April that she is seeking her second term in Lansing. She served on the Novi City Council from 1985 to 1993 and 1995 to 1996, when she was elected as state representative.
"I think it's a great honor to represent the citizens of the 38th District. It has been a real pleasure to do that the past two years," Cassis said.
"I think we have accomplished all the goals we set out to do."
In office, Cassis said she's worked to have plans for the Beck

and Wixom Interchanges on I-96 fast-tracked and has also sponsored bills to cut the state income tax. Future goals include working to make sure the district has a low crime rate and that parents can afford to send their children to college - and save for retirement.
Cassis said she welcomes the competition in the race. "I think each position should have people running for it, because the debate is important."

Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 17th District
Another Novi Republican woman is up for reelection, but it won't be much of a race. Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmidt, is running unopposed. Democrat Shavnee Spedden of Walled Lake withdrew from the race last week.
Schmidt was first elected in 1991 and her current term runs out in January 1999. She is chair of the Board of Commissioners General Government Committee, is on the county Parks and Recreation Commission and is president of the Michigan Association of Republican County Officials.

52-1 District Court in Novi
Judge Michael Batchik of 52-1 District Court faces opposition for the first time in his 19-year career in the Novi court. Southfield attorney John W. Knight will run against Batchik for a six-year term in the November 3 election. It is his first try at a judgeship.
"I'm at that point in my career," said Knight, 52, last week. "I've put my time in and I believe I'm now at a point where I can offer something of benefit to the courts."
A partner in Clark & Knight since 1978, Knight said he's been on both sides of the fence, both defending and representing plaintiffs. He is primarily a civil litigator and trial attorney but has worked in criminal law, also, he said.
Batchik was appointed to the district court in 1979 and served as the Chief Judge from 1992 to 1996. He is a former attorney and a graduate of the Detroit College of Law. He is a founder of the courts Community Garden, which uses community service sentences from the court to grow produce for charity. He also works with the domestic violence and teen smoking programs.

includes Novi. He will face off against current State Representative Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce Township, in an August primary to determine which republican will head to the general election. There, the winner will run against Democrat S. Ruth Fuller of West Bloomfield.
Dobb's term in the House is up due to term limits. She's served since 1991 but said she always intended to move onto a senate seat. In fact, she challenged Bullard in 1996 when he ran for the seat left vacant by Dave Honigman. Dobb is a certified public accountant with a master's degree in taxation.
"I know what's important to people in the 15th Senate District," Dobb said, "and every single one of those are issues of fitness and equity."
Bullard is running for his second term as senator, after spending 14 years as a state representative.

Batchik is looking forward to the election. "It's going to be a good way to renew the people's understanding of the court system," he said.
15th District State Senate
Senator Willis Bullard Jr., R-Highland, faces a challenge for his 15th District State seat which

Bullard said he intends to run on his record of tax cuts and plans a "vigorous campaign."
Fuller is "not a politician," she said, but that's what makes her a good candidate.
"I feel I'm more in touch with people," she explained. "I think that's what the public needs."
A former volunteer for Maple Grove substance abuse center and an advocate for pregnant women trying to stay off drugs, Fuller also owns two businesses.
Some of her bigger issues include tax relief for small business owners, addressing mental illness program budget cuts and bringing more of the district's tax money back to the area. She believes in supporting public education and is Pro-Choice.
"I believe everyone is pro-life but I believe (abortion) is a choice a woman has to make," she said.
Fuller is married with three children and two grandchildren.

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Shoplifters prefer the preppy look

Two New York men were arrested May 17 for retail fraud at Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi police said.

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The pair was spotted by an eye-witness dumping a load of clothes from a shopping bag into a minivan in the parking lot and returning to the mall with the empty bag. The witness told security, which contacted Novi police. Officers searched the van and found items from Brooks Brothers still on hangers with the tags attached.

Security personnel located one of the men leaving the mall with a bag full of clothes. When he saw the officer, he dropped the bag and ran but was apprehended. The "booster bag" was lined to prevent security tags from working and contained \$1,800 worth of clothes from Banana Republic.

The second man was found and taken into custody in Hudson's after security allegedly saw him switch clothing he was wearing for new items.

According to the report, the two men, ages 21 and 31, said they did not know each other. Both said they were born in Puerto Rico and moved to New York but were not illegal aliens. Police said, however, there was a question of who the men were and held them pending additional information.

PARTY TIME

A 41-year-old man was asked to keep the noise down during a party he had at his Sagebrush home about 1:30 a.m. May 14. Police also responded to a loud party on Old Orchard May 15. According to the report, police found five teenage girls inside the home who said they

were friends of the resident who was not home. None of the items were drinking, police said. Officers let them stay and contacted the resident later on. She said her parents were out of town. She did have some friends over that night, but some uninvited guests showed up and she had to ask them to leave, she said. The officer noted in the report the parents would be called when they returned from vacation.

DRUNK DRIVING

A 46-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving May 14 at 1:40 a.m. His van was spotted weaving and tailgating by police. He was pulled over for questioning on Ten Mile Road near Roma Ridge. The man appeared to be intoxicated and told police he had two to three beers. He failed sobriety tests, such as reciting the alphabet through K then starting over, and was taken to the police station. His blood alcohol content was not released by Novi police. He was released on \$50 bond.

GOTCHA

"You got me, I'm busted," was the response from a 54-year-old Novi man May 17 after he was pulled over for drunk driving. Police said the man was seen about 4 p.m. tailgating another car. He also matched the description of a suspect in a complaint called in earlier in the day. When the officer stopped the

burglar about 4 a.m. May 15.

Police said the resident woke upon hearing a noise outside his apartment and peered out the window. He saw a suspect near his car with the door open, but then the person climbed into another car and left the scene. The man told police his locks were malfunctioning and did not work. His steering wheel and ignition were damaged.

LIFTED

A Novi man's wallet was stolen from his golf bag during a game at the Links of Novi May 14. The man told police someone used his credit card that day to order \$157 worth of merchandise over the phone.

SPIRITED AWAY

A Novi woman retrieved her purse and wallet from a nearby woods after her Dodge Spirit parked in Wainwright May 13 was vandalized.

According to police, there was no sign of forced entry into the car during the night, but a cell phone, purse and can of mace were taken. The purse with most of its contents, minus the credit cards, was found. And the woman dialed her cell phone number to reach a woman who answered and said she had thought it from a couple of kids. The woman told police she had called on a group of suspicious kids a few nights earlier and this may be in retaliation for her involvement.

BIKED AWAY

Two bikes were reported stolen from a porch on Sheri May 14. The bikes were reportedly worth about \$600 and were taken during the day. The chains used to attach them to the porch were also missing.

SPOTTED

A Timberlane resident told police he might have scared away a car

Novi Briefs

Memorial Parades

Novi hosts a Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 25, beginning at 10 a.m. The procession begins at Border's Books in the Town Center and will proceed along Crescent Boulevard to Novi Road, then to Ten Mile winding up at the Civic Center. A ceremony will be held at the Civic Center at the conclusion of the parade. Those participating in the parade should gather in the Town Center parking lot between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. The City of Walled Lake will also start the 1998 Memorial Day Parade on Monday beginning at 11 a.m. It will start at Pontiac Trail and Walled Lake Drive and continue northeast to Maple Road to city hall.

Flag raising

Salisbury at 11 a.m., the Veterans Alliance of Novi will present and raise a flag at the Whitehall Healthcare Center in Novi. "We went by there and we saw their flag was in sad shape, I went over and took it down and told them we'd get another one up," said Duane Bell, secretary of the Veterans Alliance. "They're all excited about it."

Mayoral switcheroo

In honor of Michigan Week, Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen played host Wednesday to Rochester Mayor David L. Kautle. Not only did Kautle get a tour of the city, he also sampled the community's products, including those on offer at a luncheon at Local Color Brewing Company. We hope he had a sip of the No. VI Brown Ale.

Police promotions

Chief Douglas Sheaffer announced two promotions in the Novi Police Department this month. Officer Tom Lindberg was promoted to detective and Jan Holtum is now the dispatcher shift leader.

Correction

An article in the May 14 issue of The Novi News titled "Students hold onto the night" was contained incorrect information. Complimentary tickets for the June 6 Novi High School Commencement Ceremony are required. They can be picked up at the school's main office between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. up until June 5. Commencement begins at 11 a.m. at the CompuWare arena in Plymouth.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending May 17. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MAY 11
Medical, 27147 Barra, 5:21 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Novi Road and West Oaks, 8:25 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40000 Eight Mile, 3:38 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Tall Road, 7:52 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MAY 12
Medical, 21217 E. Glen Haven, 12:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and Berk Road, 7:56 a.m., Squads 1, 2, 5.
Medical, 43900 Gen-Mar, 8:20 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 47289 Bramblewood, 9 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24800 Novi Road, 9:01 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41108 Vinemill, 10:36 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Crescent and Ingersoll, 10:49 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Main Street and Market, 1:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 45011 Byrnie Court,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
Medical, 25580 Clark, 7:57 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 25345 Tall Road, 4 p.m., Engine 4.
THURSDAY, MAY 14
Wires down, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 11:15 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 24634 Bashian, 12:21 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, 25725 Cheyenne, 12:24 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 40451 Mill Road Court, 12:42 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 29786 Rousseau, 1:08 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 727 South Lake, 1:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Beck and Grand River, 2:04 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24634 Bashian, 3:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 31198 Tanglewood, 3:53 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Grand River and Novi, 5:37 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 31226 Kingsley

FRIDAY, MAY 15
Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 6:27 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 180 Pleasant Cove, 7:53 a.m., Squad 2.
Stand by, 39595 Ten Mile Road, 9:15 a.m., Station 1.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 9:17 a.m., Squad 1.
Stand by, 23550 LeBost, 9:43 a.m., Station 1.
Medical, 45101 Twelve One-Half Mile, 12:15 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:12 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 14677 Sleepy Hollow, 3:56 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Haggerty and Nine Mile, 5:03 p.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, Novi Road and Fourteen Mile, 5:05 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 5:14 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:12 p.m., Squad 2.
Mailbox fire, 21872 Roxbury, 6:23 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 30136 Rousseau, 8:04 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 10:23 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, MAY 16
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:53 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 1:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Novi Expo Center, 2:11 p.m., Engine 1.
Fuel spill, Beck Road and Pontiac Trail, 2:14 p.m., Engine 2.
Service, 20800 Woodland Glen, 3:29 p.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, I-96 and Beck Road, 6:39 p.m., Engine 1.
Service, 22335 Peachtree, 6:44 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 7:31 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22615 Penton Rise, 7:54 p.m., Squad 3.
Best fire, 280 New Court, 8:10 p.m., Engine 2.
Service, 20800 Woodland Glen, 8:48 p.m., Squad 3.
Grass fire, I-96 and Beck Road, 10:46 p.m., Engine 1.

SUNDAY, MAY 17
Grass fire, Lashbrook and Paramount, 2:36 p.m., Engine 2.
Fire investigation, 31260 Wakefield, 6:17 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Oregon and Louisiana, 7:02 p.m., Squad 4.
Brush fire, East Lake and New Court, 9:20 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 42746 Maudlin, 9:29 p.m., Squad 2.

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Two percent tuition hike sought by OCC

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

No one from the public had any comment as Oakland Community College administrators proposed a sub-inflationary tuition increase in the 1998-9 budget.

"One reason we are recommending a tuition increase," said vice chancellor Clarence Brantley, "is that we are the fifth cheapest place to take four basic courses - English, math, science and psychology - in spending per student."

The property tax rate will remain at 1.65 mills, or \$1.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Brantley told the board of trustees recently that he was recommending OCC's first tuition hike since 1994. If approved, the increase per credit hour would be \$1 or 2.2 percent, to \$47 for in-district students; \$1.50 per credit hour or 1.9 percent for out-of-district students; and \$2.50 per credit hour or 2.3 percent for out-of-state students.

The proposed tuition rate does not exceed the 2.3 percent inflation rate as determined by the State Tax Commission," Brantley said. That would make families of OCC students eligible for income tax breaks on their tuition payments.

The increase would add less than \$500,000 to OCC's revenue stream

of \$22 million from that source. Trustees didn't indicate how they would vote, but two praised Brantley's work. "We'll have to show the taxpayers we've done a super job with their money," said board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield. She referred to the college's handling of a 0.8 mill property tax increase voters approved in mid-1995. It brings in \$28 million, almost one-fourth of the \$106 million in revenue. One revenue element still is uncertain - state appropriation. Gov. John Engler has recommended no increase, keeping OCC at \$19.8 million. "If the state aid is higher than a zero increase," Brantley said, "we'll flow funds into the fund balance - that is, increase the estimated surplus from \$660,000. We want to maintain that surplus at \$1.7 million."

Total spending is estimated to be more than \$105 million. Changes in the spending pattern for next year include:
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Tuesday, May 26

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbriht at 390-6500.

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at the Orchard Hills Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Festival of the Arts

The Spring Festival of the Arts will be held in the Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, from 6-9 p.m. Art awards ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. The festival concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Ordinance Review

The Ordinance Review Committee will meet in the Novi Civic Center at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Novi city offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Have a good holiday.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

ZONTA

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Beautification Commission hosts flower exchange

If you've got too much of a good thing, in this case healthy perennial flower plants in your garden, swap them with others and introduce new varieties into your landscape. It's good for a plant to be divided and it's even more fun to see what others have to share. The Novi Beautification Commission will hold the swap on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the old Novi Town Hall on Ten Mile Road, just west of the Novi Public Library. Rain or shine, it'll happen. For more information, contact the Novi Public Information Office at 449-3766.

Youth Assistance

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

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (248) 476-3004.

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

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

Optimist Club

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

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

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

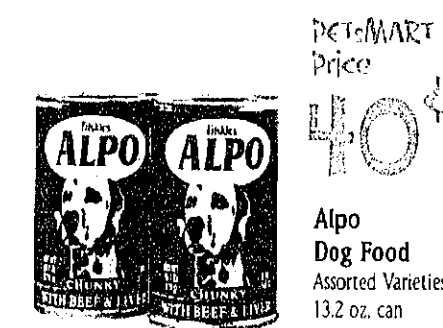
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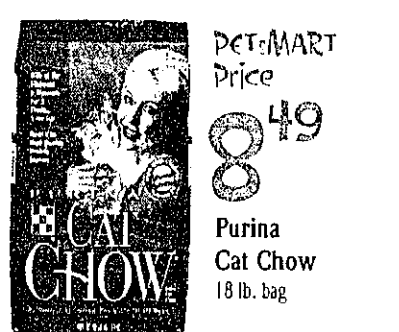
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Lansing raises legal age to operate jet skis

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A bill to curb personal watercraft users and sheriffs' marine patrols time to get acquainted with the new rules and training requirements.

It goes back to the House this week for concurrence in amendments. If the House doesn't agree, then the bill will go to a conference committee for compromise.

The Senate lowered the age for operating personal watercraft from 16 to 14, extended the starting time for operating from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m., and eased up on penalties.

"Violations will be started the next boating season," said Sen. Jon Ciskiey, R-Saginaw, who guided

Senate debate.

"That will give personal watercraft users and sheriffs' marine patrols time to get acquainted with the new rules and training requirements."

According to DNR, 80,000 personal watercraft are registered in Michigan, though the number of operators is unknown.

As passed by the House, the bill allowed use of personal watercraft from 9 a.m. to one hour before sunset.

The Senate moved up the starting time to 8 a.m.

The biggest battle was over an amendment by Macomb County's delegation to extend operating time

to sunset.

"It would give working people a greater chance to enjoy personal watercraft after work," said the sponsor, Ken DeBeaussart, D-Macomb County.

But his amendment failed in a 13-19 vote. Voting yes were Hart, Anna Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, Mike Rogers, R-Dragton, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

Voting no were Seans, Bill Ballard, R-Milford and Bob Geake, R-Northville.

Sen. Joe Conroy, D-Find, supported DeBeaussart, saying, "It's difficult to tell when one hour before sunset is."

But Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring

Lake, thought operating hours should have been even more restricted.

"Sunset on Lake Michigan is at 10 or 10:15 p.m. in summer. I would tend to choose 6 or 5 p.m. (as quitting time)," said Stille, referring to personal watercraft as "these buzzers, these mosquitoes."

DeBeaussart won voice vote approval of his amendment to outlaw playing "chicken" on personal watercraft.

An amendment to make violations of the law the equivalent of a simple ticket rather than a misdemeanor was also passed. This was so youngsters filling out a job application in the future would not

have to check "yes" when asked if they had ever been convicted of a misdemeanor.

• DNR is required to establish comprehensive educational programs in boating safety, a program to train operators and a system of issuing boating safety certificates to persons who complete the program satisfactorily.

• A person born after Dec. 31, 1978 may not operate a personal watercraft unless he or she has obtained a boating safety certificate, effective Jan. 1, 1999.

• Personal watercraft operators and passengers must wear flotation devices (life jackets).

• Children under age 7 must be

accompanied by a parent or guardian or designee.

• Personal watercraft must be kept 200 feet from a shoreline unless operated at a "slow - no wake" speed.

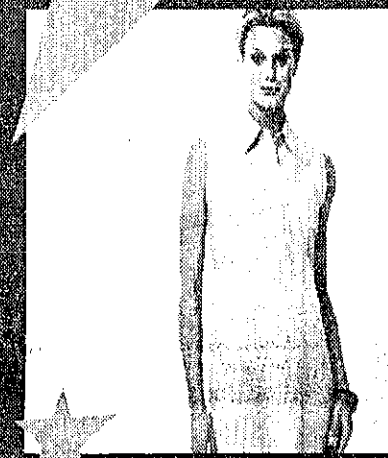
• Hours are restricted to 8 a.m. to one hour before sunset.

• Minimum distances must be observed between the personal watercraft and shorelines, docks, swimming areas and vessels.

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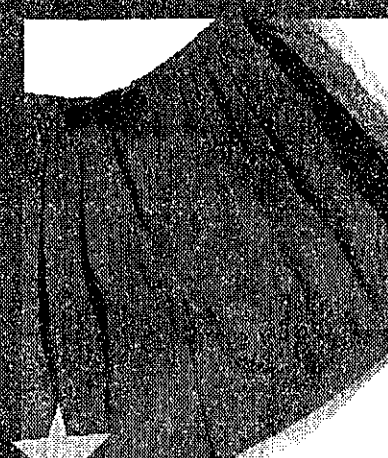
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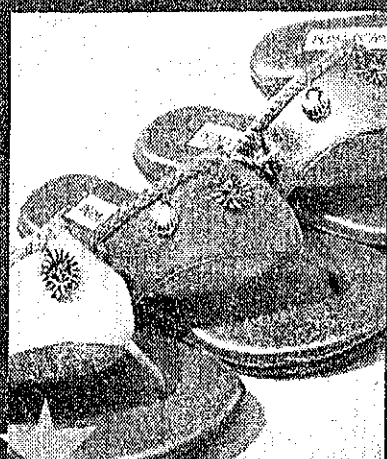
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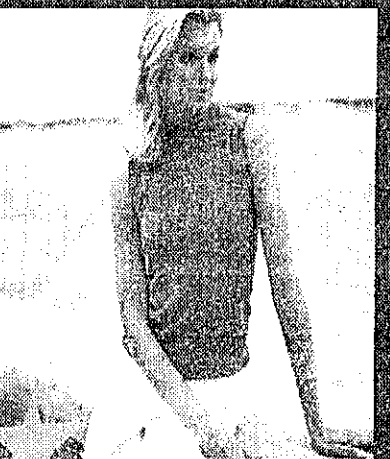
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Former Novi woman honored for service to kids

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

After spending 20 years at the helm of one of metro Detroit's leading youth assistance programs, Northville resident Ouida Cash was recognized at the state capitol Tuesday by the Michigan Women's Commission as part of the Commission's 30 Years - 30 Women celebration.

"She's absolutely selfless in what she does."

Marlene Myers, NBO regional manager

lived in Novi.

To qualify for the award, the commission sought nominees who:
• Exemplified positive character traits and acted as a positive role model for other women;
• Contributed in a special way to the well-being of the community;
• Made a special contribution to the well-being of other women through work or community service; and
• Developed a specialized skill, worked in a difficult situation or overcame difficulties to achieve success.

Cash was nominated for the award by National Bank of Detroit regional manager Marlene Myers.

"She's absolutely selfless in what she does," Myers said. "She's extremely outgoing and works so hard with the youth in our community."

A Northville resident for the last eight years, Cash has previously

said she'd spent several years working primarily with delinquent children or youth with severe personal problems. That soon changed.

"I decided that I wanted to go a little upstream," she said. "It was one of those things where I wanted to work with kids who had some degree of choice in their housing situation."

There's been a shift in attitude among those who work with children in need, Cash said.

"In the older days, we waited until the kids would run away and then served them," she said. "Now we're trying to intervene. Kids don't come with a manual. We're sending the message that it's okay to ask for help. In fact, it's encouraging when you do because it shows you're trying to do something to help the situation."

As for the nomination?
"It was such a gift for me," she said. "Tim honored, regardless of what name came of it. It's a very special feeling."

Cash is married to Ken Barnhill. The two have one son, 28-year-old Ken, and two grandchildren — Mitchell, 4, and Jacob, 1.

Among the other 29 women recognized: Lt. Gov. Comin Basfield and first lady Michelle Engler.

More than 600 youths have their housing problems addressed by the Centers, while the agency's also seeks to provide education and crisis programs to 5,000 children and families. She also serves as president of the board of directors of the Children & Youth Initiative of Detroit.

Before she came to YLC, Cash



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MONDAY, MAY 25

10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. — Due to holiday, programming will resume at 4 p.m.
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
5:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
6:30 p.m. — Groove Session
7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
8:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

TUESDAY, MAY 26

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Spies Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: David Szwarczyk
11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
2:00 p.m. — Lusting Counter-Point
2:30 p.m. — Native American Magazine
3:00 p.m. — Creature Feature
3:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
4:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry
4:30 p.m. — Home for Life
5:00 p.m. — News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — Options for a Balanced Life
6:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Power Aerobics Mix
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: The Don Reimer

8:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

10:00 a.m. — Up Close Today
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update
11:30 a.m. — Walled Lake Western Fashion Show
12:00 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — Light to the Nations Broadcast
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
3:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s

3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — The Show Me Show
5:30 p.m. — Tatiana
6:00 p.m. — In the Kitchen with Bry
6:30 p.m. — On Target: Concealed Weapons
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Rachel Martin and Kathy Stone
8:00 p.m. — Not Street Beat
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Community Comments
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup

THURSDAY, MAY 28

10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Power Aerobics Mix
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic

11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Bullin
2:00 p.m. — Rock Soup: Will Harlan
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: David Szwarczyk
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
6:00 p.m. — Detroit Radio Reunion
6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
7:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles

Today
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: David Szwarczyk
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

FRIDAY, MAY 29

10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
5:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
6:30 p.m. — Groove Session
7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
8:30 p.m. — News
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

Novi Meadows gets respect

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If a tree is rooted in a firm foundation, it can grow to be a strong and sturdy part of the forest.

That's the principle behind the "Respect Grows Here" project at Novi Meadows. Spurred on by an enthusiastic student response to last year's Positive Awareness Week, the schools PTO and staff worked together to provide a year-long program to teach respect.

"We're trying to make a difference," explained school counselor Gail Jiskra. "If we do it here it's going to catch on somewhere else." The staff hopes to get the 900 students at Meadows to respect themselves and others through several steps. During the past school year students have produced short videos which are shown over the closed circuit television system to other classes. The videos show how students can use respect or communication in daily situations. Classrooms take turns changing bulletin boards in the halls and a life-sized cartoon skit on the lunchroom wall.

Additionally, adults in the school have yellow cards they can give to students they see performing an act of kindness or goodwill. Students turn in the cards for a paper

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working. "Everybody uses it so there's no fighting and everybody's nice and there's no put-downs," said J.W. Woods, a sixth grader at Novi Meadows.

So does Jiskra. She said two students recently came to her to tell her about other students picking on someone.

"They were reaching out," she said. "They were not going to let it continue on. They were asking for an adult to help with it."

Jiskra worked closely with members of the Parenting Committee of the PTO to put together the program. The reason, said member Denise Brockman, is not so much reactive as proactive. Teaching kids to feel good about themselves and others can lead to good behavior.

"I think when they don't feel good about themselves they aren't able to respect others," Brockman explained.

"At this age level they are searching for who they are and what they are all about," added Jiskra. "At this age, it's cool to put other people down."

The other reason for the program is that times have changed. The pair said. Two working parents can mean less consistency for children. No longer is mom home all the time to monitor a child's behavior, they said.

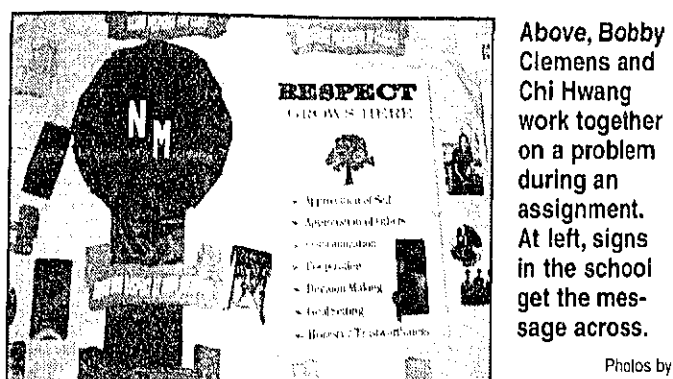
"The school unit comes into play more because two income family unit is not as constant," Jiskra explained.

Television, music and video games also contribute.

"What I see is a lot of mixed messages. We're really trying to teach kids to be responsible for their actions," Jiskra said.

Respect, therefore, needs to be reinforced. "It should be just a given but it's not a given because that's not what they see," Jiskra said.

Members of the Parenting Committee are: Beth Belter, Tami Belhune, Denise Brockman, Karen Bulbuk, Olga Hountalas, Annamaria Kovanis, Andrea Simpson, Marilyn Suttle, Grace Willong, Gail Jiskra. Staff representatives are Barbara Brunetti and Lisa LaPorte.



Above, Bobby Ciemens and Chi Hwang work together on a problem during an assignment. At left, signs in the school get the message across.

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On the wings of words, friendship flies overseas



By WENDY WHITE

Their friendship began more than 60 years ago, when Mary Earl was an eighth grader at a Catholic School in Detroit, and Enid Keast was a 14-year-old high schooler in Berkhamsted, England.

Now, they're meeting face-to-face for the first time.

Enid Keast, 74, paid a recent visit to Northville, their relationship was confined to letters, as the lifelong pen pals sent news of their everyday lives across the Atlantic Ocean.

"I don't remember who wrote the first letter, do you?" Earl, 75, asked Keast over tea at Marywood Nursing Care Center in Livonia, where Earl now lives.

"So but there have been hundreds since," Keast said. "We didn't think about it lasting so long. We just got a letter and responded."

The two became pen pals after Earl's teacher took a trip abroad and brought back names and addresses for her students to contact. Neither knew if any of the other student pen pal pairings were as successful as theirs.

"I only know that I got Mary, which was good," Keast said. "Mary used to write and tell me all about what was going on over here. She told about farm life and when we got married I had loads to tell about my children."

The letters gave each a glimpse into the customs of another country, and though they both wrote in English, the women said they were always entertained by language differences that cropped up in their correspondence.

"I think it's been educational

about how the rest of the world lives," Earl said. "Enid used different terms, different words."

Keast calls television "the telly," cookies "biscuits," sweaters "jumpers" and trucks "lorries."

Sometimes the letters dwindled to one a year. But they still came.

Keast graduated from school in 1939, just a month before World War II began.

For nine years she worked in the offices of an English railway company that was evacuated to an estate outside of London to avoid bombings.

During the war, Keast's letters arrived from England cut up and censored, barely legible. When goods were rationed there, Earl sent chocolates and make-up to her friend.

Keast once sent Earl a pair of gloves.

"I must have worn them for 15 years, they were such lovely material," Earl said.

Married in 1949, Keast had three children with her husband Leslie, who is now deceased. She belonged to charitable organizations and has sung in a choir for decades.

Earl grew up in Detroit and earned a math degree from Marygrove College in 1945.

She worked as a mathematical analyst until she got married in 1964. Then, she moved with her husband Herb to his parents' farm in Durand, Michigan, until it was sold.

When Herb retired after more than 29 years at the Fisher Body plant, the couple finally had a chance to travel, and Keast still has stacks of postcards from exten-

sive trips the Earls took in their truck, or "caravan."

The pen pals often wrote of visiting each other during retirement, but their plans were waylaid time and again.

In 1980, Earl's husband died. On the same day, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a degenerative condition that causes tremors and muscle rigidity.

Earl moved into nursing homes that offered increasingly more care. Northville resident Jeannine Meade followed, bringing her Holy Communion every Sunday through the Christian Services organization. Meade soon became friends with Earl, and eventually began assisting her in writing letters to her pen pal.

Keast entertained Meade and her husband Earl during their visit to Europe, so the couple was more than happy to host Keast in their home at the East Street Club Condoms and to show her the sights of Northville.

"I didn't think my feet were going to touch the ground here," Keast said.

For nine months before her arrival, Earl worked on lists of places she wanted her friend to see during her three week stay in Michigan.

Now confined to a wheelchair, Earl wasn't able to join many of the excursions.

According to Keast, downtown Northville is very similar to her home town in England, but she still marveled at the water tower, the fare at Little Italy restaurant, and the selection of food at Shopping Center Market.

She was also impressed by the

facade of Woolly Bullies and the frog legs she tried for the first time at Ricky's.

"It's all a surprise to me," Keast said. "Everyone is wonderful, ever so kind and welcoming. It's really great. You have some lovely buildings here. I was surprised to find dandelions in the grass and see that you have many of the same flowers as we do. I think it's very nice, very nice indeed."

During her stay, Keast also had a chance to sing at Marywood with a choir group directed by the Meades.

Her longtime pen pal listened from the audience.

Keast left Northville May 18, and although this probably marks the only meeting the two women will ever have, they have shared much more than a short visit.

Through stacks of meticulously detailed and flowing letters the women can look back on a lifetime of shared memories.

"It's surprising reading these letters. We're discussing when we retire, we'll try and get over and that sort of thing. They smell a bit musty because I've kept them in the cupboard for a good many years," Keast said.

And Meade said that Keast's visit left quite an impression on her friend.

"She's really an up person, optimistic, and that's really good for Mary. The fact that Enid would see her house and say 'I'm going to go to the States and visit Mary,' it was such a morale booster for her. I think it's remarkable they've kept up all these years," Meade said.

Obituaries

PAUL BOATMAN

Paul Boatman, 74, died May 2 at his residence in South Lyon. He was born May 16, 1923, in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Boatman was a retired power house engineer from Maxey Training School.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Vonda; daughters, Joann Case, Debra (James) Fader, and Lisa (James) Brunette; sons, Michael (Kathy), David (Karen), James, Daniel, and Donald (Karen); sisters, Phyllis (Norman) Tye and Shirley Stoltz; 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were held on Saturday, May 16, at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

Memorials to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan would be appreciated by the family.

FLORENCE KONOPASKA

Florence Konopaska, 74, of Northville died May 15 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was born March 10, 1924, in Northville to Frank and Mary (Scital) Bongiovanni.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 5, at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in East Forest National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

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Going Mobil

Northville Gourmet owner not thrilled with neighbor

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Competition doesn't scare Ed Hanna. You don't work in Nigeria like he had for almost 20 years without coming into contact with people who'd like to see your business go under, and then get fazed easily.

But unfair competition has him rattled, and that's why a proposed expansion and renovation of the Mobil gas station at Eight Mile and Taft Roads has the owner of Northville Gourmet so upset.

"How can I compete?" he asked. "They're a huge corporation and I'm just me."

The station has received tentative approval for renovation of the station's existing sales structure and the addition of a carry-out Pizza Hut. As planned, the existing building would be demolished. A new, larger building would be constructed against the northernmost property line. The location would have 20 parking spaces developed.

Per an agreement drafted by the city, no delivery of pizzas may take place from the location.

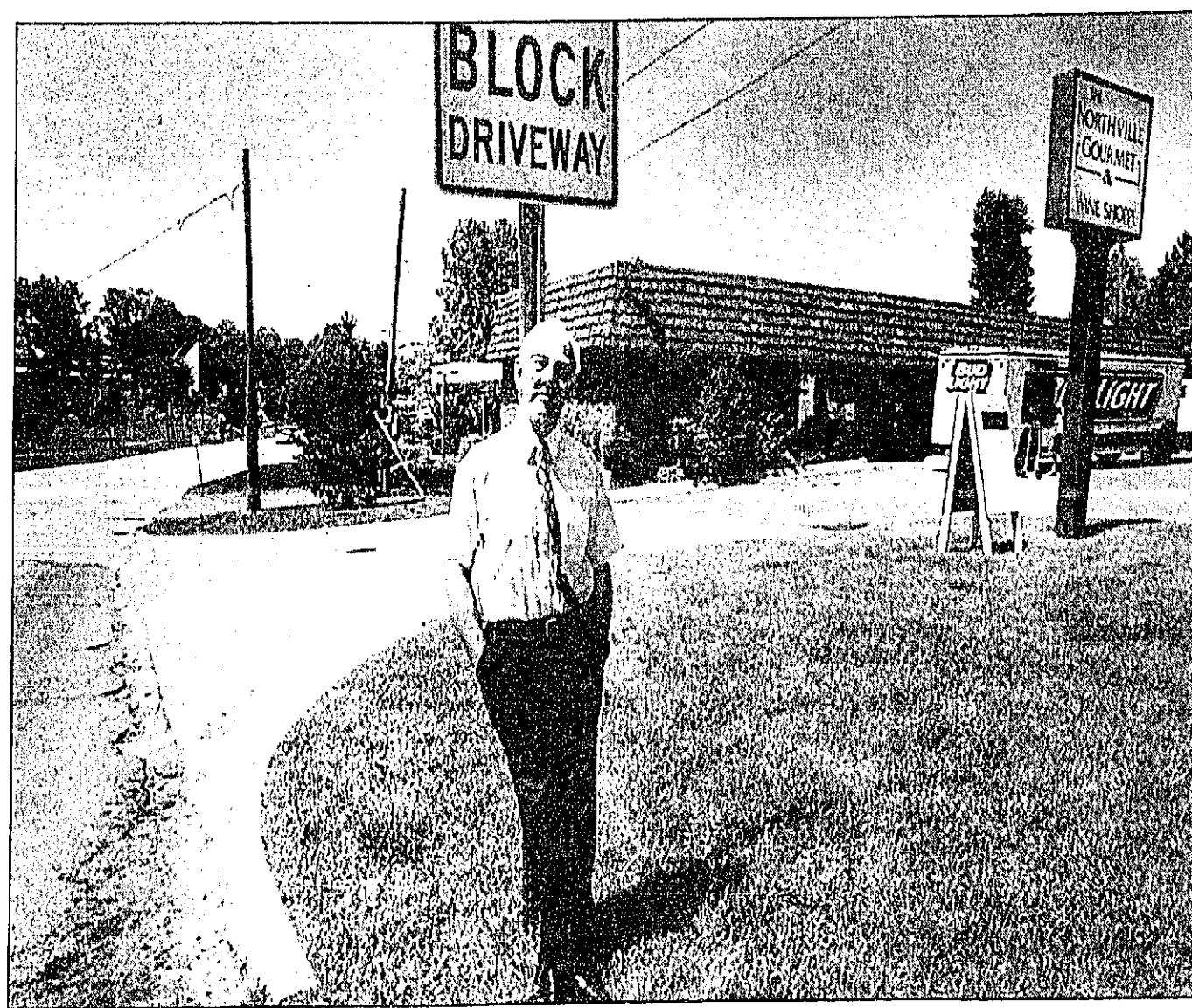
Hundreds of Mobil stations across the country are being converted to the so-called "on the run" stores. The Northville renovation is being spearheaded by Southfield developer John Matthews.

Hanna described his own business as an upscale party store, but he shunned the notion of labeling Northville Gourmet as purely a "party store." Prior to taking over the shop five years ago, the business was home to booze and cigarette promotions and a virtual library of sex magazines.

"It was filthy," Hanna said. "People didn't want to go there or send their children there. I wanted to change the entire feeling of the place."

When Hanna bought the location, his first priority was to clean the store out, both in terms of sanitation and reputation. Close to \$100,000 in renovations and landscaping went into Northville Gourmet, and the April 1995 grand re-opening of the store was attended by city and business leaders — a virtually unheard-of display for a small retail business, Hanna said.

Since taking over, Hanna said Northville Gourmet and the Mobil station have had a good business/neighbor relationship. But plans for the expansion have him and residents who live nearby up



Northville Gourmet business owner Ed Hanna is concerned about major expansion plans at the Mobil Gas Station next door

in arms. Leading the charge on the residential end of things is Northville Oaks Condominium Association president Nan Oliver. In a letter dated April 1 to Northville mayor Chris Johnson, Oliver and other Association members voiced their opposition.

"In its current form, the Mobil station barely has enough space in which to operate and barely enough employees to operate the station," she said. "We don't think Mobil is capable of successfully executing this plan in this location."

The letter also cited traffic problems at the intersection of Eight Mile and Taft Roads. The Taft/Eight Mile/Griswold area has

been the site of two fatal car crashes in the last five years.

"Cars already have problems exiting the station onto eastbound Eight Mile," Oliver wrote. "Several of our neighbors have witnessed near-accidents. If the purpose of Mobil's plan is to bring in more customers, it would seem that this problem would only get worse."

Oliver's letter indicated she wished to turn over the petition to the appropriate persons. City manager Gary Word responded to Oliver by advising her that such complaints regarding zoning needed to be directed to the zoning board of appeals.

In a 4-2 vote, the city planning commission ultimately voted to approve the plan. The commission

at the Eight Mile / Taft location. Wendt said he was also concerned about the lure pizza-by-the-slice would have for high school students.

"They only allow two kids at a time in there as it is now," he said. "What's it going to be like with all these cars streaming over there during lunch hour? They won't be able to handle it."

In addition, Wendt said he opposed the construction on the grounds that there was a lack of decent sidewalks to connect the station to other locales nearby. A call to Matthews was forwarded to Mobil media representative Betsy Eaton of Joliet, Ill. Eaton said she believed discussions between Mobil representatives and residents of the area had helped to quell concerns held by those who lived or did business in the area.

In those discussions, Eaton said Mobil made assurances that adequate trash containers would be provided and that the pickup of the trash would be done at a proper hour of the day.

"Mobil wants to be a good neighbor," Eaton said. "With regards to concerns over competition issues, Eaton said trepidation is a common feeling among residents when new business comes to town."

"I think any time there's a change in a business, there are concerns from people who do business in the area as to how it will affect their livelihood," she said. "That's perfectly normal. Whether they have a basis of fact if it will cause problems for their own business, that remains to be seen."

Wendt said he wasn't as certain Mobil had smoothed things over.

"I'm still taking calls from people who are upset about this," he said. "Before any work can begin, Mobil must still win final site plan approval from the planning commission, which meets next June 2. The commission met last night, but Mobil was not on the agenda."

members found "the siting of [the service] station buildings to be logical."

Commission members Richard Birdsall and Jay Wendt voted against it. Wendt said he based his vote largely on observations he had made at other Mobil stations which had added Pizza Hut carryouts.

After making those observations, Wendt said he had noticed that a large number of construction or lawn maintenance vehicles had the tendency to stop by the station. And while such vehicles could park and still permit a free flow of traffic in the parking lot, he questioned whether the same could hold true

at other Mobil stations which had added Pizza Hut carryouts.

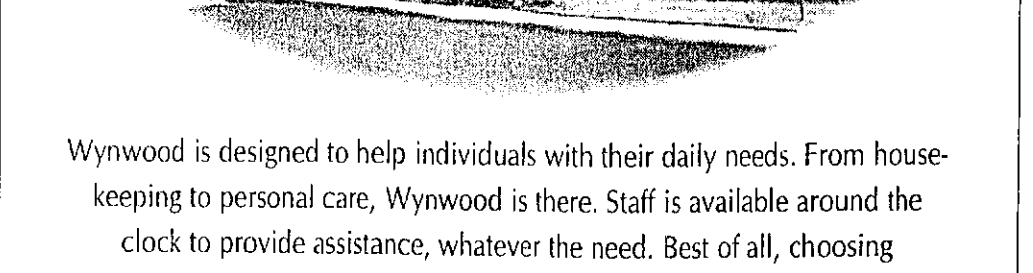
AT&T has booked meeting on monopole plan for city hall

AT&T Wireless Service representatives will meet with Novi residents who live near Power Park to discuss the company's proposal to build a monopole for cell phone communications near a city softball diamond, replacing an existing city light pole. Three cabinets would be placed at the base of the pole.

The session will be held Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center. AT&T invited the homeowners by letter and will show them site plans, aerial photographs and photo simulations of the proposed monopole.

The phone company proposes to pay the city rental fees for use of the site. But before making any decisions, the Novi City Council requested the meeting with the residents of neighboring subdivisions, including Dunbarton Pines and Addington Park.

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Now in its tenth year, the free-admission program provides refreshments and a variety of hands-on experiences, including art activities and entertainment, for children ages eight and under, as well as family resources information for their parents. More than 14,000 have attended "Young Kids on Campus" since its inception in 1988.

This year's event will take place in the Highland Lakes campus gymnasium from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ample free parking is available in nearby campus lots.

For further information call Lori Julian at (248) 682-6873. Highland Lakes campus is on Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

campus presents "Money Matters: The Ten Percent Solution," a seminar on money management, Tuesday, April 21. The seminar costs \$10 and is open to the public. It meets in Room 308 of the campus' J Building from 7 to 9 p.m. Financial planner Sarah Smith Redmond will focus on why it is difficult for women to save for the future. Solutions to changing lifelong habits and ideas about money will be presented.

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As We See It

State needs to read judges' ruling again

Here we go again. School districts in Michigan have barely gotten over the so-called Durant lawsuit and they appear to be headed back to court with the state government.

In fact, Novi schools just received its check from the settlement and Northville schools is still trying to figure out what to do with its extra cash. Now 80 school districts across the state have filed suit again saying the state has done the same thing. Quickly dubbed Durant II, the suit has been joined by both local school districts.

It took 17 years and endless hours in legal wrangling to resolve the debate over the first Durant case.

"They're taking money from the foundation grant and earmarking it for special ed and that's supposed to be a way to fulfill the Headlee Amendment," said Novi Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe. "The school districts don't see it that way."

"In a nutshell the state has found a wonderfully magical mathematic way to take our amount per student funding and apply it to special education funding. They are paying us with our own money," Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezniemski said.

One has to give the school officials a good deal of credit, considering their victory in the first case.

Both suits claim that the state didn't meet its obligation of funding programs that it mandated under the Revised School Code of 1978, namely special education and special education transportation. The original suit reclaimed money that the state failed to provide between 1978 and 1997, which amounted to \$3.8 million for Northville and \$1.7 million for Novi. The new case aims to reclaim money lost from 1997 to the present. The Durant II suit alleges that the state paid for special education programs using per pupil funding, or Foundation Grants, when they should have used separate funds.

The news is highly disturbing.

For one, wasn't it Gov. John Engler who went off to Washington D.C. to complain about unfunded mandates from the feds? Wasn't it the Republicans who have made such a cause of fighting unfunded mandates. And now that it's the Republican administration's turn to face up to responsibilities, it's doing the same thing. Well, what good for the goose is good for the gander.

Secondly, the rules are all of the state's own making. From the mandate for special education and transportation to the foundation grants from which the money is being diverted to the Headlee Amendment that outlaws it, all are creatures of the state government. The state should be able to follow its own rules shouldn't it?

Perhaps most disturbing is the fact the state is doing it again after having just been told by judges that it's wrong. One can understand some honest differences of opinion over something as complicated as school funding, but when the courts say you're in error, you'd ought to listen.

Typically, judges don't like to see a defendant back on the same kind of case. They get ornery about that. And this is a dangerous game the state is playing, because it is a good way to convince a judge to take over the operation of educational finance in the state of Michigan.

Local representatives and senators should make the argument to the administration, as strongly as possible, that it's time the games came to an end ... before a judge does.

Remember the true meaning of Memorial Day

As you pack your bags and prepare to head up north to the cabin this weekend, joining the thousands who'll be making the annual unofficial-startup-of-summer pilgrimage with you, take a moment on Monday to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Those roads we all travel and the laughter-filled evenings we all enjoy were made possible in no small part by the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of America's freedom. There's a gift given to us which can't be bought at any Memorial Day Weekend sale-a-thon; it was earned on a battlefield.

The small American flags we'll see dotting our cemeteries this weekend are a sobering reminder of what liberty requires us to do.

It's easy to take our freedom for granted. After all, our storefront windows aren't asking for us to buy war bonds, nor are draft cards popping up in our mailboxes. There's a general sense of peace in our communities.

But that doesn't change the fact that thousands have died so that we might enjoy these happy times.

There are plenty of ways to show your thanks, not the least of which is attending the Northville Memorial Day parade Monday morning. It won't be a carnival-like atmosphere, but that's by design. As parade organizer Rebecca Yarbrough said, those things are best left for July 4. After all, Independence Day is a birthday and should be approached as such.

Monday, on the other hand, is a more somber day set aside for reflection. We hope the sidewalks are jammed with people this weekend, and we also hope those who do attend approach the parade with a both a sense of happiness and reverence.

Let's pause this weekend and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, so that we can continue to enjoy freedoms we sometimes take for granted.

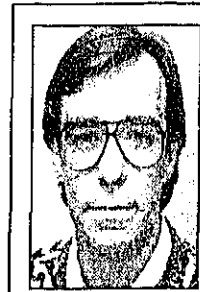
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Michael Malott

A beagle is not a vicious dog, is it? Pitbulls are thought to be vicious. Doberman pinschers are assumed to be vicious. Beagles are cuddly. Beagles are cute. Snoopy was a beagle.

Yet a beagle was reportedly one of two dogs which attacked and killed two lambs at Margaret Schmidt's farm on Wixom Road. Schmidt heard barks in the area near her farm the morning of Friday, May 1, and later woke to find the two lambs slain. She and her husband waited for the perpetrators to return the next night, which they did, but escaped before the Schmidts could catch them. She described them as a beagle and a larger dog, like a Husky.

Oakland County Animal Control has ticketed an Eight Mile Road resident for letting the dogs run loose, but they will not be destroyed. For the time being, they'll be allowed to remain with their owners as long as they are kept on the owner's land.

This is not, by the way, the first time something like this has happened. John Beemer, operator of the Living Farm at Maybury State Park reports that three pregnant sheep were recently killed there.

Last year, of course, there was a string of reports about animals being killed, but reports of what had done the killing varied. Some said it was loose dogs. Others believed it to be coyotes. And Tom Marcus turned up proof that coyotes do run in this

area when he found a dead coyote by the side of the road and brought it to the newspaper for a photograph.

Perhaps it was both. Wild coyotes can and do bite about. Typically, they are elusive and avoid contact with humans. Usually, they make do with small prey in the wild, but a growing population and development pressure could be forcing some coyotes to grow bolder.

Household pets are another matter. Although they may be cute and cuddly, most dogs differ little from the wolves they've descended from. And joined up with other pooches while running loose, they can easily take up the pack mentality. They'll hunt and kill, then return home to curl around your feet by the fire.

But (this can easily be prevented. Keeping dogs under control is a simple matter. Keep them on a leash when they are outside, or in a fenced area, or take them for walks so you can control their behavior while they are out. Dogs can be even be taught to stay on your own land without need of fences.

Nothing is scarier than coming across a group of pets who have reverted to a wolf-pack mentality. And there is no reason why someone else's animals should be endangered by your pets, either because you won't control them or have some belief that dogs should be allowed to run free. Let them run free on your own land only.

It's simple. If you have a pet, keep it under control. And, oh, yea, it also happens to be the law.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700.

In Focus

By John Heider



Part of the Northville High School girls choir sings during last Thursday's Spring Choral Concert in the school auditorium.

Sing out for spring

It has occurred to me that ...



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...
• To our state legislators: We already have a state school board. Either mandate the high school MEAP test, or throw it out. There's no sense in having a "we-can't-make-you-take-it-but-we-really-appreciate-it-if-you-would-sure-we-can-look-good" exam. It's either on or it's off. This whole thing has just made a mockery of education. To Northville High School parents: did you ever form for the high school MEAP, or did you honestly talk things over with your son or daughter? Ever hear that saying "Just because all your friends jumped off a bridge, would you?" To Northville High School students who sat down to a western omelette instead of taking the test: quit your baby routine, sit your rear ends in class, pick up your pencils, take the MEAP and do your reporting by writing letters to your state representatives to voice your concern. One word of warning, though — your writing will be judged, possibly by someone you don't know.

• A home day-care provider telephoned to tell me one of her more enlightened neighbors asked her "where those black children" she was caring for came from. (Apparently someone never got The Talk.) The caller then told me the neighbor ordered her to "keep those brats away" from her house because they'd ruin her property. (Gotta watch out for those four-year-olds, huh?) As a public service to this Rhodes scholar, I'd like to remind people that this is 1998 — women have the vote, there's a cure for polio, and there's this little thing called "equality" which has become a fairly popular idea.

• I'm frankly rather amazed at the stupidity of some smokers who light up while standing directly under

neath the sign that reads "No smoking" at a gas station. Even more amazing was the store clerk I saw who stepped out of the station office for a few quick puffs not five feet away from the pump. Apparently the thought of a going up in a ball of flame shouldn't stand in the way of enjoyment.

• Another excerpt from the Bachelor's Guide to Living: Calling in for a pizza or making macaroni and cheese isn't quite what your fiancé had in mind when you said you'd do the cooking for the evening.
• With pay phones popping up everywhere from the fast-food restaurants to the movie theaters, I'm completely stumped as to why people find it necessary to yap away on car phones in the middle of traffic. It's a dangerous, and frankly, arrogant thing to do. Unless you're having a heart attack while you're behind the wheel, there's no reason you can't wait five whole minutes to pull off to the side of the road and call. You have exactly one priority while driving down the road. It's to drive safely, and you're not doing it. The bumper sticker I saw today says it all: "hang up and drive."

• All is not lost. I happened to drive past a pretty nasty traffic accident in Northville Township a few days ago and was prepared to pull over and see if the people involved needed assistance. As it turned out, I didn't need to, because — lo and behold — not one, not two, but five other cars had already done so. Hats off to those who show compassion for each other. Let's be patient on the roads this weekend so we can all enjoy the holiday.

• As the roommate of a dog owner, I know very well that cleaning up after Chester the dachshund isn't the greatest job in the world. Having said that, I also know it's definitely not the job of the runner who's doing for a morning lot. For those who think it's someone else's problem, perhaps I'll invite all other dog owners to bring their pooch over to your front yard and see if it changes your mind.

Chris C. Davis is a staff writer for The Novi News and Northville Record.

MEAP test should be required



Phil Power

What a mess! Responding to complaints about last year's Michigan High School Proficiency Test (remember, the one with "novice" and "not yet novice" ratings for those who performed poorly), the Legislature and the State Board of Education rushed to make changes.

They shortened the test from 505 to 370 minutes. They eliminated the pejorative rating nomenclature. They even changed the name of the test to Michigan Educational Assessment Program High School Test (MEAP).

So what happened? A shockingly high number of juniors in Michigan high schools skipped the MEAP test when it was given last month.

In Livonia, 50 percent skipped; in Farmington, only 18 percent took the test; in Birmingham, 90 percent skipped; in Bloomfield Hills, nobody took it. In Northville, where the boycott got a bit of publicity, only 92 out of a junior class of 310 took the test.

The MEAP test is a key part of the effort to reform Michigan schools. The idea is to set out what kids are supposed to learn and then test them on it. Scores would not only help parents and taxpayers decide which schools were doing a good job, but they would also help employers figure out which job applicants were up to the job and assist colleges and universities in making admissions decisions.

To have such a high percentage of no-

shows casts serious doubt on the entire school reform movement.

In all this, there's is plenty of blame to spread around. Start with the State Board of Education, already badly split between moderates and radical right-wingers. In hindsight, it now seems clear the board fooled around on the test too much and too late, thereby confusing students, parents and teachers. And the board failed to set out compelling reasons for students and parents to take the MEAP test, when lots of juniors are already taking the ACTs and SATs for college admissions.

For worse, the State Board tolerated uncertainty about whether taking the MEAP test was required. In the January 1998 issue of "MEAP Update," the board proclaimed, "high school students must take the high school assessment ... the current policy of opting out is only to be used by parents of students with disabilities and limited English proficiency."

But State Board spokesman Deb Small then conceded that "the law says you (the schools) must give the test, but there's no law that says you (the students) have to take the test ... We have a policy of encouraging all students to take the test because we believe it is the best way to measure what students know according to state standards. But the State Board has no authority to make laws; that's why it's a policy."

Schools were put squarely in the middle, required to give the test but denied the hammer to require kids to take it. No wonder there was a boycott.

The flyer put out by kids at Northville High School was tellingly to the point: "As of March 5 1998, there were no school or state requirements that state we must take

this test to graduate high school. If the school board changes the requirements to make it mandatory for graduation after our testing, we will be exempt; we cannot be punished in retrospect."

Of course, the fundamental reason there is no law requiring students to take the test is because the Legislature is terminally scared (especially in an election year) to require anybody to do anything.

Some parents might wish to consider whether it's rank hypocrisy to argue on the one hand that it's unfair to force their kids to take the MEAP test when it will have no effect on college admissions and on the other loudly to insist that local schools be held accountable for the quality of the education they provide.

The business community, after complaining for years about job applicants who could not read, write or reason, has much to answer for in failing to require MEAP test scores be part of every job application. The universities, too, have been whining about poor high school preparation for incoming freshmen. But Michigan college presidents, when asked by Gov. John Engler to request MEAP scores on college admission forms, declined.

Enough is enough. Too much is at stake here to let the current round of finger pointing go on much longer.

The Legislature should pass promptly a law requiring completion of the MEAP test for graduation from Michigan high schools.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com.

Fire development is a good one

To the Editor:

We are writing to clarify the facts surrounding the construction of fire stations and a fire training facility.

In 1979, a Master Plan was adopted for the fire department's future development. This plan, developed with the assistance of a Citizen's Review Committee, specified five districts and five stations. Based on this plan the city purchased property at Beck and Nine Mile for the eventual construction of Station No. 5.

In 1995, a Citizen's Committee was formed to study the needs of the police and fire departments. The fire chief made a recommendation to this committee that the fire station districts be reconfigured to four districts. This would require the replacement of the existing Station No. 4, with a new Station No. 4 in the area of Ten Mile and Beck. This proposal also included a training facility. The cost savings gained by eliminating a fifth station, including the equipment and personnel it would require, is significant. This recommendation was endorsed by the committee and adopted by city council.

Council placed this issue before the voters in the form of a \$2,225,000 bond issue. This ballot issue, approved by voters in the November 1996 election, specified that the bonds were for the purpose of funding "a new fire training facility as well as a new fire station ... The bonds authorized by this election were

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sold on Jan. 27, 1997.

Following the bond sale the city began a site selection and evaluation process. The first decision reached in this process was that the training facility should be a separate project, and the best site was the northeast corner of Eleven Mile and DeWahl Drive. This is already city-owned property.

At the same time that we were developing this building program it was becoming clear that the present location of Fire Station No. 1 was a problem due to development of the Town Center. The difficulty employees and emergency vehicles experience entering and exiting this site is significant. A redesign of traffic patterns was determined to be impractical. As development continued, the land values increased to the point where relocation of this station became economically feasible. To confirm this opinion the city commissioned an appraisal of the property and a construction estimate of the cost of replacing Station No. 1. These studies confirmed the feasibility of replacement, and bids for this property were solicited through a sealed bid process in December 1997. The bid package specified minimum bid of \$1,000,000, based on construction cost esti-

mates, and required a letter of credit to protect the city's financial interests.

The possibility of combining the training facility with a new Station No. 1 at the Eleven Mile site, was investigated. Due to many common features, and sharing of site costs, this was determined to be a very economical project. While the proceeds from the sale of Station No. 1 would eventually fund the cost of a new station, interim funding would be required as the proceeds would not be received until after a replacement station was built. The estimated cost of this financing was \$100,000. Due to the amount of this expense alternatives were investigated.

Use of the bond proceeds to fund the construction of a combined training facility and new Station No. 1 was determined to be the best option. This would allow the city to immediately proceed with construction of the training facility and the replacement of Station No. 1. These projects are the most urgent needs of the department.

Following the construction of this project, we would use the proceeds from the sale of the current Station No. 1 to fund a new Station No. 4. In the interim, the west side of the city will continue

to be served by our present Station No. 4 at Eleven Mile and Beck.

When the entire building program is complete, the recommendations of the Citizens Committee will have been met, precisely, as originally designed. We will also have an efficient combined training facility/Fire Station No. 1, and the taxpayers will be spared the burden of paying \$100,000 in financing charges from general fund tax dollars.

This entire restructured building program was presented to and endorsed by John chambers who was chair of the Citizens Committee and a former member of the fire department. Additionally, all of this information was presented to the public and discussed in great detail at the city council meeting on April 20.

While some of these decisions have required some extra time we believe it has been time well spent. The Novi Fire Department has been, and continues to be, a model of efficiency both in terms of service delivery and cost. It is the future needs of the department that will be addressed by this building program.

We believe the program as described above will further our goal of delivering the highest quality of service at the lowest possible cost.

Arthur Lenaghan
Novi Fire Chief
Craig M. Klavner
Assistant City Manager

Combining courts only way to go



Tim Richard

Ask yourself ... No, better yet, ask your high school student:

What's the difference between Michigan's circuit court and probate court? Um, ah, probate court does wills ... and, uh, circuit does divorces ... and, uh ...

And we have to elect people to both. Most of us aren't quite certain what they do, but gosh, all you have to do is figure out who isn't waiting for an indictment, and if in doubt, vote for the fish name, right?

This week — perhaps by the time you have read this column — the state Senate Judiciary Committee will have held public hearings in Lansing on combining the circuit and probate courts. Western Wayne's Bob Geale, Oakland's Gary Peters, Detroit's Virgil Smith will join four others in hearing the proposal and deciding whether to report the proposal out of committee.

My ultimate boss, Phil Power, has lamented the length of Michigan's ballots, proposing putting all the educational elections into a separate pot. A natural corollary, I think, would be to shorten and simplify the judicial ballot.

The judiciary's thinkers — specifically Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. and Justice James Brickley, among others — are pushing the idea. Combine the courts into

a single trial court, they say.

The old answer to my opening would have gone like this:

"Generally speaking the circuit court has original jurisdiction in all civil cases involving more than \$10,000, in all criminal cases where the offense involves a felony or certain serious misdemeanors, and in all domestic relations cases, including divorce and paternity actions." Circuit court also hears appeals from lower courts and some administrative agencies of the state. A "circuit" is one or more counties; Michigan has 56 circuits and some 200 judges.

Probate court handles juvenile delinquents and dependents; neglect, abuse and adoption cases; and supervision or "probating" of wills and administration of estates and trusts of deceased persons. There are 78 probate courts with 107 judges.

That, as I said, is the old answer from the Michigan Manual. Gov. John Engler has been hot to merge courts, and for a very good reason. The Legislature has added judge as population has grown and shifted, but it never seems to abolish judgeships where population is lost or the caseload doesn't justify it.

We wind up with a court structure that is rigid both horizontally (between types of courts) and vertically (between counties). The western Oakland and Wayne suburbs, in particular, have been big losers because Engler has threatened to veto new judgeships for our growth areas until there is

some "reform."

The kind of reform Mallett was due to outline to the Senate panel this week.

In part, said Mallett, the Legislature did the job in 1996 when it gave circuit court power over 80 percent of the probate court caseload. It could do that by statute (PA 388). But it can't abolish probate court by statute.

That will take a constitutional amendment. The Legislature, by two-thirds vote in each chamber, will have to put a proposal on either the Aug. 4 or Nov. 3 ballot for voters to approve.

The division between circuit and probate court is largely artificial. A trial court is a trial court, or should be. A judge is either fair and knowledgeable or unfair and dumb. We can do without the artificial distinction between circuit and probate courts.

The courts could assign judges more readily to where they are needed. "By allowing judges in the smallest counties to conduct all trial work rather than restricting them to probate work," said Mallett, "the amendment would provide all counties with full-time judges."

This would eliminate part-time probate judges, who now may practice law as well as serve as judges, resulting in the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Yes, and it will be a lot easier on the voters.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.



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If you are the victim of bunions, you don't have to let foot pain slow you down. The relief you are seeking is available. Our facility is fully equipped and our staff is dedicated to making your bunion treatment as painless and comfortable as possible. We offer a wide range of services, including laser surgery, and we have a waiting list for laser surgery. We specialize in all types of foot and ankle surgery, including laser surgery.

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Leaders said environmental rules may hamper economic boom

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Suburban political leaders are unhappy that the federal government is threatening their economic booms with environmental rules. "We're unhappy that President Bill Clinton intends to adopt a proposal from his Environmental Protection Agency to enforce Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Target is 'environmental racism,' where minority communities seem to become unwilling hosts to industries that pollute."

McNamara predicted the "new frontier" for developers will be Detroit, but that's "10 to 15 years away. This is the kind of recycling we should all favor." He said Royal Oak and Wyandotte are being "recycled" as business and home developers rediscovers those older suburbs.

But the Wayne County executive, a former Livonia mayor and Michigan Bell executive, didn't envy the kind of controlled growth one sees in Europe. "In Europe there's a line around a town. You apply for a building permit, and seven years later, they tell you you'll have to wait."

The three (Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was unable to attend) said their areas are prospering as Michigan's economy boasts a 3.9 percent jobless rate, its lowest in 25 years.

Patterson said many media eyes are on Detroit because it's getting three major league stadiums and two major league stadiums at a value of \$2 billion. "But we do it every year. We've brought in 28,000 jobs the last three years in a row," he said.

Crossing project in northern Oakland would bring in 1.7 million square feet of retail space. (Gov.) Engler calls it a tourist destination.

Big roads encourage development," Hertel said. Macomb has the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent. Mount Clemons no longer has empty store fronts. "We still have farmers doing well with their U-pick-em orchards. We have cheaper insurance, less property damage, lower property taxes, the third largest population in Michigan, and \$500 million of investment from Canada."

Hertel said Macomb's biggest problem is, "How do we get M-59 (freeway) finished and build the next M-59?"

All three were enthusiastic about renewing one-third of a mill property tax to support SMART, the

suburban bus system. The issue is due to be on the Aug. 4 ballot.

Hertel said his board placed the issue on the ballot for four years. Instead of the original three, because "SMART has done such a marvelous job."

Patterson said SMART is getting rid of its accumulated deficit. "You can't say we subsidize our inefficiencies," he said.

McNamara called SMART a better operation than Detroit's Department of Transportation where "there's very little attempt at reform. DDOT is a jewel that has gotten very heavy around the neck," he said.

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Affirmative action hot issue in Lansing

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A new kind of gap stretches between the political parties in Lansing - the quota gap. It's an addition to the "gender gap," the difference between the sexes.

The gaps popped up in the Republican-controlled Senate and Democratic-controlled House. It's unlikely either set of bills will become law.

The Senate approved 21-16 Senate Bill 610 forbidding the state to require a bidder on a contract to "have an affirmative action plan in place." The bill goes on to say the state can't consider whether an affirmative action plan ever exists.

Sen. Abna Smith, D-Salem, launched into a hot protest. "When 50 percent of the contracts that are available from the state are awarded to women, then I think we can say we no longer need an affirmative action program."

"These of you who voted 'yes,' remember that when you go home and you look at your wives and daughters, you get to tell them: 'Hey, babe, today I eliminated your opportunity to compete on equal footing in the contracting of state business...'"

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, recast the debate in racial terms. "Affirmative action is a concept

that came into place to try to redress historical grievances against blacks in America."

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David Pulice, center, a director, choreographer and set designer with the Michigan Opera Theatre puts a group of Novi High School choir students through their paces Monday in preparation for their Thursday night show to be held at the school at 7 p.m.

Novi choirs join Opera for show

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"This is an amazing opportunity for our students to participate in this musical extravaganza," said Dr. Edward Lippe, superintendent. "We are fortunate to have an organization like the Novi Educational Foundation to support these endeavors."

During the two-week program about 20 members from the Michigan Opera Theatre participated in the program created by Joyner and the Michigan Opera Theatre. Joyner said she contacted Michigan Opera Theatre officials last year to form a program and submitted a grant application to the Novi Educational Foundation. In return she was given \$5,000 to work with.

"We couldn't have done this without the foundation," Joyner said.

The Novi Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization presided over by a board of directors that includes school district staff, trustees and community representatives. The foundation distributes educational grants for technology, programs, classroom projects, staff development and scholarships.

Michigan Opera Theatre is part of a Community Outreach Program

coordinated by composer and conductor Karen Vanderloot DiChiera.

The night is part of the nights Festival of the Arts from 6-11 p.m. tonight. Student artwork will be on display and awards will be given.

For more information about the program contact the Novi Educational Services Building at 449-1203.

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Included in the games are three levels of agility for beginners (bronze), intermediate (silver) and advanced (gold) dogs, as well as pet trick and pet treat catching contest (first place goes to the dog who can catch an Oinkerroll slice in his mouth from the furthest distance) and a doggie limbo event. Hundreds of dollars of Pet Supplies "Plus" gift certificates will be awarded to the winners of the games.

Pets must be preregistered to compete in the event. There is no registration fee. All money raised from the sale of merchandise at the event will go toward the Michigan Humane Society's Pet Behavioral Program, which offers training classes to the owners of adopted pets.

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A pre-bid conference will be conducted on Thursday, May 28, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., prevailing eastern time. Bidders are to meet at the City of Novi Administrative Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

All bidders MUST participate in the walk-through inspection tour of the sites conducted by City personnel on May 28, 1998 and familiarize themselves with any conditions which may affect performance and bid prices. The walk-through tour will begin immediately following the pre-bid conference.

Bids submitted for locations on which the scheduled walk-through inspection has not been performed will be considered as non-responsive and rejected by the City.

CAROL J. KALINOVIC,
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

(5-21-98 NR, NN 828760)

CITY OF NOVI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 593

CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCES:
PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 593 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinances or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III: WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is May 26, 1998.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 11th day of May, 1998. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time.

KATHLEEN MCLALLEN, MAYOR
TONNI L. BARTHOLEMEW, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 588

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CITY OF NOVI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 590

CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCES:
PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 590 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

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(5-21-98 NR/NN 828748)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a portable concrete batch plant on properties 25265 and 25400 Trans-X Drive from June 3, 1998 through November 30, 1998 to be used for paving of roads in Broomfield Park Subdivision No. 2. Trans-X Drive is located south of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road.

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

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

GERIE HUBBS,
PERMIT ANALYST
(248) 347-0415

(5-21-98 NR, NN 828752)

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MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 11th day of May, 1998. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time.

KATHLEEN MCLALLEN, MAYOR
TONNI L. BARTHOLEMEW, CITY CLERK

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(5-21-98 NR/NN 828745)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Novi will hold a public auction on Saturday, June 6, 1998

Location: Novi Civic Center
45175 W. Ten Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375

Time: 10:00 a.m., prevailing eastern time
Viewing Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Terms: Cash or personal check with VALID Michigan Driver's License.
All items are sold AS IS. All items must be removed same day.

CAROL J. KALINOVIC,
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

CITY OF NOVI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 590

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Cassis caught in tax crossfire

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Freshman Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, and retiring Rep. Kirk Proff, D-Ypsilanti, are in the middle of a legislative crossfire over cutting state taxes.

Odilly, Republicans see Proff, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee, as an ally. He sided on the late Democratic co-sponsor of Cassis' income tax cut bill a year ago. But Republicans say Democratic House Speaker Curtis Hertel of Detroit won't let Proff take it to a vote.

"More than a year ago," Cassis said at a May 13 news conference in Lansing, "we set in motion a tax cut plan for the 21st Century. Our people are overburdened and over-taxed. We worked very hard with the Democratic chair. He even co-sponsored it."

Here is the situation:

• Cassis is chief sponsor of House Bill 4710. It would pare the personal income tax rate, currently 4.4 percent, by 0.1 percent each year, beginning in 1998, until it reaches 3.9 percent in 2002. Proff's committee hasn't acted on it. House minority leader Ken Sikkenka, R-Grandville, is threatening a discharge motion to force the bill

out of committee.

• The Senate has passed a series of bills (SB 1079-1083) paring down income tax rates, but it wouldn't start until 2000. The Senate GOP view is that a more gradual phase-in is needed. Sikkenka wanted Hertel to take up the Senate bills immediately, but Hertel followed standard operating procedure and sent them to Proff's committee.

• The House has passed Democratic income tax cuts that are backed up in the Senate Finance Committee headed by Joanne Emmons, R-Highland. They give breaks for care-givers and dependent children. Republicans argue they're too stingy, favoring targeted groups instead of being across-the-board.

Sikkenka acknowledges Republicans are split between representatives like Cassis who want immediate income tax cuts and senators like Loren Bennett of Canton who want them to start in 2000.

"It would be a great debate to have," Sikkenka said, grinning. "The problem is in the Democratic caucus with its split personality. One-third want to do it right - cut taxes and spending. One-third want to do it wrong - increase

spending and keep taxes high. One-third want to do the impossible - increase spending and cut taxes."

Sikkenka likened the situation to a numerical minority on the House floor but claimed a philosophical majority because of conservative Democrats who support GOP bills.

"The way to test that is to put it to a vote," he said. Hertel rejected Sikkenka's request to take up the Senate bills on the House floor immediately because "there are very, very few conditions which necessitate circumventing the [committee] process, and these conditions are directly related to immediate time deadlines. These bills do not meet those conditions ..."

"Further, I find it curious that you are claiming a sense of urgency to immediately consider a tax cut which would not go into effect until 2000," Hertel said.

Meanwhile, Gov. John Engler, who proposed the tax cuts in the Senate bills in his state of the state message, pointed to a U.S. Census Bureau report that Michigan's tax burden has fallen almost 9 percent between 1993 and 1995.

Engler's split: Michigan has improved from the "15th worst" tax climate to "13th best."

"Michigan's state and local tax burden as a percentage of personal income was 6 percent below the national average in FY (fiscal year) 1995, down from 3 percent above the national average in FY 1993," the governor said.

The Census Bureau report showed Michigan in 1995 ranked 38th from the top in taxes, taking 10.34 percent of personal income in state and local taxes. High was Alaska at 18.73 percent followed by New York at 14.56 and Wisconsin at 12.99.

At the bottom was Tennessee at 8.09 percent followed by Alabama at 8.99 and New Hampshire at 9.09.

With tongue in cheek, a lame-duck Democratic lawmaker announced a plan to eliminate Michigan's personal income tax entirely. Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, proposed reducing the tax by 1/250th every year, beginning in 2000 and ending in 2250.

"We need to quit relying on Michiganians to fund Michigan - especially in an election year" sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association. The Flower Days festival is set for Memorial weekend, Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. "Unless they run out of flowers, which is very possible," Cambra said.

Capitol Capsules

APPOINTMENTS

Gov. John Engler has appointed: • Vicina Parker of Westland to the Statewide Independent Living Council, which works with disabled individuals on employment and independence. She is president of the Special Education Parents Advisory Committee in the Ingham school district. An ordained evangelical minister, Parker has two special needs children. Her term expires Oct. 14, 2000.

• Roger H. Herz of Birmingham to the Michigan Board of Medicine. He is a printologist and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Wayne State University.

• Demetrio Toulou of Troy, also to the Michigan Board of Medicine. He is director of surgery for Harbor Beach Hospital. The board examines and licenses medical practitioners.

• Scott Bowers, Bloomfield Hills corporate lawyer, serving the Republican nomination for attorney general, has announced two major endorsements - U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg of Bloomfield Township, and businessman Peter Secchia, former national committee chairman from Michigan and once U.S. ambassador to Italy.

• State Rep. Frankie Fitzgerald, an announced candidate for the Republican nomination, blasted incumbent Democrat Frank Kelly for "attacking job providers." Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, said Kelly used a backdrop of farm fields to announce filing of a com-

WILL IT END?

"Will This Trial Ever End?" asks Gov. Engler's office. It refers to a one-year-old trial over state prison inmate property rights before Ingham Circuit Judge James Giddings.

Ken McGinnis, director of the Department of Corrections, criticized Giddings for a series of rulings that the department couldn't take "seam rippers" from inmates' sharp blades that can rip seams or a guard's throat, that the department can serve freeze-dried instead of frozen meals in its prison canteen, that prison legal services, which represents the prisoners, may install a microwave oven in its office; and that the department cannot put a prisoner in administrative segregation for substance abuse.

AG CAMPAIGN NOTES

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Flower Days set for downtown N'ville

If you want to add some color to your life, take a tour through downtown Northville this weekend. Flower Days will transform Main Street into a lush garden for the weekend, full of perennial and annual flowers, hanging baskets, shrubbery, miniature roses and

fresh herbs. And they're all for sale. "Come early. Bring your wagons to transport the plants. We have plenty of parking and easy access. You can pull to the curb, put your blinking lights on and load up," said Ronnie Cambra, the owner of

Ritchee Witch and organizer of the event. "The quality and the prices of the plants are wonderful and always have been."

Fifteen vendors will arrive from all over Michigan to set up booths for the 11th installment of the annual spring event, which is

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The foundation's principal office is located at 41115 Jo Drive, Novi, Michigan 48075, and its phone number is (248) 478-7747. The principal manager of the foundation is John Vincenti.

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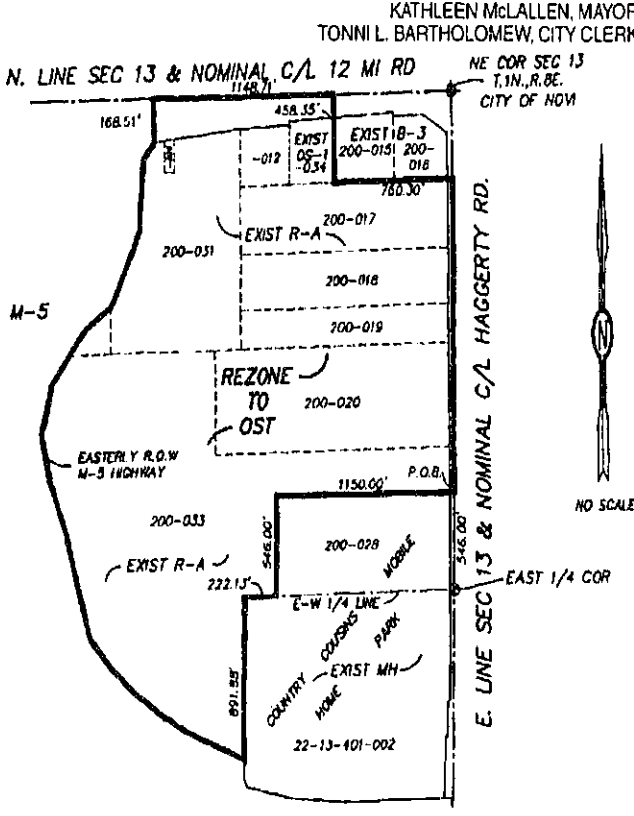
CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, June 15, 1998 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Community Clubs of Novi Board of Trustees, Economic Development Corporation, Historical Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission. Applications for City Boards and Commissions are available in the office of the City Clerk or by calling 317-0456. Please submit your application no later than Wednesday, June 11, 1998 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

TONNI BARTHOLEMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 592

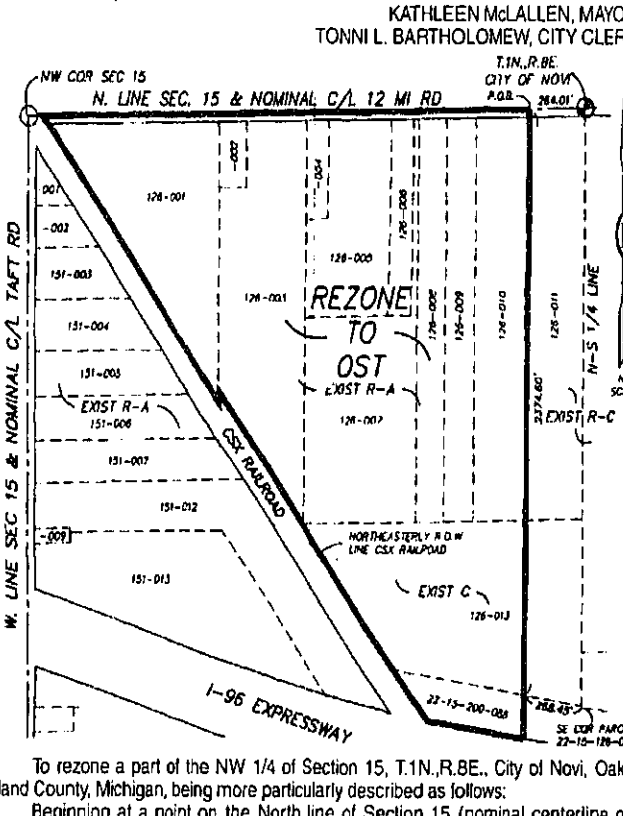
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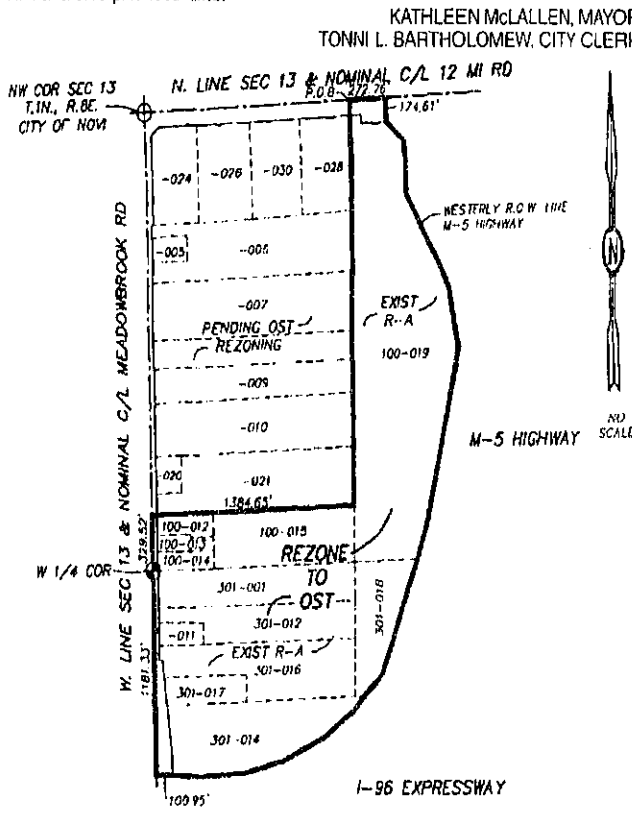
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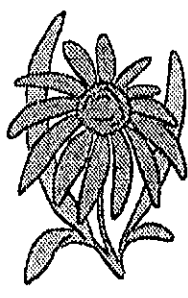
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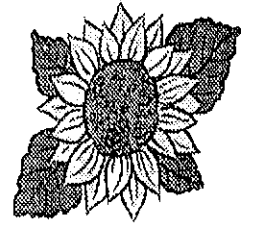
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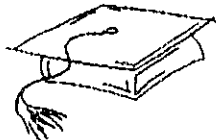
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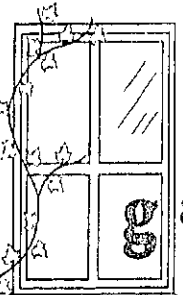
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William Weaver and fiancée Tracey Frentz shop at Novi Town Center's Heslop's for their china, glass and tableware. Photos by JOHN HEIDER

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Some people may have a hard time deciding what to have for dinner tomorrow, while others can successfully plan a menu weeks in advance.

But what if you're trying to make a selection on what kind of dinnerware you'll be eating those meals on 10, 20 or even 30 years from now?

For soon-to-be newlyweds who are faced with selecting dinnerware for their bridal registry there are so many questions and unknowns.

There's formal and casual dinnerware. Trendy and traditional. Number of place settings. There's color and pattern. What type of entertaining do they expect to do and how often.

Due to changing lifestyles, couples are doing more at-home entertaining, more cocooning, as opposed to going out, according to Kari Ziegler, direct marketing manager for Heslop's in Novi.

"We're finding that couples still register for formal and casual china," said Ziegler, "but the trend is starting to become more are registering for casual that is more upper end instead of both."

Bucking the new trend, two local couples have stayed with the traditional registry of selecting both casual and formal dinnerware.

Since Tracey Frentz and her fiancée William Weaver, both of Novi, live in an apartment now and don't know what type of house they will eventually move into, they selected the color of their dinnerware accordingly.

The couple, who will be getting married Aug. 8, registered for 12 place settings of both Block casual dinnerware called Windsor Bone and formal dinnerware by Niekko, called Gold Filligree.

The Windsor Bone has a wavy design on the edge of both the plates and bowls. The Gold Filligree pattern has a gold edge.

"We wanted all white because it would go with everything," Frentz said of both selections.

"We wanted something that would last and go with any decor," she said of their decision to stay away from trendy patterns. "We have similar tastes which help."

Frentz, a social worker with Big Brothers Big Sisters and her fiancée, a department manager at Home Depot in Commerce, moved into Novi a year and a half ago. The new casual dinnerware will replace her parent's old Corolle Ware which they are currently using.

Like Frentz and Weaver, Carolyn Quint of Northville and her fiancée Marc McClelland

took into consideration that they are not settled into a home, but are renting an apartment, when selecting the color of their dinnerware.

"It keeps the options open," Quint said of staying with neutral colors.

They selected Garden Vines for their casual dinnerware and Jacquard Gold for their formal dinnerware. Both are made by Lennox, which just recently introduced an upper end casual line.

"It was a pretty given situation when it came around," Quint said of their selecting both formal and casual.

While both Garden Vines and Jacquard Gold have raised borders, the casual dinnerware is all white while Jacquard Gold is ivory.

"I thought it was neutral enough it would be timeless

and match with a variety of decors and be something I would like in 20 years," she said. "We had a pretty clear idea when we went in as to what we like and didn't like."

Carolyn is the daughter of Diane and Daniel Quint of Northville and is a teacher at Walled Lake Western High School. Her fiancée is graduating with from the University of Chicago with a degree in medicine.

The two couples also took into consideration expense when selecting their dinnerware.

Heslop's bridal registry is a large portion of their business, according to Ziegler who sees an increase in sales for casual entertaining up 40 percent. A trend she sees continuing for at least the next few years.

"It translates into the whole casual work day where people who once wore suits and ties to work don't have to and are now wearing polo shirts and khakis," she said.

Typically the casual end of things is more trendy and the formal china end is more traditional, according to Ziegler, but upscale casual tends to be less trendy. More couples are registering for two sets of casual dinnerware and no formal dinnerware.

"With larger kitchens and more cupboard space, there's more room to store these things and they're more apt to do it," Ziegler said.

Today's brides are in their mid to upper 20s, more sophisticated, more anchored in their professions, goal oriented and really know what they want, according to Ziegler.

More grooms are coming in with the brides to register, although they never come by themselves.

"They are really getting into it, they really enjoy it," Ziegler said.

Formal or Casual?

Newlyweds-to-be have many options to consider when choosing their dinnerware



Carolyn Quint chose eight settings of Lenox Jacquard Gold china for her bridal registry.

Volunteer

Troschinetz recognized by Scouts

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

After decade of dedication to scouting Valerie Troschinetz has received the "Green Tree" Award.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council awarded Troschinetz the award at the council's 16th annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner held April 23 at the Sheraton Inn in Ann Arbor.

The Green Tree Award is given to volunteers whose efforts have provided Girl Scouts with understanding and enjoyment of the outdoors.

Troschinetz received the award for "using outdoor progression, beginning with camping and backpacking, hiking on the Appalachian Trail and adventuring in the Grand Canyon, as a means to help girls develop valuable life skills," according to Lori Blair, a member of the council's board of directors.

"The one word that sums it up is progression, offering a challenging program is great but you have to slowly work your way up to those big challenges," she said. "It allows the adult leader to

learn with the girl. I didn't know how to kayak or explore caves. We slowly developed those skills over the 10 year period."

During the time that Troschinetz has been involved with the Girl Scouts, which began when her daughter Annie was in second grade, she has been a leader for a Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troop. Most recently as a leader for Troop 122 at Northville High School which has active members from Mercy High School, Henry Ford High School as well as Northville High School, of which her other daughter Alexis, 17, is also a member.

A Northville resident for 21 years with her husband David, Troschinetz is making this her last year with the Girl Scouts.

"There will be an empty hole in my life for a while, but there are other volunteer groups," she said. "I think it is important that there is a healthy turnover of leadership, so you don't get stuck in a rut."

Troschinetz did not have an opportunity to be a Girl Scout

when she was growing up and said she always envied the girls in Girl Scouts because of all the activities they were able to do.

"So when I took on a troop that was my goal to do fun stuff," she said.

There's been lots of backpacking, including the Smoky Mountains, camping, wall climbing, kayaking, white water rafting, canoeing, cave exploring, and skiing snowshoeing. The troop will be taking their second trip out west this summer thanks in part to a successful spaghetti dinner fund raiser they held recently.

"We always tell girls that are joining 'we are a high adventure group,'" she said.

Presently the troop has three girls in college that help out with the spaghetti dinner, car wash, and participate in outdoor activities with the troop whenever they are home from college.

"We have had a pretty good retention with girls," she said. "Presently we have 15 registered girls in the troop, with four adult girl members who are in college or are college age."

Adult girls apply for lifetime membership so they are in Girl Scouts for the rest of lives.

"Their goal is to be awesome girl scout leaders," she said.

Troschinetz has always strived to expose girls to other arenas that they would not get elsewhere with a lot of emphasis on the outdoors.

"Having an older girl program, it has to be girl run," she said. "If it's not girl run, it doesn't belong to the girls."

"I hated camping when I joined Girl Scouts," she said. "I don't especially like family camping but I love troop camping. I have less responsibility. When I go with the girls, the girls make sure things happen when they're supposed to. When you're a mom camping, it's overwhelming, you're everything. I don't like that. [Troop camping] allows me to enjoy myself."

"Our greatest joy in the last 10 years is to see the girls build their self esteem, to be able to set a goal and achieve it or at least be able to do their best in achieving that goal," she said.



Valerie Troschinetz has been a leader for 10 years. Submitted photo

Whitehall recognizes volunteers at party

By JEANNE CLARKE
Staff Writer

National Volunteer Week was celebrated with a volunteer appreciation party given by the Whitehall staff and residents. The Tollgate Chiggers, under the direction of Barbara Bennett, presented a number of oldies as well as some new numbers. Helping to serve ice cream sandwiches and cake was administrator Sandy Zeoli and staff.

Volunteers attending the party included representatives from several churches, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Novi schools, Pet-a-Pet, Garden Club and many individuals who helped throughout the year.

Activities director Vicki Thuer is always looking for volunteers, either individuals or organizations who would like to spend an hour once a week or a month offering their help. Such activities are helping hearing impaired residents play Bingo on Tuesdays or Fridays at 2:30 p.m.; adult volunteers for weekend activities, etc. The director can be reached at 349-2200.

Residents and staff are continuing to work on the CQIP program (Continuing Quality Improvement Program). On Friday, May 22, a trip is planned to visit the Northville flower sale.

The Cub Scouts continue to assist assistant activity director Fran Simo with the monthly Crunchy Toast, which is held on the last Saturday of the month.

Scouts helping include Paul Danaj, Josh Heinz, Tim Porter, Randy Heinz, Gerald and Jay Zawrotny, John and Evan Porter, and Gavan and George Corcoran.

National Nursing Home Week (May 10-16) was kicked off with a Mother's Day Tea and other activities.

The residents are looking forward to viewing the Memorial Day parade on May 25 while it goes by on Ten Mile Road.

A GROWING PLACE

The Grandparents Tea was a big success with 40 grandparents attending. Next was the Mother's Day Tea, with the children making special gifts entitled "A Toast to Mom." The children made out of paper and colored a slice of bread which resembled toast. Also written in their own words a recipe "How to Make Bread."

A class field trip was taken to Mercy High School to see the play "Little Red Riding Hood."

A big event took place on May 13. The youngsters who will be entering kindergarten next fall took a school bus ride to acquaint themselves with this procedure. They thoroughly enjoyed the ride.

An "Unbirthday Party" was planned sometime this week. This is the time of year when youngsters who have summer birthdays or start school after their birthdays are recognized. The children will be bringing balloons, party

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hats, cupcakes, and goodie bags to share as they might do for a regular birthday party. The party will include games, birthday stories, etc.

May 26 is scheduled for a farm field trip to Donito Farms in Ann Arbor. They will be eating pizza, seeing a farm show, touring the farm to see all the animals, and enjoying a hayride.

The preschoolers will also be taking a trip to Kensington Farm on May 22, leaving in the morning with a picnic lunch. They will also enjoy a tour of the farm and learn about the animals.

A Growing Place will be closed on Monday, May 25 for the holiday and will resume the next day.

The end-of-the-year picnic and program for preschoolers will be on Thursday, June 11, from 6-8 p.m. The nursery school children will enjoy their end-of-the-year program with a picnic and graduation on Wednesday, June 10. A potluck dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

Weather permitting, the nursery school children are planning a Beach Day on May 29. Children can come in their bathing suits as they will be playing under the sprinklers. In case the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be held inside with the children playing with the vacation prop box.

discuss water safety, and have fun with bubbles.

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

"Christmas in April" is a national organization which renovates homes of senior citizens and handicapped individuals. This year, the Novi Rotary Club sponsored and the Kirk in the Hills co-sponsored the renovation of a house on Northaven in Novi, owned by a widow suffering from Spinal Spondylosis. All 50 states are involved in this project which takes place the last Saturday in April. This year, a total of 5,820 homes were renovated by 207,230 volunteers. The estimated value of work done by the national organization was \$49,000,000; the work included (but was not limited to) 1,700 roofs, 4,000 smoke detectors, 1,500 electrical updating, 3,000 doors and windows, many stoves, furnaces, water heaters, and other necessary appliances.

Locally, Ray Cousineau of the Tri-Mount Building Co. of Novi was the House Captain and supervised all the work as well as spending the entire day on the roof. Co-Captain was Hugh Crawford, Mayor Pro Tem of the city. The work accomplished included removing and replacing the roof,

painting the kitchen including cupboards, cleaning the entire house, painting a portion of the exterior, installing new gutters, removal of an old shed and painting of another, raking and landscaping, planting several bushes and rose bushes, and transplanting flowers to new locations on the property; Building Roofing Co. provided two professional roofers. There were about 75 Christmas in April volunteers assisting in the work.

Future activities include the 11th annual car raffle for charities. The raffle will be shown at the '50s Festival with the drawing on Aug. 27. Date for the annual golf outing will be July 16 at Tanglewood.

The Education Committee will sponsor Sunday June 7, recognition of honors and the closing of Sunday School for the summer. This special recognition will take place during the regular Sunday School hour. The names of high school or college graduates to be honored this year should be turned into the church office.

NOVI METHODIST CHURCH

Graduation recognition will take place May 31 along with the potluck, which is enjoyed every fifth Sunday by the church family. The Education Committee will sponsor Sunday June 7, recognition of honors and the closing of Sunday School for the summer. This special recognition will take place during the regular Sunday School hour.

The names of high school or college graduates to be honored this year should be turned into the church office. The date for Vacation Bible School is planned for Sunday, July 26 through Thursday, July 30. It will be held in the evening with the

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On Campus

VIRGINIA WAYMOUTH, a senior at Novi High School, is the recipient of the Orsam Sylvania Merit Scholarship for the National Merit Scholarship contest. These merit scholarships are awarded annually to children of company employees. Two additional scholarship categories will be awarded in the coming months.

Last semester, **RAYMOND MAURER** participated in the cooperative education program offered by the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Students enrolled in the program gain valuable job experience and academic credit while earning money to help meet college expenses.

Maurer, a general studies major, did his co-op work at Ford Motor Co.

MICHELLE D. ROWLEY of Novi graduated from St. Mary's College, May 2, with a bachelor of arts degree in social science.

LOU KASISCHKE, a survivor of the Mt. Everest disaster made famous by the book "Into Thin Air," delivered the commencement address on Sunday, May 17, at St. Mary's Preparatory at Orchard Lake. Kasischke shared the events of his expedition and the lessons he learned in his address.

Two years ago, the Bloomfield Hills attorney turned back 400 feet short of the top of the world's highest mountain after six weeks of climbing when bad weather began to close in. Eight fellow-climbers died and Kasischke survived.

Among the graduates will be **BILL HARTSOCK III** and **ADAM R. OLESZKOWICZ** of Northville; and **JASON R. CAMERON**, **FREDERICK J. LYONS**, and class president, **RYAN D. NAGORSEN**, of Novi.

KEVIN SERRA and **ANDREW SILL** recently graduated from Hope College.

Serra was awarded a bachelor's degree in history. He is the son of Richard and Sharon Serra of Novi. Sill, the son of Donald and Ruth Sill also of Novi, received a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Creighton University has offered **SAPNA NAGAR** the Belinet Scholarship. The senior from Novi High School has already been accepted into the college of Arts and Sciences.

Nagar's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Narendra Nagar of Novi.

DANA WEST of Novi has been named to the Dean's List for winter term at Alma College.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average receive this recognition.

Weston is a graduate of Novi High School.

Named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for the term ending in March of this year was Novi student **BRADFORD GREMS**.

The list includes students who attained a grade point average of 92 with no course grade below 85.

Kettering, formerly GM Engineering and Management Institute, is an independent college of engineering, applied science, and management.

Grems is the son of Keith and

Linda Grem of Novi.

Novi students at Western Michigan University who were named to the Dean's List for winter term are: **RACHEL BISSI**, university curriculum; **SARAH M. BOYCE**, art; **KIMBERLEE DODDS**, elementary group minors; **BRANDY A. EPHRAIM**, pre-psychology; **ANDREA FISCHER**, elementary group minors; **DEBORAH SUZANNE FRANZ**, theater-student-planned curriculum; **CHRISTOPHER M. GAVIN**, theater education; **BRYAN D. HILL**, Spanish and mathematics; **LAURA MARIE JONES**, elementary group minors; **MIRANDA LAPAN**, pre-psychology; **CHRISTOPHER P. MODELSKI**, environmental studies.

To receive recognition, students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average.

MATT LUND, son of Bruce and Mary Lund of Novi, recently returned to Kalamazoo College from studying abroad in Bonn, Germany.

A dinner was held in the college's Hicks Center for students and

es and sociology; **SANJAY A. NAYAKWADI**, integrated supply management; **LISA KYLE NITTI**, university curriculum; **MICHELLE PANTALEO**, pre-social work; **JAY E. PIGGOTT**, sociology; **KAREN LORRAINE QUIGLEY**, elementary group minors; and **KEITH R. THOMPSON**, university curriculum.

Novi High School senior **ROSABEL CHANG** is also a recipient of the 1998 Michigan Education Association scholarship.

Her selection was based on scholastic and/or artistic achievement, community service, demonstration of leadership ability, as well as strong character and commitment to high ideals.

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who spent the fall and winter quarters studying in various countries.

SOPHIE D. LIAO has been notified by the U.S. Department of Education of her selection as a 1998 Presidential Scholar.

Her selection was based on scholastic and/or artistic achievement, community service, demonstration of leadership ability, as well as strong character and commitment to high ideals.

Liao is also the recipient of the 1998 Michigan Education Association scholarship. She was selected to receive the \$500 scholarship for achievements in academic excellence, extracurricular activities and community service.

She achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Novi High School, where she is a senior.

Liao is the daughter of Karen and Kenneth Liao of Novi. She will study to be a physician at the University of Michigan.

Novi High School senior **ROSABEL CHANG** is also a recipient of the 1998 Michigan Education Association scholarship.

Change achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average in high school.

She is a National Honor Society member, served as president of the Science Club, vice president of the Interact Club, participation in ecology, French and ski clubs; award-winning pianist; a published poet in the "National Chem-

istry Olympiad"; earned letters in track and cross-country; served as a volunteer for the Salvation Army, a nursing home and Crop Walk for Hunger, among other activities.

She plans to major in medicine or biochemistry at the University of Michigan. Chang is the daughter of Shu Li and Ching Chang of Novi.

NICHOLE BORASHKO, a junior at Northwood University, Midland, was recently inducted into Delta Mu Delta (Delta Xi Chapter). Delta Mu Delta is a national honor society in business administration.

Borashko is the daughter of Donald and Kathleen Borashko of Novi.



Deanna Kowalkowski, from left, finished in 10th place in the America & Me Essay Contest and attended an awards ceremony in Lansing with her mother and father Marlyn and Walter Kowalkowski, and her teacher Cheryl Gibbs where she met Gov. John Engler, center.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets every Sunday for worship at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, May 21, Carol Chambers, M.S.W. will discuss "Healthy Boundaries, Healthy Relationships" at 7:30 p.m. or there will be an open forum on

"25 Ways to Energize Yourself" with Darlene Sweeney at 8 p.m.

On Thursday, May 28, the topic will be "The Role of Childhood Trauma and How it Interferes with the Effect of Intimacy" with Ken Adams, Ph.D., at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum with Sandy Bateman at 8 p.m. The cost for each is \$4.

For details, call (248) 349-0911.

Look alike contest announced

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Scenario - You're sitting at a restaurant and another customer walks by, stops, backs up, and says to you "Has anyone ever told you you look like Diane Keaton?" or "You know, you remind me of Paul Newman?"

You reply, "Oh yeah, I got told that all the time."

If it's the first time this has ever happened, you excuse yourself from the table, go to the restroom where you can take a closer look

at the image staring back from the mirror.

Have you ever been told you look familiar? Maybe you don't think you look in the least bit like a famous person. But your family and friends do.

So, you, or your family and friends unbeknownst to you, can send us your picture, along with your name and phone number, and the name of the person you look like to Look Alike, Northville Record/Novi News, 104 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Those selected will be subjected to a short interview by a reporter. This will be an opportunity for them to describe life as an almost celebrity.

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Eighth grader in top ten

Deanna Kowalkowski, an eighth grade student at Cooke Middle School in Northville finished in tenth place in the statewide America & Me Essay Contest.

The 13-year-old daughter of Walter and Marlyn Kowalkowski of Novi received an engraved plaque and a \$500 savings bond during an awards ceremony in downtown Lansing on April 28. Eighth graders from across the state participated in the 29th annual contest, which is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

For Deanna's eighth grade team, the essay assignment was mandatory. Cheryl Gibbs is the team's English teacher.

"It was hard to think of the ideas but once I thought of those it was easy from there," said Deanna, who is contemplating a career in engineering.

Deanna's favorite subjects are math and English and she also plays soccer and piano. She has an older brother, Andy, who is 10th grade student at Northville High School.

Deanna's essay, based on the topic "How My Community Inspires Me to Become a Better American," was chosen as one of the top ten in the state out of 3,500 essays submitted by students from 380 Michigan schools.

The Kowalkowskis and other winners and their families were welcomed to the city by Lansing Mayor David Hollister. The winners then met with Gov. John Engler, who presented them with certificates of congratulations in the Governor's Press Auditorium. John Truscott, chief secretary for the governor, spoke to the young winners next about the importance of good writing skills.

The winners also met with Sen. Dick Posthumus, who presented each winner with a framed Senate resolution recognizing their achievement and also recognized each from the floor of the State Senate at the Capitol Building.

After their meetings with the state officials, the young winners were honored at an awards banquet at the Lansing Center. Jack

Laurie, president of Michigan Farm Bureau, and Jack Stueko, director of Farm Bureau's Corporate Communication Services, presented awards to each of the winners during the banquet.

Following the banquet, the top ten statewide winners were featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game at Oldsmobile Park, where they were honored on the field in pre-game ceremonies.

The final ranking of the top ten winners was determined by a panel of VIP judges comprised of Gov. Engler and Bob Talbert from The Detroit Free Press.

Open to any eighth grade student in Michigan, the American & Me Essay Contest was developed in 1968 to encourage Michigan youth to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

How My Community Inspires Me

by Deanna Kowalkowski

When a sculptor begins to work, he starts with a shapeless lump of clay; he collects the many tools that he needs to begin sculpting, and he starts to shape the clay with his hands and tools. As he works, he uses his hands and tools to mold the clay to look like the vivid picture that he has in his mind. After hours of work, the shapeless lump has taken a new form; it has become something of value. In the same way that a sculptor shapes the clay, my community is shaping me. My school, church, and family, all important parts of my community, shape and inspire me to become a better American. In a way, I am the clay. My community represents the sculptor. The values from the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are the tools.

To begin with, in many ways my school inspires me to become a better American. In social studies, I learned about the birth of America. I discovered that early

Americans fought hard for independence and freedom. Because of their fighting, today I enjoy an am thankful for my own independence and freedom. I also learned about famous Americans. I am inspired by Lincoln's fight against slavery and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work for equal rights. Also in school, I am involved in our student council's own democracy which has a fair representation of each grade. Finally, my school involves me in service learning projects. As I clean, paint, and weed, I know that I am promoting the general welfare of my community.

Next, my church helps to shape me into a better American. My catechism classes help me to understand right from wrong and teach me what is called justice. My church encourages me to donate to the poor every week and complete community service hours yearly to be responsible for the general welfare of the community.

Last, my family inspires me to become a better American. My school, church, and family combine to make my community. Because of my inspiring community, I am a better person today. As far as the sculptor and his art, in the end, the sculpture has value because the artist used all the right tools. Likewise, I have value because my community, my school, my church, and my family uses the right tools to shape and inspire me to become a better American.

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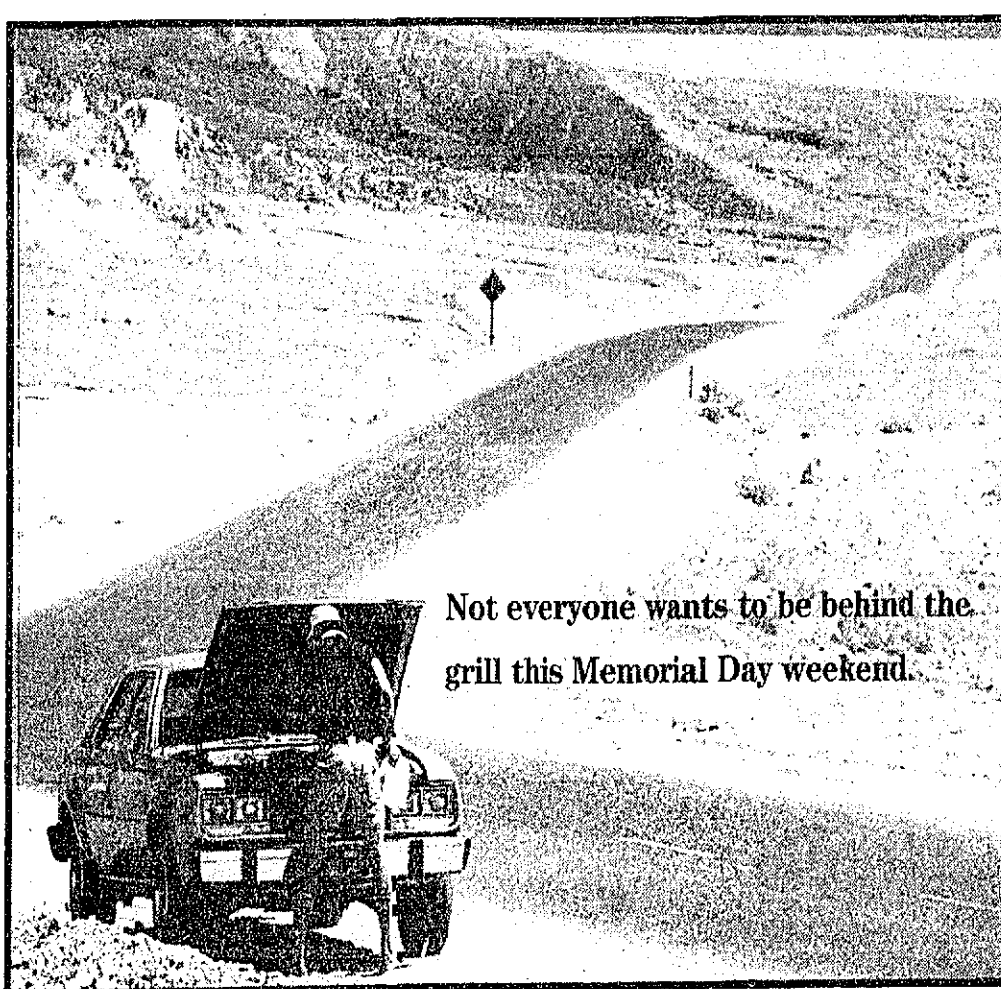
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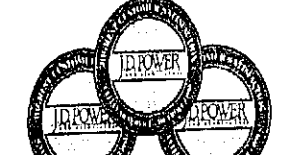
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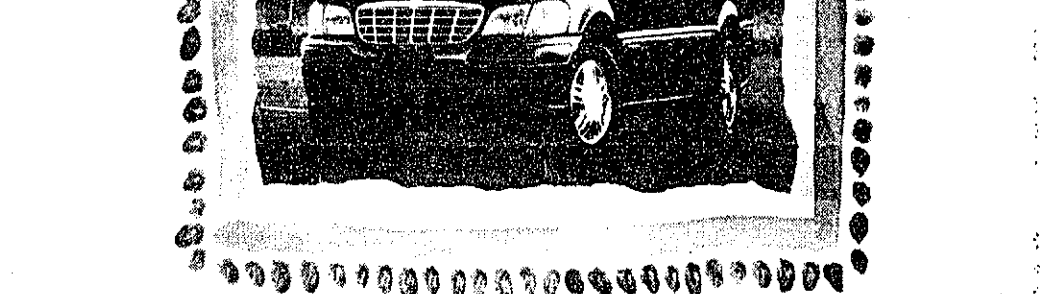
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Lou and Shirley Quillen of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Clarissa, to James Pawlikowski, the son of Dr. James and Nancy Pawlikowski of Chicago.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she received a bachelor of science degree in printing-marketing. She is currently employed as an estimator at

Herlin Industries in Chicago.

The groom-elect is a 1990 graduate of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill., and a 1994 and 1996 graduate of the University of Illinois, where he received a bachelor of science in architectural studies and a master's of architecture in structures. He is currently employed as a structural engineer at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in Chicago.



William Weaver/Tracey Frenz

Tracey Marie Frenz and William David Weaver announce their engagement, with their wedding planned for August.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kim and Jane Frenz of Rochester Hills. She is a graduate of Dundero High School, Royal Oak, and Western Michigan University. She is currently employed as a social worker for Big Brothers,

Big Sisters, in Southfield.

The groom-elect is the son of Elizabeth Weaver of Arlington, Texas. He graduated from Mansfield High School in Texas, and is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is currently a department manager at The Home Depot in Commerce, Mich.

Honeymoon plans include Disney World in Florida.

Reunions

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Kudos

Raymond L. Byers of Novi was among the four alumni of Malou College who were recognized for outstanding achievement. Byers received the 1998 certificate of merit from the college.

Byers earned a bachelor's degree in history and government from Malone and has completed work toward a master's degree at the University of Akron in Ohio. He is manager, contributions programs for the Ford Motor Co. Fund, where he is responsible for administering the company's con-

tribution programs, college matching gift programs, and Ford community relations committees throughout the United States.

Byers is active in civic and educational activities in Novi. Some of his memberships include: Legislative Committee member, Michigan School Board Association; served as president of the Novi Community Schools Board of Education; and a member, Magnet School Project Commission of the Metropolitan Affairs Corp.

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Resident wins big on TV talk show

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Winning a brass sashette was not part of the picture. Tewana Sullivan of Wilson was figuring on just getting a free trip to Chicago and having a few laughs.

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got the guests all hyped up, according to Sullivan.

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Tewana Sullivan, right, received the award for Most Amazing Makeover during The Second Annual Jenny Jones Awards Show which aired May 13.

of the fall show, Sullivan and Sherwin, went to the Comedy Club. An aspiring comedian, she has done a "Drug King" routine and was also on MC for a show in Ann Arbor.

Although she still watches The Jenny Jones Show every once in a while, she said she was never into the make over shows.

"When they have good topic on

I'll watch it," she said. "Jenny Jones is a very nice lady and real pretty."

Sullivan and Sherwin, who is a presser at M&M Cleaners in Rego Harbor, have four children ages 18, 11, 9 and 6 and one grandchild.

Sullivan is currently looking for a job and dons a dress for interviews.

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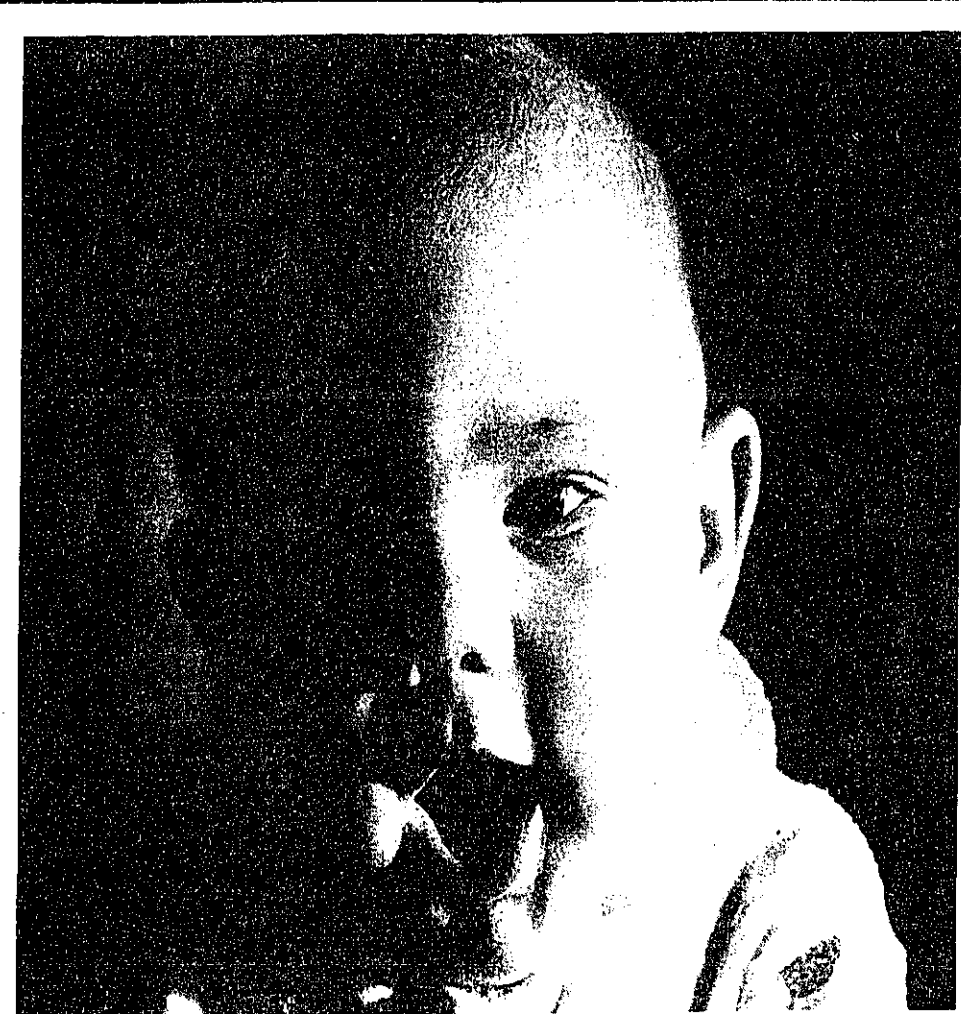
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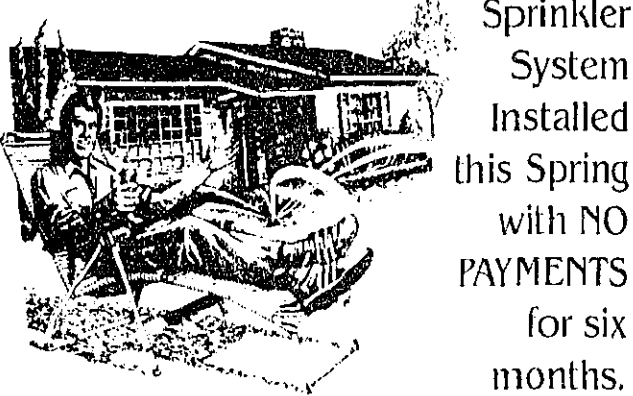
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Godzilla returns

Classic movie monster makes summer comeback

A devastating, blinding flash of white light fills the Eastern sky. Thousands of miles away, the Pacific Ocean churns, engulfing a freighter with wicked speed. Ships off both U.S. coasts capsize and are dragged into an inexplicably rolling sea, where they are instantly demolished.

On another part of the globe, giant footprints plow a ominous path through miles of Panamanian forests, Tahitian villages and Jamaican beaches.

What is the source of all this mysterious, far-flung mayhem? An enormous beast in on a terrifying trek to the densely populated island of Manhattan, leaving a trail of ruin in its wake and creating a ripple effect of profound and jaw-dropping destruction.

Despite their often conflicting agendas and motives, a scientist, a TV reporter, a cameraman and an enigmatic French insurance investigator, as well as the U.S. military, must join forces in an odd and often uneasy alliance to unravel the mystery behind this creature and prevent it from reducing the world's greatest metropolis to a pile of rubble before it is too late.

"Godzilla" comes to the screen once again in an update by Roland Emmerich and Dean Devlin. The filmmakers behind the 1998 box office phenomenon, "Independence Day," Emmerich directs and Devlin produces.

The film stars Matthew Broderick as the earnest scientist, Dr. Nick Tatopoulos, and Jean Reno as the enigmatic Philippe Roache. Hank Azaria also stars as the intrepid cameraman, Antel, and Maria Ptillo as Audrey, an inexperienced but determined reporter.

Godzilla, a character that was first created in 1954 by Toho Co., Ltd., who also owns the character, and first appeared in a 1954 release, "Gojira." An American version of the film was released in the United States in 1956 called "Godzilla, King of the Monsters."

Godzilla went on to star in 22 films, including the recent Japanese entries, "Godzilla vs. Mothra" and "Godzilla vs. Destoroyah." Godzilla always



Cars in front of New York City's Grand Central Terminal are poised to be flattened as Godzilla puts its foot down.

proved to be more than a worthy adversary, as any resident of Tokyo at the time of his assaults can attest.

It was Godzilla's monumental status — indeed, he stood 400 feet high in the first film — that intrigued Emmerich and Devlin. The filmmakers wanted to deliver a worthy follow-up to their movie "Independence Day," which established new worldwide box office records.

"Because of the phenomenal reaction to 'Independence Day,' Roland and I were fortunate enough to travel around the world to promote it. It seemed that in every country, we were asked the same question: how do you follow up a movie like 'Independence Day'? It was a really tough question to answer. The only thing that seemed remotely in the ballpark was 'Godzilla.' It afforded us the opportunity to do something big, wider and more amazing than we'd ever attempted before," Devlin says.

"The challenge of 'Godzilla' is that when people think of it, they immediately think of something that has a great deal of nostalgic fun but is not to be taken seriously. For us, that posed an intriguing question: how do we reinvent Godzilla?" Devlin adds. "We feel that only with the advances in special effects technology that exist today we can do that."

Emmerich added "Godzilla" is "the ultimate monster movie." He said, "We hope to push the limits of all the visual effects available. The technology is changing every year, and in every movie we use new tools. In many ways, this film was actually more complicated than 'Independence Day.' It was a huge undertaking."

As in "Independence Day," filmmakers used a variety of Shot-specific effects to create the mammoth creature, including miniatures, animatronic models and computer-generated images.

While advances in effects, particularly in CGI, allowed the filmmakers to reconstruct and, to some extent, reintegrate and reinvigorate the creature, Devlin insists to add that they did so with



Dr. Nick Tatopoulos (Matthew Broderick) and television reporter Audrey Timmonds (Maria Ptillo) are united by their common pursuit of a destructive creature wreaking havoc on New York City in the TriStar Pictures presentation, "Godzilla."

Entertainment listing

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SPECIAL EVENTS

BARNES & NOBLE: Upcoming events include Dr. Susan Madden, author of "Nobody Overacts" will sign copies of her book on Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. and New Generation Quintet will perform classic and modern jazz on Friday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble is located at 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville. For details, call (248) 348-0696.

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events include the illustrator of "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," Gijbert van Frankenhuis, during story time on May 27 at 10 a.m. and "Meet the Wild Things" on May 30 at 1 p.m. The Novi store is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. For details, call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

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TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays. Weekly performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 until 11 p.m. Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Brady's Food and Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. For additional information, call (248) 478-7780.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The Tim Flaherty Trio with cello Dan McNeil will host an open blues jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. For details, call (248) 624-9607.

SPORTS EDITION: Enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road. The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7-11 p.m. Fridays.

CARVERS RESTAURANT: Nikki Pearce will be appearing on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Carvers is located at Grand River and Ten Mile roads in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 476-5333.

ART

ART SOURCE: Photographs by Northville resident Kathleen Thompson will be on display at Art Source through May 24. Art Source is located at 126 MainCenter in Northville and features prints, museum reproductions, art posters, photographs, etchings and custom framing. For additional information, call 349-RACE.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Friday until 8 p.m. or by appointment. For details, call 348-1213.

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main. For more information, call (248) 449-7086.

GATE VI GALLERY: An exhibit of traditional Japanese and Chinese calligraphy will be on exhibit through mid-May. Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open. Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

ATRIUM CENTER GALLERY: Atrium Center Gallery is featuring the works of well-known Michigan oil weaver Sandy Askew through May. Atrium Center Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 380-0470.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery, 37220 Eight Mile Road, specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Call (248) 474-8306 for additional information.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dupuy, Painter's Place, located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, is featuring watercolor prints of Northville's Mill Race Village during May and June. One print is an autumn scene of the village. The other print is of the gazebo. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call (248) 348-9544 for details.

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NEARBY

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEA: The public is invited to attend a Mother and Daughter Tea. For additional information, call (734) 453-5297.

sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 224 of Wixom on Sunday, May 24 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Road in Wixom. The cost is \$5 per person. Children under 10 are free. Everyone is welcome — grandmothers, daughters, aunts, neighbors, etc. For details, call (248) 624-9742.

TOLLGATE GARDEN SALE: The Michigan State University Tollgate Gardens Volunteers are sponsoring a Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, June 13, from noon until 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 14, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the MSU Tollgate Education Center, Twelve Mile Road and Meadowbrook roads in Novi. The MSU Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. For details, call (248) 347-3860, ext. 300.

MURDER MYSTERY: Authors to visit Murder, Mystery & Mayhem, 35167 Grand River in Farmington, include Jeanne Dams, author of "Holy Terror in the Hebrides" in June 1 at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 471-7210.

TENT PARTY AND FUND RAISER: A's Copper Mug, 1704 Maple Road at the corner of Decker Road in White Lake, and the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse, will host a Tent Party and Fund Raiser on Sunday, June 7, from 4 until 9 p.m. Entertainment will feature Bugs Beddow Band. A 50/50 raffle drawing will be held around 9 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3/85. Dearborn hot dogs, Italian Sausage, Buffalo burgers and cheeseburgers will be cooked on the outside grill. You must be 21 years or older to enter. For more information, call (248) 624-9659.

ART EXHIBITION: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's spring art exhibition "Hanging by a Thread" will continue at the Jeanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth through May 29. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon; Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.; and Saturday from 1 until 4 p.m. For additional times or information, call (734) 416-4278.

ANTIQUe APPRAISAL: The Canton Historical Society will host their annual DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic on Saturday, May 30, at the Cherry Hill School at the corner of Cherry Hill and Rietje roads. Hours for the clinic are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each participant is limited to three hand-carried items. Verbal appraisals are \$7 and written appraisals are \$10. No books or jewelry. No appointments are necessary. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society and the museum. For additional information, call (734) 453-5297.

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SHARE MY TIME
Shy and reserved SWCF, 53, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, country music, fishing, reading, concerts and art fairs, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, N/S. Ad# 4269.

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Shy DWF, 40, 4'11", blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, golfing, gardening, cooking and the outdoors, seeks a SWM, 40+, who has a kind heart. Ad# 1261.

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Outgoing SWCF, 23, 5'6", N/S, enjoys reading, family time, clubbing, movies, playing pool and spending time with friends, seeks a SWCM, 25-30. Ad# 7588.

HONESTY REQUIRED
DW mom, 28, 5'10", red hair, green eyes, enjoys a wide variety of interests, seeking honest, outgoing, stable SWCM, 30-35, with similar interests, who likes children, for friendship first. Ad# 5514.

DYNAMIC PERSONALITY
Fun-loving DW mom, 43, a self-employed professional, enjoys the theatre, concerts, dining out, cooking, reading and traveling, seeks a SWM, 40+. Ad# 2543.

SET UP A TIME & DAY
WWW mom, 47, 5'3", enjoys meeting new people, dining out, gardening, traveling and family activities, seeks a professional SWM, 44-54, with similar interests. Ad# 6286.

AN ANGEL
Catholic DWF, 50, 5'N/S, enjoys family activities, movies, music and dancing, dining out and comedy, looking for a SWM, 45-57, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 6007.

YOUNG AT HEART
WWW, 60, 5'8", dark hair, enjoys fishing, camping, speed boats, outdoors, enjoys looking for a SWM, 58-68, who shares similar interests. Ad# 7411.

CONTACT ME
Sincere SW mom of one, 40, 5'8", enjoys long walks, arts and crafts, seeks a kind, considerate SWM, 35-49, to share interests and friendship. Ad# 5236.

LAUGH WITH ME
DW mom, 42, 5'8", slender, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, dining out, biking, most sports and family activities, seeking a fun SWM, 35-50, for friendship. Ad# 4673.

BE SERIOUS
SW mom, 35, 5'11", blondish-brown hair, green eyes, N/S, social drinker, employed, enjoys cooking and all outdoor activities, seeking a N/S, marriage-minded, honest SWM, 35-40, for a long-lasting relationship. Ad# 1142.

PROMISE ME
Attractive, SWF, 55, 5'1", active, outgoing, enjoys traveling the outdoors, cooking and more, seeks a SWM, 50-65, with similar interests. Ad# 9137.

GREAT QUALITIES
SWF, 19, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys going out with friends, the outdoors and more, seeks a SWM, 18-28, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 4914.

GENUINE INTENTIONS
SWF, 39, 5'5", friendly, down-to-earth, enjoys the outdoors, animals, quiet times at home, music and movies, seeks a SWM, 35-45, with similar interests. Ad# 2124.

NEW KID IN TOWN
Friendly, outgoing SW mom, 48, 5'5", blonde hair, hazel eyes, sports events, enjoys summer outdoor activities, looking for an interesting SWM, 46-56, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 2819.

CONTACT ME!
Catholic DW mother, 42, 5'5", physically fit, likes travel, sports, boating and times with family and friends, looking for a professional SWCM, 42-50. Ad# 1345.

END MY SEARCH
DWF, 31, 5'3", dark hair, blue eyes, friendly, enjoys movies, softball and rollerblading, looking for a SWCM, 23-38, with similar interests and no children. Ad# 1313.

INCURABLE ROMANTIC
Friendly SWF, 55, 5'2", red hair, blue eyes, N/S, good sense of humor, likes romantic dinners, travel and movies, seeking SWM, 50-63, with similar interests, to share time with. Ad# 9632.

SOMETHING BETTER
SW mom, 30, outgoing, student, self-employed, enjoys dancing, camping, seeks SWM, 25-40, to get to know. Ad# 1234.

A RARE GEM
Professional DWCF, 46, 5'3", dark hair/eyes, likes stimulating conversation, dining out and fun times, seeking a SWCM, 41-56, with similar interests, for friendship first. Ad# 3865.

SHY BY NATURE
DWC, 48, 5'4", enjoys car shows, cooking, antiquing, laughing and walking in the woods, seeks an open-minded, humorous D/SWCM, 30-35, for a sincere relationship. Ad# 1818.

ROMANTIC
Pretty SWF, 30, 5'8", full-figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes music, movies, traveling, seeks honest, employed SWM, age unimportant, to have an intelligent conversation with. Ad# 1115.

THE BOTTOM LINE
SWCF, 28, 5'2", medium build, outgoing, enjoys taking walks, gardening, cooking and much more, is seeking an attractive, family-oriented, slim, romantic SWCM, 30-36, with brown hair, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1200.

STEAL MY HEART
Attractive SWC mom, 26, 5'4", full-figured, enjoys country music, hockey, seeks SWCM, 24-34, for friendship and fun times. Ad# 1922.

MUTUAL RESPECT
DWC, 46, 5'5", shy and reserved, caring, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, nature, animals, seeks warm, sincere, honest SWM, 35-45, with similar interests. Ad# 1951.

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
Catholic WWWF, 58, 5'4", friendly, employed, N/S, likes cooking, walking, dancing, movies, the theatre, swimming, travel, board games and more, seeks a humorous, sincere, friendly SWCM, 55-63. Ad# 8339.

A FRESH START
DWF, 34, 5'5", N/S, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks N/S, SWM, under 38, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3471.

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU
SWF, 19, 5'7", shy, enjoys spending time with children, sports, hunting, long walks, movies, seeks SWM, under 27, for friendship. Ad# 3651.

EASY TO TALK TO
Pretty, full-figured DW mom, 32, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, home owner, seeking SWM, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor and appreciates country living. Ad# 8154.

SPEAKS HER MIND
SWF, 37, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks sincere SWM, 35-40. Ad# 8087.

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE
Self-employed DWCF, 60, 5'2", from Brighton, enjoys traveling, animals, sports, being outdoors, seeks friendly SWCM, 55-65, for friends-first relationship. Ad# 1924.

INTELLIGENT
Friendly, professional DW mom, 33, 5'9", enjoys children, animals, the outdoors, seeking family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 32-40. Ad# 5228.

AVID READER
Protestant SWF, 22, 5'5", participates in Bible study, enjoys walks, concerts, movies, collecting unigrams, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual interests. Ad# 1997.

LET'S MEET
Non-denominational DWF, 26, full-figured, friendly, extroverted, likes walks in the park, picnics, movies, seeks understanding, affectionate SM, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1011.

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EARN MY TRUST
SWM, 25, 5'9", reserved, educated, enjoys working out, outdoor activities and more, seeks a SWF, 22-26. Ad# 3335.

COUNTRY LIFE
Friendly WWWCM, 60, 5'10", enjoys traveling, boating, fishing, hunting, gardening, dining out, dancing and the outdoors, looking for SWCF, 50-55, to share life with. Ad# 7590.

HAPPY AGAIN
Sincere SWM, 58, enjoys bowling, golf, camping, walking, seeking honest, dependable SF with similar interests. Ad# 7514.

NEW TO DATING
DWM, 46, 5'11", physically fit, friendly, open minded, newly divorced, seeks SWF, under 50, for friendship. Ad# 4952.

FRIENDS TO START
SWM, 19, 5'11", enjoys sports, movies, concerts and spending time with friends, seeks a SWF, 18-20, for possible relationship. Ad# 1919.

THE KEY TO MY HEART
Retired DWM, 57, 5'7", shy at first, enjoys dining out, music and movies, looking for a lovely SWF, age unimportant, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 2589.

SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST
Good-natured, Catholic DW dad, 57, 5'8", enjoys dining out, the outdoors and quiet evenings, in search of a SCF, moms okay. Ad# 5926.

JUST FRIENDS
SWM, 20, 5'10", enjoys reading and writing, looking to meet a laid-back SWF, 18-21, to spend time with. Ad# 7734.

FIND OUT TODAY
SWM, 35, 6', enjoys working out, movies, picnics in the park, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, 18-28, who enjoys life. Ad# 2325.

MOMS WELCOME
SWM, 57, 6', 175lbs., smoker, enjoys boating, water skiing, classic car shows, movies, dining out and traveling, seeks a slender SWF, 21-33, for friendship first. Ad# 3664.

GIVE ME THE CHANCE
Caring, sincere SWM, 26, 6', enjoys movies, camping, dining out and romantic evenings, searching for a loving SWF, 21-30. Ad# 4444.

FINER THINGS IN LIFE
SWM, 47, 5'7", enjoys playing golf, card games and fishing, seeking a serious SWF with a good sense of humor, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2151.

TRY ME
Shy, reserved, Catholic SW dad, 31, 6'1", enjoys hunting, fishing and nights out on the town, looking for sincere, honest DWF, under 31. Ad# 9151.

GET TO KNOW ME
Spiritual SWM, 37, 6'1", athletic, employed, loves the outdoors and being with children, looking forward to meeting a SF. Ad# 2341.

MOTIVATED
Catholic DW grandfather, 53, 5'9", 170lbs., fit inside and out, professional, opened and honest, has a country home, enjoys nature, outdoor activities, exercise, seeks SF, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4848.

MOVE QUICKLY
SWM, 37, 6'3", 205lbs., employed, loves long walks, biking and camping, looking for a talkative, outgoing SWF, 25-45, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 9512.

UNTIL NOW
Reserved DW dad, 30, 6', employed, enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, picnics, long walks and the outdoors, in search of compatible SWF, 25-32. Ad# 9743.

ON THE LEVEL
Outgoing DW dad, 41, 6'1", enjoys nights out on the town, camping, hunting, sports, dining out, movies and spending time together, looking for DWCF, 28-45. Ad# 1728.

ALL OUR TOMORROWS!
Appealing DWCM, 34, 5'10", enjoys hockey and football, camping, family times, dancing and long walks, seeks an attractive, fun-loving SWCF, under 36, for a nice life. Ad# 1152.

GIVE ME THE CHANCE
DWM, 30, 6', outgoing, enjoys hunting, fishing, quiet evenings, seeks SWF, over 25, who loves children, with similar interests. Ad# 8413.

HONESTY IS A MUST
DWM, 42, 6'1", outgoing, enjoys gardening, children and much more, seeks loving, understanding SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 7688.

SPECIAL REQUEST
SWM, 26, 6'2", outgoing, enjoys outdoor sports, camping, movies, seeks honest, outgoing, SWF, 22-30, with similar interests. Ad# 2100.

IN YOUR DREAMS
Personable SW dad of two, 39, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes, enjoys coaching sports, long walks, romantic evenings, seeks SWF, 21-48, for sharing of interests and friendship. Ad# 3121.

CARING & ROMANTIC
DWCM, 52, 6'1", medium build, a sports fan, enjoys summer outdoor activities, dancing, movies and music, seeking a SWCF, 40+, for possible relationship. Ad# 9255.

SWEET & HUMOROUS
SWM, 26, 6'3", a sports fan, likes water skiing, interested in meeting a SWF, 18-32, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more.. Ad# 5747.

PHONE ME KNOW
Sincere SWC dad of one, 39, 5'8", enjoys movies, picnics, boating, dining out and dancing wishes to share activities and friendship with a positive-thinking SWCF, 34-43. Ad# 1276.

BIG TEDDY BEAR
Intelligent, romantic SWCM, 35, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, student, enjoys traveling, the theatre, various music, movies and comedy clubs, seeking SWF, 21-40, for possible relationship. Ad# 4545.

VERY LIKABLE
SWM, 40, 6'1", 205lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, outgoing, humorous, professional, enjoys dining out, children, movies and church activities, seeks a SCF, 35-45. Ad# 8816.

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Sports

ROUND ROBIN: Softball team wins two, drops last game to Montrose/10B

LATE GOING: Lacrosse team loses game in final rally by DCC/10B

A LITTLE SHORT: Tennis team finishes third at Division II regional/10B

GOING TO STATES: Girls' track team sends six girls in five events to states/10B

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THURSDAY
May 21,
1998

Novi wins first KVC title, wins district opener

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Phase one of Novi's district title chase was completed Monday with a 1-0 win over Baseline rival Northville.

Jill Gibson poked in a ball which was headed by Lydia Kalarni to give Novi the lead 2 minutes, 42 seconds into the second half. The 'Cats would control the ball the majority of the second half to advance to the district semifinals last night.

That game was after The Novi News' deadline and will be in next week's paper.

The first half was all Novi, with the 'Cats controlling the ball in their offensive end and missing several great scoring opportunities.

Northville made a charge at the end of the game, but Sarah Clark made several great saves in goal to ensure the win for Novi. The Wildcats have beaten the Lions twice already this season in league play. The winner of that game will play the winner of the Plymouth Salem and Canton game that was also played last night.

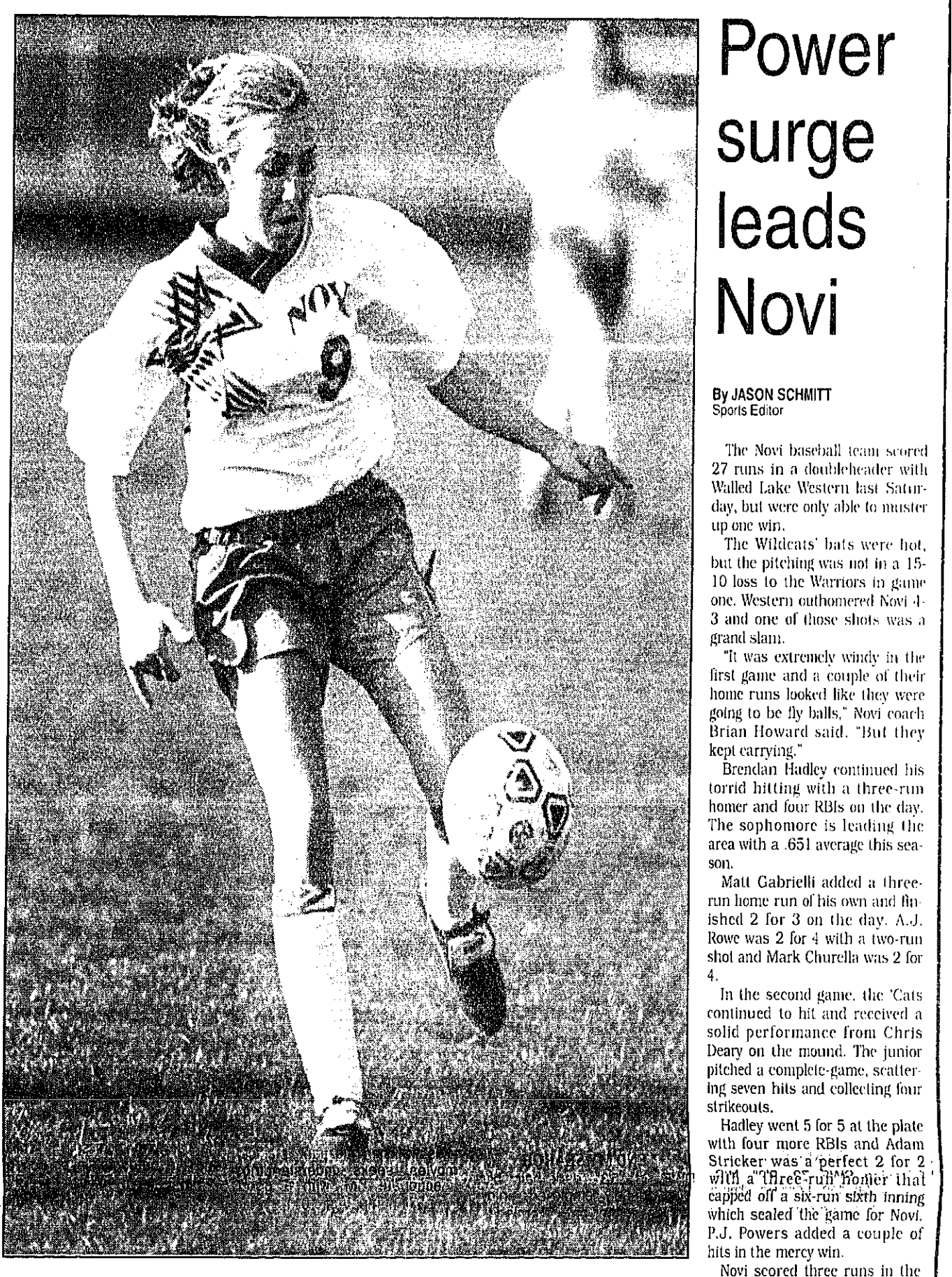
BRIGHTON 3, NOVI 1
Hopes for an undisputed Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) championship were lost with this season-ending loss to the Bulldogs.

Novi and Brighton split their two matchups and shared the KVC title with 11-1 records. The championship is the first ever for the girls soccer team.

"It was a simple matter of being outplayed," Christoff said. "It was the first hot day we've played this year, and they were much quicker than we are. No excuses, they played in the same conditions and they played better."

The game was scoreless until Brighton broke loose and scored with 14 minutes left in the first half. It would take that lead into the half.

"Brighton just dominated the



Novi forward Kristi Arrington (above) and her teammates knocked off Northville Monday.

Track team sends 6 athletes to Class A state track meet

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

As a sophomore, Kevin Aventus took the track world by storm, finishing third in the 1,600 run at the state meet. He was the only Novi boys' track athlete to advance to the state meet last year.

One year later, Aventus will bring a few teammates with him when he travels to Bay City Western May 30 for the track and field finals.

Novi qualified six athletes in five different events at last Friday's regional track meet at Milford High School.

Aventus qualified in both the 1,600 and 3,200 and will join the 3,200 relay team of John Moore, Ty Clark and Dan Christopherson. Christopherson will compete in the 800 run and Chris Perkins qualified in the high jump.

Coach Bob Smith said this is the most events any Novi boys' team has advanced in a Class A final meet.

"This was the best regional ever. I'm still floating," Smith said. "We've had some good teams in the past, but they could never put it all together. This team was physically and mentally prepared."

Milford won the regional, outperforming defending state champion Pontiac Northern.

Aventus won the regional championship in the 1,600, easily beating out the competition in a winning time of 4 minutes, 22.1 seconds. Anthony Sager of Lakeland was second in 4:26.7.

"He ran a smart, strategic race," his coach said. "He went out strong, but in the third lap he blew everyone else away. It wasn't even close."

In the 3,200 run, Aventus lost his first race of the year, but still had a fast enough time to qualify. Howell's Ricky Bauer's time of 9:32.1 narrowly defeated Aventus' time of 9:32.9.

Both of these races came after Aventus helped his relay team qualify.

Mione went out in a personal-best time of 2:04 and Clark followed that up with a 2:00. Christopherson held up the fast pace at 2:02 and Aventus brought it home in 2:00. Their time of 8:06.9 was good enough to qualify, but was the eighth fastest time of the day.

At the state meet, teams are allowed to substitute other team members into their relays if they choose to. Smith is unsure who will run in the relay next weekend.

"We're exploring a lot of options right now," he said. "We have four or five quality half milers, and it just depends."

Aventus may or may not compete in the relay. Smith is also uncertain whether Aventus will compete in both of the distance runs.

"We're pretty comfortable wherever we put him," he said.

Perkins fought off the disappointment of failing to qualify because of misses last year. The senior made no such mistakes this year, finishing second with a jump of 6 feet, 5 inches.

"This was a real satisfying," Smith said of Perkins qualifying for the state meet. "You could see him smile a mile away."

Smith said he was surprised at the way Perkins came back from a mediocre long-jump performance.

"You often get to where a kid does bad in one event and it will carry over to the high jump, but he showed the champion that he is."

Christopherson needed to run a 2:00.3 to qualify in the 800, so the junior went out and ran a 1:59.26 to qualify.

"We knew he could do it," Smith said. "Boy this kid has a lot of heart. He just doesn't give up and this year he just blossomed for us."

BRIGHTON 100, NOVI 37
The final score wasn't very pretty, but the day couldn't have gone much better for senior pole vaulter Mike Alberty. He broke the school record with a vault of 13-4 3/4. The record was previously 13-0 and was held by several vaulters.

Smith said one of those record holders, Eric Brandon, was on hand to see it.

"Eric helped Mike break the record," Smith said of Brandon's help in practice. "That just shows you what kind of kid Eric is."

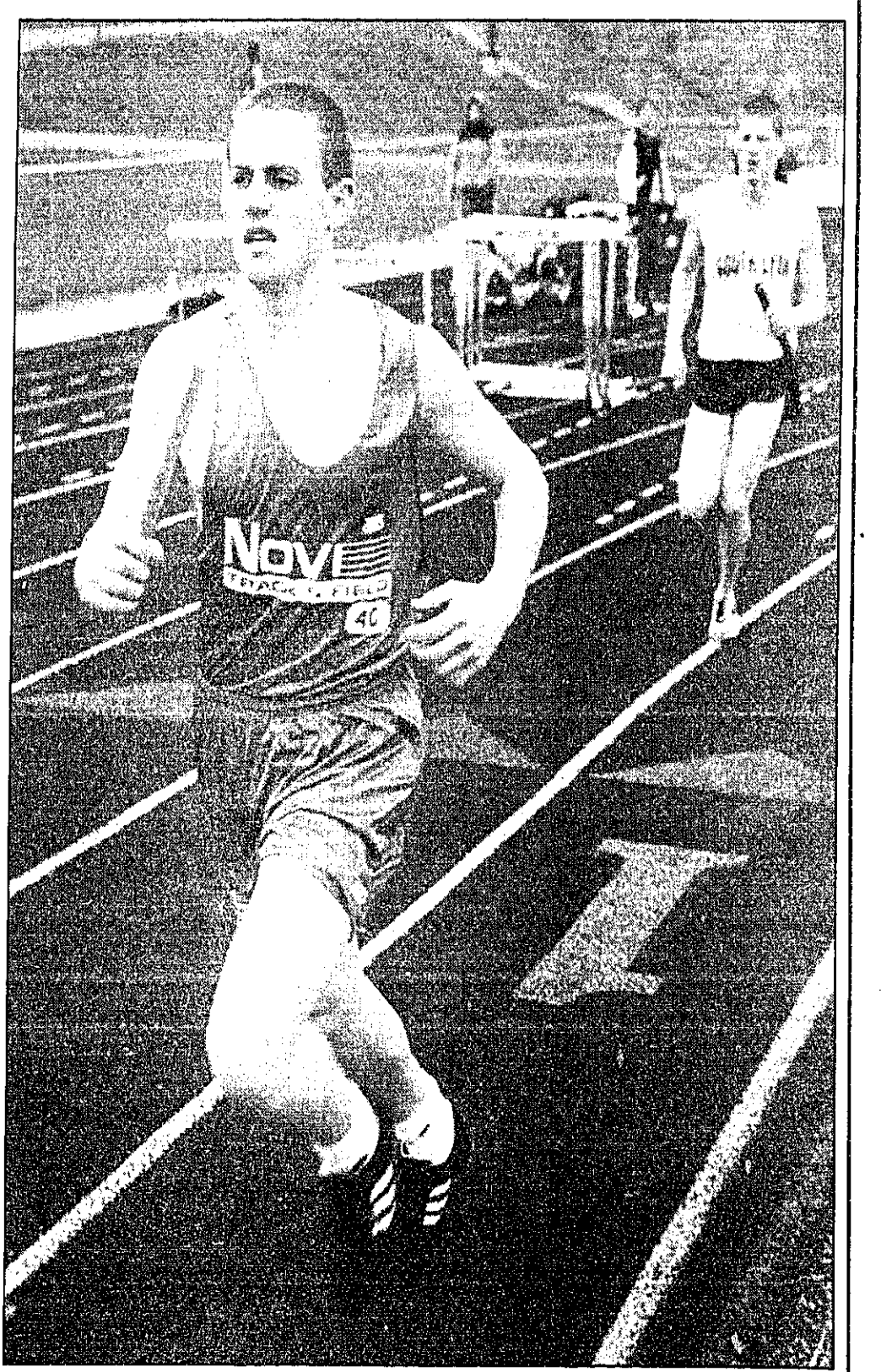
Chris Jettie finished third with a vault of 11-0.

Perkins' jump of 6-2 was good enough for first in the high jump and Evan Foster ran a 53:08 in the 400 to get the win.

Justin Sterrett and Justin Reume finished 1-2 in the 200 and Eric Wallie was second in the 3,200. Reume was third in the 100.

Sterrett finished second in the 110 hurdles and Wes VanLandenschoot was runner-up in the 300 hurdles. Christopherson finished second in the 1,600 run.

The team competed at the league meet Tuesday (after The Novi News' deadline) and are at the Oakland County Meet Saturday at Hazle Park. The freshman Oakland County Meet will take place Saturday at Milford High School.



Junior Dan Christopherson qualified for the 800 run in a time of 1:59.2 Friday in Milford.

Power surge leads Novi

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi baseball team scored 27 runs in a doubleheader with Walled Lake Western last Saturday, but were only able to muster up one win.

The Wildcats' bats were hot, but the pitching was not in a 15-10 loss to the Warriors to game one. Western outthrewed Novi 1-3 and one of those shots was a grand slam.

"It was extremely windy in the first game and a couple of their home runs looked like they were going to be fly balls," Novi coach Brian Howard said. "But they kept carrying."

Brendan Hadley continued his torrid hitting with a three-run homer and four RBIs on the day. The sophomore is leading the area with a .651 average this season.

Matt Gabrielli added a three-run home run of his own and finished 2 for 3 on the day. A.J. Rowe was 2 for 4 with a two-run shot and Mark Churella was 2 for 4.

In the second game, the 'Cats continued to hit and received a solid performance from Chris Deary on the mound. The junior pitched a complete game, scattering seven hits and collecting four strikeouts.

Hadley went 5 for 5 at the plate with four more RBIs and Adam Stricker was a perfect 2 for 2 with a "free-run" homer that capped off a six-run sixth inning which sealed the game for Novi. P.J. Powers added a couple of hits in the mercy win.

Novi scored three runs in the first, two in the second, one in

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'Cats fare well at Montrose Invite Saturday

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi softball team dropped a doubleheader with Lakeland last week, but fought back to play well at the Montrose Invitational Saturday.

The Wildcats defeated Owosso 12-9 and Swartz Creek 15-7 in their first two games, but fell to Montrose 4-3.

Against Owosso, Novi fell behind 5-0 after one inning, but scored four runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth to take control of the game.

Katie Cameron and Joelle Frantz each had three hits and three RBIs to go along with home runs. Cameron added a double and triple on the day. Katie Copp was 2 for 4 with three runs and a RBI and Danielle Thompson was 2 for 2 with three runs.

Frantz went the distance on the mound and got the win for Novi.

The bats continued to roll in the win over Swartz Creek. The Cats tallied 18 hits and seven players had multiple-hit games.

Thompson was 3 for 5 and Heather Fraser was 3 for 3 with a home run and two RBIs. Adrienne Farrell had a home run and went 2 for 4, as did Kristen Sullivan, Copp and Emily Dominick. Frantz was 2 for 2 and Sarah Bajorek was 1 for 3 with two runs scored.

Cameron got the win on the mound for Novi.

In the loss to Montrose, the

defense was there, but the offense was not. Novi could only muster up five hits.

"Obviously our bats quieted down a bit," coach Carol Diglio said.

Montrose jumped out early, taking a 2 runs in the first inning. Novi would counter with a run in the fourth. Both teams scored two in the sixth.

Bajorek led off the sixth with a walk and scored on Sullivan's single. Sullivan then scored on an error. Novi was held scoreless in the seventh inning.

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LAKELAND 5, NOVI 4
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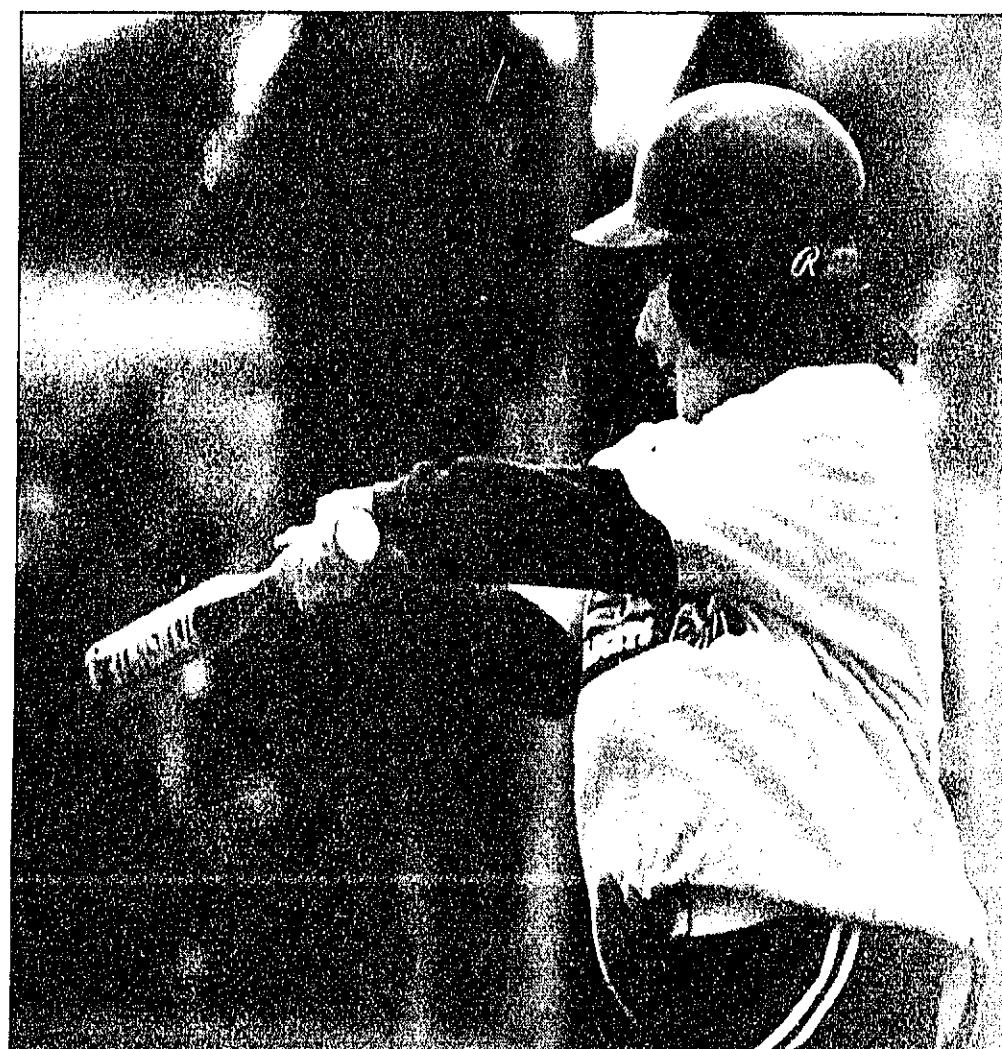


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Novi junior Judy Namm takes a cut at a pitch earlier this season. Her Novi team is 12-12.

DCC overtakes Novi with late rally

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi lacrosse team had control of its game with Detroit Catholic Central last Wednesday, but gave up five-straight goals to the Cougars in a 9-8 loss.

Tied 4-4 at the half thanks to a Josh Tankersley goal just before the half, the 'Cats proceeded to run off the first three goals of the third quarter. But that lead quickly diminished as Central scored the last goal of the third and the first goal of the fourth quarter.

Pat Maston scored with one minute left, but Novi couldn't gain control of the ball and Central ran out the clock.

"I think we played well considering we had a couple of guys not at 100 percent," coach Stan Zajdel said. "We now put together some of the best lacrosse games we've played all year long."

Tankersley was not at 100 percent, and Mike O'Doherty started in place of an injured Adam Hershberger.

Tankersley was still able to score three goals and Matt Bailey added three himself. Jason Rafeld had two goals and an assist and Maston had his goal and assisted on another. Brian Fischer added an assist.

Zajdel has nominated Tankersley for all-American status and Fischer for academic all-American status. Michigan usually has four or five selections each year and both players won't know until the US Lacrosse Organization makes its choices June 2.

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"We kind of kept it a little closer than we'd have liked to," he said. "This is a game we should have beaten them handily, but we didn't come out fired up to play."

Bailey scored a team-high five goals and Tankersley added four. Rafeld, Maston and Tim Summerville each had a goal and Rafeld, Maston and Matt Cook each had assists.

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Record number of girls qualify for state meet in Bay City May 30

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Novi again set a team record for state qualifiers when nine girls qualified in nine different events at the regional track meet last Friday at Milford.

Kristina Utley and Kristin Echols each qualified in the mile and two-mile runs and joined Christy Davenport and Alaina Chipponeri in qualifying for the two-mile relay.

Chipponeri also qualified in the 800 and the mile relay. She teamed up with Sara Elfring, Chloe Clark and Erin Quinn to post a qualifying time of 4 minutes, 6.9 seconds, good enough for a new school record.

The two-mile relay team also set a record, finishing the race in 9:33.0.

Joining the distance runners will be pole vaulter Stacey Williamson, who tied for second with a vault of 8 feet, 6 inches. Williamson's qualifying vault of 9-0 was the highest vault of any Oakland County pole vaulter.

Freshman Mickie Rzepka was the lone sprinter to qualify for the state meet at Bay City Western May 30. She ran a :12.9 in the 100 to finish third. She also finished third in the 200, but her time did not qualify her in that event.

Utley was runnerup in the mile in 5:17.0 and Echols was fifth in 5:19.32. The two finished second and third in the two mile. Val Stefanow, Novi's other top-notch runner, suffered an injury prior to the regional and could not compete.

"They were on fire, they were so tough," an enthusiastic coach Sue Tomasek said. "You could tell they wanted it and I think they exceeded their expectations."

The previous record for competitors who advanced to the state meet was eight, set last year.

"Besides the weather being extremely hot, we

couldn't have asked for a better day," the coach said.

As for teams, Brighton won the meet with 80 points. Pinckney was second (76 points) and Pontiac Northern (64) and Novi (62) rounded out the top four.

BRIGHTON 76, NOVI 61

The Wildcats nearly pulled off the upset in this Kensington Valley Conference showdown.

Despite a record-setting performance for Rzepka in the 100, Novi was outmanned in the sprint races and relays. The 'Cats were outscored 30-7 in the 100, 200, 400 and the 800 relays.

Rzepka ran her 200 in a school-record :26.47. She also finished second to Williamson in the pole vault competition.

Novi had built an early lead after Stephanie Pridmore and Christina Terrell won the shot put and discus events. Add second place finishes for Nicole Bliss, Williamson and Beth Rice and Novi was halting its own after the field events.

With Novi's strength in the distance events, the team was in it until the end. The 3,200 relay team of Davenport, Utley, Echols and Chipponeri won in 9:48.31 and Utley, Echols and Brooke Albright took 1-2-3 in the two mile run.

Elfring won the 300 hurdles and Utley and Echols finished 2-3 in the mile run. Clark was third in the 400 and Chipponeri was second in the 800.

This was probably, scorewise, the closest we've come to them," Tomasek said. "Brighton really brings out the best times in us."

Tuesday the Wildcats traveled to Milford to compete at the KVC meet (after The Novi News' deadline) and will compete at the Oakland County meet tomorrow at Hazel Park. The freshman will compete at Oakland County Saturday.

Netters fail to qualify for states

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Just a week after winning the Kensington Valley Conference tournament and ensuring itself of the conference title, the Novi tennis team stumbled to third-place finish at the regional tennis tournament at Novi and Northville high schools.

The Wildcats finished with 11 points, well behind champion North Farmington 24 points and runner-up Northville (20). Teams needed to finish first or second, or accumulate 16 points to advance to the state tennis tournament in Midland on May 30.

No. 2 singles player Glenn Gabriel was the lone Wildcat to advance to the finals, and he advanced the hard way. The junior received a bye in the first round and had a tough three-set match with North Farmington in the second round. He won the match 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 and moved on to play U of D Jesuit in the semifinals. It took him another three sets to defeat Jesuit 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

By the time he played Northville's Matthias Egger in the finals, Egger had had over two hours of rest. Gabriel fought

hard, but fell in yet another three-setter 7-6 (5), 2-6, 0-6.

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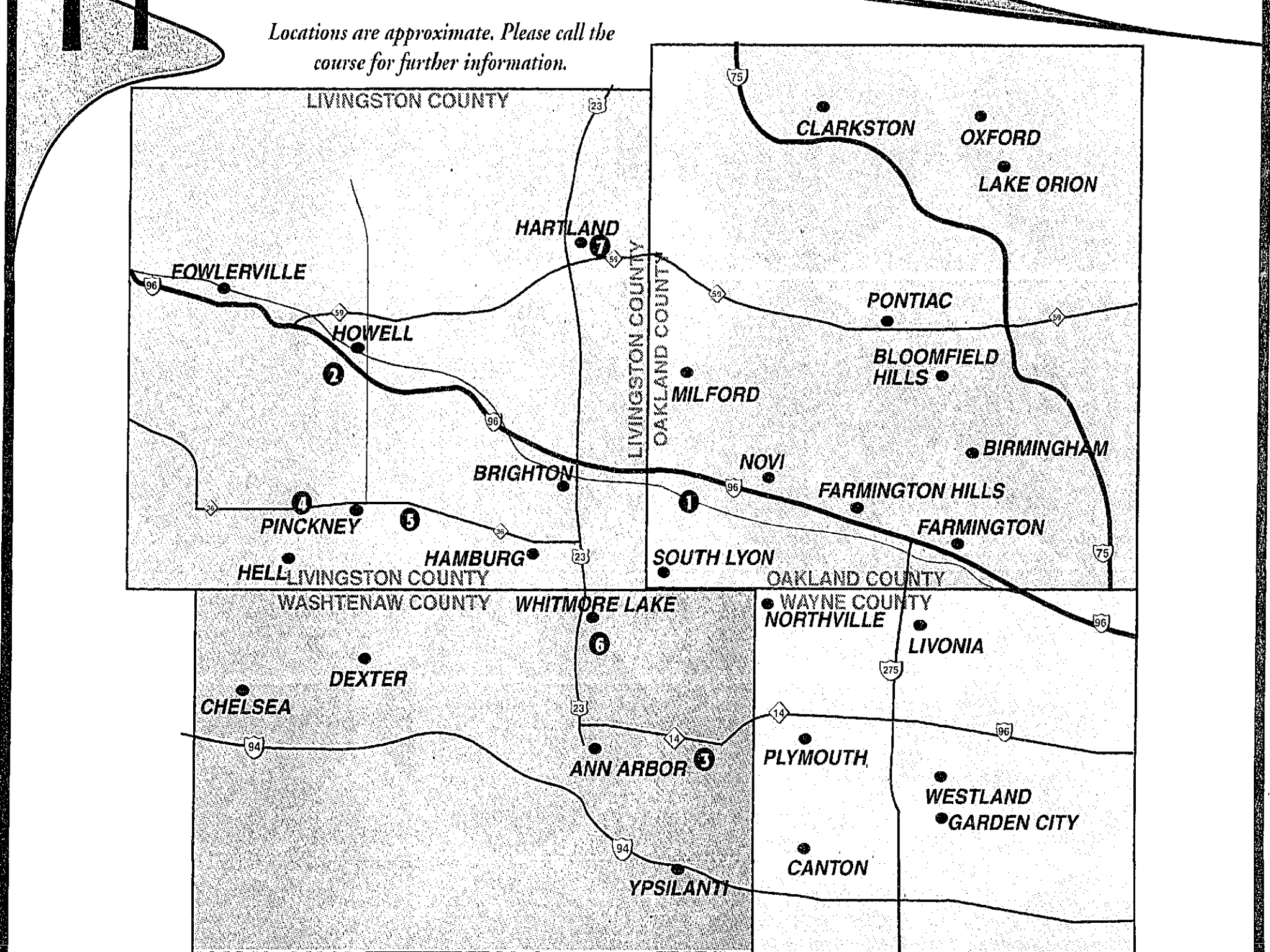
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Alternative training techniques can help cut down time from injury

Injuries hurt the athlete in more ways than one. Whether you are a competitive athlete or, like many of us, enjoy staying in shape "just for the health of it," injuries are no fun. Not only is there the physical pain to contend with but also the physical deconditioning (getting out of shape) that takes place in the days, weeks or even months following time off from training.

There are alternative training techniques which can help diminish the down time of an injury by keeping the cardiovascular system conditioned while minimizing stress and strain of the affected body-part injured.

Aerobic exercise can be defined as continuous activity which utilizes oxygen for energy at the cellular level of an exercising muscle. A seasonal hobby for many, examples of aerobic activity include running or biking outdoors when the weather is nice, and in cooler weather either taking it indoors on exercise machines, or switching to other appropriate outdoor activities like cross-country skiing or ice skating.

Sometimes, however, despite taking precautions, the athlete is faced with an injury. Aerobic exercise injuries generally affect the lower extremities including the muscles and joints of the legs and feet. These injuries can range from broken bones to pulled muscles.

Muscle, tendon, and ligament strains (overstretch) and sprains (partial or complete tear) are relatively common types of injuries as well.

Overuse injuries are due to the repetitive nature of aerobic activity and result from

chronic microtrauma (small amount of injury) which surmount over the course of several days to months. The at-risk athlete is one who attempts to do too much too soon which may result in shin splints, stress fractures, sprains, etc.

Once an injury has occurred it is important to seek proper care from a qualified health care provider. "Depending on the severity of the injury an alternative exercise regimen should be initiated promptly, when appropriate," says Matthew Sciotti M.D., who treats people with athletics-related injuries at the Botsford Athletic Medicine Clinic in Novi.

Early reconditioning (getting the body back in shape) is encouraged in most cases. This is largely due to the fact that our muscles, including the heart muscle, get out of shape at a relatively rapid rate. As the injury is healing, it isn't a bad idea to initiate an alternative exercise program.

Depending on type and severity of injury, consider non-impact, then low-impact, then gradually graduate back to a regular aerobic routine.

Non-impact exercises include biking - preferably stationary - which eliminates the irregular terrain, traffic and bad weather associated with road or off-road biking. Exercise machines such as an AirDyne bike, stair stepper, rowing machine, cross-country skiing simulator, and the upper body (arm) bike can also provide aerobic fitness opportunities. Swimming is highly

recommended as an alternative to most other aerobic activities as it works the major muscle groups of the body aerobically and anaerobically by providing some resistance from the water for the muscles to push against.

Low-impact exercises include running in water, walking (indoor, outdoor or treadmill) and exercise aerobic classes.

A strong consideration should also be made to cross-train with weights. If you are not a regular lifter, weight machines are probably your best choice. This is because the range of motion and ancillary movements are controlled by the machine, leaving the emphasis of stress isolated on the muscle group being worked.

Sometimes injuries occur regardless of the kind of physical shape you are in - even if the appropriate measures are taken in terms of warm-ups and cool-downs, proper form, rest, and a sound nutrition plan. These are the times to utilize medical/rehabilitative resources and perhaps consider some of the alternatives discussed in this article.

Wishing you a healthy day.

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St. Mary Community Calendar for May

May 13 through June 17 - Pre-Postnatal Exercise Class

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week pre-postnatal exercise class from May 13 through June 17. The six-week class meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. The class will meet in Pavilion Conference Room A from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost of the class is \$35 per person, registration is required by calling the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615. St. Mary's is located at Five Mile and Levan.

May 13 through June 17 - Childbirth (Lamaze) Class

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital offers a childbirth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience.

A six-week session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday from May 13 through June 17, in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Preregistration is required for this class. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

May 21 - Premarital AIDS Class

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a premarital class on Thursday, May 21, from 7 to 8 p.m., in Pavilion Conference Room A. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Upon completion of the class, each person will receive the certificate necessary to obtain a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. To register, call (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

Golfers finish 10th at Brighton

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

With some of the top golf teams in the entire state converging at Oak Pointe in Brighton, the Novi girls' team had its work cut out for it last Friday.

As a result, the Wildcats shot a 409 and finished 10th out of 19 teams at the regional tournament.

Saline took home the regional championship after shooting a 330. Brighton was second with a 352 and Ann Arbor Huron was the third team to advance with a 355.

Senior co-captains Katie Miller and Erin Stevens shot a team-leading 90s to get the team going. Tara Stevens came in with a 114 and Rebecca Rittner rounded out the scoring with a 115. Rebecca Chan was Novi's fifth golfer and shot a 128.

"I think they did a nice job," coach Debra

Harris said of her co-captains. "Katie was coming off a neck injury and was really pleased with her scores. Erin shot a 42 on the front nine to post a good score too."

NOVI 221, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 242

Missing Miller, the Wildcats picked up the slack and got the non-league win over the Warriors.

"I expected it to be a lot closer than that, but they didn't golf up to their capabilities," Harris said. "But we'll take them any way we can get them."

Erin Stevens shot a 43 and Tara Stevens followed with a 55. Nichole Freeman had a 61 and Rittner and Chan each shot a 62.

BRIGHTON 164, NOVI 218

The Bulldogs superior depth and skill helped them crush the Wildcats. Erin Stevens shot an

impressive 40, but Brighton's second golfer equaled that score. The match medalist from Brighton shot a 35 and the remaining two golfers shot a 44 and 45.

Tara Stevens and Rittner each shot a 59 and Freeman had a 60 for the 'Cats.

"They're so solid, I can't imagine them losing at the Post-Kensington Valley Conference meet," Harris said. "They're a lot deeper than we are."

Brighton won the pre-KVC meet and went undefeated in matches to all but wrap up the conference title. Novi finished second at the pre-KVC and second in matches. The team needed to finish second at the Post-KVC meet yesterday (after The Novi News' deadline) or finish third and have South Lyon finish no higher than one place ahead of them. Results from the league meet will be in next week's Novi News.

Novi nips lakeland, falls to South Lyon

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the fourth, six in the fifth and five in the sixth.

"The wind let up and everyone kind of had fun," Howard said.

NOVI 10, LAKELAND 9 (10 INN)

The Eagles did not look like a team that has won just one game this year. They battled the Wildcats into extra innings, and nearly pulled off the upset.

Both teams scored a run in the eighth and it wasn't until Lakeland became sloppy in the 10th inning that Novi was able to end the game.

Jason Sabol was hit by a pitch

to lead off the 10th and went to third on Derek Ornekjan's single. After Hadley was intentionally walked with two outs, Sabol scored on a pass ball.

"Lakeland is not that bad, and heh, a win's a win," Howard said.

Novi fell behind early, but used a powerful third inning to get itself back in the contest.

Down 3-0, Novi hit three home runs and scored five runs in their half of the third inning. Churella opened the inning with a solo home run to get things going. After Hadley was walked, Gabrielli followed with a rocket shot to right field. Two outs later, Rowe hit his own two-run shot, scoring Leon

Luedeman.

Krause began the game, but Stricker came in to pitch the last 4 2/3 innings to get the win.

Churella finished 3 for 6 and Luedeman was 3 for 4 for Novi. Gabrielli went 2 for 4 with the home run.

SOUTH LYON 10, NOVI 9

Novi nearly pulled off the ultimate comeback in this league loss. The game was a make-up game in which the 'Cats were trailing 8-0 going into the third inning when the game was called.

Churella hit a grand slam in the seventh inning that tied the game at 9-9. Unfortunately, a walk and

two errors led to the game-winning run for South Lyon in the last half of the seventh inning.

"We played well enough to win, but it just didn't happen. The kids came into this game thinking they could win it," Howard said. "It was inspiring."

Rowe pitched five innings, allowing just one earned run in the loss. Hadley was 2 for 2 and Gabrielli and Krause each picked up two hits.

Novi played Brighton Monday (after The Novi News' deadline) and face Howell today in a double-header at home. Tomorrow Farmington will visit for a single game.

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