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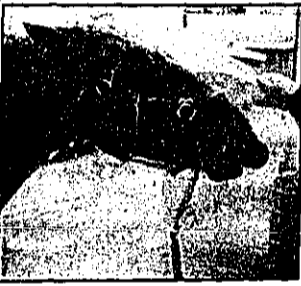
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Troubled waters: flooding divides neighbors

Northville Township charges that Novi runoff cascades across city borders.

"The engineers for the city of Novi agreed that Novi was not the problem."

Lou Csordas, Novi City Council member

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH and RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writers

With questions floating around about a problematic body of water in Novi and Northville Township, one thing is clear — the fix will drain money from somewhere.

Where the dollars to fix Quail Ridge Drain come from, however, remains to be seen and is being muddled over by governmental bodies from the two communities.

Novi City Council and Northville Township held their first meeting on the issue last week — and not a minute too soon, said Don Weaver, Northville Township director of

public services. "The drain problems just keeps getting worse and worse and worse," he said. "We've been talking about this since 1990, I think it's time we came up with one."

The Quail Ridge drain starts in Novi and travels south across Eight Mile Road to Silver Spring Lake. The body of water resembles a stream, but is called a drain for technical reasons.

Weaver said the problem is the high rate of speed of which water

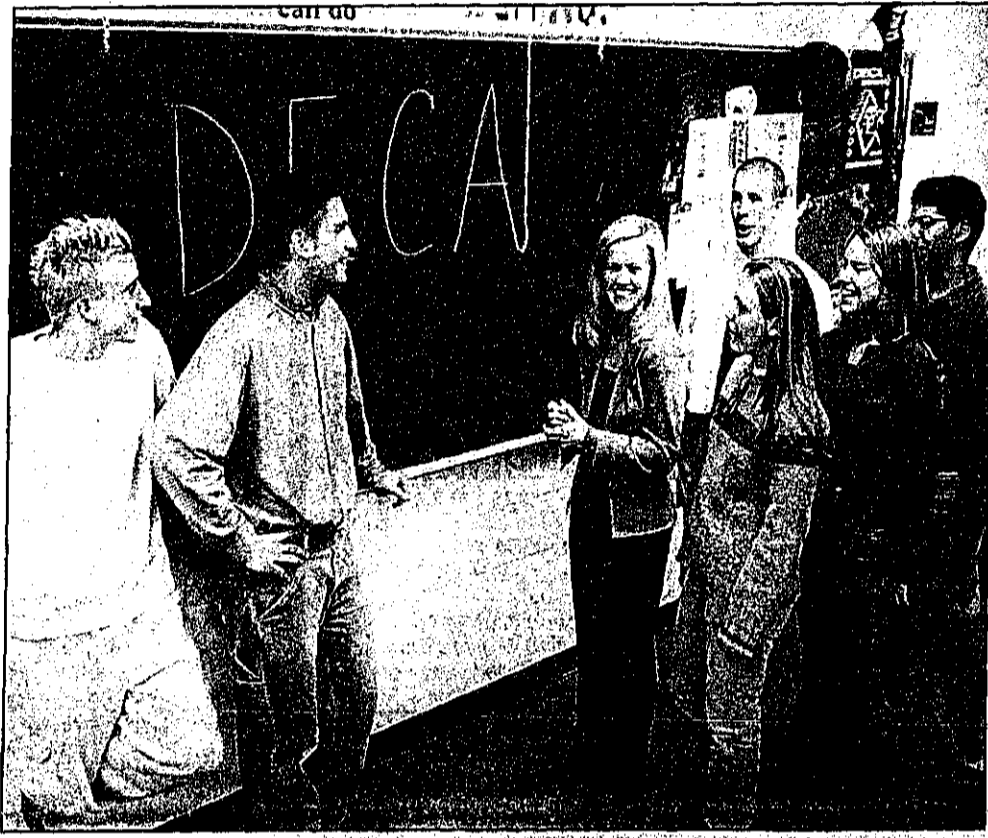
travels south in the drain from Novi. In the past, the natural landscaping of land around the drain in Novi controlled the rate of which water was discharged into the drain. However, with continued development of land, the natural barriers have disappeared.

"All of the hard surfaces mean the water enters the drain at an accelerated rate," Weaver said. "There may not be any more water — it's just coming faster."

As a result, the water is cutting

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Targeting a national market



Marketing teacher Amy Kolesar, center, with her DECA students, from left, juniors Ryan Fedronich, Justin Fisher, Stephen Szwasz, Lindsey Drake, Kim Thompson and Bidish Sarma.

Business students sold the judges on their ability to pitch products

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Novi High School students are establishing themselves as the business leaders of the future, as members of the local D.E.C.A. team head to the nationals.

D.E.C.A., which stands for Distributed Education Club of America, is a student organization operating throughout U.S. schools to attract individuals to careers in marketing, merchandising and management.

It also helps students learn leadership characteristics, understand the free enterprise system, and develop positive human relation skills.

"I believe D.E.C.A. provides young people with opportunities for growth and personal success," said Amy Kolesar, D.E.C.A. advisor and Novi High marketing teacher.

"It also encourages students to

become productive, positive and outstanding citizens of our community."

With 46 current members, students take tests, participate in a number of role-playing situations and engage in other activities concerning the business world.

"They take part in a number of different events dealing with virtually any area of marketing such as food, recreation, advertising,

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Firm may be first to seek abatement

Automotive firm aims to be one of the first to drive for tax breaks, if Novi offers them.

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

The discussion over the tax abatement policy got a new twist this week when Textron Automotive CEO Sam Licavoli unveiled a \$50 million plan for a new automotive center in Novi at Monday's city council meeting.

Textron's Vice President of Technology Management Robert Burnham said the company would ask for an abatement based on the decision made by the council. The site is the northeast corner of Meadowbrook Road and 496.

"We will apply for a tax abatement if the policy is enacted and if our policy fits with the resolution enacted by the city," said Burnham.

Burnham, a 15-year Novi resident, said that Textron would be an asset to the city and a long-term corporate partner.

"The project represents \$700,000 in increased revenue the day it opens," Burnham said. "It will produce \$17 million in the

first twenty years alone."

According to Burnham, the company would employ 570 professional engineers, scientists and technicians. Burnham did say that the company would be spending \$40 million dollars in the first years to get the center up and running.

Textron Automotive of Troy is part of the Providence, Rhode Island-based Textron Inc., which ranks 144th on the Fortune 500 list.

"I appreciate the candor Textron has expressed," said Novi Mayor Richard Clark.

"This could be a tremendous plus for us and this area."

Clark did note that it is rare that a CEO of a major company comes before council to express the intentions of his company.

"Clark has said that several corporations have inquired as to what the city's policy is on tax abatements. Clark has also said that the city should at least have a policy on abatements."

"This will be our center for development in North America. We want to build our future in Novi," Licavoli told council.

"We will and must build our Textron Automotive Center and we want to build it in Novi."

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Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer, right, shakes the hand of Jean Bartlett of Hudson's Restaurant at a CTC Coalition banquet.

Women's group picks a winner

Businesswomen honor one of their own for making a difference.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

What a woman! Terese Whitten has been named "Woman of the Year" by the American Business Woman's Association (ABWA).

President of The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter, Whitten was recently selected due to her hard work and dedication to the organization.

"This is an honor bestowed upon members who have been actively involved in ABWA and who have made a difference," said Marcia Applegate, publicity committee chairman for the ABWA.

"Terese really deserves it." Whitten has been involved with the ABWA for three years and for over the past year has served as the Novi Oaks Chapter president. "It's really a wonderful group of women," she said.

"As an organization, that's open to any working woman, the divers-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Terese Whitten is Business Woman of the Year for the Novi Oaks Chapter of American Business Women's Association.

Not selling was not a minor detail for CTC

The Community That Cares Coalition salutes local businesses for not permitting juveniles to buy liquor.

"We are here today to celebrate those businesses in Novi who have helped keep our kids safe and healthy," said Beth Belter, director of The Community That Cares Coalition.

"We feel that it is important to acknowledge those who have done good in the community and we thank all of you today on a job well done."

In a recent sting operation with the Novi Police Department, a decoy between the age of 13 to 17, went into to local businesses trying to purchase alcohol.

"We made no attempt to disguise the youngster," said Chief Doug Shaeffer.

"He had no facial hair or any other physical attributes to conceal

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What's Up At The Downs?

Mix of simulcasted, live racing keeps facility going

In the first week of May, down near "My Old Kentucky" home, horse racing fans will fill the stands at Churchill Downs for the 126th running of the world-famous Kentucky Derby.

But the action will be available to residents in this area, too. When "Derby Day" rolls around on May 6, the clubhouse at Northville Downs will be filled and the "players" in be at their favorite tables when the announced yells "They're off!"

It's a whole new world for horse racing these days. With the simulcast from race tracks all over the country, horse players can place their bets on any number of horse racing events all over the United States.

"We were all raised on live racing," said Lou Carlo, director of operations at Northville Downs, standing in the first floor club house with television monitors seemingly in every corner. "When it converted to simulcast racing in 1996, we had to deal with both. We had no experience in simulcast racing."

"I'm an old-timer and I've been around a long time. I'm 66 and I've used the (racing) form all my life."

Lou Carlo
director of operations
Northville Downs

ing the patrons, we think we are getting close to a winning combination," Carlo said, as few early horsemen made their way into the clubhouse for the day's racing simulcast.

Each floor at the Downs has a number of television sets that broadcasts horse racing from Gulf Stream Park in Florida to the famous Belmont Race Track in New York to Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. And since Carlo has been in the horse racing business for 40 years, he knows his business. When it comes to making bets, whether your watching on television or at the race itself, it takes skill to make the right bet.

"You can buy a book to learn how to play craps," said Carlo, picking up a copy of the Daily Racing Form. "But this is get published every day. I'm an old-timer and I've been around a long time. There are hundreds of programs. I'm 66 and I've used the form all my life."

Carlo continued. "I want to see who the trainers are. I want to see the trainers' percentages I want see who the jocks are. I want to see the jockey percentages. I want to see the speed ratings. So it takes me a half an hour to bet a race. If I have two horses in a race, it'll take me an hour."

Last Thursday, the track brought in \$325,500 in bets. Over the weekend, Carlo expects even more money to be placed on events all over the country.

"You wouldn't think that they bet that kind of money here," said Carlo. "That's a lot of money. We'll bet about \$450,000 to \$475,000 today. Tomorrow we're going to bet \$750,000."

Carlo looked around the building and gazed at those who had come out to the racing complex.

"There are lot of guys who not only have to have the special form, like the racing from like I do. There are a lot of guys don't like it unless they are there where the live racing is taking place," admitted Carlo. "I don't know what they get out of it but they do want to see the horse. They want to see that horse in the paddock. They want to make some kind of physical judgments. You're not very likely going to be able to do that over the TV. They do show you the post parade but that is about as much as you're going to get from television."

Carlo agreed that most horse players do not take the time or get an opportunity to see the horses in the paddock anyway, so the point may be moot.

Since Northville Downs only runs harness racing in the winter months from October through March, most of those who want to see the horses are at the Hazel Park Race Track where the 'trotters' run during the summer months.

"This place is a convenience," said Carlo, of the simulcast format.

But even the idea of a simulcast of horse racing from all over the United States is still not convenient enough for all metro Detroiters. And Northville Downs is definitely a west side tradition. According to Carlo, most of the horsemen that come to gamble at Northville are predominantly west-siders.

"We ran a handicapping contest," Carlo said. "The prize was a trip to the Florida Derby. They got tickets and transportation to the race. We had 450 guys enter the contest. Not one of them had an east side address. What that told us is that even if we run a contest the guy from the east side isn't going to come because Hazel Park is right there."

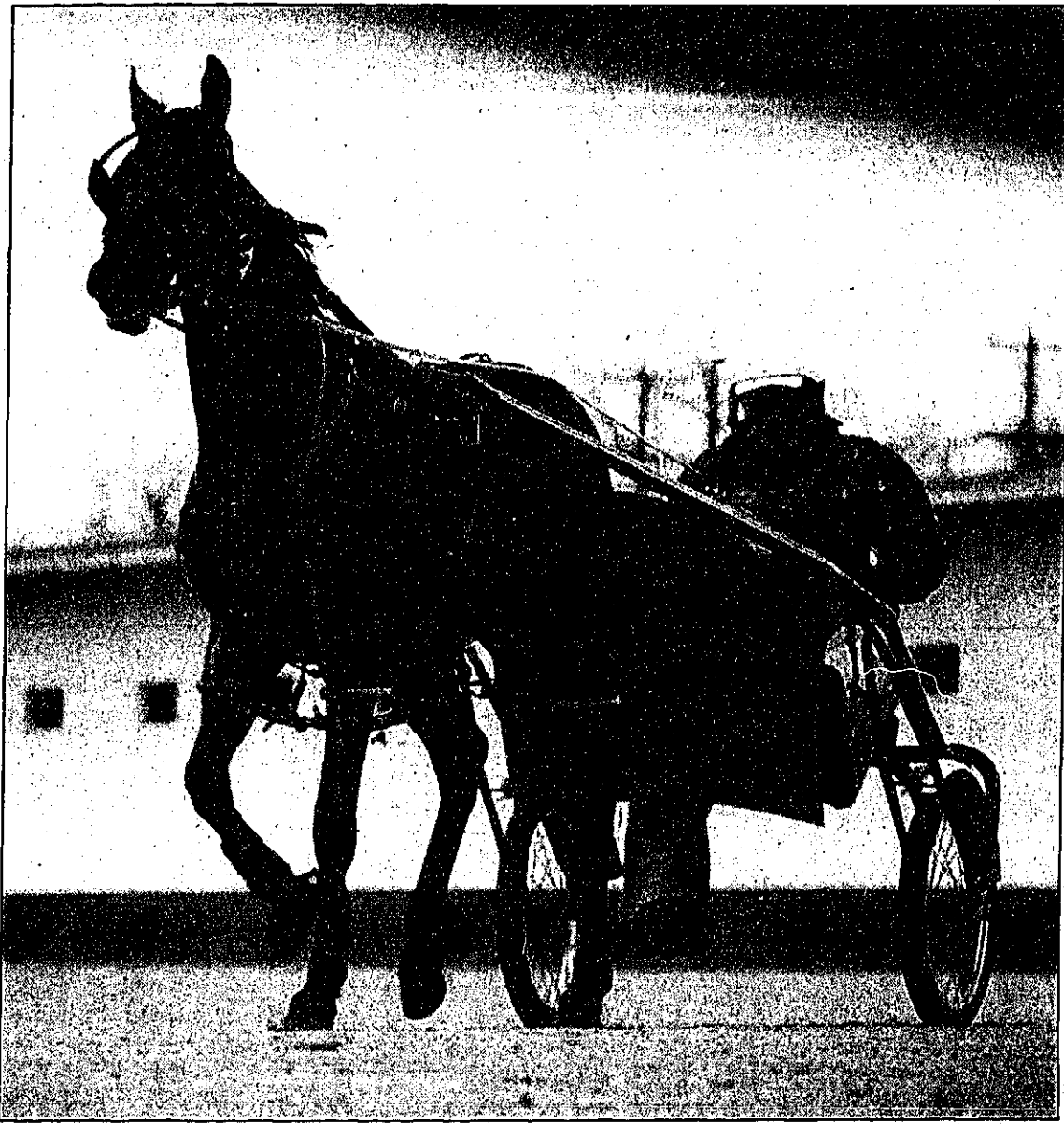
Northville City Manager Gary Word said that 'the Downs' can stay as long as they wish to be part of the community.

"They have been a great corporate partner," said Word. "The simulcast seems to be expanding. But there has been some doubt about the track's future. The average attendee is in [his or her] mid-50's"

But Carlo says with simulcasts on the upswing, there is a long and bright future for the Downs in Northville.

"We've heard a lot of that," Carlo said. "But believe me, we'll be around for a long time to come."

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A jockey and his horse quickly trot around the track at Northville Downs during an early-morning workout. Most of the horses are taken out for these runs.



After an early-morning run, a horse enjoys a hose-down from a Northville Downs trainer.

Stories by Randal Yakey

Photos by John Heider

Bettors line up to place wagers on horse racing Friday afternoon at Northville Downs.



DRC, casinos, race tracks, etc.

Horse racing as an industry is changing. With the introduction of the simulcast and a major player in the industry and with the onslaught of casinos in southeast Michigan, there are concerns about the future of the horse racing in Michigan.

The biggest loss to the Detroit area was the closing of the Detroit Race Course. And the closing of DRC was a two edged sword for those at Northville Downs.

"It's helped us at Northville Downs but it hasn't helped the industry," Carlo said. "Things can happen like that. Things can happen to help individual people and we were a benefactor. But the thoroughbred horsemen were — I don't want to say crushed — but they really had no place to go."

Carlo said the decision to close DRC was rather unexpected to those in the horse racing business.

"A billion dollar corporation made a decision to vacate a business," Carlo said. "It was almost a classic in economics. (The DRC) wasn't a losing proposition. It was a corporate concern. They were making money. It got to be a long term decision."

According to Carlo, the decision came down to how long the track could stay at its location and what were the alternatives and what were the prospects for expansion.

"They were content to be a small player in the Detroit market," said Carlo. "We still have problems with generating enough purse money here to make racing here in Michigan really worthwhile. We would like to use some alternative sources either with the lottery or with slot machines. We make no bones about it. This is a beautiful place and if we could add some other gaming options that we could make it

even nicer and the people of Michigan would be even happier, especially the horsemen."

Carlo said Northville Downs was showing a 10 percent increase in business this year — a fact that was pleasing to the management of the racing facility.

"Right now, we don't think that Hazel Park is showing that (level of increase)," Carlo said. "There isn't anything showing here today that isn't showing a Hazel Park. The only thing that we think could be affecting them are the casinos."

Carlo said the main issue was proximity. According to Carlo, the reason had to do with the fact that Hazel Park is closer to the casinos in Detroit.

"They are eight miles down the road," said Carlo. "We're about 28 miles down the road."

Novi Newcomers stay busy during month of April

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The club provided the entire and beverages at a potluck dinner held at this month's meeting. The highlight of the program featured Debbie Nuttle of the Novi Sports Club whose presentation was titled "Just for Women - Healthy Living for 2000." Nuttle is a certified personal trainer with specialty recognition in exercise, nutrition and weight management. The evening included conversation about self empowerment, active living and sensible eating.

During the business portion of the meeting, election of officers for 2000-2001 was held with Linda Arnold serving her second term as president, Debbie Sundén as second vice president, Sue Choma, secretary, Carolyn Simms, treasurer, and Vickie Baclinas, in charge of interest groups.

This year's vote for "Member of the Year" will be chaired by former winner, Robbie Le Roy.

Four new members were added to the club this month, making a total of 112. The group continues to grow in membership.

The annual road rally is set for May 6, with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the race at 6 p.m. The deadline to register is April 25. Upon registering, there is a need to know your meal selection as the cost of the rally includes dinner.

Interest group news: Moms and Tots recently toured Little Caesar's Pizza. Later in the month they visited the Hands-On Museum in Ann Arbor. Next month's venture includes the Scrap Box in Ann Arbor.

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Other interest groups include golf, card games, lunch out, bowling, book club, ladies night out at the movies, baby sitting co-op, play groups, and couples events.

For information regarding any of the activities, call president Linda Arnold at (248) 347-3537.

GRAND COURT

The Grand Court will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children and grandchildren of the residents and the community on April 22. The residents of the facility prepare all the eggs and promote this hunt as a service to the community.

The event will start at 1 p.m. on the grounds of Grand Court, with well over 2,000 eggs hidden. There will be two groups: children ages 1 to 5 will look inside for eggs and 6-year-olds and older will take to the outside. To those planning to participate, please bring your own basket. Chef Bode of Grand Court's Dietary Department will provide refreshments. For more information on the event, call activities director Suzanne Poninville at (248) 669-5330.

The Men's Club continues to be popular and is involved in many activities, poker, checkers, cribbage and pool. Euchre and pinocle and the ever-popular Bingo is also enjoyed by the residents.

Providing past entertainment at the

facility were: Robert Lowe and his country western music; soloist Terry Matthews on the keyboard singing popular tunes from the 1940s; and George Yanikian with a new version of a quiz game show, The Ellen Kaller Trio (keyboard and guitar) will appear later this month.

Chief Bode is a favorite with the residents. His talents provide goodies for the social hour, delicious munchies, and now a new tasty dish called "Waffle Station" - waffles topped with ice cream and gourmet toppings.

Marilyn Crenshaw, driver of the motor coach, is available for shopping at Meijer, Farmer Jack, Kroger, Target, doctor appointments and other errands. Call (248) 669-5330 for more information.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Spring break starts next week; several programs for children and teens have been planned for families during this time.

Listed in the new spring brochure are the following: Soccer clinics for ages 6 to 12 and adults, April 24-27; Total Soccer Camp for ages 5 to 16, April 24-27; Co-ed Baseball Camp for grades 1 to 7 starts April 24; and Radical Robots computer class for grades K-6 starts April 28. To register, call (248) 449-1206.

For swimming lessons, there will be placement evaluations made on May 2 and 4. Novi School District residents will

register on May 13, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Those unable to attend may register at the community education office on May 15. There is a choice: private swim lessons (for both children and adults), and day-time or even group lessons.

"Painted Pottery" creations class for children age 4 and older with parent will be held April 26 at Novi's new Ready, Set, Paint store, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Register at the community education office.

A reminder - gift certificates are available at the community education office.

Other classes starting the first week in May are: babysitting clinic for grades 5-8, Spanish, grades 1 to 4; guitar for fun, ages 8 through adult; ballet lessons, fantasy dance, "Hip Hoppin', Groovin'" and "Movin'", ballet/any/pom for ages 2 to 13; baton twirling; pool games for grades K-3; gymnastics; karate for age 6 and up; and tennis for ages 8 to 12.

Registrations should be in as soon as possible so that classes will not be canceled due to lack of interest.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The traditional eucemical service hosted by Holy Family Church will be held at noon on Good Friday, followed by a Good Friday liturgy at 1:30 p.m. Several churches will be participating in the community worship. April 22 is Holy Saturday with an Easter vigil at 8:30 p.m. Four Masses will be celebrated on Easter Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

Meager meals have been observed on Fridays during this Lenten season. Simple meals of soup and bread, with peanut butter and jelly for the children were served. There was also a simple prayer service, gospel dramatization or Lenten ritual.

Holy Family is organizing a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the Million Mom March on May 14. The bus will leave on Saturday evening, May 13 and arrive in D.C. early May 14. Participants will attend the rally, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and depart at 6 p.m. for their return to Holy Family.

The 1999 CROP Walk in the Northville/Novi area grossed \$26,501 with 25 percent given to the following organizations: First Step, Civic Concern Committee, Novi Emergency Food Program, and Active Faith; and 75 percent given to Church World Service for World Hunger, plus any major disasters. CROP Walk planning for the Oct. 1 walk will be discussed at the Aug. 29 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

A reminder of future church activities and programs: Active Friends of the Homeless will sponsor their annual brunch at 10 a.m., April 29 at Holy Family. A used book sale at Farmington Festival, June 22, 23 and 24; and a garage sale on Good Friday at 1:30 p.m. Several churches will be participating in the community worship. April 22 is Holy Saturday with an Easter vigil at 8:30 p.m. Four Masses will be celebrated on Easter Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

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Cast as Natalie Simpson/Mrs. Butler in the Jack-in-the-Box Productions of "The Butler Did It" is local talent Kerl Wayne of Northville. The comedy thriller will be held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, School of Management Building, Auditorium B. The campus is located off Evergreen Road between Ford and Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.



Kerl Wayne

Perfor-
dances: April
28 and May
5 at 8 p.m.; April 29 and May 6 at 8 p.m.; and May 7 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$9 in advance. For seniors and students with ID discount, \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance. For reservations, information or group rates, call (734) 797-5225.

Interchurch High School's Rotary Interscholastic is sponsoring the "Heart and Sole" race at Northville High School on May 20. The race will benefit two needy children through Children International. The event begins at 8 a.m. Awards will be given to the top five finishers in both track and field events. For more information, call (248) 347-2881.

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The Plymouth Community Choir will present its 2000 spring concert, "Touched By A Song" on Friday, May 5 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene in Novi. Tickets are \$8. For more information, call (734) 455-4080.

The Northville Community Foundation is seeking bands to perform for the annual Northville Independence Day parade. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will meet at 11 a.m., April 27 at Pick-A-Bone Fish House in Livonia. Guest speakers will be Michael J. Conway, director of external relations, Detroit Metro Airport; Brian Lassaline, department manager, Detroit Metro Airport; and Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes. A charge of \$11 for the luncheon. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

Hospice of Integrated Health Services is seeking volunteers in Oakland and Wayne counties to serve as patient companions. Hospice provides a compassionate network of services designed to comfort and support people in the last phases of an incurable illness. Free orientation and training are available. For more information, call (800) 397-9360.

The Program of Academic Exchange is seeking families to host five foreign exchange students for the 2000-2001 school year. The students from Brazil, Switzerland, Norway, Albania, and Germany are expected to arrive in August. The host family will earn a scholarship.

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be out promoting their project. OLP's annual Susie's Dinner Dance and Auction. Funds raised will help care for 75 developmentally disabled, ages 18 to 45. The event will feature a dinner, dancing, and a silent auction at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$60 per person. To make a reservation or for more information, call (734) 453-1300.

Tickets for the Northville High School Senior All-Night Party are on sale at a cost of \$50. Tickets may be purchased by sending a check or money order to Senior All Night Party, c/o Linda Temple, 26023 Northville, Northville, Mich. 48167. For more information, call (248) 348-0826 or (248) 348-8039.

Walled Lake High School Class of 1960 will hold its 40-year reunion Oct. 7 at Mulli Lakes Conservation Club. Classmates and interested parties should contact one of the following phone numbers or class Website: (248) 363-4952 or (248) 366-2085 www.RE-UNION.ORG/WL1960.

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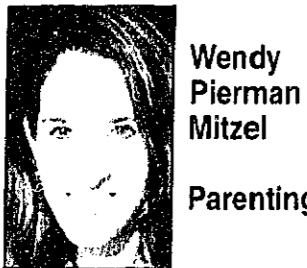
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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi of 88 Mile Morning Worship 10 am. Church School 10 am. 248-348-757 Minister Rev. Dr. C. Neal Hunt Minister of Music: Patrick Kunt	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 3491 144th E. 8 Mile & Toff Roads Worship Services: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am Morning Devotions: 11:00 am Summer Worship: 9:15 & 11:00 (July thru Labor Day) Deborah W. Mercer, Pastor Rev. Arthur L. Spafford Religious Education: All ages
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. James M. Medhurst, Senior Pastor 40001 Dr. James M. Medhurst, Senior Pastor Services: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. Sunday School at Wesley Park Church 4:00 p.m. Sunday Service Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Live Broadcasting 8:30 a.m. WYUR 13.15AM	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI 4520 11 Mile on 1st Rd. Daycare available for the school December: K-12 Home School 1/2 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Rev. Gary Elmer, Pastor 349-3477 www.novifirstbaptistchurch.org
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 4530 11 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48167 Saturdays: 9:30 & 1:30 a.m. Reverend James J. Covak, Pastor Parish Office: 248-7778	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing 348-1020 Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Meetings 7:30 p.m. Boys Bilgode 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24555 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48175 Morning Service: 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 a.m. 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm Father: John Buscha, Pastor Father: Andrew Czarniak, Assoc. Pastor Parish Office: 349-4847	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21200 Hoggarty, Northville 348-7600 Catholic 8:15 AM, Protestant 9:30 AM (at 11:00 AM) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Discipleship Service 4:00 pm Worship Services Dr. Carl M. Luhn, Pastor
WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH "A Place to Grow" Sunday Worship Services 11:00 AM Led by Pastor Keith J. McKee The Conductor - Mackwood Room 4542 Corbett St., #2000, Northville, MI 48167 For more info, call: (248) 418-4100 anytime	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHUR

Violence is everywhere, and our kids are seeing it

A few weeks ago I met a few precious third grade girls at the Northville Library to teach them about newspaper writing. The girls' instructor invited me to join them at their afternoon writing workshop.



Wendy Pierman Mitzel
Parenting

As always, when you're working with kids, one of them said something that is stuck in my mind. "When my friends and I make a newspaper, I write the murder stories, one does the weather and one does the commercials," Morgan told me, as she flipped her long pigtails over her shoulder.

"Wow," I said to my student Deborah Stearns. "When we wrote about the tads we caught in the backyard, how times have changed."

I thought about it all the way home.

I told my husband. It really bothered me.

"I don't think I even knew what a murder was in third grade," I told him.

A few days later I saw Kim DeLany from "NYPD Blue" on a television interview. She explained how incensed she is when young children recognize her from the often brutal top show. They shouldn't even be watching it, she said.

Kids are exposed to so much nowadays it's scary. I don't need to rattle off statistics about how much violence kids see on television. Or how much rage exists in these on-so-real video games. I don't need to detail the lyrics degrading women in some songs and music videos. Or explain the heightened anger used to addle kids to wrestling shows.

Now don't get me wrong, I love

TV. There's a lot of value in it and my kids love "Blues Clues." They flare when the song comes on. But I do limit what they watch and what I watch when they're in the room.

And some video games are just plain fun. Same goes for music. During the day my boys and I listen to everything from James Taylor and 'N Sync to Beethoven and lullabies. I can't imagine life without it and the clapping and dancing that comes along with it.

Now, wrestling, on the other hand, is just plain ridiculous. You don't want to get me started. I understand how difficult it is to monitor everything a child does. And living their life in a bubble of innocence isn't healthy either.

But when innocence is wiped out completely it makes me wonder if what we do is enough.

When a 6-year-old child is killed by a classmate in what is the safest place in their young life (a Flint-area school in March) it makes me want to scream: "What is the matter with you people?"

From what I've read, Kayla Roland was in some way a victim of violent media. In a March 13 Newsweek article, the 6-year-old

shooter's father said from his jail cell his son spent his time "watching violent movies and TV." And she may have been a victim of bad parenting by her killer's family. News reports say the boys mother sent him to live in alleged crack house after she was evicted from her home.

It was there he found a .32 semiautomatic put there by his uncle's friend and took it to school after a verbal altercation in which Kayla allegedly slapped him.

But more than that, Kayla Roland was a victim of a gun. Sorry folks, but it wasn't a sharpened pencil that killed her. It wasn't a punch in the face.

Plain and simple — it was a gun. Doesn't matter what kind. Doesn't matter where it came from. In the end it was a gun and a bullet that tore through the veins of a blonde, six-year-old tomboy and caused her to bleed to death.

It is a gun that causes Kayla's mother to wake up every morning and mourn the lost life of the daughter she gave birth to.

It was a gun. Take that out of the equation and Kayla would still be riding her pink bike. It's that simple.

It's no secret I don't like guns. Not water guns, not cap guns, not toy guns, not any kind of gun. I don't care that it's just make believe.

That's what police say Kayla's shooter thought as he pointed the gun at her and said "I don't like you."

Wendy Pierman Mitzel writes a column on parenting. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

Business

Lifestyles HotSpring Spas & Pools of Novi has again been selected as one of the top 100 businesses in the pool and spa industry, according to *AQIA* publication, a business magazine for spa and pool professionals.

The Business Network International *Wixom Chapter* will meet from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 21 at **Leon's Restaurant**, 29710 S. Wixom Road, between Pontiac Trail and I-96.

For more information, call the BPI regional office at (610) 323-3800.

Among salespersons recently honored at the annual awards celebration of **Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate of Northville** were **Michelle Safford**, top sales associate for gross commission income and listings sold; and

James Wolfe, top sales associate for buyer controlled sales. Safford and Wolfe were also named members of the President's Top 20 Club as well as associates **Patricia Knelding**, **Marianna Prokop**, **James H. Miller**, **Melody Arndt**, and **Pam Danaher**. The "Top 30" is an elite club of 30 sales associates who have attained the highest closed gross commission income during the calendar year.

Other top producers from the Northville office included: **Ronald Brodzik**, **Charles Jackson**, **Ann Shahan**, **Arlene Kapadia**, **Nadine Pabi**, **Jeff Kravitz**, **Mary Lou McNamara**, **Charles Smart**, **Janet Foster**, **Jane Ellen Goodwin**, **Maureen Logan**, **Debra Kostoff**, **Linda Ramsey**, **Kelly Pilton**, **Gail Diponio**, and **Brenda Fandrel**.

The Northville office was awarded the No. 1 office in the Midwest region.

Wash College-Troy campus, 3538 Livernois Road offers the following class on Wednesday, May 3. For further information and registration, call (248) 689-8282, ext. 260 or fax, (248) 689-7816.

"Continuous Process Improvement." Learn to improve, achieve and maintain a competitive position in the marketplace. Class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Noted author and financial analyst **Richard A. Ferrit** will sign copies of his book, "Serious Money: Straight Talk about Investing for Retirement" at **Barnes & Noble bookstore** in Northville Township. The event will be held on April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Call (248) 689-1550 for more information.

On Campus

James Clemens was honored and named to the Dean's List for his achievement of a 3.84 grade point average for fall term at **Johnson & Wales University**, Providence, R.I.

Clemens will be in Italy this summer as a participant in the university's semester abroad program.

He is the son of Christine and Terry Clemens of Northville.

Jessica Elwart of Novi was presented the Outstanding Student Service Award during the **Majlika Awards** night recently held at **Oakland University**.

The awards are named after **Matilda Dodge Wilson**, founder of OU and are given to students showing exceptional talent in the areas of music, theater and dance.

Angela S. Pantaleo and **Michelle Pantaleo** received recognition and were included on the Dean's List for fall semester at **Western Michigan University**.

Both students earned at least a 3.5 or better grade point average for the semester.

Religion

Among the many ministries offered at **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church** in Northville Township are the following:

• A panic attack and/or agoraphobia support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in 307/309. For information, call (248) 374-5904.

• **Remarried Ministries - Blended Family Forum**. An informal support group for blended families meets in C309 every second Tuesday, from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 374-5912.

A mother-daughter luncheon will be held at noon May 6 at **First United Methodist Church** in Northville. Featured will be **Elliore Davis** presenting "Hats Personified" and **Melissa Dundas**, church member and professional photographer taking keepsake photos. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for a child's menu. Tickets are available **Easter Sunday** downstairs between 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. For more information, call (248) 348-7017.

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Engagements



Liddell-Koch

John R. Liddell of Northville announces the engagement of his son, **Robert**, to **Colleen Koch**, daughter of Robert and Suzanne Koch of **Grosse Pointe Farms**.

John, also the son of the late Sylvia Liddell, graduated in 1991 from **Northville High School**. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1995, and is currently employed at **Tony Angelo Cement Construction Co.** of Novi.

Suzanne is a 1991 graduate of **Regina High School**. She received her master's in biology in 1997, and is currently employed at **Ford Motor Co.**

A December wedding is planned.



Lipar-Leslie

Norma Lipar of Royal Oak announces the engagement of her daughter, **Anna Marie**, to **James Allen Leslie**, son of James and Jacqueline Leslie of **Shelby Township**. Anna Marie is also the daughter of the late Jack Lipar.

The bride-elect is a graduate of **Birmingham Groves High School**, **Michigan State University**, and **Oakland University**. She is employed by the **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers** as a retail advertising consultant for the city of **Farmington**.

Her fiance is a graduate of **Northville High School** and **Michigan State University**. He is a systems developer for **Kmart Corp.**

A May wedding is planned at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** in Auburn Hills.



Bonadeo-Schwab

Gene and **Rosanna Bonadeo** of Novi announce the engagement of their son, **Nico Eugene**, to **Colleen Ann Schwab**, daughter of Cheryl and Edward Isbell of **Livonia** and **Barry and Melanie Schwab** of **White Lake**.

The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of **Ladywood High School**. She graduated in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of **Michigan-Deerborn**, and is currently employed at **Superior Consultant Co.** in Southfield.

The groom-elect graduated in 1991 from **Northville High School**. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering technology from **Lawrence Tech University** last year, and is now employed at **MacValves** in **Wixom**.

A fall wedding is planned for October.

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Novi Seniors

The Novi Senior Center located in the Novi Civic Center is open to seniors 50 and older. Many services and programs are provided without charge. Classes, special events and trips each have their own fees. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 347-0414 or by fax at (248) 347-3286.

COMING EVENTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

• There's still time to sign up for May day trips — Cornwell's Dinner Theater, Detroit Designer Showcase Honor Tour, and Casino Windsor. Room is still available for the three-day trip to see the Fantastic Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit from China.

• Travel Club meets April 20 at 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Novi Senior Center for a fun introduction to all the upcoming summer/fall travel opportunities. Four companies will be present to explain their travel offerings and may even take you there in advance through slides or a video. Door prizes and refreshments will be available. There is no fee.

• The "55 Alive" safe driving course will be offered in the Center June 7 and 8. A refresher course sponsored and conducted by the AARP. There is a fee of \$10 for materials. Call the Center at 347-0414 to register.

• An antique Road Show (the Novi Senior Center version) will arrive on June 28 at 12:30 p.m. A certified antique appraiser will be available to appraise antiques at \$2 per item. Tables will be available at \$10 each for seniors who wish to sell their antiques. No dealers or pictures, please.

SERVICES
• Newsletter/Brochures/Calendars
• Copies of the monthly calendar

of activities and menus are available at Novi Parks and Recreation. Register to receive the quarterly Novi Parks and Recreation brochure mailed to your home.

• **Services for Homebound Seniors**
Home-delivered meals are arranged for Novi residents by calling (248) 347-0203, from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Ask for Diane. Telephone reassurance calls are provided to homebound Novi seniors needing reassurance. Calls are made by volunteers and can be arranged by calling the Senior Center.

• **Nutrition/Food Services**
Catered lunches are provided daily at the Novi Senior Center. Advance reservations are necessary. Call the center from 9 a.m. to noon at least three days in advance. There is a \$2 per meal donation.

• **Health/Fitness**
Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Senior Center, between 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

• **Body Recall** exercise program with a certified instructor on each Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$2 per session or register for a 10-week session.

• **Stretch and strength training** for seniors with a certified instructor on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There is a \$3 per class drop-in or register for 10-week session.

• **Massage therapy** at the center by a certified massage therapist. A 25-

minute session for \$10. The sessions are by appointment only. Please call (248) 347-0414.

• **Tai chi, qigong and karate** sessions are available through Novi Parks and Recreation.

• **Transportation**
The Novi Parks and Recreation Department provides transportation options for Novi seniors 50 and older. Subsidized cab rides provided for \$2 for a one-way ride within the city of Novi. Call Community Cab at (248) 349-8118 for a ride. Novi senior vans operate daily within the city. Suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling (248) 735-5617, between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

• **Medication Assistance**
The Senior Center has several programs designed to assist those having difficulty paying for their medication.

• **Home Energy Assistance**
Novi residents who are income eligible may receive assistance with their utilities and home repairs.

• **Information and Referral**
The Senior Center has information to address the needs and interests of seniors: in-home support, housing, legal services, job opportunities, Medicare and volunteer opportunities.

• **Books/Cards/Clubs at the Novi Senior Center**
Puzzle tournaments, Mondays at 12:30 p.m.
Contract bridge every Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
Duplicate bridge on Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

• **Held monthly**, the Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Monthly Bookmobile at the Novi Center, third Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Quilting, second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.
Creative writing, call Jan at 347-0414.

• **Cañals**, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
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Novi Garden Club, call Eleanor at (248) 477-7913.

• **Michigan Fishcarvers** on Wednesdays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Oil painters every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

• **Monthly book discussion** for seniors, second Thursday at the Novi Library, 12:30 p.m.

• **Senior ushers** needed for the Novi Theater. Call the senior center for more information.

• **Dance at the Senior Center**
Monthly ballroom dance to the "Satin Sounds" band, Fourth Tuesday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Line dance**, western and regular, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

• **Leagues**
The senior bowling league meets at Novi Bowl each Thursday at 1 p.m.

• **Travel**
Numerous day and extended travel opportunities are available. Flights on the many trips are displayed at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Novi Civic Center.

• **Monthly travel meetings** are held on the third Thursday. Tour companies are available at that time to show slides/videos of trips. Just drop in. There are no club dues or fees.

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady St. coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES
• **Newsletter**
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for \$7.

• **Telephone Reassurance (Tele-care)**
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to talk and check on their well being, free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• **Nutrition**
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• **Focus:HOPE**
Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**
Meets every Thursday. Weight-ins take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The meeting runs from 9 until 10 a.m.

• **Blood Pressure Screening**
Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse from St. Mary's Hospital nursing staff free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m.

• **Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors**
Qualified Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive three months' worth of prescriptions through the MEPS program. For more information, call the Senior Center.

• **TRANSPORTATION**
• **Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips**
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the

Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• **Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month**
The senior bus goes to Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS parking lot (11:30 a.m.). Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

• **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**
• **Card Playing**
Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; pinocle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; beginning pinocle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• **Senior Drop-in Volleyball**
All levels are welcome. Held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Center. (Verify days on monthly recreation calendar at the center.) Cost is \$1.

• **Body Workout Exercise Class**
This class meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace. Cost is \$3 per class. No registration is necessary.

• **Pot Luck Luncheons**
Held on the third Monday of every month at the Senior Center. Meet at noon; bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1.

• **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please call to register.
• **"Coffee Concerts"** are \$27 per ticket. Available classical Coffee Concerts include: All Mozart, April 28; and Pines of Rome on June 9.
• **"Pop Concerts"** are \$33 per ticket. Available Pop Concert is Pops Goes Hollywood, June 1.

• **Beginner Line Dancing**
Join us at the Northville Parks and Recreation meeting room for fun and light exercise. The class meets on Wednesdays, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 per session. No registration is necessary; just drop in.

• **Beginner Drawing Class**
Howard Payne is currently teaching a beginners drawing class at the

Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The class will run through May 10. Please bring a supply of plain paper and a few No. 2 pencils. No charge for this class. Call to register.

• **SENIOR CENTER TRIPS**
• **Crimes of the Heart**
Mark your calendar — Meadowbrook Theater, April 26. Bus leaves MAGS at 10:30 a.m. and returns about 5 p.m. Cost for the day is \$35. You buy your own lunch.
• **Dinner Out - Rainforest Cafe**
We're going to Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills April 27 and plan to leave MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Transportation cost is \$4.
• **Mother's Day Tea**
On May 9, we will be having our first Mother's Day Tea. This event will be cosponsored by Marriott's Brighton Gardens of Northville. The tea will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation meeting room. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided free of charge. Please call to reserve your place.
• **Sound of Music**
Great musical! May 19 at the Masonic Temple for \$55 per person. Transportation will depart at 5 p.m. and return about 10 p.m. Dinner on your own.
• **Steamboat Line and Luncheon Cruise**
On June 7, we will be cruising Lansing's scenic Grand River on the Michigan Princess while enjoying a buffet lunch. After, we will visit the Francis Park Rose Garden of over 60,000 rose bushes. Bus departs from MAGS at 9:15 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Stop by and register.
• **Tiger Game at Comerica Park**
Please join us as we head to Comerica Park on Aug. 10 to cheer the Tigers on to victory. Cost is \$37. The bus will leave from MAGS at noon. Call now to reserve your seat.
• **Annual Mackinac Get Together**
The Mackinac Island 33rd annual Michigan Recreation and Parks senior "Get Together" will be Oct. 22-25 at the Grand Hotel. This special event includes hotel accommodations, transportation, and a full breakfast and five-course dinner each day. Special activities and entertainment are also planned. The cost for a resident: \$495 for a double or triple accommodation; \$625 for a single.

CONTRACTED TRIPS
• **May 2, Turkeyville Dinner Theater "Never Too Late"**
Depart at 9:15 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Residents, \$55; non-residents, \$56.
• **May 5-10, New York City**
Six days and five nights: \$900 per person.
• **May 18, Gerald Ford Museum, Grand Rapids.**
Depart at 7:45 a.m. and return, 6:30 p.m. Residents, \$54; non-residents, \$55.
• **May 16, Motor City Casino**
Depart at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Residents, \$16; non-residents, \$17.
• **May 31, "Always Patsy Kline"**
Gem Theater. Leave at 10:45 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Residents, \$69; non-residents, \$70.

SENIOR FITNESS
• **Senior Water Aerobics**
This is a seven-week session with a cost of \$55. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. The session runs from May 1 through June 12. Class begins at 1 p.m. at the pool at Our Lady of Providence on Beck Road. Stop by the Senior Center and register.
• **Senior Walking Club**
Join the Northville seniors at Laurel Park Place Mall every Wednesday morning to walk. We will be walking at the mall. Transportation is available from your home starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$2, payable to the bus driver. Call the Senior Center to register.
• **Massage Therapy**
Treat yourself to a well deserved hour massage by a certified therapist at the Senior Center.
You must call ahead to make an appointment. Beginning June 1, the cost will be \$31 for one hour. To cancel an appointment, please call 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for the appointment. For your first massage appointment, please arrive 10 minutes early. Call the Senior Center today to register.
• **Life Line Screening for Risk of Stroke and Vascular Disease**
On May 3, Life Line screening will offer three primary health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease. The tests are offered for \$35 each. Anyone interested in the screenings must register at least 24 hours in advance. Please call (800) 407-4557 to schedule an appointment.

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'28 Days'

Gwen Cummings lives life in fast lane until the brakes are put on

Gwen Cummings (Sandra Bullock) is a successful New York writer living life in the fast lane and everyone's favorite party girl. She shares this roller-coaster lifestyle of hopping from dance club to bar to hangover with boyfriend Jasper (Dominic West) — handsome, magnetic and equally attracted to life on the wild side. Life is just an exercise in debauchery — until Gwen's ungraceful display at her sister Lily's (Elizabeth Perkins) wedding, when she gets drunk, commandeers the limo and earns herself a DUI and 28 days in court-ordered rehab. There, Gwen comes face-to-face with a unique set of rules (like no cell phones) and rituals (like chanting) embraced by an assortment of fascinating fellow rehabbers: Eddie (Viggo Mortensen), Gerhard (Alan Tudyk), Oliver (Michael O'Malley), Andrea (Azura Skye), Roshaunda (Oscar nominee Marianne Jean-Baptiste) and Bob-

bie Jean (Oscar nominee Diane Ladd). A jaded city girl to the core, Gwen is determined not to conform. Then she meets Counselor Cornell (Steve Buscemi), who begins to break through her carefully constructed defenses and force her to take a closer look at who she really is. Ultimately, through the companionship of her group as well as a devastating loss, Gwen gradually loses her cynicism and begins the long struggle to take back her life. Maybe, she discovers, your insides can match your outsides. Columbia Pictures presents "28 Days" starring Sandra Bullock, Dominic West, Viggo Mortensen, Azura Skye, Michael O'Malley, Steve Buscemi and Elizabeth Perkins. About the production "The script for "28 Days" was developed by Amy Pascal, chair-

person of Columbia Pictures, and screenwriter Susannah Grant. Producer Jenno Topping recalls that it arrived on her desk at Tall Trees Productions, the Sony-based banner headed by Topping and Betty Thomas, at the perfect time. "Betty and I were trying to decide what our next project should be when Amy approached us with the original script," Topping explains. "We read it and immediately fell in love with it. It was an extremely interesting, well written script, and it was a departure for Betty. She was interested in doing a film with a female protagonist, as we hadn't done that before."

Thomas welcomed the challenges the project posed. "When you're making movies, you don't want to be bored; you try not to make the same movie twice," she says. "I felt this was a difficult subject — to use comedy and satire to reveal a personally serious experience. Here's a movie that didn't look like a comedy and wasn't written like one, but ended up with comedy all through it."

Although the movie deals with the subject of addiction and the consequences of denial, Topping and Thomas felt it was extremely important to highlight comedic elements in the story. "That can be a hard thing to do," says Topping. "You have to be very careful not to undercut the emotion of the piece. You want to keep the big emotional moments, but it should also be really, really funny. Betty has always loved to smash those two things up against each other."

Ironically, for Thomas, the sober subject matter serves as a source of the laughs in this complex movie. "28 Days" is a darker comedy in the sense that MASH was a darker comedy — it's similar to the gallows humor that cops and doctors have," explains Thomas. "No one wants to ask for help nowadays," adds Thomas. "We all want to appear strong and in control even when we aren't."

"It's the characters that make it funny," explains Topping. "It's all about being able to laugh at ourselves and how ridiculous we all are — not just people who are as extreme as Gwen, Eddie and Jasper. If we have done it right, everybody will be able to relate to this film, not just those with addiction issues."

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Business woman wins group's award

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ty in the chapter is amazing. We have members ranging from a dental hygienist to a woman who has an entertainment business and her own band.

Whitten said with the women in the chapter being so helpful, it really makes her job as president easy and enjoyable.

"It's extraordinary how cooperative and supportive they have been," she said.

Whitten, a Farmington resident, works for The Village Secretary in Lathrup Village and has owned her own cane chair refurbishing business since 1973.

"My first love is really textiles and weaving," she said.

"So I have a small weaving business I run out of my home and I've been doing woven chair seat repair for over 20 years."

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, ABWA helps women build their professional skills, learn career management, get the inside scoop on current business issues, expand their education and succeed.

Founded in January of 1990, The Novi Oaks Chapter offers its members the opportunity to build confidence, pursue and practice new skills in organization, delegation, team building and presentation, as well as cultivate supportive and lasting relationships.

"If you're encountering some

confusion at work, invariably you can find someone else that's been there," said Whitten.

"So its great to be able to share your thoughts and get another perspective."

Awarding over \$17,000 in scholarships to local college students through its fund raising efforts, the Novi Oaks Chapter promotes continual growth through training and education for career advancement and personal development, all without the pressures of the workplace.

Open to all women with an interest in networking, fund raising and personal and professional growth, the chapter meets at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Novi on the third Monday of every month.

Whitten said she is very grateful for the recognition and is delighted about her new title.

"This is a huge honor. I'm really proud," said the married mother of two.

To learn more, call the Novi chapter at (248) 624-1718 or visit the ABWA website at www.abwahq.org.

Staff writer Stephanie Fordyce may be reached at (248) 349-1700.

Store and bar owners honored at CTC lunch

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his age. He simply went in and attempted to buy alcohol. And we are proud to announce that no one in Novi is selling liquor to minors."

Shaeffer said it is gratifying to see community members and businesses working together to help keep kids safe.

"This just illustrates the city's immense concern about the youth of Novi and that we want to stop hazardous things from happening to them," he said.

The Community That Cares Coalition is comprised of parents, law enforcement, businesses, schools, health-care providers, clergy and other local residents. With the support of local, state, and federal grants, the coalition is a non-profit partnership working to develop Novi specific strategies for creating a safe and supportive environment for young people.

"Our mission is to develop and implement solutions that will nurture and reinforce positive behaviors in our youth," said Belter.

"By joining efforts with existing prevention programs, like D.A.R.E., acquiring community involvement, and utilizing local, state, and federal resources, we can develop the means necessary to decrease the potential risk factors of alcohol and substance abuse."

"Again we congratulate the community on a job well done and hope that we will continue to work together on building a better future for our young people."

The Community That Cares Coalition would like to thank the following local businesses for their efforts on safeguarding against

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The Northville Arts Commission is bringing Van Gogh to Northville on May 3.

Lecturer Michael Farrell will be speaking about Van Gogh's life and works at Northville High School from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

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Michael Farrell is an associate professor of history at the University of Windsor and adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts and instructor at the Art House in Detroit.

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Northville, Novi debate cause of flooding

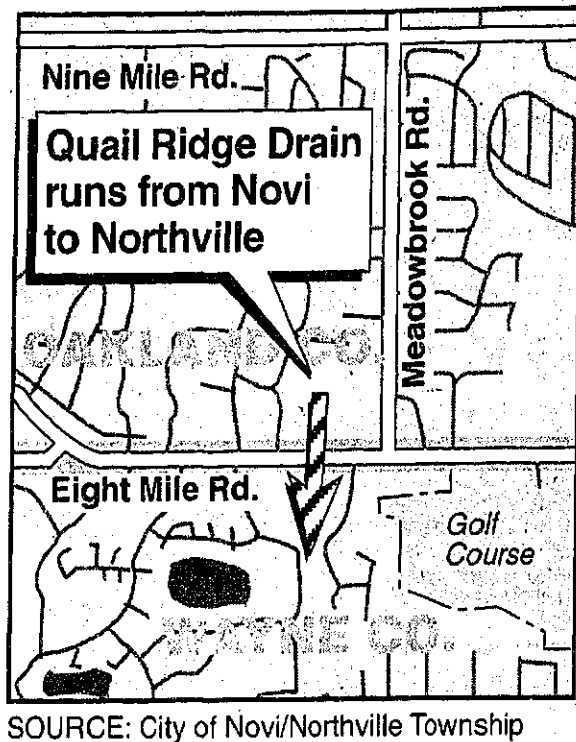
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The drain as deep as five feet in some places, which causes drain walls to collapse. The collapsing walls mean the drain gets wider and wider, which is why residents started to complain about the problem years ago.
"It's really jeopardizing some structures along its path," Weaver said.
The fix isn't easy, though. He said. Several possibilities are being looked at, such as a dropoff near Eight Mile to diminish the energy of the water and adding stones to the drain.
Regardless of the solution, it's going to cost money — somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$400,000, Weaver said.
Which community is to pay for the fix, though, has become a point of contention.
Engineers for Novi said repair costs for the drain should fall on the shoulders of Northville Township. Novi city engineers JCK and Associates said the only part of the project the city may be responsible for is a \$20,000 drop structure to help regulate run off.

Additionally, JCK said the developers of the Quail Ridge subdivision were responsible for the runoff on their side of Eight Mile Road.
City officials said Northville Township wants Novi to pay for pond restoration, tree replacement, erosion control and debris removal that would cost the city about \$268,000.
Back in 1996, the entire cost of the structure was estimated at \$340,000. With the inflation rate added in, the cost of the project would cost about \$372,000 today.
Novi officials seem to agree and said the problem is with the builder of the subdivision in Northville Township and the township should pay for the embankment up keep.
Northville Township is trying to get the city to pay for water runoff damage that is not their fault, but the fault of a subdivision builder, one council member said.
The engineers for the city of Novi agreed that Novi was not the problem," said Novi Councilman Louis Cordas. "It's not our problem."

Still, Laura Lorenzo, Novi mayor pro tem, said she hoped the two municipalities would be able to come to a fair agreement over the drain repair costs before going in front of a drain board in order to settle differences.
"I'm committed to dialogue with the township," Lorenzo said.
"I think in general, the city should be responsible for its storm water runoff."
The fact Novi officials are even talking about the issue is encouraging, township board members said.
There isn't a dispute about what caused the problem, but over who should fix it," said Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township board of trustees member.
Townships have boards of trustees whereas cities have councils.
Hillebrand said in the past, the Novi City Council ignored the issue. As a result, the township established the body of water as a drain under Chapter 21 of the Michigan Drain Code. By doing so, the body of water would become part of a drain district.

Solving the problem could then be done by a drain board which would determine how to solve and who would be responsible.
However, the two bodies appear to be working toward a solution without going to a board. The first step was a meeting April 10 between the two governmental bodies at which they decided to each have their engineers work together to come up with a solution. Their report should be completed in about one month, Hillebrand said.
"They recently had a new council that took office and appears to be willing to work to come to a solution," Hillebrand said.
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Problems flow into to Northville from Quail Ridge Drain



Possible tax abatement plan interests Textron Automotive

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Clark did not say whether or not Textron Automotive, under the umbrella of Textron Corp. which has revenues of \$11.8 billion, inquired about the city's tax abatement policy. Textron Automotive is a part of the same company that owns firms such as Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft Company and Textron Fastening Systems and Kautex, a leading supplier of instrument panels and plastic fuel tanks.
Any tax abatement Novi gave would be in participation with the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, in order to keep Novi competitive with other cities in luring in desirable industry development.
The council has been looking over a modified draft of a tax abatement policy given to them last week. The document indicates

requirements and guidelines for tax abatements.
The city will be looking into how long any abatement would last. Some abatements, which cut taxes by 50 percent, run anywhere from one to 12 years, although the city is only looking to grant six year abatements, according to Novi's Economic Development Coordinator Greg Capote.
Capote has said that the city should move as quickly as possible on the policy.
However, Novi resident Clare Wilson said that he has talked to over sixty individuals about the tax abatement policy and all but two have said they don't want tax abatements in the city.
"Talking to these companies is like paying poker. You have a great hand," Wilson told council.
"We don't need any tax abatements to attract these companies.

With our central locations and access to freeways, we're a prime location."
A decision over a tax abatement policy is expected to be made on May 1.
Besides Textron, there are a number of other companies that are planning expansion in Novi. Tower Automotive, a leading designer and manufacturer of body structural, chassis and suspension components, is currently constructing a 86,000 square foot technical center. FATA Automation is also building a research and development center on Haggerty Road north of 12 Mile Road. That project is expected to be completed in May.
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NEWS Sports

Novi scores 55 runs in weekend routes

By DAN KITTLE
Special Writer
As Jon Cervi bounced out to short to bring the game to a close, the Novi Wildcats had fallen to the Howell Highlanders, 2-1. The host Highlanders and their bushy infield grass had eliminated all hope of an undefeated season and the Wildcats went unbeaten in the KVC. There was undoubtedly a great amount of tension present in the Novi dugout following the loss.
Two days later, the team took out its building frustration on the Hartland Eagles, and the following day on Walled Lake Central, posting 56 runs in four games. The team was clicking on all cylinders again, hitting the ball with reckless abandon, playing impeccable defense, and getting more quality innings out of their dominant pitching staff.
The squad began the weekend with a huge doubleheader at home against Hartland. The Eagles rolled into town with the top record in the KVC, but the Wildcats were quick to destroy their hopes for an upset.
Behind a productive offense and another stellar pitching performance from Jely A.J. Rong, the team took down the Eagles in timely fashion with a 10-0 win in five short innings.
Rove went the distance, surrendering

merely one hit and one walk while sending down nine on strikes.
Offensively, Rove got great support in tallying his second win of the season, as the Wildcats pounded out 11 hits. Brendan Hadley led the way with his first two extra-base hits of the season, going 2-for-2 with a double to right in the third and a two-run bomb to left in the fourth.
Mitch Malar went deep for his second home run of the season, a two-run shot in the third, while adding another RBI in the

following inning on a sacrifice. Justin Shaw tallied the scoreboard in left-center with a solo home run to lead off the fourth inning, the shortstop's first of the season, and singled and scored a run in the following inning. Josh Sabol and Jon Cervi also added a pair of hits apiece.
"It was nice to see us come out with our bats on fire," said coach Rick Green. "I was kind of worried about us offensively. We were kind of in a slump, and I was worried it would carry over against Hartland, but the offense really picked it up."
Game two of the Friday afternoon doubleheader saw a tremendous baseball game

that had its fair share of lead changes, late-inning heroics and excitement. Novi struck first as a Hadley single scored Cervi to start the game for the Wildcats. The Eagles bounced back in the top of the second as Aaron Olliva went deep, a solo shot that tied the game at one.
In the fourth inning, Hadley doubled to lead off the inning, and Rove brought him around on an RBI single. Hartland took the lead in the top of the fifth with two unearned runs off Sabol, but the Wildcats responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning. Cervi drove in Brandon Davis

Baseball

Medley of talent leads boy's teams

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor
There's no one particular area of the Novi boy's track team one could point to to justify the Wildcats' winning their third-straight title at the Novi Relays this past Saturday on their home track.
It was a team effort in every sense of the words.
Novi won five of the meet's 14 events, scoring 78 points to run away from the field. Harrison, who has won the same number of overall titles as Novi (8), finished second with 66 points. Farmington (64), Franklin (44), Walled Lake Westerville (42), Redford Union (28) and Dexter (22) rounded out the field.
"It was a really, really competitive meet, especially on the boy's side," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "This kind of meet is tough because it can take me over an hour to two hours to put together a lineup. It's a great big matrix."
The meet featured an array of relay-style running and field events. Novi did well in the distance events as expected, but both the sprinters and some of the field competitors turned in winning performances.
Although his relay team didn't win, senior Harvey Steele broke a 24-year old school record in the shot put competition. Steele threw the put 49 feet, two inches, breaking the former school record (46-1 1/2) which was set by Ben Galyon back in 1976. Setting the record was only a matter of time for Steele.
"He started the season two to three feet farther than he ended last year," Smith said. "And Harvey has worked hard in the off-season lifting weights and working out."
The record had been the oldest

at Novi High.
His shot put relay team finished second overall, with Mike Hendricks also throwing a career best (38-8) and Bennett Malory piling in with a 32-2 1/4.
Justin Sterett filled in for a depleted relay crew and led that trio to a win. Sterett, jumping for the first time this season, went a career best 20-6 1/4. His teammates were Chris Scheuler (19-9) and Carlos Gordin (18-4).
The sprint medley team of Dalsuke Matsuura (400 meters), Tyson Frantz (200), Yasuaki Goto (200) and Chris Toloi (800) came away the winners of their event. The quartet finished the race nearly three seconds faster than second-place Harrison in record time (3:38.31).
The team's distance medley relay team of Matt Erickson (800), Greg Ayles (400), Mark Aventus (1,200) and Tim Moore (1,600) finished atop their race in a time of 11:23.08.
Keeping with the distance events, Moore, Eric Walle, Erickson and Aventus ran away with the 6,400 relay in a near-record time of 19:05.55.
The 3,200 relay team also won their event. That foursome consisted of Moore, Evan Foster, Dan Stevens and Walle.
Foster, Matsuura, Stevens and Toloi were third in the mile relay.
Both the 400 and 800 sprint relay teams finished fifth at the meet. "We still need to work on them a bit more, part of it is our technique," Smith said.
"The unique meet is 18-years old. "It fit us perfectly this year," Smith said. "Some years it

Novi scores 55 runs in weekend routes



Golfers improve drastically

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor
In just a little over a week, the Novi golf team was nearly able to erase the memory of a disappointing last-place finish at the Kensington Valley Conference meet.
But instead the team can look at a 189-191 loss to Brighton last Thursday as a new start to a season that should be on the upswing from here on out.
The Wildcats round of 191 was just five strokes off the school record and by far the best of the 2000 season. A pair of golfers broke 90 and two others were just a stroke away.
Senior captain Tara Stevens led the way with a team-best round of 45. Sarah Ehlers was close behind with a 46. Both Jodi Waara and Carolyn Vermuleen, notched a 50 to round out Novi's scoring four.
"I was very proud of them with their score of 191 even though it was not quite enough to beat Brighton," coach Deb Harris said.
Brighton's Courtney Kennedy was the match mitalist of her home course at Oak Pointe.
NOVI COMPETES AT SL INVITE
In what has become a popular format in girls golf over the past several years, Novi took part in the South Lyon Invitational this past weekend at Downing Farms.
The tournament involves two separate four-girl teams from each school participating in a scramble/individual format. For each hole played, the foursome splits into a group of three and an individual. The group plays a scramble and the individual contributes to a cumulative individual score for the group.
Novi's top foursome of Waara, Vermuleen, Kim Coleman and Ehlers shot a 191-82 scramble score and a 109 individual mark. The B-team, made up of Lisa Yen, Lindsey and Jenny Broadwell and Holly Graziano shot a 202-88 and 119 individual.
The coach said it was a chance to work together as a team and work on building itself up.
Novi competed at the Oakland County meet Tuesday and against Hartland yesterday (both after the Novi News deadline). The team is now off until after spring break.

Lacrosse team takes out Pilots

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor
Whether it was the defense coming through or the offense running rampant, the end result was a pair of impressive wins for the Novi lacrosse team this past week.
Senior attackman Garrick Palmarchuk was the offensive star of the Wildcats' 22-13 win over De La Salle last Saturday. He scored a game-high nine goals to lead his team to its eighth win of the season.
His offensive heroics helped Novi to a 5-1 lead after one quarter and 13-4 late in the second. Unfortunately for the Cats, De La Salle came back to score four quick goals late in the half to cut the lead to five.
Stevens settled down a short time into the third quarter and pulled away from the Pilots.
"We came out of the gate flying and probably played our best game yet," coach Steve Zaidel said. "We were moving the ball on offense and getting some good picks and shots. We were getting production from everyone."
Pat Muston scored three goals and assisted on 10th goal, while Kirk Safford scored three goals and assisted on three. Matt Damon assisted on three of the team's eight goals and two

assists and Aaron Harbin and Garrett Safford each had a goal and assist. Kelly and Chris DeNeen and Jason Ferras each added a goal for Novi.
NOVI 12, ST. MART'S 7
It was the defense's turn to step it up in this Class A game. Novi built a 5-1 lead after one and extended it to 8-3 at the half. St. Mary's closed the gap to 10-7 at the end of three but the Cats defense stepped it up in the fourth to secure the win.
"Our defense played very good and I think our team picked it up a notch in that first half," Zaidel said. "We were moving the ball well so we didn't have to play a lot of defense. Sometimes when we get a lead we start to let up like we did. Everyone wants to score and the ball ends up in our end too much."
Kelly DeNeen played strong in goal with his team taking an unusually high number of penalties (8).
Muston led the way offensively with six goals and Kirk Safford had three and two. Matt Damon had a goal and two and Harbin had a goal and two and Harbin had a goal and two and Harbin had a goal and two and Harbin had a goal and two.

Novi runs away from the field

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor
As Kristina Uley rounded the track in the last leg in both of her team's distance relays, she knew she couldn't let up. Her team needed her to pull them through to victories in each event.
Her grit and determination won in the end, and thus Novi's 6,400 and distance medley relay teams did too at the Novi Relays held at Novi High School Saturday.
In each relay Uley was handed the baton with her team out of the top slot. But both times the senior came back to pass Northville's Hillary McCrumb and lead her team to a victory.
"I'll tell ya, she'll kill herself to beat someone," her coach Sue Tomaszek said. "This girl doesn't like to lose." Losing was something neither Uley or her team saw much of Saturday. Novi won its own invitational by winning seven of the 14 relay-style events and totaling 108 points. Northville was second with 64 points. Uley was joined by Kristin Echols, Bethany Kittle and Jenny Thomson on the 4 x 1,600 relay. That foursome posted a time of 23 minutes, 24 seconds. Thomson (800), Kristin Ham (400) and Echols (1,200) and Uley (1,600) won the distance medley in a time of 13:51.
Novi's running relays weren't done there, two other squads finished with wins as well.
Beth Rice, Kittle, Echols and Uley teamed up to win the 3,200 relay in a time of 10:49 and Margo Welnowe, Erin Quinn, Crystal Corie and Chloe



Novi senior Erin Quinn clears one of her early heights in the high jump last Saturday.

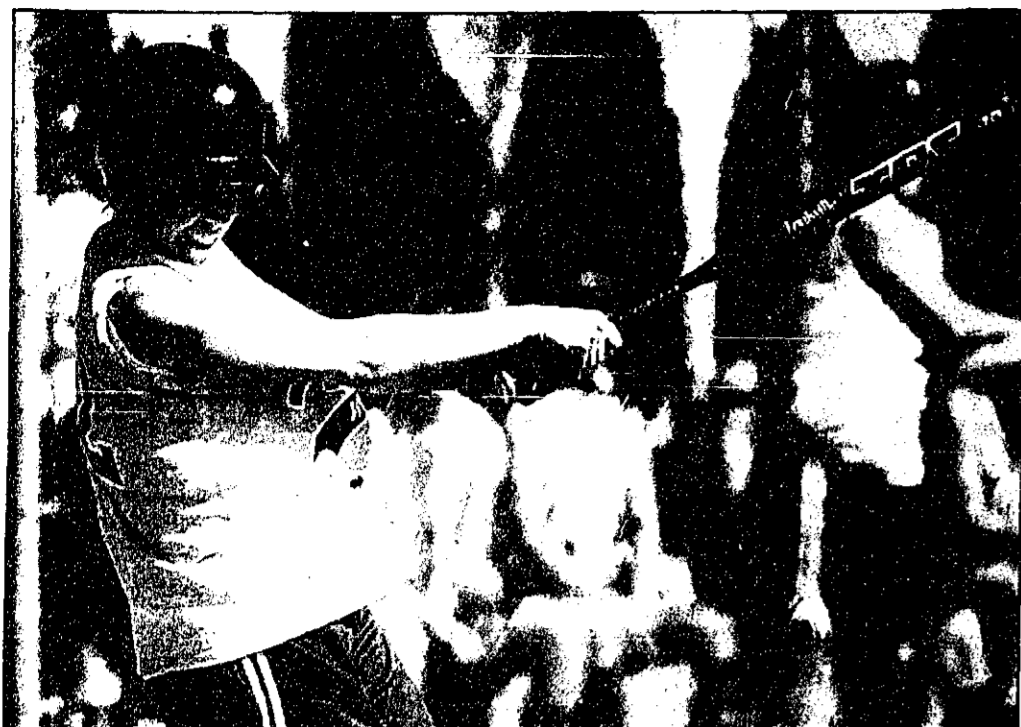


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Steele breaks school record

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BOY'S TRACK

NOVI 1-3, SOUTH LYON 3-6

Usually for an athlete to run state-caliber runs, he must be pushed by an opponent. Rarely do you see a kid break away and set forth towards school records.

But that's exactly what Chris Steele did last week in a rout of South Lyon at Novi High School. The junior won both the mile and two-mile runs in personal-best times that raised the best in school history. His time of 4:20 in the mile makes him the second-fastest miler in school history behind Kevin Avenius (4:12.5 in 1999). The time is currently the third fastest in the state according to the state track coaches association.

His win in the two-mile run came in a time of 9:31.85. That time was just a 10th of a second off Avenius' school record and the second-fastest time posted in the state this season.

"He's at the state's best times already," Smith said. "He wanted to send a message to everyone in the state. I think he raised the bar."

He wasn't alone at the meet. The rest of the team dominated as well.

Steele won the shot and was runner-up in the discus. Chris Schleuder, Jettie and Gondim were 1-2-3 in the long jump.

Jettie and Delgrosso were 1-3 in the pole vault and Scott Korlandt and Tristin LaChance were 1-3 in the high hurdles. Goto, Sterett and Gondim swept the 100 and 200 meters.

Moore and Walle were 2-3 in the 400, 800, 1,600 and 3,200 relay teams performed the sweep.

The Cats traveled to Hartland Tuesday (after the Novi News deadline) and are now off until after the Easter break. The team will take on Milford on the first Tuesday back.

Netters win three in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Although the KVC may not be balanced all the way through, it's close to becoming as balanced as it's ever been before. The shift of power hasn't happened yet, but the most recent studies have shown the gap to be shrinking between the team's upper and middle classes.

Hartland played Novi to a 5-3 match which was a mere set away from ending in a tie. The Wildcats pulled off a three-set win at three doubles to secure the win, which was their fourth in conference play.

Ryan Slater and Andrew Laskowski picked up the clincher for Novi with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 win over their Hartland opponents.

"The league is very, very close this year," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We had to fight and scratch for every point (against Hartland). You'd have to go back at least 15 years to find it this close, back when Howell won the league title and Novi and Brighton were both good. Milford was up there too back then."

Against the Eagles, Novi had more troubles at singles and had to rely on their doubles teams to get them the win. Along with Slater and Laskowski, each of Novi's other three double teams won in straight sets.

Ryan Bateman and Brian Dodds won 6-3, 6-2 over Nick Tomlin and Luke Begin at first doubles. Eric Garnham and Rick Harris won 6-0, 6-3 over D.J. McLeod and Joel Hill at second doubles.

Asim Kagli and Bidish Sarma pulled off a 6-3, 7-5 win at fourth doubles to complete the sweep.

Brian Chiang was the lone winner in singles action for Novi, beating Chris Manchester 6-4, 6-3 at third singles. The other three matches were all three sets.

"I guess I'm most disappointed that we played three sets and lost all three matches," Hanson said. "Our doubles teams are the reason we're staying aloft right now. Somewhere along the line our singles players are gonna have to step up and be heard."

NOVI 7, LAKELAND 1

On Monday, the Eagles and Wildcats were all tied up after the first sets of the match. Lakeland had won four and Novi had taken the other four.

But Novi fought back at fourth singles, as well as second and third doubles to get the win.

Harris overcame a 3-6 loss in the first set to defeat Ian Fagen-Yaylor 6-1, 6-1 in the second and third at first singles.

Chiang and Joe Lynch needed a third set to beat their opponents at second doubles. The pair won 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. Mike McKenna and Slater followed the same course, winning 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 in their third doubles match.

Novi's singles players fared well. Ryan Rose won 7-5, 6-0 over a tough Ryan Wrathall at first singles. Divyesh Sarman won 6-0, 6-4 at two and Matt Peurach won 6-3, 7-6 (5) at three.

Dodds and Bateman continued their great season by winning 6-4, 6-4 at first dubs. This team is currently undefeated in conference play.

NOVI 8, HOWELL 0

Hanson made some lineup adjustments after the Hartland match and had his first chance to see them against the Highlanders. Although the quality of competition dropped of a bit from the day before, Novi looked good in a commanding win over Howell.

Rose and Sarman both double bagged their opponents 6-0, 6-0 at first and second singles. Peurach moved into the singles lineup and won 6-2, 6-3 at three singles. Harris also moved, this time from second doubles, to get a 6-2, 6-1 win at four.

Dodds and Bateman won 6-2, 6-0 at first doubles, Chiang and Lynch won 6-2, 6-0 at two doubles, Garnham and A.J. Sarason won 6-0, 6-2 at three doubles and Kagli and Laskowski won 6-0, 6-2 at fourth doubles.

The team played Saline Tuesday and Brighton Wednesday (both after the Novi News' deadline). Results will be in next week's edition of the Novi News.

Arrington continues to score

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Sometimes life in the Kensington Valley Conference can be unchallenging, if you're not playing Novi or Brighton.

So when Larry Christoff scheduled Northville, Plymouth Salem and Canton along with Saginaw Heritage in its non-conference schedule, he was thinking ahead.

The Wildcats fell to Heritage Monday night 2-1. The loss was its fourth of the season, but proved his team is worthy of hanging with the state's best.

"We had some tremendous chances, especially in the first half," Christoff said. "Unfortunately we just missed too many of them."

Heritage scored two goals in the final 10 minutes of the first half to take control of a game that was back and forth throughout.

Ashley Cooley scored off a rebound with 19 minutes left in the game to pull her team back into the game.

Kerry Timar's direct shot hit the Heritage goalie, bounced to Cooley, who got enough of the ball to kick it over the goalie.

But both teams played to a scoreless game the rest of the way.

"It seems like we're a goal away from those (top) teams," Christoff said.

Novi's record was 4-4 heading into last night's game against Howell (after the Novi News' deadline). The team is 9-0 in the KVC.

NOVI 3, MILFORD 1

Kristi Arrington scored a pair of goals and Timar scored off a penalty shot with five minutes left to seal this win over the Redskins.

Arrington scored her first two in the first half to keep her team in the lead. Cooley assisted on both goals.

Milford scored shortly after Novi's second goal and the game stayed that way until Timar's insurance goal. Novi had 27 shots on goal.

Novi wins 10 games in 8 days

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The busy spring schedule has found a way to hit every high school team around, and the Novi softball team had no chance of avoiding it during an extremely busy eight-day stretch.

Novi played 12 games in a little over a week. Fortunately for the talented Wildcats, the team finished an impressive 10-2 over that stretch as they closed their season record to 14-1.

Monday the team wrapped up the legum with a doubleheader sweep of conference foe Howell. The Cats dropped the Highlanders 12-0 and Erica Breischerer moving down batters left and right.

Frantz (three a-hit) shutout in the first game, striking out 10. She helped out her own cause at the plate by hitting her second homer in a week, both out of the ballpark. She was 4 for 6 in the doubleheader with four runs scored and six RBI.

Katie Cameron's bat was equally as hot. The senior was 5 for 8, scoring five times with a RBI and a double. Allison Thigwell was 2 for 3 with three runs scored and two RBI.

With hitting aplenty, several other Wildcat bats had hot bats. Victoria Kaiser was 3 for 6 with three runs and two RBI and a pair of doubles. Holly Van Cleave was 3 for 7 with three runs scored and Kendall Lokart was 3 for 5 with a run and a double.

Breischerer went the distance in the second game, collecting nine strikeouts while allowing just four hits.

"To stay focused for 12 games is tough," Novi coach Carol Diglio said. "We could have let up, but we didn't. I told the girls before the Howell games that it's been tough and I know you're tired, but these are two big conference games for us. They shook their heads, but came out and played great."

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Bats come alive for ballteam

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with a groundout to short, then Mater walked and scored on a passed ball to give Novi the lead again, 4-3.

The Eagles added two more runs in the following inning, staging a two-out rally to take the lead heading into the bottom of the sixth. Justin Shaw, however, led off the Novi half of the inning with a solo home run to tie the game at five. Neither team could muster a run in the seventh, sending the game into an extra frame.

In the top of the eighth, Rowe relieved a tiring Sabol and struck out three of the four hitters he faced to hold Hartland scoreless. In the bottom of the eighth, Shaw once again led things off with a hit, this time a sharp single, and Kyle Major bunted him to second. Davis then reached safely on an error, and as Justin Guffey went down swinging, Cervi came to bat with two outs.

The all-state centerfielder drove a two-strike offering right back up the box, scoring Shaw from third and giving the Wildcats the much-needed victory. "That's why I like Cervi in that spot," said Green about batting the slugger leadoff.

"If it ever came around to that, he'd be there. These two games were very important ball games. I feel like we needed both of them because we were already one game behind Hartland in the standings. The second game proved how much character this team has for the way we came from behind."

Cervi finished 2 of 5 with a pair of RBIs, while Shaw went 2 for 4. Hatley added two hits, a double, and a run batted in, and Davis chipped in with a pair of hits of his own. On the mound, Sabol went seven innings, allowing three earned runs, eight hits, and two walks. The right-hander struck out 11 before Rowe relieved him in the eighth.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Nick Lehner makes a throw to first against Hartland Friday.

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WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 5, 2

The following day, the team ducked with Walled Lake Central at Walled Lake Western in a makeup double-header. The home team actually held a 4-2 lead for the first three innings of the game, but the Wildcats simply blew up offensively, putting up 17 runs in just three innings. Most of the explosion came in the sixth when the visitors sent 16 hitters to the plate, pounding out eight hits and 13 runs en route to a 19-5 victory.

Brandon Davis got the start on the hill, going the distance for the win. He allowed four earned runs, eight hits, and two walks while striking out five.

Offensively, Cervi tallied an unheard of five hits in six trips, driving in one run and scoring three while swiping three bases. Mater finished 2 for 4 with three RBIs and two stolen bases, while sophomore catcher Trey Simpson added four hits with three RBIs. Fellow sophomore Matt Gorman snatched his first home run of the season, and Rowe added three hits including two doubles.

Game two saw much of the same offensively for the Wildcats as the team scored 21 runs on 22 hits to give starting pitcher Kyle Major more than enough support. The junior hurler allowed two earned runs, four walks, and five hits, while striking out one in six innings of work.

Hadley led the way offensively, hitting safely four times in five trips to the plate. The senior doubled twice and homered to the fifth, a three run shot, and amassed four RBIs. Cervi added three hits, including a three-run home run and three RBIs, while Mike Kossik and Davis added three hits apiece with Kossik driving in a pair. Lehner hit his second home run of the year, a two-run shot that came in the fifth.

"We did just about everything right," said Green about the doubleheader. "I was worried about the team coming out flat after the two big wins against Hartland, but we just kept hitting the ball well."

HOWELL 2, NOVI 1

The Wildcats just couldn't muster any offense in this 2-1 defensive struggle. Both ball clubs, aided by infield grass thicker and longer than Tiger Stadium's back in the Sparky era, played solid defense for the most part. This game was definitely dominated by the pitchers from the first out to the last.

Novi senior lefty Brendan Watson, in his second start of the season, was outstanding, making only one mistake all game long. That mistake, unfortunately, ended up costing him a win. In the bottom of the fourth, with two strikes on first baseman Dan Arney, he came too far inside with a fastball and Arney drilled it to left for the game-winning home run.

Otherwise, he was unhitTABLE, walking one and allowing only four hits. The southpaw also struck out four and only surrendered one earned run.

"He made one mistake," said Green, "and that cost him a home run. But that was early in the game, and we just couldn't come up with a big time hit later in the game. We had a hard time capitalizing on opportunities."

The team was uncharacteristically poor offensively, scoring merely one run in the first when Rowe drove home Cervi. The rest of the game, the 10-plus runs a game the team had been putting up were nowhere to be found. Howell right-hander Jason Jacobs was dominant, allowing four hits and three walks while striking out seven in the complete game victory.

Novi will take its 6-1 KVC record into Spring Break this week. Following a game against Allen Park Cabrini last night (after the Novi News' deadline), the Wildcats will get a week and a half off before resuming play Tuesday, May 2, at home against Redford Union at 4 p.m. KVC play will start up again the following day, Wednesday, May 3, against Lakehead. Game time is 4 p.m.

NOVI JV RESULTS

NOVI JV LACROSSE

Overall Record 6-3

Saturday, April 15

DeLaSalle 7, Novi JV 6 (OT)

Shaun Dicken scored two goals and one assist, Adam Lienhardt also scored two goals and one assist, and Jamie Dalton added one goal and one assist. Goalie Ray Kennedy played an outstanding game. He made 21 saves to keep the Wildcats in the game.

Thursday, April 13

Novi JV 12, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 5

Shaun Dicken led all scorers with four goals. Mike Ward added two goals. Adam Lienhardt scored one goal and two assists, and Jamie Dalton had one goal and one assist.

Monday, April 10

Birmingham Seaholm 14, Novi JV 4

Shaun Dicken scored two goals, while Matt Murray and Curt Russell had one goal each.

NOVI JV GIRLS SOCCER

Overall Record 4-3-1; KVC, 3-1

Friday, April 14

Novi JV 3, Milford 1

Kristina Ephraim, Christine Jewell and Erin Robertson each scored goals for the Wildcats.

Wednesday, April 12

Novi JV 6, Hartland 1

Angie Schmitt led all scorers with the hat trick (3 goals). Christine Jewell scored two goals (one on a penalty kick), and Michelle Slavin added one goal.

Monday, April 10

Novi JV 6, South Lyon 1

Sara-Beth O'Connor, Angie Schmitt and Michelle Slavin scored two goals each against the Lions.

Lady harriers topple field at Novi Relays and South Lyon at dual

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high 35-6 feet and Marisa Wilkerson (29-9-3/4) and Christina Terrell (27-0) clipped in with their efforts.

Nicole Bliss threw the discus 94-1 to lead her trio to a win. Fridmore threw 88-9 and Terrell 87-2. Mary McDougal cleared five feet in the high jump and teamed with Kelley Phelps (4-9) and Quinn (4-6) in Novi's final win of the day.

"The best thing about this meet is that the girls can come together as a team," Tomaneck said. "It's good for the team camaraderie and it gives some of the younger girls a chance to

compete with the juniors and seniors on this team. It's a big boost of confidence to these younger girls."

Novi's pole-vaulter team finished second on the day. Mickie Rzepka cleared 8-6 while Rice (7-0) and Kirtie (6-0) also combined on the runnerup effort. Rzepka, Guinn, Jayme Westfall, and Clark put together a runnerup finish in the 800 relay (1:53.8). The sprint medley team also took second place. Erin Reid (4:00), Amanda Smith (2:00), Emily Modick (2:00) and Wilkerson (8:00) combined for a win in 4:32.

Farmington Hills Harrison finished runnerup to the Wildcats.

NOVI 82, SOUTH LYON 56

"The 'Cats' won just nine of 17 events, but excelled at picking up more seconds and thirds than the Lion's in this Kennington Valley Conference win.

"Our field events were awesome," the coach said. "Nicole (Bliss) threw the discus 108 feet, and Marcia (Wilkerson), I've had her for four years now and I've never seen her throw over 90 feet. She threw 83 against South Lyon."

Novi was coming off an embarrassing loss to Brighton (104-33) five days earlier and were facing a challenge set

by their coach and themselves.

"They just responded so well," Tomaneck said. "They just knew what we had to do."

Pridmore won the shot put (35-0) while Wilkerson was second (32-1 1/2). Bliss (108-3) and Pridmore (87-7) were 2-3 in discus.

Novi swept the high jump with McDougal (5-2), Phelps (4-8) and Quinn (4-8) all placing. The team also had two placers in the pole vault, long jump and 110 hurdle events. Rzepka (8-0) and Rice (8-0) were 1-2 in the pole vault, Laurel Wels (14-8) and Rice (14-4) were 2-3 in the long jump and Phelps (17.82) and McDougal

(19.06) were first and third in the hurdles. Both Novi's 1,600 and 3,200 relay teams came away winners. Rice, Wolowicz, Kittle and Utley teamed up in the 3,200 and Wolowicz, Rice, Quinn and Clark won the mile relay.

Rzepka broke through a tough South Lyon sprinting corps to take first in the 100 dash (13.4). Smith was third in the 200 (29.27).

Utley and Echols finished behind the Lion's Amanda Lee in both the mile and two-mile runs. Utley and Lee were neck-and-neck throughout the mile and the Novi senior ended with an impressive time of 5:28.87.


Novi's middle-distance runners came through for the team as well. Clark and Reid were 1-3 in the 400-meter dash while Wolowicz continued her winning ways with first in the 800. Kittle and Vidya Mahadevan were second and third.

"We worked a lot on mental toughness this past week in practice and this team has learned that it's a lot of fun to win," Tomaneck said. "I told them that you can feel good about losing if you've done everything right out there."

Novi competed against Hartland Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline). Those results will be in next week's edition.


MCDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Harvey Steele - Senior



Harvey Steele broke a 24-year-old school record in the shot put competition. Steele threw the put 49 feet, two inches, breaking the former school record (48-11) which was set by Ben Galyon back in 1976. He was expected to break the record at some point this season, but no one knew when.

Chris Toloff - Junior



His times in the South Lyon dual meet were that of the state finals variety. Pushing himself for the first time this season, Toloff ran a 4:20 mile and a 9:31.85 two mile to come within seconds of the school records in each event. Needless to say, the junior won the events at the meet.

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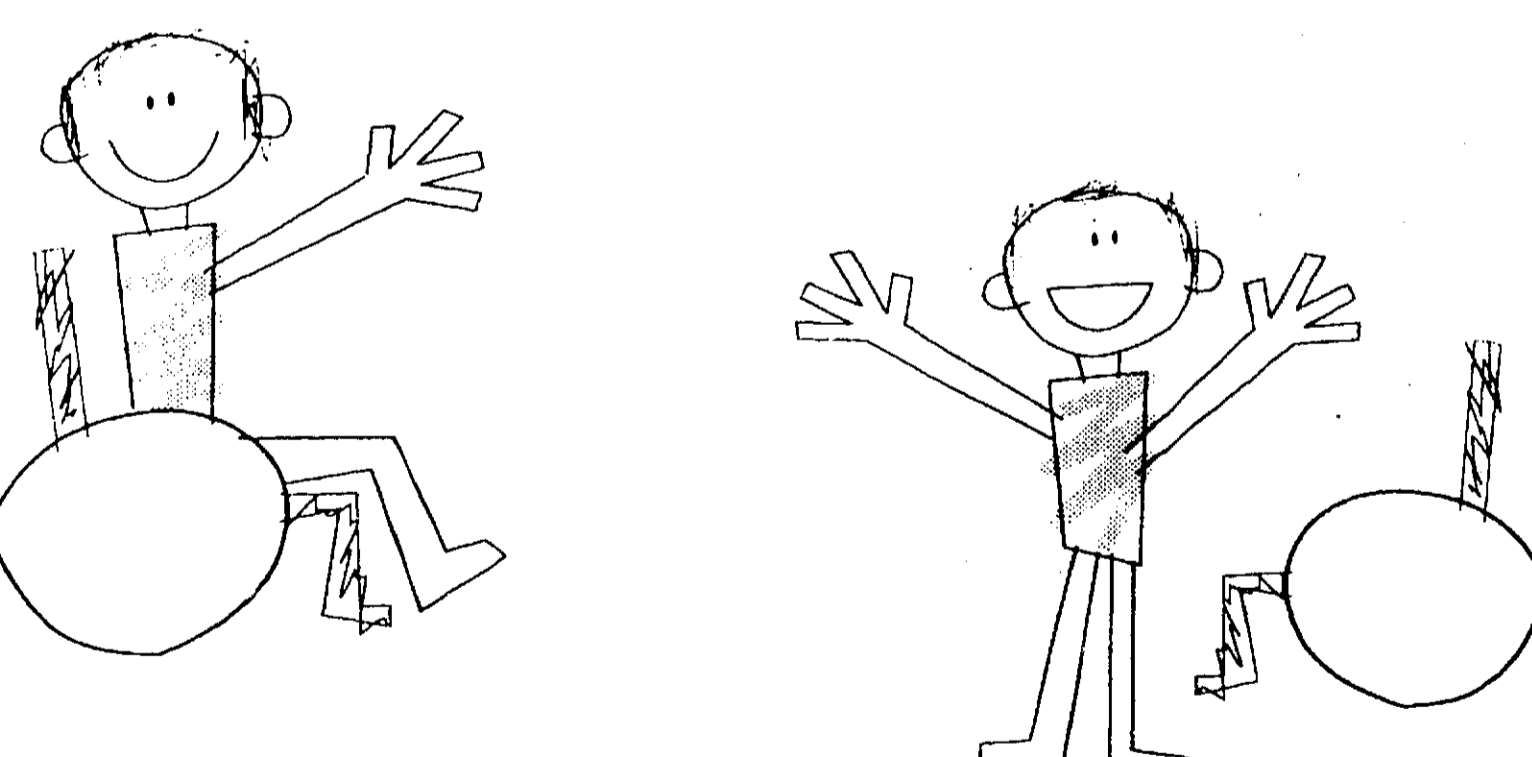
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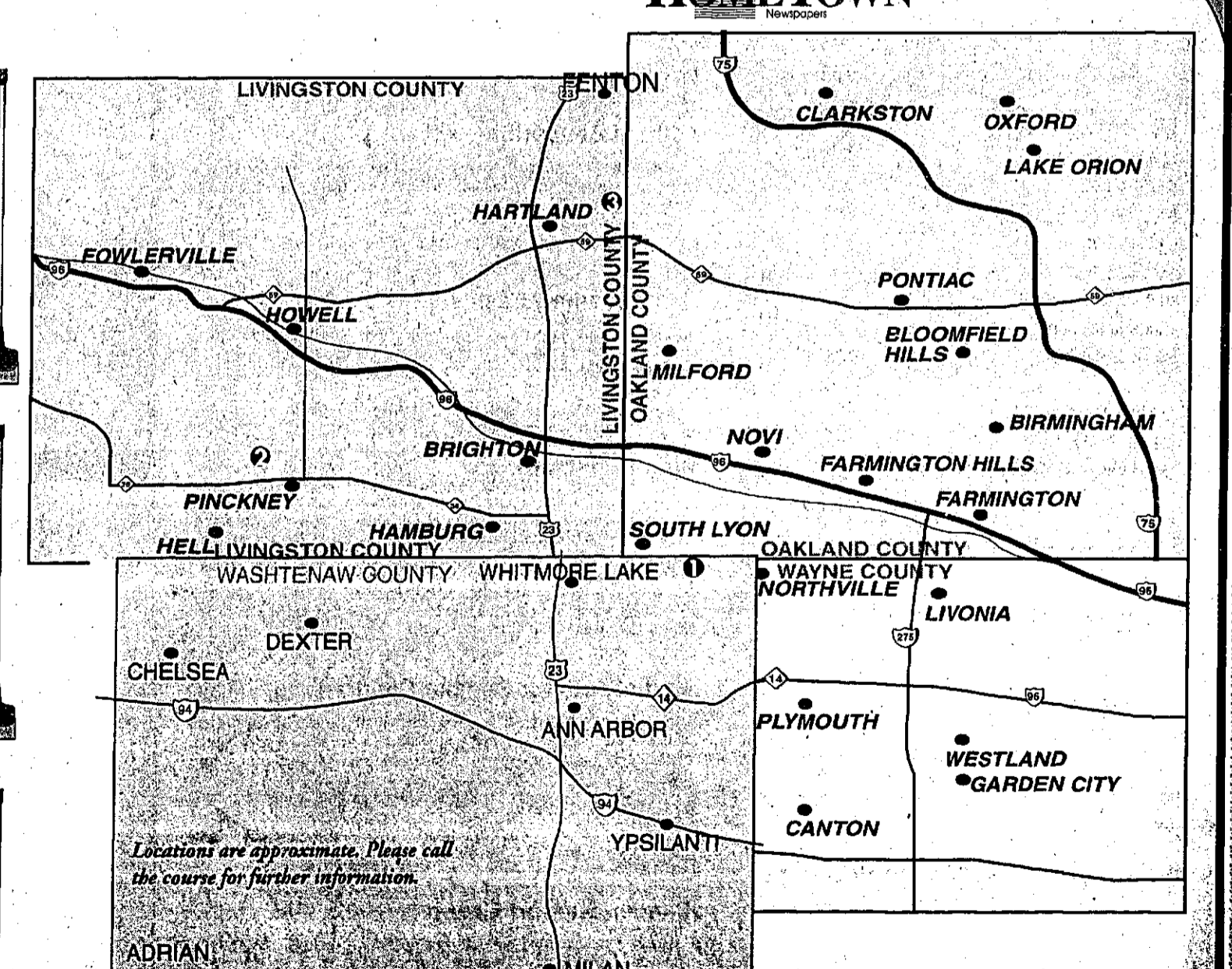


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Health Column

U of M life support system shows success

The largest-ever study of a state of the art life support system developed at the University of Michigan demonstrates that the technique is very effective in saving the lives of infants, children and adults with severe heart and lung failure.

Researchers at the U-M are releasing a detailed portrayal of the evolution of that life support system, known alternately as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) or extracorporeal life support (ECLS). It is performed by a modified heart lung machine that allows a critically ill patient's heart and lungs to rest and recover while the device pumps and oxygenates their blood. The new study is published in the Feb. 16 issue of "The Journal of the American Medical Association" - a special edition devoted to the University of Michigan.

U-M researchers studied the first 1,000 patients who were treated with ECMO since the U-M founded its Extracorporeal Life Support Program in 1980. They found that survival rates for patients gravely ill with respiratory failure were 88 percent for neonates, 70 percent for children and 56 percent for adults. For patients who were considered near death with cardiac failure, the survival rates were 48 percent for children and 33 percent for adults.

"The only time we use ECMO is for patients who we all agree have little or no chance of surviving their acute illness with other available conventional techniques," says Robert Bartlett, M.D., professor of surgery in the U-M Health System and the developer of the ECMO system. "So, basically all the patients who are treated with ECMO, if they survive, their lives have been saved or prolonged by the device because our best information is that they likely would have died without it."

The study also details how the U-M pioneered, developed and advanced ECMO to the point where it has now expanded to worldwide use. Currently, 120 centers participate in the Registry of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization, all of which stem from the U-M program. The registry of all patients in the world treated with ECMO is kept at the U-M and medical experts from around the world travel to Ann Arbor annually to compare and learn the latest techniques.

While its origin lies in the heart lung machine, the system used for ECMO differs in many ways. ECMO can be used for much longer periods of time - more than a month if needed, and the pumps, artificial lungs and, most importantly, the hookups are also different. The patient is attached through large blood vessels in the neck and leg, avoiding the need to open their chest. ECMO is also quite different than a ventilator.

"A ventilator breathes for the patient," says Bartlett. "It blows gasses into the patient's lungs and they come out. ECMO, on the other hand, takes over the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide, but it does not rely on the patient's lungs to do so. It doesn't involve breathing through the mouth or airway - it deals directly with the blood."

ECMO is also potable, allowing patients to be moved throughout the hospital. This also allows for long distance treatment of patients.

"Many of the patients who are considered for ECMO and referred to the U-M are too sick to be moved here," says Bartlett. "We have learned to take the machine to the patient, put them on ECMO in the referral hospital and when they're stabilized, bring them to the U-M for treatment in better condition."

Bartlett began early work that would lead to ECMO prior to coming to the U-M. "It really started with heart surgery," he says. "In the early days of heart surgery in the 1960s, the heart lung machine was just beginning to be used and it was clear that patients who were treated with it for heart operations often developed heart failure or lung failure after those operations. The initial concept was to modify the machine to keep those patients alive for a longer time so they might recover. We brought the idea to the U-M where it has grown from a laboratory curiosity into full clinical use."

ECMO was originally used primarily in cases of neonatal respiratory failure and showed early success. Bartlett attributes this to the fact that neonatal lungs are basically normal and recover quickly. The success in treating neonates prompted further research that led to treatment in children and adults.

What does the future hold for ECMO? Bartlett thinks its success may mean its

decline in use.

"The future of this technology is that for most patients, it will not be needed at some time in the distant future," he says. "The use of ECMO has allowed us to learn much about recovery of the heart or lungs from serious illness - things we could not learn before because the patient died. We've also been able to learn a lot about treatment of heart failure and lung failure that would not have been previously possible for the same reason. This knowledge, made possible by ECMO, allows us to prevent the very serious progression of these problems and often prevent the patient from needing ECMO. It's sort of like dentists and the use of fluoride. If we get really good at it, we won't need it."

Written by Pete Barkey, University of Michigan Health System.

ECMO-FACTS

- ECMO is a modified heart lung machine - pioneered and developed at the U-M - that allows a critically ill patient's heart and lungs to rest and recover while the device pumps and oxygenates their blood.

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- Survival rates for patients gravely ill with respiratory failure were 88 percent for neonates, 70 percent for children and 56 percent for adults.

- For patients who were considered near death with cardiac failure, the survival rates were 48 percent for children and 33 percent for adults.

- Currently, 120 centers participate in the Registry of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization, all of which stem from the U-M program.

- The registry of all patients in the world treated with ECMO is kept at the U-M and medical experts from around the world travel to Ann Arbor annually to compare and learn the latest techniques.

- For more information on this week's topic, call the U-M Health System's TeleCare System at 1-800-742-2300, category 1010.

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Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Posa and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.

Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and HDL readings.

There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required. For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required.

The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.

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

Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus On Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

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