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# Head lice epidemic closes Novi Meadows

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

A recent head lice outbreak in more than 100 students at Novi Meadows Elementary caused the school to close early last week.

"With that many kids, we had to do something drastic to ensure the safety of both the staff and the students," said Robert Schram, Novi School District's Executive Director for Personnel.

The school reopened on Tuesday.

"We had 100 Novi Meadows students and six staff members with it, which was abnormal."

Robert Schram,  
Novi Schools executive director for personnel

"What happened was last (May 18), we had a couple of kids sent home because of lice, which is not that abnormal in schools," he

explained. "But by (May 24) we had 100 Novi Meadows students and six staff members with it, which was abnormal."

Schram said after they spoke with the Oakland County Health Department to let them know the situation and sent a lice notice to all Novi Meadows Elementary parents, they decided to close the school that Thursday.

"We closed the school in case the building was infected and to get kids away from other kids," Schram said. "This then gave us five days, with the memorial weekend, in which we vacuumed and

scoured everything."

The school district brought in professional cleaners to sanitize all the classrooms, lockers and other areas inside the school.

"We also went in and cleaned the buses," Schram added. "Even though they aren't cloth seats, we wanted to be sure because the buses are shared with other schools, so every bus in the district was cleaned out."

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# City council threatened with recall

By RANDAL YAKE  
Staff Writer

A Novi woman has promised to launch a recall campaign to get rid of those people she feels are responsible for a new tax abatement policy in the community.

Dolores Vedro, a 25-year resident of the city, said the Novi City Council is just more of the same old "developer types" and they need to go.

Mayor Richard Clark and Council Members Ed Kramer, Hugh Crawford and Lou Csordas voted in favor of the policy.

"We will have a recall of some kind," Vedro said. "I have a lot of support. I've been getting calls and it appears that the council has not been listening to the residents."

"There are a number of things and other issues, but the number one is the tax abatements."

According to Vedro, city residents don't get a break on their taxes and she feels that the large corporations don't need tax breaks.

"The multi-million dollar businesses don't need it," Vedro said.

"(The council) wants to give money away and we need roads. We need a new library. And we have a \$53 million lawsuit hanging over our heads and (the council) is cutting business taxes."

But Clark said that the only thing the city has, as of right now, is a tax abatement policy. There are no actual applicants or users of the policy.

In a statement issued by Clark, he noted that the "limited tax abatement" would increase the tax base and provide more money for fire and police services.

According to Clark, the abatement that was given to Delwal Corporation a number of years ago has expired and the company is now paying full taxes. During the life of the abatement, the Delwal payroll increased, providing jobs for many of the Novi area, Clark said.

Clark did note that abatements would not take any money from the school districts.

Clark added that if he felt that the policy was being abused, he

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# Three planners resign at city hall

RANDAL YAKE  
Staff Writer

They say when movie stars depart, it's always in threes.

Well, that apparently goes for city planning department officials also.

In a three-sweep, Director of Developmental Services Kerreen Conley, Senior Planning Official James Wahl and Staff Planner Tamara Buswinka are all expected to resign from their positions this month.

Buswinka will be gone by this week, Conley's last day is June 19th and Wahl is expected to be out the door by the first week in July.

Conley put in her resignation last Monday to take a job as Wayne County's Deputy Director of Public Works and Wahl, who has yet to give the city his official resignation, said he will issue his letter this week.

"I think they're still a little bit in shock," Conley said, referring to the city administration.

"They've got a lot of thinking to do as far as a replacement is concerned."

The city has not asked her or Wahl for any recommendation of possible replacements.

Conley said the Wayne County Public Works officials approached her last month, but the deal was finalized recently.

"It's a great opportunity," Conley said. "I wasn't looking to apply. They contacted me and I sat down with them to listen to what they had to say."

Conley, who lives in Belleville, said her new position will cut down on her commuting time.

"This position has a \$100 million budget and 300 employees. There's a lot of strong employee and community relations which I'll be involved in," she said.

Wayne County Director of Public Works James Abron said Novi's loss is Wayne County's gain.

"We had a tremendous need and

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# Lest we forget



## Passing parade

Novi's annual Memorial Day festivities are always a crowd-pleaser, but the real meaning of the day wasn't neglected Monday. Yes, the bands played and the kids clapped. But the parade wound down Novi Road until it reached Novi Cemetery, where veterans from the Revolutionary War through the Gulf War were remembered with a solemn ceremony. The historic cemetery includes the graves of several Civil War soldiers.

Photos by TOM HIBBELN



# Kids learn they're never too young to fight battle of bulge

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Child obesity is a "big" problem facing kids today.

Approximately one in five children in the United States between the ages of 6 and 17 is overweight, according to the 1995 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III) by the National Center for Health Statistics, a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Although a proper diet is a large factor, low levels of physical activity may play a greater role in childhood obesity than high-calorie foods.

According to a 1996 U.S. Surgeon General's report on fitness, nearly half of young people ages 12

to 21 are not vigorously active.

Recently, Orchard Hills Elementary invited a health and fitness instructor from Waterworks in Northville, to show kids that exercising can be fun.

"The battle is getting inactive kids off the couch and exercising," said school gym teacher Peggy Whitman. "Too many kids today are overweight, so I thought this would be good program for the students to see that exercising doesn't have to be a chore."

The students experimented with all kinds of interesting exercise equipment such as the Dyna-band; a sheet of rubber used for all kinds of stretching techniques, and a large exercise ball, called the Swiss ball, that can be used for sit-ups,

push-ups, and leg lifts.

"The best thing parents can do is make exercise part of their child's life," said Waterworks instructor, Hellenia Salati. "Children who have families that exercise together, and have fun, are far better in obtaining a healthy weight than children whose families never exercise."

The U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health recommends 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day for children and adults. Different health agencies and medical groups suggest more or less activity, but the theme is the same: Get children moving.

"If you don't like playing sports, you can do a number of other

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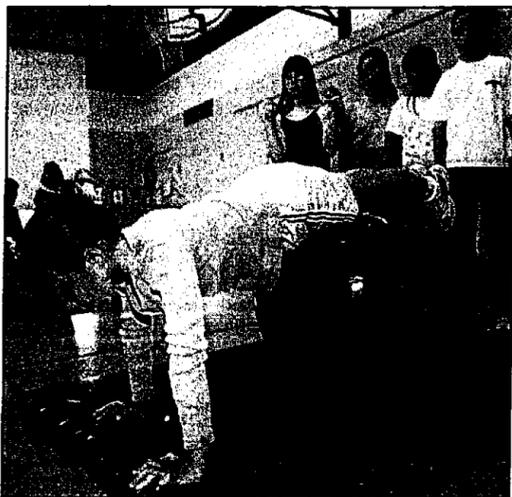


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Shanna Endicott works out at Orchard Hills with exercise ball.



## Man jumps from vehicle

RANDAL YAKY  
Staff Writer

A man with psychological problems flung open the back door of an ambulance and leapt to his death on I-96 last week, according to state police officials.

Richard Prouty, 62, of Holton, Michigan was being transported from Muskegon to Reedford Township when he reportedly jumped from a moving ambulance resulting in his death, according to Michigan State Police Officer Michael Shaw.

"He was being transferred from a psychiatric hospital in the Muskegon area to Botsford Hospital for a psychiatric examination and then on to another facility for heart surgery," Shaw said.

The incident, which occurred in the eastbound lanes of I-96 near Beck Road around 7:45 p.m., did not involve any other vehicles other than the ambulance.

"He was psychotic and had escaped from other facilities," Shaw said. "I guess he didn't realize that at 74 MPH exactly what was going to happen to him. He may have just been thinking of escape."

According to Shaw, Prouty died of blunt force trauma to the head and stomach.

"Hospitals in that area are not that good for heart surgery," said Shaw. "That's why he was being transferred to this area."

According to police, a worker for the company that transports bodies to the morgue for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office was arrested at the scene for outstanding warrants.

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Art lovers Diana Wallen and daughters Kellie and Megan, right, take a look at some of the creations on display at the art fair.

## Showing off Novi students display arts and crafts

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
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Artistic creativity was shining brightly as Novi students displayed their talent at the Festival of Arts, May 15.

The art exhibit of 350 students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, impressed the community with their magnificent drawings, paintings, and crafts.

"There's a lot of impressive work here," said fourth grader Bryant Ornes from Parkview Elementary.

Ornes said he particularly likes realistic representations versus abstract or impressionistic art styles.

His favorite piece from the festival was a stencil drawing of an elaborate dragon by tenth grader Akironi Goto.

"I like it because it's very detailed," Ornes said. "You can tell the artist spent a lot of time on it."

Held at Novi High School, the event also included a wonderful musical presentation from Gays & Dolls by the high school's choir.

"I love art, so I think the festival is great," said eight-year-old Chris Slack from Parkview. "It's also cool to see what other schools are doing in their art classes too."

Slack's artwork included a colorful picture of the jungle with elephants and lions, while third grad-

"It's cool to see all the different things students have worked on over the years."

Bryant Ornes  
Parkview Elementary student

er Samantha Walker, also a Parkview student, painted a wildly intriguing version of a cat.

"Well, we had to choose a steady background and then take a real life object and make it look unreal," she said.

For example, Walker's cat was painted using lots of lively colors including red, purple, and green with a pink and blue polka-dot background.

With a number of different art styles, the fair was a spectacular sight.

For instance, seventh grader Spencer Ornes from Novi Middle School drew a still-life picture using shading techniques and first grader Alyssa Murray from Orchard Hills used tempera paint to make her large bird come alive with color.

"Art is my favorite special class," Murray said. "It's something I also like to do when I'm not in school."

Aside from all the amazing pieces, the festival also showcased some crafts as well, including wonderfully hand-made puppets from teacher Emily Samuels' class at Orchard Hills.

"It took us about four to five weeks to construct the puppets, but we had a lot of fun making them," said 10-year-old Alex Calvert, who had his puppet on display.

Samuels said she thought the project was exciting because it was unique.

"Well, the kids took what they learned in our puppetry workshop earlier this year and applied to this project," she said. "I like it because it's something different."

Attendance, The Festival of Arts, proved to be an entertaining evening for all.

"I think it really reflects on how important art is in our schools," said Novi resident Candice Rolley.

"It not only highlights the student's wonderful work, but I think it shows just how lucky we are to have these extraordinary art teachers in the district."

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## After neighbors protest, sub plans tabled

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
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A new subdivision that may be built in Novi is stirring up controversy for residents near the area.

Singh Development Company, which aims to build Churchill Crossing on 80 acres, presented plans to the Novi Planning Commission on May 17. The subdivision, containing 209 homes, would be located on Ten Mile, west of Novi Road. The commission voted 8-0, to table the plans in order for the project coordinators to digest some of the concerns.

Under the proposed plan, Churchill Crossing would have its main entrance located directly across from Orchard Ridge Estates off Ten Mile Road, with its second connection running through Clark Street and its third access point located off of Christina Lane.

An outpost of Clark Street residents came to voice their objections.

"This proposed development as it is presently planned would forever alter the character of Novi Heights as it has been for over 50 years," said President of the Novi Heights Community Association Laketa Roder.

"Novi Heights is truly an authentic, traditional neighborhood. It's one of the oldest subdivisions and this project would destroy our neighborhood's uniqueness."

The city subdivision zoning ordinance has a construction standard that calls for subdivisions to be interconnected, Planning and Traffic Consultant for the City, Rod Arroyo told the commission. This serves to enable emergency vehicle access and so that all the traffic between subs, from neighbor to neighbor, doesn't have to go onto major roads, he explained.

Roder told the commission that by giving access through Clark Street, it will in turn become a bypass for gridlock on Novi Road.

"We do not have sidewalks and this will create unsafe conditions for our residents, with children walking to the bus stops, riding their bikes, or any families out for a stroll," she said.

"Twenty-one year Clark Street resident Jim Wasolek said he particularly purchased a home in the subdivision because of its dead-end."

"It's quiet and peaceful," he said. "Cutting the road through and extending Clark is going to take away the country of our neighbor-

hood."

The planning commission seemed to agree with the residents and opened up the possibility of creating an access point on Sussex Drive as an alternative to Clark Street.

Commissioner Victor Cassis said he would not approve the current plan with Clark Street as one of its designated access points.

"I happen to agree with the Clark residents, it would be of great impact on their neighborhood and I don't think it can take it," he said.

Arroyo said that according to the city ordinance, there should be an emergency access from Clark Street.

Singh Development Company Vice President Mike Khan said they would be more than willing to discuss alternative access points.

"With respect to Clark Street, that connection was made simply because of the length of that street and because there's really only one way to get in and out for emergency access for the people that live there now," he said.

"The reason we offered not to connect into Sussex Drive was for the same reason the neighbors on Clark Street spoke about tonight and that is to avoid traffic onto their streets."

Commissioner Andrew Mutch said he would like the developers to further explore options such as relocating Churchill Crossing's main entrance off of Christina.

"By converting Christina into a boulevard, it would eliminate the wetlands issue and would eliminate the traffic conflict on Ten Mile," he said. "I'd also like the applicant to look into the possibility of purchasing the city-owned property to the east of the project and explore the likelihood of extending a street to Novi Road."

Roder said she will definitely be attending the next meeting. "I'll have to watch it like a hawk," she said. "We really need to start paying attention to what's going on around us before it's too late."

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## Novi Briefs

### So long

The Novi High School Band Boosters are planning an open house for departing Director of Novi High School Bands Scott Boerna on Sunday, June 4, from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Boerna will be pursuing a music arranging and composition career for at least the next year. The Novi Band Boosters would like to invite current Novi High School band members, parents, band alumni parents and former students, and all of those in the community who have helped make the band program a success. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the Cheryl Miller at 348-3971 with any questions.

### Promoted

Maureen Malone, who has been sitting in for former Public Information Director Lou Martin, was named full-time Community Relations Manager effective immediately, Novi City Manager Richard Helwig announced. According to Helwig, the Malone promotion will mean that her old position of assistant public information director will be "abolished" and she will be charge of both duties. "Maureen will be focusing in on issues and matters with the community and we expect very soon to be establishing neighborhood focus groups so we can fashion a road bond issue levy," Helwig said. "We expect to be doing that over the next 35 days." Malone left to become information director at Providence Hospital.

### Correction

The May 25 edition of the Novi News stated incorrectly that the NEON Drunk Driving Simulator program at Novi High School was sponsored by the Dodge/Plymouth dealership in Plymouth. It was actually sponsored by the Plymouth Road Office Complex located on Plymouth Road in Detroit, Michigan.

## Cancer survivors celebrate life

The Providence Cancer Institute is celebrating living with a "Festival of Life" in honor of National Cancer Survivors Day. Cancer survivors with their families and loved ones will gather at the Assarian Cancer Center Healing Arts Center in Novi on Sunday, June 4, from noon to 3 p.m. The afternoon will be filled with games, gifts, a picnic lunch and raffle, and a special tree planting ceremony that will honor all persons who have fought the battle of cancer. Some 400 people are expected to attend, including 60 to 100 children.

## The musical score was perfect for band

The Novi High School Symphony Band achieved the highest possible scores recently at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) State Festival. A perfect score of all "ones" for the Novi Band showed once again the strength of the Novi High School music program. The state festival is the highest level of competition for a high school band and is open only to those bands with perfect scores from their respective district hand festivals throughout the state. The Novi High School Band Boosters hosted the festival on May 5 and 6, at the high school. Twen-

ty-nine bands performed. Each school is judged individually in performance and sight-reading, with scores ranging from one to five with one being the best. "This band always plays well, but that night there was a certain magic. The judges were very impressed. The kids knew they had done well when they came off the stage. It was phenomenal," Director of Bands Scott Boerna said. Next on the schedule was a singled out as the outstanding soloist of the weekend of May 18 - 21. The symphony band, concert band, and jazz band all took part in the St. Louis "Music in the Parks" Festival along with 42 other ensembles. The Novi Symphony Band was the only group to receive an overall "Superior" rating, winning their division in the process.

Jazz guitarist Chris Depa was singled out as the outstanding soloist of the weekend. The concert band and the jazz band both won their divisions, receiving an "Excellent" rating. Band members had plenty of time for local sight-seeing. During their visit they also were entertained on a jazz dinner cruise. The Healing Arts Center offers a variety of activities to heal and nurture the mind and spirit. Art therapy in the form of pottery and painting, music therapy, Reiki, yoga, healing touch, massage and humor are elements of the center. Patients are also able to utilize their own science library, reflective space, art gallery, and computer lab. Dr. McLaughlin is also director of radiation oncology at Providence Hospital and clinical associate professor of radiation oncology at the University of Michigan.

## Gun pulled over girlfriend dispute

A man pulled a gun on a 21-year-old Novi resident and told him he had better stay away from his "homeboy's girlfriend."

### Police News

The incident occurred on May 23 when the Wellington Drive resident was awoken by someone banging on his front door. According to witnesses at the scene, three suspects came to the man's home and demanded that he come outside. The victim told police that the suspects got angry with him after he refused to leave his residence and pulled a gun on him described as a black semi-automatic handgun.

According to the victim, the man who pulled the gun was described as an Italian or Mexican male approximately 18-20 years of age with long dark black hair. The man apparently stood six feet tall and weighed about 160 lbs.

The other male suspect was described only as white. The third suspect was identified as a white female. All suspects could be Pontiac residents.

The suspects' vehicle is described as a black Pontiac Sunbird with license number RAV 810. Police continue to investigate the incident.

girlfriend, a 44-year-old Livonia woman. According to police reports, the man said he woke up one morning to find the woman in his living quarters. The woman apparently told the man he left the back door open and she walked in. On the night his home was broken into, the man said his ex-girlfriend contacted him about a rechargeable screwdriver she left at his home. The man said he told the woman he would leave the screwdriver in his mailbox.

According to police, it appears the bathroom window was pried open with a screwdriver. Police continue to investigate.

DOPE STASH IN CAR  
A local man was pulled over on May 24 for various warrants out of the city of Taylor, but when police checked the man's vehicle, they found approximately a quarter pound of marijuana.

The 27-year-old man admitted to police that he "had a bag of weed under his seat."

According to police reports, the man also admitted that he was planning to sell approximately a half ounce of the drugs and "smoke the rest himself."

The man was held for the outstanding warrants as well as narcotics violations.

MAN JAILED AFTER FLEEING SCENE  
A Novi man that apparently fled

the scene of an accident near Novi Road and Crescent Boulevard was arrested after police questioned the man about the incident at his home.

The suspect who allegedly became belligerent with police was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

According to the accident victim, the 49-year-old male suspect hit his car and fled the scene leaving only his name with the victim. The victim, a 17-year-old Waxom teen, was able to write down the suspect's license number. Police were able to track the man down with the license plate number.

When police arrived at the man's home, his mother answered the door. Police asked to speak with the suspect and when the man's mother asked him to come to the door, he responded "fugged" the police, telling them to get outta here.

The man was taken into custody for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

ATTACK OF THE EX-GIRLFRIEND  
A Bloomfield Township woman who had come to visit her boyfriend in Novi was awakened by screams on May 21.

According to Novi police, the woman's boyfriend was attacked in his sleep by an ex-girlfriend. The ex-girlfriend, a 21-year-old Canton resident, apparently came into the home through an open side door and began punching the man as he slept.

After the ex-girlfriend had finished punching the man, she turned her vengeance to the new girlfriend. Neither of the victims were severely injured during the incident.

The local man and his girlfriend, both in their teens, did receive minor cuts and scrapes in the incident.

Police were able to contact the attacker and she agreed to not contact the victims in the future. The incident is closed.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

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# Bill to bar Internet liquor sales flows ahead

By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

In the days before computers, teenagers could be seen trying to buy beer with fake IDs, or standing out by the side of the local party store saying things like "Hey, Mister, would you buy us some beer."

With the onslaught of e-commerce, minors, or anybody, can place an order for wine in over three hundred stores that cater to the web-site wine sellers.

The problem could be so wide that State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) has helped sponsor a bill that would demand that Internet alcohol traders become aware of who is buying that booze.

A state senate committee last week approved legislation designed to protect children by stopping illegal sales of alcohol.

House Bill 4752, sponsored by Cassis, makes it illegal to ship alcohol to minors from sales through the Internet, telephone, computer or any other electronic means. The measure makes the provisions part of the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998.

"The health, safety and welfare of our children must be the overriding consideration as the Internet continues to rapidly change our way of life," Cassis said.

"The anonymity of the web leaves open the possibility of abuse regarding alcohol sales. We can protect our children by creating stop-gaps in the delivery process."

The bill will require all shipped packages containing alcohol to be clearly marked as alcoholic beverages and show the label with the purchaser's name and address. It also requires delivery people from companies such as United Parcel Service, Federal Express and Emery to check purchaser's identification to verify legal age.

"While we recognize that the Internet is an incredible vehicle for knowledge and communication, this Information Superhighway also presents challenges never presented before," Cassis said.

According to Novi police, there are numerous arrests each month for underage individuals consuming alcohol, but tracing where the alcohol comes from is nearly impossible.

The Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs approved the bill. It now goes to the full Senate.

Staff Writer Randal Yakey may be reached at 349-1700.

# Registration is beginning for schools C.A.R.E. programs

Registration for the Fall 2000 C.A.R.E. program will be held on June 8, at all elementary schools. The program will remain open until 7 p.m. on Thursday for registration.

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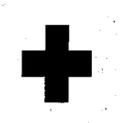
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## Obituaries

**MARGARET L. POPE**  
Margaret Lucille Pope, 68, of Novi died May 24 in Munson Hospital, Traverse City.  
She was born in 1931.  
Mrs. Pope is survived by daughters, Susan (James) Helkes and Cindy (Raymond) Bush; son, Thomas (Laurie); daughter-in-law, Sara Pope; brother, Walter H. Whitman; nephews, Ken, John and Gary; niece, Nancy; and nine grandchildren: Gwyn, Patrick, Kerry, Katie, Kellen, Sarah, Cody, Andrew, and Abbie.  
She was preceded in death by a son, former Novi City Council Member Tim Pope and sister, Marianne Beckerling.  
Mrs. Pope was one of a team of volunteers who helped build the

Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure in her son's honor at the Novi Community Sports Park.  
Services were held on Sunday, May 28 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Rural Hill cemetery, Northville.  
Memorials to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, 8619 W. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116 or The Capuchins, 740 Mount Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-3496 would be appreciated by the family.

**CONCETTA CASTIGLIONE**  
Concetta Castiglione, formerly of Northville, died Dec. 10 in Louisiana. She was 85.  
Ms. Castiglione was born Sept. 4, 1914 in Italy to Vito Ruggiello and Frances Scaglia. She married Vito

Davis, grandmother of Christopher Calvin Davis and Edmund Andrew Davis. Mrs. Calvin was born Sept. 28, 1914 in Detroit. She was a long-time resident of Novi. A private memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville on May 27. Memorial contributions to the Salvation Army and the Alzheimer's Society of Michigan would be appreciated by the family.

Castiglione, who preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1975.  
Ms. Castiglione moved to Northville in 1975 from Los Angeles. She was a housewife and member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. She was preceded in death by her brother.  
A funeral for Mr. Castiglione was held Dec. 15 at Our Lady of Victory with Fr. James Kean officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

She was born in 1911.  
Mrs. Connolly is survived by two sons, Raymond J. Jr. (Virginia) and William J. (Lydia); ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.  
She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond.  
Services were held on Tuesday, May 30 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Dearborn Heights. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.  
Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

## Janice Liao receives scholarship

Novi High School senior Janice Clara Liao was named one of this year's National Merit \$2,000 Scholarship winners by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

The Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a group of approximately 15,000 high school seniors who reached the finalist level in the 2000 Program.

"I'm really excited," Liao said. "This will definitely help pay for my college education."

Recipients of national awards are named in every state, in numbers proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

Liao is involved in a number of school activities including being treasurer for the National Honors Society, Interact Club president, Co-captain of the Debate Team, International Club president, and Quiz Bowl president.

She was also named as one of Novi High School's valedictorians for the Class of 2000.

After graduation, Liao will be attending the University of Michigan where she will be studying pre-medicine.

Every finalist was considered for one of these awards by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by finalists and their high schools.

Selection committee members evaluated each finalist's academic record, including difficulty level of course work and subjects studied; scores from two tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; essay describing interests and goals; and a recommendation by a high school official.

NMSC is underwriting over 85 percent of the single-payment National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships with its own funds.

Company and business sponsors in the merit program are supporting the remainder of the national awards.

The competition for Merit Scholarship awards being offered this spring began in the fall of 1998.

More than 1.2 million juniors in over 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the competition when they took the 1999 PSAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

In September 1999, some 16,000 semi-finalists were designated on a state representational basis.

Semi-finalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state, representing less than one percent of the state's seniors.

Only semi-finalists had an opportunity to submit detailed scholarship applications and information required to advance to the finalist level and compete for Merit Scholarship awards.

To qualify as finalists, semi-finalists had to present a record of very high academic performance and meet other requirements.

Approximately 15,000 Semi-finalists met the standards to become finalists and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners were chosen.

At the conclusion of the 2000 competition, more than 7,900 Merit Scholars will receive Merit Scholarship awards worth over \$31 million for college undergraduate study.

Established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program, NMSC is a non-profit corporation that operates without government assistance.

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# Novi High School wins award from U.S. Dept. of Ed

Hard work and commitment were on the lesson plan, according to Novi High School Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal.

As reported last week, Novi High School has been selected as a 2000 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

"This award is a powerful validation of the hard work and commitment that everyone, including our students, teachers, parents, support staff and community have put forth in our children's education," Novi High School Principal Dr. Jennifer P. Cheal said.

"To be recognized this year by our nation's capitol for our quality work and commitment to continuing improvement is a great honor and will serve to inspire and motivate us to even greater achievements in the future."

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The Blue Ribbon, the most prestigious education award in the country, distinguishes Novi High School for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.

Schools selected for recognition prepared an extensive written nomination package representing a thorough self-evaluation.

The process involved assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the school and developing improvement plans for the future.

When evaluating nominations, the Department of Education looked for overall school quality, including challenging standards

and curriculum, excellent teaching, ongoing professional development by teachers and staff members, a safe and supportive school environment, family and community partnerships that contribute to school quality, and high or improving student performance on measures of achievement.

The National Blue Ribbon Review Panel gave the following overall summary in its communication announcement: "In response to a growing student population, Novi High School planned and implemented not only a major renovation and expansion of its facility, but a comprehensive assessment

and revision of curriculum, instruction and assessment. As a result, students enjoy block scheduling, dynamic and engaging instructional strategies, standards-based curriculum, multiple opportunities to be involved in co-curricular activities, diverse support programs, and an educational environment which embraces respect, positive interactions with others, and self-reflection. Participation in the North Central Association process has led Novi High School staff to seek out outcomes-based accreditation, holding the school to a rigorous standard of excellence.

Strong parent involvement and multiple interactions with the com-

munity enrich an already impressive academic and co-curricular program at Novi High School."

Novi High School is one of 178 middle and high schools selected this year from a pool of 377 National nominees. Established in 1982,

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program celebrates elementary and secondary schools in alternate years and has evolved to place a strong emphasis on school improvement.

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- 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
- 1:30 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
- 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Marketing
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- 5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch
- 6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
- 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
- 7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 7:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner
- 8:00 p.m. — Inside Reform Today: Tom Ness
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- 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
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- 11:00 a.m. — Living Without Limits: Disability in Sports
- 11:30 a.m. — This is Racing in Michigan: The Life of a Jockey
- 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
- 1:00 p.m. — Senseless Death
- 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. — Grip 2000
- 4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Novi Police Dog
- 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
- 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Kay Schmid
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- 11:00 a.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Marketing
- 11:30 a.m. — The Hobby Corner
- 12:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Mongolian Barbecue
- 12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
- 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
- 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
- 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
- 2:30 p.m. — Where Do We Go From Here? A Post Graduate Documentary
- 3:00 p.m. — Unsung Heroes and Unsung Institutions
- 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 4:30 p.m. — Teen Talk
- 5:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church
- 5:30 p.m. — (cont'l)
- 6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center
- 6:30 p.m. — Women on the Move: Debbie Stabenow
- 7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
- 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Chiropractor
- 8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
- 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
- 9:00 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Rainbow Drama Guild
- 9:30 p.m. — Out in the Open: Under Cover of the Night

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

- 10:00 a.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Rainbow Drama Guild
- 10:30 a.m. — Women on the Move: Debbie Stabenow
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- 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
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## City planning department sees departure of three employees

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she fit the bill," Abron said. "We had a candidate in mind that had a lot of local governmental experience. We were very impressed with her MBA and graduate degree in organizational development."

"She was the city manager of Belleville at one time and since we have one of largest waste water treatment plants in the state, she seemed a perfect fit," Abron continued. "We're trying to be more like a business in terms of responding to customers and she (Conley) has that experience with business contracts."

Conley said that since Novi remained the building and planning departments, the city could contemplate more consolidation. "I think there is certainly room for a different approach," Conley said. "This would provide an unique opportunity."

Wahl, who has been with the city of Novi for the past 15 years, has been entertaining offers for the past four months. "I have two offers and they are not finalized," Wahl said. "I'll probably be in Ohio."

Wahl said that his offers are for jobs in the private sector and municipal government.

"I have family ties in Ohio," Wahl said. "I have four sisters and my father is 85 years old. He lives by

himself and we're trying to get him and my sisters together."

"It's been a real hard decision," he continued. "I've only worked for three cities in my entire life."

Wahl, who has degrees from both the University of Dayton and Ohio State University, was director of planning for Columbus, Ohio for ten years. Wahl, 53, also worked for Monroe, Michigan for five years. "I was going to leave Novi. It was now or never. I have about ten years of working left and I have to think about my future. I have to start paying attention to these things," Wahl said.

Baswinka said the reason she is leaving is that she has two young children at home and she would like to spend more time with them.

Baswinka said that she would like to stay on but the demands of raising two small children and being a full-time planner are not compatible. Baswinka was glad to note that she was becoming a "full-time mom."

Novi City Manager Richard Helwig said he understands the reasons for each individual's decision. "I'm sure it will cause an uproar," Helwig said. "But, in my experience, it happens. We had five planning officials in Dayton leave at once. Quality communities are a source for good people."

"My only message at this time is that we will seek to attract quality

people," Helwig continued. "We are in the first steps of evaluating out talent and we will look for quality people outside the city."

There been some speculation within city hall that Conley's job would not be filled, but absorbed under another department head.

In April, the city lost treasurer Steve Babinehak when he took a position with the Detroit Public School management team, a private organization hired to help the district with renovation and construction projects within the city of Detroit.

Babinehak had been one of the in-house candidates for city manager, as was Conley. Earlier this year, the city lost city clerk Tami Bartholomew to the city of Troy.

Novi has also been without a Director of Public Work (DPW) since Craig Smith was fired last June. Smith lasted only 22 months in the city and no possible replacements have been interviewed, according to city officials.

Helwig, who has been on the job for little over a month and a half, did announce last week that he would be promoting Maureen Malone to the position of Community Relations Manager. Lon Martin, who held that job at the city, left to work for Providence Hospital.

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## Community Ed. Summer Camp Briefs

Novi High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach and Physical Education teacher at Novi Meadows School Patrick Schuller will be instructing the following camps this summer:

**Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Basketball Camp**  
For grades 3 - 9 (for 2000-2001 school year) participants will receive knowledge of the game of basketball, as well as instruction to aid in the development of their playing abilities. Emphasis will be placed on all phases of the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and defensive concepts. Students will be grouped according to age, size, and ability. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a t-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

**Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Shooting Camp**  
For grades 3 - 9 (for 2000-2001 school year) participants will be loaded up with instruction, techniques, and the drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on 3-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble, and spot shooting. Upon completion of this camp, students will show marked improvement in their shooting techniques. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required.

**Boys Camp: June 19 - 23, Monday through Friday.**  
Class #2350.401 for grades 3 - 5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.  
Class #2350.402 for grades 6 - 9 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Camp: June 26 - 30, Monday through Friday.**  
Class #2350.403 for grades 3 - 5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.  
Class #2350.404 for grades 6 - 9 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

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## Election time for community college Candidate Akehurst one of first alumni at OCC

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His first encounter with Oakland Community College was as a student in 1965.

Richard J. Akehurst had recently graduated from Kimball High School in Royal Oak and he was one of the original 4,000 students when OCC opened its doors.

Since then, Akehurst has earned two associate degrees from OCC, one in general studies and another in business administration. Some of the courses he took in computer aided designed helped Akehurst



Carol Crew hope to remain on OCC Board of Trustees members

"I want OCC to continue as a low-cost alternative to a four-year institution."

Richard Akehurst  
Candidate for OCC Board

Being a student at OCC has given him a different take on the school, Akehurst said. So has having a wife who is both a classified employee at the Royal Oak campus and a part-time faculty member.

His wife Janet is an administrative assistant to the academic dean of the Royal Oak campus. She also teaches American history.

That perspective, coupled with his business and management background, should persuade voters he has the qualifications to be an excellent trustee, Akehurst said.

## Crew aims to stay on OCC crew

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The last six years, in which Carol L. Crew was a member of the board of trustees, have been eventful for Oakland Community College.

During that time, OCC lobbied voters to get a crucial millage approved, changed chancellors, negotiated agreements with contentious labor organizations, and continued to develop programs to benefit students.

As a trustee, Crew believes she and her colleagues on the board did a good job during that crucial period. So good, she is asking voters to re-elect her on the basis of her performance, including her tenure as an officer of the board.

Crew was secretary of the board from 1995 until 1998, when she was elected chair.

Crew points to the partnerships she and her colleagues developed

between OCC and businesses, local school districts, and neighboring colleges and universities as evidence the college is developing the programs needed in the community. As the policy setting agency of the college, the board plays an important role in establishing and overseeing those programs.

Earlier this month, for example, the board approved an arrangement under which students will get practical experience at William Beaumont Hospital as part of a new surgical technology program.

Upon completion, the two-year program enables students to work in operating rooms assisting surgeons and performing other important tasks.

Crew is currently director of nursing services at the Huron Valley Care Center in Ypsilanti and she believes the surgical technology program provides students with a viable career option.

"That's just one of the programs we've developed," Crew said. "We have so many programs. OCC is important to the business community because we provide workers with the training needed for crucial jobs."

"OCC does so much for the community," she said. "As a resource, the school is a treasure. And I feel good about my involvement."

The board, or individual trustees, has on occasion come under fire from critics who claim it lacks cohesion or is somehow divided. Crew believes such criticism is unfounded or possibly the allegations of candidates looking for campaign issues.

"We have some strong individuals on the board," she said. "They're people who ask questions and are committed to OCC and its mission."

"But we put differences aside when it comes to the good of OCC," she said. "We're very unified when it counts."

The board is unified, for example, on the need to convince voters next year to renew the tax millage that provides more than 18 percent of the OCC operating budget.

"We already have a committee in place to make our case to voters," Crew said.

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## As We See It

### Council needs to prove itself in granting breaks

In November 1999, Novi residents who were tired of the previous elected city officials had their say at the ballot box and put a new mayor and two new council members in office.

Well, the honeymoon was short. Now that the city's new tax abatement policy for major league corporations passed earlier this month, the word recall is being raised by voices that are hardly whispering.

Voting in favor of the tax abatement were Mayor Richard Clark and Council Members Lou Csordas, Hugh Crawford and Ed Kramer. Nixing the idea were Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo and Council Members Michelle Bononi and Craig DeRoche.

Speaking for residents in the opposition camp are Clare Wilson, who gathered 250 signatures against the tax break policy and Dolores Vedro, who has raised the spectre of a recall attempt.

It is very, very easy to see why homeowners would be disgruntled by the idea of cutting a corporate citizen's property taxes in twain, when each and every one of us would love just such a giveaway.

What probably really has many of these residents' dander up is that hanging over Novi taxpayers heads is one hefty threat, the \$83 million Sandstone judgment, currently tied up in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

If Sandstone prevails and each and every homeowner ends up paying his or her share of that bill, guaranteed, this town will be full of some very, very disgruntled residents.

Why then a tax abatement policy is a highly desirable community in the midst of an economic boom?

City policy makers, alarmed that Novi's major growth through the 1990s has been largely in the residential sector, have been working for several years to address that imbalance. What Novi officials have been hoping to lure here are high-tech, low-impact,

high tax paying industries. Over 1,000 acres were rezoned several years ago to put out the door mat for firms such as Husky and now, Textron.

Because these corporations make such desirable citizens, using few city services — and when the abatements are up, paying hefty taxes — other communities are out there competing for them. Many cities do offer tax abatements.

Novi's new policy makes eligible for an eight year, 50 percent tax break any new firm with an investment of \$10 million and any existing company that aims to upgrade its facility to the tune of no less than \$5 million. The company must employ no fewer than 25 people.

And very importantly, no more than four firms per year will be granted tax abatements. Frankly, we would have preferred to see that knocked down to two abatements. However, four tax breaks offered judiciously each year isn't necessarily giving away the shop.

Why do Novi officials want a high-tech tax base? The stated goal all along has been to shift the taxpaying burden away from residents. Novi is very much a part of the global economy and is not just competing with Auburn Hills for a desirable corporate citizen but the entire world. India, for example, is busy setting up its own version of Silicon Valley.

The major concern here is a Compuware-type scenario where a corporation shops for a new tax abatement once its first one expires. That is indeed an ugly prospect.

What the Novi City Council needs to do now is reassure residents that they will be very, very tough, hard-nosed and demanding in approving any tax abatement.

And the threat of recall should be held in abeyance until the concerned residents watch this council in action as they review the first applicants for the abatements. Scrutinize their actions closely, then make up your minds.

## You can get anything here



Jan Jeffres

It doesn't matter where I've been in the world, I know if I want something, I can eventually find it here. But sometimes it just takes a little longer.

Last November, for example, I admired a purse in Galleries Lafayette in Paris, but didn't feel like spending the \$150 when I'd purchased a new handbag not a month earlier. Once I got home, I found the same purse, with the Paris label at T.J. Maxx's in Novi for \$50.

A few years ago, I had my hand tattooed with henna by a Nubian woman on Sahel Island in the Nile River. That summer's Michigan 50s Festival featured the same process, only the tattoo artist here didn't use a big, rusty old knife to scrape the henna off, as featured in Egypt.

Then why do I leave home? So I can know what to look for when I get back.

In May while vacationing in Tuscany, I became hooked on the delightful custom of dipping almond biscotti in dessert wine called Vin Santo. I decided against lugging a bottle of it home. Surely, I'll find it at Vic's World Class Market, I thought.

Saturday, I headed to Vic's. They do have a great selection of wine. I became mesmerized staring at labels with names like Sari Gimgignano and Santa Margherita, small cities that I've visited. Vic's is a fantastic place, but still, no

Vin Santo. I tried a few other wine shops around Novi, no luck. I did get some fresh mozzarella cheese and fresh basil at Vic's, so I could try out the \$50 bottle of certified balsamic vinegar from Modena I brought home from the Riviera. You do these things when you have struck. But I haven't given up on Vin Santo. You can find anything in this town.

I did learn something else of great use in Italy. It is extremely ill-gauche to order cappuccino after 11 a.m. Three cheers for the land of freedom where you can have cappuccino at any hour at Starbucks' on Novi Road.

On the topic of things Italian, tomorrow is a special day. On June 2, 1635, the first Italian resident, a Venetian named Pietro Cesare Alberti, landed in what was then New Amsterdam. About 50 years ago, New York City officials designated June 2 as Alberti Day.

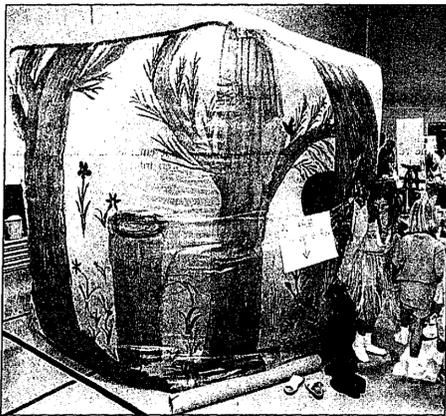
When we think about the impact the Italians after Christopher Columbus have had on the Americas, consider this. What if our national dining opportunities were dominated by Dutch and English food? As for me, I plan to celebrate Alberti Day with much pasta.

But back to the fact that Novi is a happy hunting ground for shoppers. Just last week, I was shopping in my favorite city in the world, Venice, and admired a scarf. It was cheap, by Venetian standards, only \$45. I decided against purchasing one and yes, a few days later, I saw the same scarf, although in only one color, labeled "Made in Italy" and available at T.J. Maxx in Novi for \$12. It's all here, folks.

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## In Focus

By John Heider



Created environment

Amaner Elementary School student Tanya Bedrosian exits her group's biosphere, a look at California redwoods.

## Recollection is sweet and bitter



Randal Yakey

When I was a boy, I looked forward to the Memorial Day weekend like most kids look forward to Christmas. It was my personal opening day for summer.

Every year, my family would ride up to my uncle's cottage in the Union Lake area to go swimming or hunting for "snipe." On alternating years we would go to my aunt's home with a large backyard and spend the day either in the swimming pool or playing volleyball.

No matter where we went, there was always plenty of food and plenty to do. Kielbasa and hot dogs, potato salad and coleslaw, usually homemade by one of my aunts, filled the table. Cooler stuffed with Coca Cola or Faygo Red pop and what seemed like an endless supply of poppicles. There would be that occasional Jello salad (which I would try to avoid until my mother would tell me to give it a try.)

The ride was even special. We would pack the car in the early morning stocking everything we needed. Swimming trunks, beach towels, baseball gloves and baseballs, that old beach ball always seems to make the trip. It was a Memorial Day ritual.

At the cottage, my uncle John would roll out a couple of watermelons, cut them open, and with the juice drying in the hot afternoon sun and slicking to everything and everybody, we would sit on top of the picnic table and see who could spit the seeds the farthest.

Just before dinner, the men would gather with their favorite beverages, sometimes poured into large carved mugs and other times in cans or long necked bottles and play horse shoes.

Everyone wanted to go for boat rides, dressed in bright orange life jackets, amazed at the rate of speed of the boat as it split the lake in half while one of my older

cousins was pulled around the lake on water skis. At night, some of the parents would take all the kids into town to go to the movies or spend some time at the local carnival or fair. Back at the cottage, with the large lawn candles lighting up the night and the moon shining off the water, the parents would sit and talk while kids went on a hunt for the elusive snip. I never wanted to leave.

This past Memorial Day was different. I did spend some time with my family on Saturday, but on Monday I had a change plans.

This year, I sat with a new friend as he recalled the days of his youth. He and his brother would play on the baseball fields of their youth, the same as my brothers and I did. He and his brother also enjoyed playing at the water's edge, boat rides and country fairs. The only thing different is that he lost his brother in war.

Now on his Memorial Days, he spends time delivering flowers to a grave. My brother was a Marine at the time of the Gulf War. I have a cousin who was in Vietnam. I have an uncle who was in the military during World War II. My grandfather was a member of the Polar Bears, a group of World War I veterans who fought in the freezing temperatures of the northern Pacific. They all came home, luckily.

Every year, a house across the street from where I grew up put out their American flag on Memorial Day. The flag wasn't put out much except for Memorial Day. The woman who lived there at the time, as I would learn some time later, lost her brother in Vietnam. Now I understand why it was so quiet there on Memorial Day.

This year, I didn't get to the lake. No watermelon. No beach. But I wasn't sad. My new friend and I talked of the good old days and about our brothers.

I hope all of you remembered the fallen in war this past Memorial Day between the beach party and the hot dogs. If not, it's not too late. Take a moment out to say a prayer. It will only take a moment.

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## Funding should consider differences



Phil Power

So June has rolled around and, regular as clockwork, the annual tussle over state funding for Michigan's 15 public universities is reaching a climax.

This year's thrash is over a formula funding scheme. Last month, the House Appropriations higher education subcommittee voted to classify universities by mission and program as a way to determine per student funding. For example, schools in the "research university" tier

the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State — would all get approximately equal per student funding, according to the formula.

This would give MSU an appropriation increase of around 10 percent, far above U-M or WSU, which produces screams from Ann Arbor and Detroit. By contrast, the Senate Appropriations higher education subcommittee bill would give U-M and MSU equal increases of 6.9 percent, while WSU (which, notably, still gets the most state money per enrolled student) would get 6.7 percent.

These radically differing versions are on their way to a joint conference committee to hammer out the differences. Sen. John Schwarz, chair of the Senate Appropriations higher education subcommittee, figures there will be lots of preliminary sound and fury. But he adds, "There is no doubt in my mind that we can work out something between the Senate, the House and the governor."

For anybody who's confused by all this, here's what's really going on behind the

Universities incur heavy costs in supporting students all the way through to their graduation, so state support should not be based solely on how many students enroll from year to year.

Everybody recognizes that programs for graduate and professional students are much more expensive than for undergraduates. MSU's enrollment mix is 72.6 percent undergraduate and 27.4 graduate, while U-M's is 55.1 percent undergraduate and 44.9 percent graduate. Interestingly, Wayne State's enrollments are 40.3 percent undergraduate and 59.7 percent graduate. It's unrealistic to ignore such large differences in student types when figuring out how to fund universities fairly.

Moreover, it just might be that MSU is a lot better off than it seems. The school has two important core programs — the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service — that are not included in the base funding totals. If state appropriations for both (they come to \$88.5 million) are added back into MSU's base funding, state support per MSU student total turns out to be virtually identical with the U-M's.

The device funding universities by a formula based on a classification system is superficially appealing. But it masks the very great differences between each of the five research universities in our state. It would be unrealistic and irresponsible for the legislature to ignore these differences in reacting a final appropriations decision.

Phil Power is the chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. He is a veteran observer of university funding wars, having served as a member of the U-M and as a member of the 1982 Commission on the Future of Higher Education. He can be reached at ppower@homecomm.net or (734) 665-4061.

## Don't join movement to recall Mayor Clark

To the Editor:  
I am very disturbed that certain residents are initiating a recall of Mayor Richard Clark as a result of the city council's decision to institute a tax abatement policy in Novi.

First and foremost, the city of Novi is fortunate to have such an honorable, fair-minded, and dedicated person as our elected leader. There is not an individual in city hall who is more committed to this community.

Anyone paying attention to council meetings knows that Mayor Clark is an advocate for the residents of Novi. His voting record and other actions on council demonstrate his support of the citizens, but he is also wisely aware of the role development plays in the future success of our city.

This outraged reaction is premature. Novi's new policy simply allows council to consider limited abatements. In addition to applications meeting specific criteria, each application must be approved on an individual basis by the city council.

If any resident is asked to sign or circulate a recall petition, I encourage them to do their homework first. Don't assume just because you read it in a letter to the editor that developers will be getting a "free ride," that the council is "giving money away" or that developers get "all the attention" instead of jumping on the bandwagon of an irate citizen, or signing a petition because it's your friend/family member/neighbor circulating it, be responsible and research the issue.

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Edward F. Kriewall

## Letters

some can result in indirect benefits to all of us — there can be win/win situations. Perpetuating an attitude of "us against them," resident against developer, is counterproductive. Let's all work together for the good of this city, as is an unbridled recalcitrant action like the one being threatened.

Mary Muller

### ABATEMENTS WILL WORK WELL

To the Editor:  
The Novi City Council recently adopted a tax abatement policy. Tax abatement has been utilized only once before in Novi's history. It was utilized to move a stamping plant from the Town Center area to pave the way for redevelopment.

Even though the city never entertained tax abatement since, it was always felt that a development plan such as a corporate headquarters would warrant consideration. There are a couple of developments currently considering Novi that fall into this category. It would be advantageous to the city to extend tax abatement for these projects. Novi stands to gain a research campus in one instance and a new housing development in another.

Novi residents currently living in Novi would be assured that their home investment would be solid. A larger campus development would create a more rapid build-out of the industrial area. This in turn would generate a more rapid build-out of basic which would offset the abatement. In a perfect world there would be no such thing as tax abatement. However, there is and it does create some competition between states and cities. Novi needs to be competitive for the development plans. The city council has made a sound decision to provide tax abatement for premium projects. We need more high-end technical development to assure that we remain a premiere community in the long haul.

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Again, I'd like to thank the Novi News and Ms. Plenda for bringing to the forefront the fact that disabled people are indeed viable members of the community. Disabled people are often times motivated, reliable, trustworthy and willing to carry out job duties that the nondisabled kids who go to their jobs grudgingly and worry more about their social lives. We just need and hope that as time goes by, people's awareness is heightened to the point that disabled kids will be treated equally.

As a side bar — I know the Novi News lately has caught some flak about not reporting more "local" coverage. This is also true in this instance. Novi and other surrounding Oakland county communities have a lot of disabled kids in programs that you could report on and keep your stories closer to home. I think people would appreciate it because it is indeed about people in Novi and what they're involved in. Not to say, of course, that what good things that are going on in Wayne county are any less important, but we at home could use the accolades and encouragement and just plain PR as well.

Elizabeth Steuer Budesky

### ARTICLE WAS APPRECIATED

To the Editor:  
I have never been proud of a newspaper before, but I am increasingly becoming more and more proud of the Novi News and reporter Melanie Plenda for having the courage to showcase the disabled population. Our children are not necessarily the ones that come home with sports trophies and scholarships, they are not the valedictorians of this or any year's graduating class nor are they the children that are often over-acknowledged by their own peers in their own community. However, these children and young adults are worthy nonetheless of any and all opportunities as any other person on the face of this earth to follow their dreams and strive to fulfill their wants, goals and potential.

In the Detroit newspapers (May 21), Thomas Sowell wrote about the dangers of a concentration of

power in government and how important it is to keep government powers from constantly expanding.

Detroit writer Louise Knott Ahern wrote May 23 about Novi's budgetary problems and some proposed new projects. She cited the proposed \$20 million library expansion project and the possible road improvement ballot proposal.

Now these are two very important and major quality-of-life projects that need to be resolved by the Novi residents and taxpayers. Yet this partially new city council and administration is starting to get its political shoes soiled by tightening down the slippery, slimy slopes of tempering with the taxpayers' trust and respect.

The Novi Library Board — a group of Novi resident volunteers — asked that the proposed library expansion project request be placed on the ballot in the upcoming elections this year. Our elected and hired city officials decided to put off the library board's request for at least one year.

Why you may ask? The simple truth is that our city officials want the road improvement proposal on the ballot first. And they are worried that if the library board's request went first before the Novi voters and passed the road improvement bonding request may fall again.

This political posturing or uptoeing on the slippery, slimy slopes of tempering with taxpayers' trust and respect is fundamentally and morally wrong because it violates many of the campaign promises made to the Novi voters during the last election. The former city council and administration was blatantly arrogant and incredibly stupid when they loaded everything for the developer since the last road improvement bond proposal — and it failed with a loud and sickening thud.

Now this city council and administration is wandering down the same slippery, slimy slopes by withholding any future projects until their road improvement proposal is ready for presentation and they get their selection passed first. But meanwhile, they will be destroying all existing measures of respect and trust with the Novi voters. Each proposed project needs to stand on its own merits and has to be promptly handed over to the Novi voters to say year or may to not postponed or concealed.

This city council and administration needs to adopt a policy of simply letting the Novi voters decide what they want and are willing to pay for. Sneaky attempts that champion the city officials' mandates instead of citizen participation and involvement are tyrannical and self-destructive in the end.

The last city council and administration squandered millions of taxpayers' dollars on semi-private road development (Book Barr) Avenue No. 7), and the special land purchase and construction of the Novi Ice Arena — all without voter participation and approval.

And Novi residents are paying for those financial failures for years to come. When city government starts to become dictatorial, the Novi voters need to become alarmed.

Joseph G. Toth

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 Unfortunately, overweight children are likely to suffer social and psychological stresses because they appear "different" from their peers.  
 "Their self-esteem from here on up into high school is so important in the way they feel about themselves," Whitman said. "Fitness and exercise, along with a proper diet, is vitally beneficial to their health and self-regard."  
 There are a number of health risks overweight children face including higher blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels that can all lead to heart disease, diabetes, gallbladder disease, and certain cancers into their adult lives.  
 "The idea is for children to learn fitness for life," Whitman said. "They don't have to do something athletic, just something active."  
 Next fall, Whitman and Salati are teaming up to provide a fitness class for children through Community Education.  
 "I'm designing the course and Helena is going to teach it," Whit-



Helena Salati, a fitness trainer at the Water Works, assists Vanessa DeCello in weightlifting on an exercise ball.

## Contest seeks local musicians

If music is your middle name and life isn't the same if a melody doesn't come to mind, your time has arrived.  
 The Music and Motor Festival runs from July 26-30. The Novi News wants to find the musical talent lurking about in our communities through a special contest that kicks off next week.  
 We're looking for musicians of any type to send us a demo tape or disc of their work. Our staff, along with music professionals, will listen to the and judge the submissions. Our winner will receive a \$150 gift certificate from Music-Go-Round in Novi and five hours of professional recording studio time from Millennium Records & Music Publishing in South Lyon. In addition, a write-up of the musician or band will appear in a forthcoming issue of the News and Record.  
 The rules:  
 • Demos must be on cassette tape or compact disc. Entries with multiple song titles on one tape may be entered, but the tape must be cued to the song being entered for judging, and discs must include a note indicating which track is to be played.  
 • Songs may be between three and four minutes long. Entries must include the entry form (which will appear in the News and Record next week and the weeks thereafter).  
 • Off-color lyrics or song titles in music will be grounds for automatic disqualification.  
 • Entries will only be returned if they are accompanied with self-addressed, postage-paid mail packaging. The News and Record are not responsible for lost or damaged materials.  
 • Entries will be accepted from June 8 through 5 p.m. June 29. Judging will take place in the week thereafter, with the winner being notified no later than July 7.  
 • Employees and family members of HomeTown Newspapers are not eligible.  
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## The 2000 All-Area ACADEMIC TEAM

As graduation nears, HomeTown Newspapers honors the best and brightest seniors from the class of 2000. Members of the team are selected on the basis of a mathematical formula which combines grade point averages and scores on standardized tests.

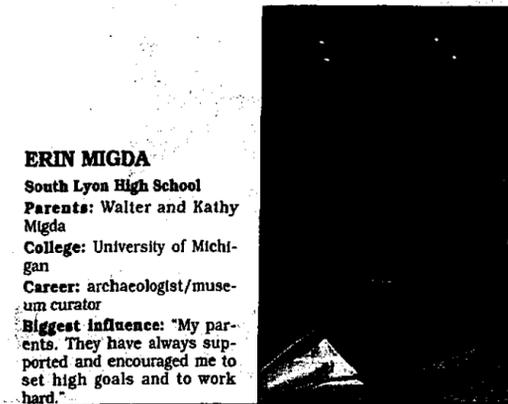
**CARA LOCKLIN**  
South Lyon High School  
Parents: Calvin Locklin and Linda Locklin  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: biological research  
Biggest influence: "My parents have always supported me and given me freedom and responsibility."



**ADITYA PRASAD**  
Northville High School  
Parents: Saroj and Purnima Prasad  
College: University of Michigan—computer engineering  
Career: Information technology field  
Biggest influence: "I have had many interesting teachers who have greatly influenced me. Out of all of these teachers, one especially stands out in my mind and that is, Mr. Robert Sharrar. A coach, teacher and confidant rolled into one, Mr. Sharrar has had an enormous impact on my life. He made science fun for all of his students and left an indelible mark on my mind and career."



**JANICE LIAO**  
Novi High School  
Parents: Kenneth and Karen Liao  
College: University of Michigan—Pre Med  
Career: medicine  
Biggest influence: "My family and teachers have encouraged me and supported me and taught me to never settle for less than my best."



**ERIN MIGDA**  
South Lyon High School  
Parents: Walter and Kathy Migda  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: archaeologist/museum curator  
Biggest influence: "My parents. They have always supported and encouraged me to set high goals and to work hard."

**REBECCA MOTLEY**  
Lakeland High School  
Parents: James and Crystal Motley  
Career: "college until I get a Ph.D."  
Biggest influence: "The person that has inspired me the most in my academic career was my first grade teacher, Mrs. Wigg. Her strong academic influence led me on the path that has brought me to being a successful student, but her caring helped me decide what I wanted to do with my life. Having caring instilled in me so strongly at that early age helped me decide on a career as a psychologist, a profession where I can help others. She always took a very personal interest in my well being which made me feel special."



**DANIEL MIHALIK**  
Northville High School  
Parents: Steve and Susan Mihalik  
College: University of Michigan—College of Engineering  
Career: computer engineering  
Biggest influence: "My parents, by encouraging me to pursue my interests and strive for excellence."

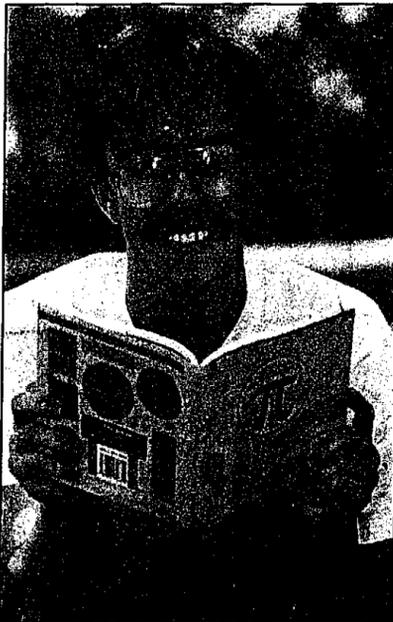
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**MICHAEL BRZOZOWSKI**  
Novi High School  
Parents: Leonard and Mary Brzozowski  
College: Stanford University—Computer Science  
Career: information technology  
Biggest influence: "My freshman English teacher, Mrs. Carmichael, who encouraged me to get involved in my school."

**ERIK SIPPOLA**  
Milford High School  
Parents: Elwood and Linda Sippola  
College: University of Michigan—College of Engineering  
Career: mechanical engineer  
Biggest influence: "My parents for gladly buying supplies and listening to me whine, and my nerdy friends for making school a competition."



**ANDREW FLEMING**  
Milford High School  
Parents: Suzanne Fleming  
College: Michigan Technological University  
Career: astrophysicist (research position or university professorship)  
Biggest influence: "My parents. They've always been supportive of my efforts and goals."



**CHRISTOPHER WAGNER**  
Novi High School  
Parents: Richard and Barbara Wagner  
College: Arizona State University—math major  
Career: undecided  
Biggest influence: "My parents, by teaching me not to take the system too seriously."



**AMANDA HALASH**  
Northville High School  
Parents: Ed and Jeanne Halash  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: math teacher/professor  
Biggest influence: "My parents, by passing along their work-ethic, their knowledge and most of all, their support."

### HONORABLE MENTION

**EUNICE ZHOU**  
Northville High School  
Parents: Tongqing and Xiuyu Zhou  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: marketing

**SONYA RAISINGHANI**  
Northville High School  
Parents: Narain Raisinghani, Sabrina Roney  
College: undecided—graduate degree for business and computers  
Career: research and consulting

**ROBERT K. DOHNER**  
Lakeland High School  
Parents: Charles F. and Kendra Dohner  
College: BS major in math and advanced degrees in mathematics  
Career: teaching math at a post secondary institution

**BRITT SOMMERFIELD**  
Lakeland High School  
Parents: Dean Sommerfield  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: international business

**KATHERINE PIERCE**  
Lakeland High School  
Parents: Robert and Pamela Pierce  
College: Michigan Technological University  
Career: biomedical engineer

**LIANA READING**  
Lakeland High School  
Parents: Robin and Jackie Reading  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: undecided

**ERICA ALPERT**  
Novi High School  
Parents: Martin Alpert, Paula Grisell and Mike Goldstein  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: undecided

**AMRUTHA NAGARAJAN**  
Novi High School  
Parents: Rajan and Anu Nagarajan  
College: Wellesley College  
Career: law

**KENDAL SLACK**  
Milford High School  
Parents: Karen and Robert Slack  
College: Hope College  
Career: pediatrician

**JOSHUA BEACH**  
Milford High School  
Parents: Eugene and Lori Beach  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: possibly R&D or computer security for NSA

**COLLEEN MCDONNELL**  
Milford High School  
Parents: Mary and Robert McDonnell  
College: Grand Valley State University  
Career: exploring options in the field of biology

**ADRIENNE STEPHEN**  
South Lyon High School  
Parents: Adrienne and Jim Stephen  
College: Grand Valley State University  
Career: physical therapist

**NATALIE SAMPSON**  
South Lyon High School  
Parents: John and Lisa Sampson  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: possibly biology

**HOLLAND QUICK**  
South Lyon High School  
Parents: Mary Mancinelli  
College: University of Michigan  
Career: undecided

## Novi Highlights

### NOVI RETIREES ASSOCIATION

An exploratory committee was formed and with the assistance of the city of Novi, a letter expressing an interest in the formation of such an association was sent to retirees. Sixty-five percent indicated interest and with that, the association was formed with the first meeting at Leon's of Wixom.

A Mission, Vision, and Goals Committee was formulated with the purpose of being social in nature and doing charitable projects. A newsletter will soon be established to keep members informed of events, etc. Mailings will also include former Novi residents who have expressed interest in receiving news from "home." Some of the requests have come from Punta Gorda Isles, Fla.; Phoenix, Ariz.; and Alabama.

Reunions are held at almost every meeting, including retirees who have moved to areas like Waterford, Colliwater and Rogers City.

Former Novi Police Det. Robert Staunton and his wife, Pat were present at the last meeting. They brought pictures of his early days

of employment with the city, which resulted in a discussion of reunions with those present. Bob Shaw of Florida was also present and brought greetings from Earl Bailey. More information is available by dropping a line to the association at P.O. Box 1142.

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family Catholic Church continues to grow in membership. Since their expansion in 1995, they have grown to over 500 families. Many programs and projects have contributed to this growth: Caring Clothes Closet for the community, gifted staff, thoughtful homilies, youth group, just to mention a few.

Due to the increase, more than 75 additional parking spaces are needed. During the last two school years, about 30-50 cars have been added to the lot.

A new program titled, "The Golden Dimensions" (formerly the Holy Family senior organization) will meet on Saturday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Future plans include a Tiger baseball

game on Friday, June 9; a "Best of Saugatuck" all-day trip July 10, which will include a boat cruise and dune schooner ride; and attending a play "Always" on Aug. 13 at the Century Theater, a comedy about Paisy Cline followed by dinner at Maria's Restaurant. For more information, call the church office at 349-8847.

The project "Christmas in June" is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20. Volunteers are needed for several time slots: 9-11 a.m., 1-4 p.m., and 7:30-10 p.m. The event will be held in the activities building. Volunteers will be wrapping Christmas gifts for Charter House of Novi and Whitehall Nursing Home. Gifts will be presented at the Christmas celebration, Dec. 2. This program is being directed by Carol Ann Donnelly of the Christian Service/Social Ministries. For information about items needed, call the church office at 349-8847.

Another way pregnancy center

The center sponsored a volun-

teer appreciation luncheon at Trinity Church in Livonia, with many volunteers, counselors, staff and board members present. Carol Ann Donnelly of Holy Family Church and Jeanne Clarke of First Baptist Church were present, along with other members of area churches.

These churches provide services for the center, which was formed to care for teens and women facing unplanned pregnancies. Volunteers are trained to aid in counseling, develop sources of material needs and emotional support. They also lend assistance in the Coffee House held at the Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth, where Jerry and Michael Jacoby, Dell and the Rough Cuts, and Jeff Fletcher provide music and a program.

The facility outgrew their Novi location and is now located in Farmington. Space is now available for training sessions, a room for quarterly newsletters, storage of material items, and ample offices for staff.

Novi Youth Assistance

Sheriff Michael Bouchard of the

Oakland County Sheriff's Department sent a special certificate congratulating those honored for their outstanding efforts.

A nice surprise arrived from Mongolian Barbecue - several trays of finger food along with other refreshments. Also included was a beautifully decorated cake from Sam's.

Recognized were the following youth: Karen Andrews, Deanna Brown, Angela Burchard, Ellen Cynar, Kristy Enderlin, Diana Galvis, Jennifer Gets, Melissa Harbison, Richard Harris, Amy Harland, Bethany Kittle, Nicholas Kowalzyk, Stephanie Lauder-Goff, Jiwon Lee, Valdis Lensis, Jason Lilly, Chang Liu, Michael Livermore, Krysta Lunch, Haruka Miki, Chadd Neale, Neale Peruski, Eric Saurer, Charles A. Staab II, Mary Catherine Steer, Michael Wang, James Wardrope, and Lisa Yin. Lisa Yin also received a plaque for Outstanding Young Person.

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## Walsh College announces promotion, award winner

Arthur E. Strunk Jr., assistant to the chairman of Masco Corp., has been selected by the Walsh College Alumni Association to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2000.



Arthur Strunk, Jr.

Strunk is a 1957 graduate of Walsh Institute of Accountancy, now Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration. He is a life member of the Walsh College Alumni Association and Walsh Club.

Walsh currently serves as president of the Strunk Foundation. His support of Walsh College continues through the Strunk Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1995.

Thomas F. McNulty of Oakland Township, former senior vice president and chief financial officer of Henry Ford Health System, has accepted the position of Leader in Residence at Walsh College.

McNulty currently serves on the board of the Leader Dog School for the Blind. Among other positions, he serves on the president's advisory committee for Walsh College, is a member of the Henry Ford Estate advisory board, and has held lecture status as a faculty member at the University of Michigan for the School of Public Health. His background also includes assistant professorship in the Health Systems Management College at Rush University in Chicago. Walsh College serves approximately 3,000 students in southeastern Michigan including students at its Novi campus.

Erin Selinsky of Northville recently graduated from Navy Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. He was awarded the Military Order of the World Wars Award for outstanding performance during basic training.



Thomas McNulty

## In Service

Erin Selinsky of Northville recently graduated from Navy Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. He was awarded the Military Order of the World Wars Award for outstanding performance during basic training.

Selinsky is the son of Kathleen and William Selinsky.

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### Mariah

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born Heights, Mich., 48127. The connection is at Pet Supplies Plus in Novi (Ten Mile and Mendonbrook) every Saturday from 12-5 p.m.

Two-year-old Mariah is a Lab mix. She is spayed, housebroken and good with other dogs. Mariah prefers women, as she is often fearful of men. A real beauty.

Adoption fee: \$100.

## Business

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will present **Business Associates Night** on Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi. The program will include a silent auction and the presentation of scholarship awards.

The ABWA is in need of donated items for the auction. For reservations and contributions, contact Shannon Hannan at (248) 684-9708.

David J. Boyd, investment representative of Edward Jones of Northville, will host a course titled,

"Helping Your 50-plus Clients Prepare for Retirement," Wednesday, June 14 at 3 p.m. This program, broadcast via Edward Jones satellite system, will be produced by the firm's Professional Education Network exclusively for area CPAs and attorneys.

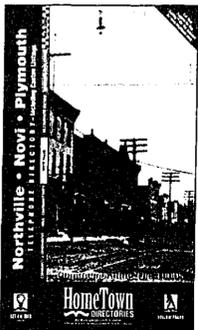
Northville's John Hill has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan for a three-year term. He will begin his term July 1.

Mr. Hill retired from Ameritech. He has served three terms as board president and currently serves on the board's executive committee.

Associate professor Antonia Abbey of community medicine at Wayne State University has received the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award. The award honors graduate faculty recognized as excellent mentors of graduate students. Her involvement of students in this research is both extraordinary and exemplary.

Abbey has earned the respect and support of her students, serving as an outstanding model of mentoring for the next generation of researchers and teachers.

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## Community Events

**King's Mill** on Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile will present their **20th Annual Flea Market** on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also included will be a 50/50 raffle.

Coffee, donuts, pop and baked goods will also be available.

**National Trails Day Service Project**, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maybury State Park. Much needed trail maintenance work will be done. Individuals, scouts, families, all are welcome. Bring your own wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels and meet at the park's 8-Mile Shelter, located on the Eight Mile Road entrance. Sign ups is required. For information, call (248) 349-8300.

**The Novi Park Providence Medical Center**, 17601 Grand River Ave., Novi offers the following programs:

- Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"Smoking Cessation" - Smokers who need help kicking the habit. This program combines the power of hypnosis conditioning with behavioral modification techniques to kick the habit without gaining weight.

There is a \$50 fee for the first 45 minutes of the orientation is free. Registration is required. Please call (877) 345-5500.

• Saturday, June 3, from 1-3 p.m. "Weight Control Program" - Any one interested in healthy weight loss. The program combines behavior modification techniques with the power of self-hypnosis to help change your way of thinking regarding weight loss.

Cost: \$59 (the first 45 minutes is free). Registration is required. Call (877) 345-5500.

• Thursday, June 15, from 7-8 p.m. "The Marriage Connection" - Couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. Individuals will be issued a certificate as proof of participation in the class. A certificate is valid indefinitely.

Cost: \$25 per couple; \$15 single. Registration is required. Call (877) 345-5500.

The annual meeting of the **Northville Genealogical Society** will meet June 4 at 1 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

Featured speaker at the potluck dinner will be member Marguerite Nasson describing her "Round the World Travels." Also included will be a Chinese auction. No beginner's class in June.

For information about the meeting or the society, call (248) 349-1276 or (248) 348-1325.

**Novi/Providence Medical Office Center**, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi is offering the following:

- Wednesday, June 7, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

"Meal Planning Tips for Diabetics" - Learn how to improve your blood sugar control with helpful eating ideas. Presented by Ann Wang RD. There is a \$5 fee. Registration required. Call (877) 345-5500.

- Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

"Fad Diets - Read Between the Lines Presentation" - Learn what is included in a good diet and what you should look out for in a bad diet. Presented by Lynn Bealigan RD.

Cost: \$10 fee. Registration is required. (877) 345-5500.

The Livonia YMCA Soccer Club, in collaboration with Soccer Zone Novi is sponsoring **outdoor summer soccer camps** for recreational level players. All aspects of soccer will be covered with an emphasis on skill development, ball control and fun.

Sixth through eighth grades, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., cost: \$60. Register at the Livonia YMCA, Call (734) 261-2161, ext. 3314 if you have any questions.

Novi Parks and Recreation will present "Antique Road Show" Wednesday, June 28 at 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile. A certified antique appraiser will be there at a cost of \$2 per item for appraisal. Please do not bring paintings. Refreshments will be served.

Common Ground Sanctuary, a 24-hour crisis services agency, recently held its annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

The following two crisis line counselors from Novi were recognized for their outstanding service: **Terry Galman**, a Very Special Volunteer in '99 and a five-year

volunteer; and **Melissa Smith**, a one-year volunteer.

Anyone interested in volunteering with CGS should contact Liz Christopher, volunteer coordinator at (248) 456-8126.

**CHADD** will meet June 6 at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road. Guest speaker will be Joel L. Young, MD, staff member at Crittenton and Beaumont Hospital and medical director of the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine. He has extensive experience in the treatment of ADHD.

Dr. Young's presentation is titled, "Medication - Let's Get the Facts About AD/HD."

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested from non-members. This can be deducted from the membership fee if an application is submitted at the meeting.

**CHADD** of Northwest Wayne County usually meets the first Tuesday of the month throughout the school year. It is a non-profit, parent-based volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. CHADD information line is (313) 438-3099.

The Northville Township Foundation is again coordinating the annual **Fourth of July parade** and is looking for additional participants. Bands, floats, cars, and community organizations are encouraged to apply.

There is a registration fee of \$40 for all participants except non-profit organizations and bike parade participants. For details, Call Aneite Findlay at (248) 349-6192.

The **children's bicycle parade** has long been a part of the July 4 parade celebration. This year, Northville Parks and Recreation has offered to sponsor the event. All children of the Northville community, ages 5 and over are invited to participate by decorating their bicycles and riding in the parade. The parade route is 1 1/2 miles long.

Bicycle parade applications are available at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road; Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.; Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.; and the Northville Community Foundation, 321 N. Center, Suite No. 130.

For further information, contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

**The Farmington Hills Christian Women's Club** will host a special event on Thursday, June 8 at The Maples Country Club, 31260 Wakefield Drive, Novi (on Fourteen Mile just west of M-5 and Welch Road).

The buffet will open at 9:15 a.m. with creations by Chef Steve Padley of the World Class Market. The program is from 9:30-11 a.m., with on site complimentary child care. Total cost for breakfast and program is \$10.50.

Featured in the program will be Betty Debing of Grand Rapids, an RN and world traveler, who will relate her search for healing and wellness. She will also share her musical talents.

Go! is available at The Maples for \$5 to those who attend the breakfast. Reservations for the breakfast and complimentary child care are necessary. Please call Linda at (248) 553-3463 or Brenda, (248) 651-4205.

There is no membership or dues and all women are invited to attend.

**American Red Cross Openhouse** Schedule:

- Friday, June 2, from 1-7 p.m. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2040 S. Commerce, Walled Lake. Call (248) 360-3765 for an appointment.

Monday, June 5, from 2-8 p.m. Novi Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road. Call for an appointment, (248) 349-5666.

- Tuesday, June 6, from 1-7 p.m. Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road. For an appointment, call (248) 349-8847.

**Diabetic Health Awareness Day** On Tuesday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Meijer Pharmacy (Eight Mile and Haggerty), Northville will host a Diabetic Health Awareness Day. The event will showcase diabetic supplies and information about the disease. A special program will run that day offering a free blood glucose meter with the purchase of a box of chemstrips (100 cts).

Everyone is welcome. Stop by and learn more about managing diabetes. For more information, call (248) 349-2707.

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• **Newsletter/Brochures/Calendar** 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.

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**Pot Luck Luncheons** Held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Senior Center. Meet at noon, bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1. Afterwards, there will be a movie on the big screen TV at 1:30 p.m.

**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: Pines of Rome, June 9.

**SENIOR CENTER TRIPS**

- **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. Afterwards, we will visit the Francis Park's Rose Garden with 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.

**Travel Show Meeting** Join us June 13 at 11 a.m. for the travel show meeting. Tour companies will be at the Senior Center to present information on upcoming trips and travel. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be presented. No charge. Call the Center to register.

**Windsor Casino** will be going to the Windsor Casino on Wednesday, June 21. The bus will depart from MAGS at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$22, which includes a \$15 lunch voucher.

**Farmington Founders Festival** On June 22, we will be heading for the Farmington Founders Festival. The bus will depart from MAGS at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$23 per class. No registration is necessary.

**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.

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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) 347-3266.

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**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 an annual contribution of \$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** Hot, nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace for a donation of \$1.50. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. If interested, call (800) 851-1454.

**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. Weigh-ins take place from 8-9 a.m. The meeting runs from 9-10 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.

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reflections, interesting displays, and special presentations. If you know a World War II veteran, please have them register at Novi Parks and Recreation. Attending World War II veterans will receive special recognition on this day. No fee.

• **Looking for a Few Good Men and Women** You don't even have to be that good. Anyone wishing to be in the cast/chorus for our big fall musical variety show "Showstoppers" Sept. 13, 14, 15 and 17. Come to Novi Parks and Recreation to register. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays.

• **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 rate. Novi senior van operates daily within the city. Suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling (248) 735-5617, between 9 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.

• **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.

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• **Dance at the Novi Center** 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/Qi Gong** and karate sessions are available through Novi Parks and Recreation.

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## Wild West with eastern kick

Jackie Chan continues his good guy hit parade

**SHANGHAI NOON**  
MPAA Rating: PG-13  
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By Ken Marten  
STAFF WRITER

In *Shanghai Noon*, Asian superstar Jackie Chan (*Twin Dragons*, *Rush Hour*) blends his self-styled film genre of comedy kung fu with the great American western and the buddy flick. The pairing of Chan with Owen Wilson (*Armageddon*, *The Haunting*) as outlaw pals allows first-time director Tom Dey to poke fun at stereotypes created in the decades when horse operas ruled the silver screen.

The Chinese emperor's daughter, Princess Pei Pei—played by Lucy Liu (*Ally McBeal*)—is kidnapped from the Forbidden City and taken to America's wild west. Imperial Guardsman Chon Wang (Chan) is sent to the New World with several comrades to deliver the ransom and return the princess to China.

Chon Wang—which sounds a

lot like John Wayne when pronounced—gets separated from the group and serendipitously teams up with desperado wannabe Roy O'Bannon (Wilson). Together, while searching for the princess and the ransom, they get themselves into mounds of trouble that allows for loads of laughs and action.

While there are obvious holes in the *Shanghai Noon* plot, Chan fills them in with plenty of punches and kicks. He is MacGuyver of the martial arts, converting an array of old west items into self defense weapons: horseshoes, a marshal's badge, elk antlers, lariats. And the numerous fight scenes have a heightened sense of reality with Chan performing his own stunts.

Both character's unique brands of comic relief keep the film fresh. Chan is the obvious greenhorn, constantly perplexed with western ways. O'Bannon is the know-it-all who also knows he can't do it all; he's more concerned with his gunslinging, train robbing, poker playing

image than he is with actually shooting, stealing and winning.

The guys in the black hats are absolutely nasty and ergo easy to hate. The Native Americans aren't portrayed as moronic savages. Hats off to a low body count, especially for a western and/or kung fu flick. And lensed largely in the Canadian Rockies, the film's background is majestic and best seen on the big screen.

Maybe it's not a John Ford western, but what is anymore? *Shanghai Noon* works without all the killing and scalping, or a cavalry charge.

Like Arnold Schwarzenegger for the past decade, Chan seems to only make films that cast him as the good guy—his public eye image always oozing into his roles. *Shanghai Noon* is typical. It's the type of film in which you know the good guy wins in the end. Chan gets away with it one more time. Bully for him.



The Far East meets the Wild West in a battle of honor, royalty and a trunk full of gold when acrobatic Imperial Guard Chon Wang (Jackie Chan, right) comes to America and, along with a partner he doesn't trust, Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson, left), tries to rescue a beautiful kidnapped Chinese Princess (Lucy Liu), in "Shanghai Noon."

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## Novi golf 5th in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

The way the Novi golf team concluded its season last Thursday at Tyrone Hills Golf Club, coach Deb Harris and her troops are the first ones to be disappointed that the spring season only lasts about five weeks.

Novi continued its improvement at the post-Kensington Valley Conference meet, taking fifth at the meet and securing fifth place overall in the final conference standings. The team shot a season-best 18-hole round of 433, chopping off over 20 strokes from their pre-KVC score.

"They were excited and pleased that they moved up two spots," Harris said. "I've received real positive feedback from the team as far as how they've moved up this season. They've seen some hope."

Novi finished dead last in the pre-KVC meet, but finished with a 3-3 dual match record and snuck away with fifth place in the league all to themselves. Hartland dropped to sixth with a last-place finish at the league meet. Howell was last.

Brighton won the league by finishing first all across the board. Bulldog senior Courtney Kennedy was the match medalist at the post-KVC meet.

Tara Stevens finished with a

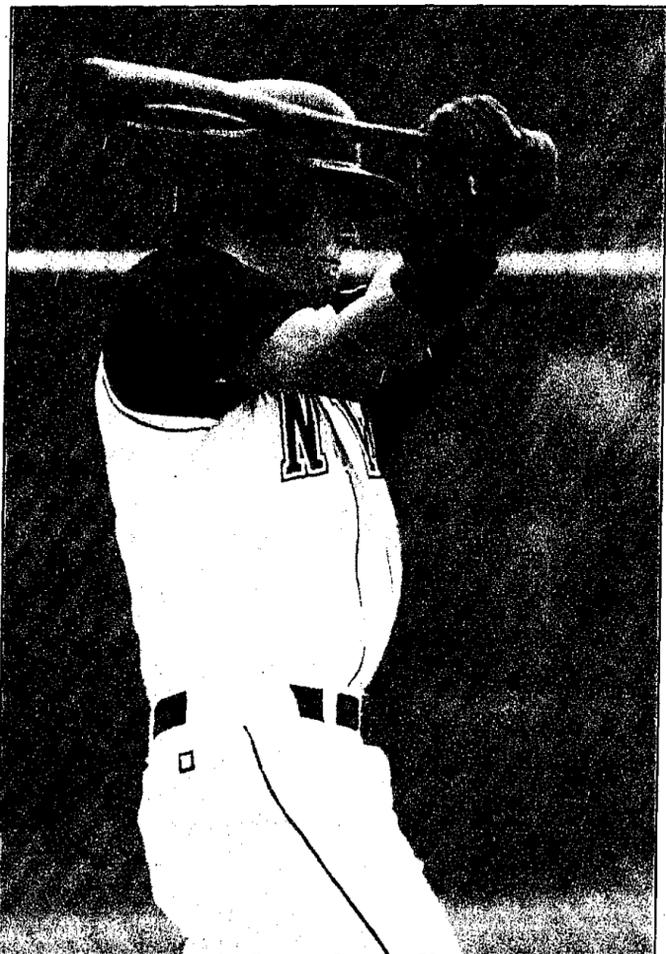


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Novi pitcher/first baseman/outfielder A.J. Rowe takes a cut at a pitch earlier this season.

## KVC champs

Sweep of Brighton clinches title for 'Cats

By DAN KITTLE  
Special Writer

### Baseball

"We should walk through the KVC."

When A.J. Rowe said it at the beginning of the 2000 Novi baseball season, few doubted this revamped Wildcat ball club would take home their first league title in years. Many, however, were surprised at the audacity of Rowe's statement.

After all, the KVC is one of the top baseball conferences in the area, and for a youngster from a team that struggled to top the .500 mark a season ago, that was a pretty bold thing to say.

Six weeks later, Rowe's prophecy has been fulfilled.

With a 16-2 mark in the conference, it was never a struggle. There was never much of a doubt in the minds of players and coaches alike around the league that Novi would finish this season atop the KVC.

When the team officially wrapped it up with a doubleheader sweep at Brighton on a blustery Wednesday afternoon, there was little celebration. No one mobbed the winning pitcher in jubilation following the win. There was little shouting and yelling. The exhilaration normally associated with a league title was non-existent.

Both contests were the kinds of games that typified the Novi run through the league this year. Against a team that was among the league's elite a season ago, the Wildcats dominated en route to a 10-0 win followed by a 13-2 victory. After both wins, the Wildcats exhibited about as much excitement as they would if they were watching their infield grass grow.

In game one—a continuation of a March 31 contest that was postponed after two innings—Josh Sabol went the distance for his first shutout of the season. The senior right-hander struck out

eight, walked none, and allowed two hits to help his team capture the KVC title.

"I think I played pretty well that day," said Sabol. "We played well defensively and hit well."

Brendan Hadley once again led the offensive charge with a two-run single in the fourth. He also walked, stole a base, and scored three times. Brandon Davis added a pair of hits, a stolen base, and a run scored. Jeremy Plass and A.J. Rowe each chipped in with an RBI single as well.

Game two saw another outstanding pitching performance for the Wildcats. This time, junior Kyle Major went the distance, throwing five innings of solid baseball. The southpaw struck out a season-high seven, walked one, and allowed six hits.

"I thought that was Kyle's best outing of the year," said coach Rick Green. "I just thought he was in great command. He threw low strikes."

"I thought we had good strong defense," said Major, "and they gave me a lot of runs to support me. I thought I pitched pretty well, but I didn't have anything off-speed. I was just throwing fastballs because I couldn't get the curveball working."

Rowe tanked a fifth-inning offering to deep right field for his sixth home run of the season, a three-run shot. He led the offense with a pair of hits. Justin Shaw also went deep, a solo shot for number five on the season, and Mitch Maier hit safely three times in four trips to spark the offense.

"I think we were up for those games."

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## Repeat offenders

Novi brings home 2nd-straight league crown

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Joelle Frantz pitched 31 innings in a span of two days last week, winning three of four games and helping Novi to its second-consecutive Kensington Valley Conference championship.

The title was setup with a doubleheader split with Brighton last Wednesday and then secured with a two-game sweep of Lakeland on Friday. Frantz went the distance in all four games, topping Lakeland 4-1 and 6-3 in the clinching doubleheader.

Novi led throughout the first game, picking up lone runs in both the first and fifth innings and then coming back with a pair in the sixth. Katie Cameron scored the team's first two runs and Erin Gibbons and Victoria Kaiser scored the pair in the sixth. Frantz allowed just three hits and two walks while striking out seven in the first win.

In the nightcap, Frantz allowed nine hits, struck out six and walked none. Her team's defense was shaky early on, but tightened up and kept Lakeland off the board the last three innings of the game.

Holly VanCleave was 3 for 4 at the plate, knocking in a run and scoring one herself. Megan Colligan was 1 for 3 with a run and RBI, and both Allison Tingwall and Sarah Bajorek were 1 for 2 with Tingwall scoring once and Bajorek twice.

The back-to-back championships are the first in school history. In fact, the title is just the second in

### Softball

school history. Novi finished 20-4 in league play this season, the same record it had en route to its first championship a year ago. The 'Cats overall record stands at 27-7.

"I think (this championship) is very satisfying," said Novi coach Carol Diglio. "It's hard to repeat (as champs) because now teams put you up there as the team to beat."

Diglio said she could see a difference in the way other KVC teams played against her championship squad.

"But our girls just wanted to win. They wanted to repeat," the coach said.

**NOVI 1, BRIGHTON 0  
BRIGHTON 4, NOVI 3 (10)**

Helping put itself in a position to claim its second-straight league crown, Novi used a double header split with Brighton to do just that.

The Wildcats rode the arm of Frantz in the first game, scoring their lone run off an error by Brighton's second baseman in the second inning. Colligan reached base with a base hit, then moved

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### Attention all baseball and softball enthusiasts

HomeTown Newspapers is proud to present the 2000 East/West All Star Baseball and Softball Games on Thursday, June 22, 2000.

The games will pit the top senior players from the East (Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland) against those from the West (Brighton, Hartland, Pinckney, Howell and Fowlerville). Both games will be played at Brighton High School with the softball game beginning at 2 p.m. and the Baseball immediately following with a 4 p.m. first pitch.

HomeTown will also be sponsoring a skills competition on Wednesday, June 21, beginning at 6 p.m. at Brighton High School. Competitions for varsity baseball players will include a home run hitting contest as well as throwing accuracy and fastest pitcher competitions.

On the softball side, there will be a hitting contest as well as a fastest pitcher competition for all varsity athletes.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Holly VanCleave connects on a pitch earlier this season against Milford.

## Boy's track 3rd at states

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Up until three years ago, there was no true way to find out who the best track teams in the state were. But the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association introduced its state team meet three seasons ago.

Thanks to that organization, Novi competed at its first championship meet this past Saturday and took home third place at the 10-team state final.

"It was really a great experience," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "We were really pumped to show the rest of the state how good we really were."

Despite the rainy conditions in

Brighton, where the meet was held, times, heights and distances were good. Novi took home one first place finish, but finished in the top three in 10 different events.

Yasuaki Goto finished first among the 200 meter dash finalists, finishing in a time of 22.95 seconds. The time was his second fastest of the season. He was second in the 100 (11.49), where he will compete in at the individual state meet this Saturday in Rockford.

But Goto wasn't the only Wildcat to finish runnerup. Scott Jettie vaulted his way to a runnerup finish in the pole vaulting event. The junior went 12-6, off

his best of the season, but solid enough to earn his team 29 points.

The scoring system allowed each team to enter three participants in each event, with the scoring running from 30 points for first place all the way down to one point for 30th place.

Harvey Steele came up big, placing second in the shot put with a throw of 50-6 3/4.

Chris Toloff was the performer of the day for Novi, taking second place in three different events. The junior was runner up to Rockford superstar Dathan Ritzenhein in both the

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## Wildcats finish 3rd at team states

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1,600 and 3,200 meter runs, but set personal best times in both events.

Toloff ran the mile in 4:16.41, topping his previous best time he set against South Lyon earlier this season. He came back to run a 9:23.28 in the two-mile event. That time was not only a personal best, but set a new school record. Teammate Tim Moore had held the record of 9:31.

His efforts were completed in the 800, where he finished second to Saluz's top half mile. His time of 1:57.39 broke his own personal best and totaled another 29 points for his team.

Novi also had a few others take third in their respective events. Chris Schleuder led a strong Novi corps of long jumpers, finishing third himself with a leap of 19.5. Teammate Justin Sterett was close behind at 19.4 and in fifth place. Eric Schleuder gave Novi three of the top seven with his seventh place finish.

Scott Korlandt was third in the high hurdles, running a time of 15.09 seconds.

The 3,200 relay team was also third. Ryan Foster, Mark Averitt, Eric Walle and Toloff finished in a comfortable time of 8:19.2.

Each of Novi's other three relay squads took fourth. The 400 team was comprised of Carlos Gondim, Sterett, Eric Schleuder and Goto.

Goto also anchored the 800 team along with Datsuke Matsuura and Eric and Chris Schleuder.

Walle, Greg Ayles, Matsuura and Derek BuWaldia teamed to finish fourth in the mile relay.

"We were very proud of getting the chance to go to this meet," Smith said of the finals, which invites only the best teams out of each regional. "You have to be careful with your lineup at this kind of meet. You can't run guys too hard because every point counts. You have to make sure all of your bases are covered."

Smith said he was pleased that he had the opportunity to race every person in his lineup. Originally, a few athletes had prior commitments with the holiday weekend ahead. But when race time came, Smith had his full lineup.

Novi has qualified for eight different events at Saturday's state meet. Goto will run the 100, while Toloff will compete in the pole vault, Tim Moore will run the mile and two mile. Toloff is qualified to compete in the 800, mile and two mile and the team's 3,200 relay has also qualified.

### EMMENECKER WINS AT FROSH OAKLAND COUNTY

"I've been waiting for this guy to bust loose all season long and he finally did it," Smith said of Matt Emmenecker's season-best high jump of 5-11 at the freshman Oakland County Meet last Friday.

Emmenecker's jump was the second best by a freshman in Novi history.

Fellow freshman Tim Kava placed second in both the mile and two mile runs.



Novi's Justin Sterett competes in the high jump.

## Baseball team wastes no time in clinching KVC

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said Green. "The intensity was there. We played good sound defense, mentally and physically."

About capturing a league championship in just his first year of coaching, Green commented, "I expected us to win the KVC title. It's great to be a first year coach and coach this team. I knew they had it in them."

"Our goals are set a little bit higher than winning the KVC title, though."

Green is referring to this week's state tournament, a three-week playoff in which the Wildcats feel they have a good shot at making some noise.

"I think our chances [of winning districts] are good," said Green. "We've beaten everybody in our district and I'd be very disappointed if we didn't win it."

He added, "I do believe the kids are going to respond in districts, even coming off the lackluster games against Lake-Land."

The winner of Tuesday night's Brighton-Howell game will take on South Lyon at 10:00 Saturday morning at Osborne Field in Novi, and the Wildcats will host the Northville Mustangs in the game immediately following the first contest. The winners will then angle for a District championship and a chance to go to Regionals at approximately 2:00 p.m.

### NOVI 5, PINCKNEY 4

In two tight ball games, the Wildcats managed to split with a tough Pirate ball club despite not throwing their top starters. Hadley had the game-winning hit in the first contest, a two-out bullet up the middle to score Cervi from second. For the game, the senior finished 3-of-4 with a double.

Cervi added two hits as well, and Shaw had a big two-run double in the sixth. Davis got the start on the hill for the Wildcats in game one, going 3 1/3 innings before being lifted for Sabol. The sophomore hurler allowed one earned run on five hits and three walks, while Sabol finished the game for his third win of the season, allowing three hits.

Dan Trehanne took the loss in game two, a tough 8-7 defeat plagued by defensive mistakes. He allowed two walks and six hits, and only two of his eight runs were earned.

A late rally in the seventh that included a Cervi triple, a Hadley bomb, and a Rowe double was not enough to capture the team's 24th win. Cervi finished with a double and a triple in four trips, and Davis added a two-run home run in the sixth, his third of the season.

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earned, ballooning his ERA to a whopping 0.67 — and threw a pair of wild pitches. Josh Sabol relieved the ailing lefty, going the rest of the way for the victory. He allowed one earned run on three hits and no walks, while striking out five.

In game two, the Wildcats and hurler Brendan Watson fell victim to numerous ground ball hits, losing 7-6 to close out the regular season. Watson went the distance in the loss, allowing eight hits and three walks while striking out five.

Offensively, Maier doubled twice and finished 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Shaw added a pair of hits and a pair of RBIs. Cervi also chipped in with an RBI on two hits in four trips.

"Emotionally," commented Green, "we were kind of flat because of the big wins against Brighton."

### NOVI 5, LAKELAND 4

Lake-Land 7, NOVI 7

In a virtually meaningless doubletip to close out the regular season, the Wildcats appeared somewhat sluggish but managed to get the win in game one. They overcame a 3-0 deficit with four runs in the third, squeaking out a 5-4 victory.

Jon Cervi was back in old form, singling three times in four trips to the plate. The most encouraging thing about the leadoff hitter's day was that his hits were bullets heaced into the outfield, something he has been struggling to do consistently this season despite his .500 batting average.

Sophomore Trey Simpson added his second home run of the season, a three-run blast to deep left, and finished the day 2-for-3. Maier also tripled and drove in a run for the Wildcats.

On the hill, Rowe got the start, but was pulled after one inning of work because of a sore elbow. He surrendered a season-high three runs — two of which were

earned. A late rally in the seventh that included a Cervi triple, a Hadley bomb, and a Rowe double was not enough to capture the team's 24th win. Cervi finished with a double and a triple in four trips, and Davis added a two-run home run in the sixth, his third of the season.

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## Novi freshmen excel

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

### Girl's Track

The Novi girl's track team may not have had much to say at the Oakland County meet last Friday, but it did make a statement at the freshmen county meet a day later.

The Wildcats had four placers at the county meet, and six more individuals and four relays place at the freshmen meet. The youngsters finished second overall in the team standings.

Junior Mickie Rzepka took second in the county in the pole vault competition, vaulting 9-3. The vault was the second best of the season for the junior, who has been Novi's best vaulter this season. Senior Beth Rice took fourth in the event (8-9) with her best vault of the season.

Senior Stephanie Primrose finished seventh in the shot put competition. She tossed the put 34.4. Bethany Kittle was the only other Wildcat to place, taking sixth in the 800 in a season-best time of 2:24.6.

At the freshmen meet, Novi had all four of their relay team's place. Both of its distance relay teams came away winners. Crystal Corte, Amanda Smith, Anna McDougal and Margo Wolowiec teamed to win the mile relay in a time of 4:24.6.

Jennifer Thomson, Gina Bissi, Anna Cynar and Wolowiec were the winners of the two-mile relay (10:44.2).

Both Novi's 400 and 800 relay teams took sixth place. Jayne Westfall, Corte, Emily Modick and Smith comprised the 800 team and Westfall, Modick, Anise Hayes and McDougal made up the 400 squad.

Individually, the girls fared great. Wolowiec proved again why she'll be a force in the county and conference for a few years to come. The freshman won the 800 in a time of 2:31.5 while Thomson finished fourth in the same event (2:38.7).

Thomson continued her busy day in the mile, where she placed sixth in a time of 6:00 flat.

Corte was third in the 400 dash (1:04.1) and Bissi was fifth in the pole vault (6-0). Andrea Wallace neared 30 feet in the shot put, finishing fourth at 29-3.

Walled Lake Central won the meet with 54 points while Novi tallied 50. Pontiac Northern was third with 45 points and Milford and Oxford tied for fifth

## Wildcat basketball camps offered

The Novi Wildcat Boys and Girls Basketball camps are now taking applications for both the basic basketball camps and for the Wildcats shooting and physical education camps.

The shooting camp will run from July 17-21 at the high school. Participants in this camp will receive knowledge of the game of basketball, as well as instruction to aid in the development of their playing abilities. Emphasis will be placed on all phases of the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and defensive concepts. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a t-shirt and outdoor basketball. The boys camp will run from June 19-23. Grades 3-5 will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon and grades 6-9

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## Frantz pitches Novi to repeat

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over to third on an overthrow to first base. With two outs, VanCleave grounded to second, but the throw to first was high and Colligan stroled across the plate for the game winner.

Frantz had eight strikeouts in the shutout. She walked just two and allowed two hits.

Frantz pitched 10-long innings, but picked up the loss in the second half of the ninth with the Bulldogs. She struck out 10 and allowed just three hits and two walks.

Brighton took a 2-0 lead early, taking advantage of a couple Novi errors. The Cats came back to tie the game up at 3-3 in the fifth and eventually sent the game into extra innings.

Frantz was 2 for 4 at the plate, scoring once. Colligan was also 2 for 4 with a run scored. Hobart was 2 for 5 with a RBI and Cameron scored Novi's other

### Novi 3rd at own Invite

Rica Breisacher and Kendall Hobart each pitched solid ball this past weekend at the Novi Invitational softball tournament, but Hobart didn't receive enough run support to overcome Northville in the second round of the tournament.

The Wildcats won their first game and also its last game of the day, finishing 2-1 and taking third place. Breisacher pitched both games, picking up 18 strikeouts and a pair of wins for Novi. Hobart allowed just three runs against Northville, but her team lost 3-2 in the second game of the day.

Coincidentally, Northville's conference play at 3-2 run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to beat Novi. Last year, Novi used three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat Northville in the second round of the same tournament.

## Novi golfers finish on a high note

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101 to lead Novi. Her score was good enough to earn her all-league honorable mention honors. It was the 12th time this season the senior has been the team medalist.

Teammate Sarah Wilson was next up with a 106. She too earned honorable-mention all-KVC honors. Carolyn Vermeulen and Lauren Vin also secured for the Wildcats, coming in with a 111 and 115 respectively.

Harris said she thinks her team will be all right, despite the loss of Stevens to graduation.

"I really depend on what they do in the off season," she said. "I told them I'd like to see them out once a week and to get in a tournament here and there. But it's difficult because I have quite a few tennis players, and a few members. They've got other commitments."

"I just told them to find a happy medium between golf and their other sports."

NOVI 223, LAKELAND 223  
It came down to the 18th golfer on each team, and fortunately for Novi, Vermeulen came through with a 62 to edge out her Eagle counterpart's 63.

Stevens was the game-winning run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to beat Novi. Last year, Novi used three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat Northville in the second round of the same tournament.

### NOVI JV RESULTS

Girls Junior Varsity Soccer  
Final record 10-5-2; KVC, 9-2-1  
Wednesday, May 24  
Novi JV 7, Hartland 0

The Wildcats completed a successful season with a seven-goal victory over Hartland. Novi JV finished in second place in the Kensington Valley Conference. Freshman Kristina Ephraim scored two goals for the Wildcats. The game's first goal bounced into the net off a Hartland player. Michelle Slavin, Krysta Lynch, Meg Grurich and Angie Schmitt scored the other four goals. Goalie Brianna Rush registered the shutout.

Friday, May 19  
Novi JV 4, Lakeland 0

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The few remaining dip-cast copies became a prized fisherman's possession. Professor Higbee was offered \$400 for one of his last maps. And state agencies were forced to keep their copies under lock and key.

Experts told Professor Higbee that reprints were impossible, because the maps were printed in non-photographic blue.

Then, in 1991, at the age of 91, Howard Higbee's dream came true. Computer made it possible to reprint the map. Holding an updated map, Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day."

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## Health Column

### Respiratory treatments arrive at U of M

It's a heart-wrenching sight, a newborn infant, often weighing no more than a couple pounds, with a host of tubes and other medical devices hooked up to them that is providing life-sustaining oxygen.

But, while the sight of these infants may be emotionally draining, the good news is that more and more are being kept alive and are thriving, thanks to the latest respiratory treatments now being used at the University of Michigan and other leading medical centers. They include a new generation of ventilators controlled by the infants themselves and others that operate in a much gentler fashion, sparing injury to delicate lungs. There also are new medications, mimicking a substance found in healthy lungs that help them inflate easier.

Between 8 and 10 percent of all newborns will require a stay in a neonatal intensive care unit because of respiratory problems, usually related to premature birth. And, with continued medical advances, babies born earlier are surviving, causing an increase in the number of premature infants with lung ailments.

"The most common reasons for babies to have respiratory problems are related to prematurity," says Steven Donn M.D., director of neonatal-perinatal medicine in the U-M Health System. "Babies who are born early have underdeveloped lungs, both from an anatomical and biochemical standpoint. Their lungs are unable to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide without the help of either a respirator or some medication. We also see babies with lung problems from infection or birth defects that need the same help."

The U-M's Holden Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is using two cutting-edge artificial ventilation therapies to help young lungs heal. Donn says both of them address an issue that has long been a problem with babies lungs - "How to ventilate them without subjecting the delicate lungs to the noxious forces of pressure and high concentrations of oxygen."

One new method is called high-frequency ventilation. "We've changed the philosophy of how we ventilate these babies," Donn said. "We take very, very small volumes of gas, much smaller than in conventional ventilation, and move it in and out of the lungs at incredibly high rates - any where from 400 to maybe 1,800 breaths per minute. In a way, we're getting these babies to pant like a puppy and what this does is reduce the amount of pressure the lungs are subjected to which reduces the inci-

dence of lung injury."

Another method - patient triggered ventilation - is something that has been used in pediatric and adult patients, but was previously not refined enough to allow its use in infants. The U-M Health System helped pioneer new advances in the technique that now enable it to be used on fragile infant lungs.

In the type of patient-triggered ventilation in use at U-M, the baby's body signals the ventilator to provide a breath to its lungs and then senses when the baby wants to stop that breath. This puts the baby in charge of its breathing rather than a clinician, Donn said. "The baby decides when he wants to breathe, when he doesn't want to breathe, how long a breath should last, and the ventilator follows those cues."

Donn said there is a backup system in case the baby becomes fatigued or doesn't want to breathe. If this happens, the machine takes over and provides the amount of support necessary to maintain proper levels of oxygen in the baby's blood.

"By letting the baby control the ventilator, we've found we can reduce the amount of pressure required to ventilate the baby and we also don't have to use as many sedatives because the baby is now driving the ventilator rather than fighting it." He adds that the amount of time the baby is on ventilator also has been reduced as have the costs of caring for the infant.

Another new method of treating infant respiratory problems at the U-M is through the development of surfactant - a naturally occurring substance found in the lungs of healthy newborns, which reduces surface tension in the lung air sacs thus making it easier for them to inflate and deflate.

"When a baby lacks surfactant, it's like trying to blow up a balloon that hasn't been stretched or blown up before - it requires a tremendous amount of work," Donn said.

After extensive research, surfactant is now available in artificial and semi-artificial forms, and in a medication administered directly in the baby's breathing tube. "This allows the baby to decrease the amount of work needed to breathe, to help the baby inflate the air sacs," Donn said. "This drug has made an incredible improvement in both the survival and the complication rate for babies born extremely prematurely."

Donn said the new ventilation techniques

and drug therapies have allowed for major breakthroughs in treating infants with lung problems.

"These developments have allowed us to extend survival to babies who five years ago might have survived but with significant lung damage, and who ten years ago would have died."

Donn said another important technique used at U-M is the high premium placed on the human touch.

"We're concerned not only with the baby but with the entire family, and I think a really unique feature of our work is the blending of high tech and high touch. We involve the family in the baby's care and in decision-making right from the beginning. We have a completely open visitation policy so parents can visit their child anytime. They participate in his or her care, they stroke the baby, talk to the baby. We think this is extremely important for the health of the baby and the whole family."

Donn recently compiled and edited a book dedicated exclusively to respiratory care of the newborn infant. It's called the "Manual of Neonatal Respiratory Care," published by Futura Publishing Co., Armonk, N.Y.

#### UM-FACTS

Facts About Neonatal Respiration and Therapies:

- Eight to 10 percent of all newborn babies will require a stay in a neonatal intensive care unit because of respiratory problems.

- Two revolutionary new ventilation therapies are helping infants with premature or damaged lungs to recover. These methods allow life-saving treatment for delicate young lungs that might be harmed by standard ventilators.

- High frequency ventilation provides small amounts of oxygen at rates of 400 to 1,800 breaths-per-minute, thus reducing pressure on the lungs.

- Patient-triggered ventilation allows the infant's body to control breathing.

- Surfactant - a substance that occurs naturally in healthy lungs but is often missing in premature lungs - makes it easier for lungs to inflate and deflate. Breakthroughs in the medical development and use of surfactant are now providing important benefits for infants with lung problems.

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### 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 Poss 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.

### Intermediate Water Aerobics

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

### Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an hmo or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

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Appointments are required. For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

### Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

### 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.

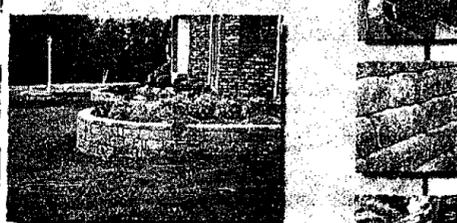
### Breastfeeding Basics

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.

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