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## Leap of the MEAP

### Fourth grade test scores are up

■ Three elementary schools showed 14.7 percent increase in reading scores.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

This year's Michigan Education Assessment Program scores in reading and math have been tallied and the result is that the Novi School District is continuing its success in education.

Overall, fourth graders in the district rose 7.4 percent in reading and one percent in math, compared with last year's results. The percentage indicates the number of students who received a satisfactory score.

With the exception of Parkview, the elementary schools' scores demonstrated an exceptional percentage increase in reading, with Novi Woods, Orchard Hills, and Village Oaks averaging a 14.7 percent rise.

"We feel very good about the showing," said Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor.

"We have maintained a high average across the district and within the Oakland and tri-county area. We are very proud of our students."

All the elementary schools maintained a high percentage in both subjects, especially math.

The MEAP test was administered to fourth and seventh grade students last winter.

The tests measure whether a student has met learning goals in all general subject areas.

Percentages from the fifth and eighth grade MEAP tests in science, social studies and writing are set to be released later this summer.

When comparing fourth and seventh grade averages with the state, the district's scores prove significantly higher.

The MEAP's math assessment includes one six-minute section and two longer untimed sections.

The reading portion of the test has two parts: one that includes a piece of fiction and the other an informational reading piece. Traditionally the informational section is taken from a social studies book. Both pieces are followed by a set of roughly 60 questions pertaining to each.

"There was a stronger performance this year across the board on the informational at all levels, which indicates that this area is being addressed strongly by

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MEAP Scores				
Percent of students achieving "Satisfactory" score				
4th Grade	Reading		Math	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Orchard Hills	89.0	75.6	95.0	90.1
Village Oaks	93.1	77.3	96.6	94.3
Novi Woods	85.0	70.1	92.5	92.3
Parkview	78.9	88.7	97.6	99.2
District average	85.9	78.5	95.4	94.4
State average	58.2	59.4	74.8	71.7
7th Grade	Reading		Math	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Middle School	65.2	66.0	86.1	80.0
State average	48.4	53.0	62.8	63.2

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## Century's first NHS grads

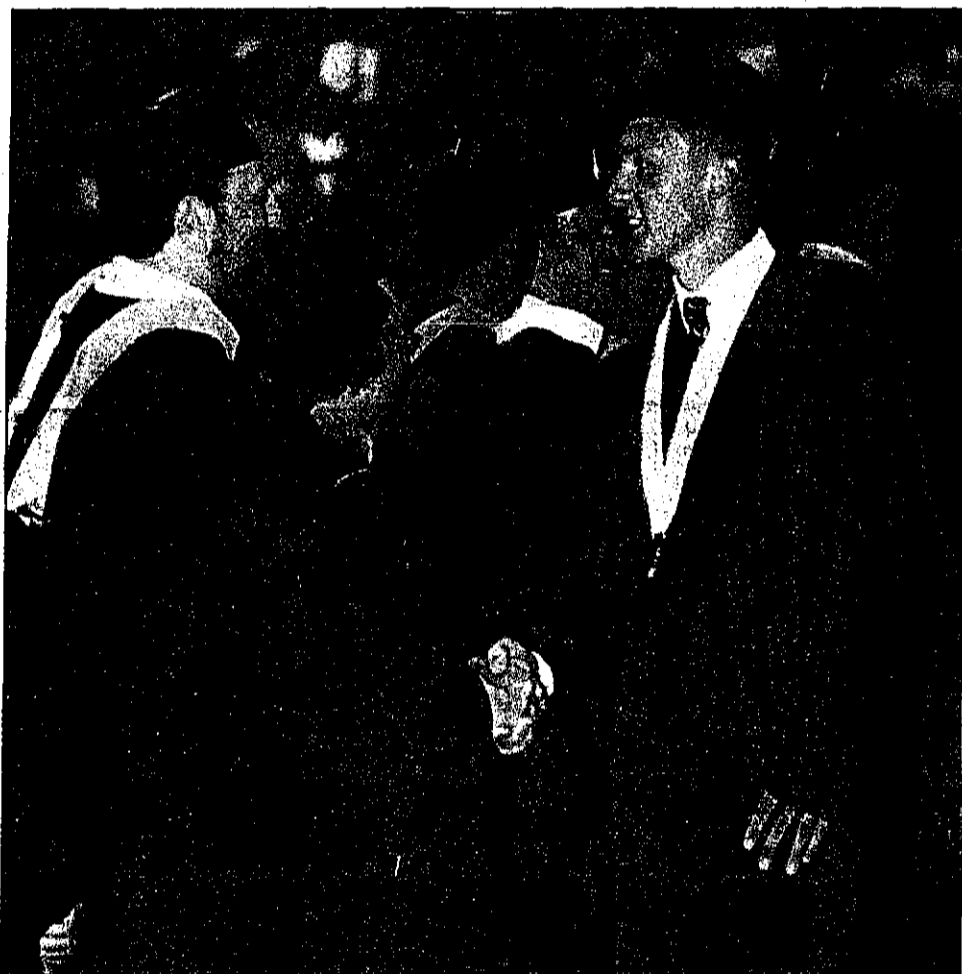


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich congratulates new graduate Adam Borashko.

### 352 Wildcats race into millennium

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

With the turn of their tassels, the Novi High School Class of 2000 said good-bye to high school and hello to the future.

Held at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth on June 10, proud families, friends, and school officials looked on as 352 graduates received their diplomas.

"You have represented your school, your community, and yourselves with dignity and class," Novi High School principal Dr. Jennifer Cheat told her seniors. "And even though you will leave us today, you will be leaving a wonderful part of you behind."

Graduate Lem Gilmer, 17, said although he has

some wonderful memories of Novi High School, he was very glad to have finished this level of his education.

"I'm looking forward to starting my life," he said. Gilmer will attend Michigan State University, where he will major in business.

Gilmer's friend and future MSU roommate, Mike Lee, said he too was thrilled and relieved about the momentous accomplishment.

"High school was a great experience," he said. "I made a lot of good friends and enjoyed a lot of fun activities, but it's time for us to move on."

During the commencement ceremony, the senior class officers each gave speeches reminiscing about

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## Stepson faces trial in kicking death of Willowbrook resident

■ William Olsen will stand trial on open murder charges in the death of Thomas Tuttle.

RANDAL YAKY  
Staff Writer

At first, Thomas J. Tuttle, 70, opened his McMahon Circle home to his troubled stepson, who referred to him lovingly as "Dad."

Then, he wanted him out. Now, police say William Anthony Olsen, 38, brutally kicked his stepfather in the abdomen, resulting in Tuttle's death.

Olsen is facing the rest of his life

in prison after prosecutors in a June 7 preliminary examination outlined how he allegedly, after the assault, left Tuttle lying on the floor of his bedroom for seven hours before calling 911.

Prosecutors say these actions resulted in Tuttle's death.

Novi 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie ordered Olsen to stand trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on the open murder count, but asked the prosecutor's office to consider a second degree murder charge.

Novi Police filed murder charges against Olsen in May. Olsen was arrested less than a week later in Santa Barbara, Calif., after police

spotted him attempting to hide behind a tree. Novi police got a tip that Olsen was in California after he had been seen in the Hollywood district of Los Angeles.

On December 21, Olsen and Tuttle apparently fought about Olsen's refusal to leave the residence.

"It's an incident of passion and hot blood," said Defense Attorney Michael McCarthy.

"He (Tuttle) had problems with his heart that he wasn't getting treatment for."

But Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor John Skrzyński said Olsen was aware of his stepfather's condition.

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## City hall puts pedal to metal for road bond

■ What would you want on a new road bond? The city seeks input from residents.

"If this doesn't happen, this community could cave in."

By RANDAL YAKY  
Staff Writer

Cough, cough.

It's not the sounds of a summer cold, oh no. It's the sound of Novi residents being asked to cough up money for the road repairs, possibly this November with a road bond issue.

After last week's meeting between city officials, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), Novi City Manager Richard Helwig made it clear that the city needs to complete the road projects or face serious problems in the future. Helwig is hoping that a new bond issue placed before the city residents would be successful. Last year, 53 percent of the voters trounced a \$28.5 million road bond issue.

"We need to unify as a community if we have any chance at all to play catch up and that is all we are trying to do. We're not getting caught up. We're not getting ahead," Helwig said.

"We are behind folks, we are seriously behind. If this doesn't happen, this community could cave

Richard Helwig  
Novi City Manager

in." Helwig, who took over the city manager's post this past April, has made road improvement a priority and will make a play for a road bond issue this fall.

"I think what is before (the city) council and the community at large is to get the best input we can at the grassroots level, particularly given the defeat of the road bond issue last fall," Helwig said.

He said city officials will be meeting with neighborhood focus groups over the next 30 to 45 days to hear from residents what road work tops their priority lists.

"We'll give all that to the city council in the later part of July or the later part of August so they can decide what could go in front of the voters this fall, if that is their choice," Helwig said.

The city manager said that the

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### All-Star game debuts next week

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 Fowler/Rittell).

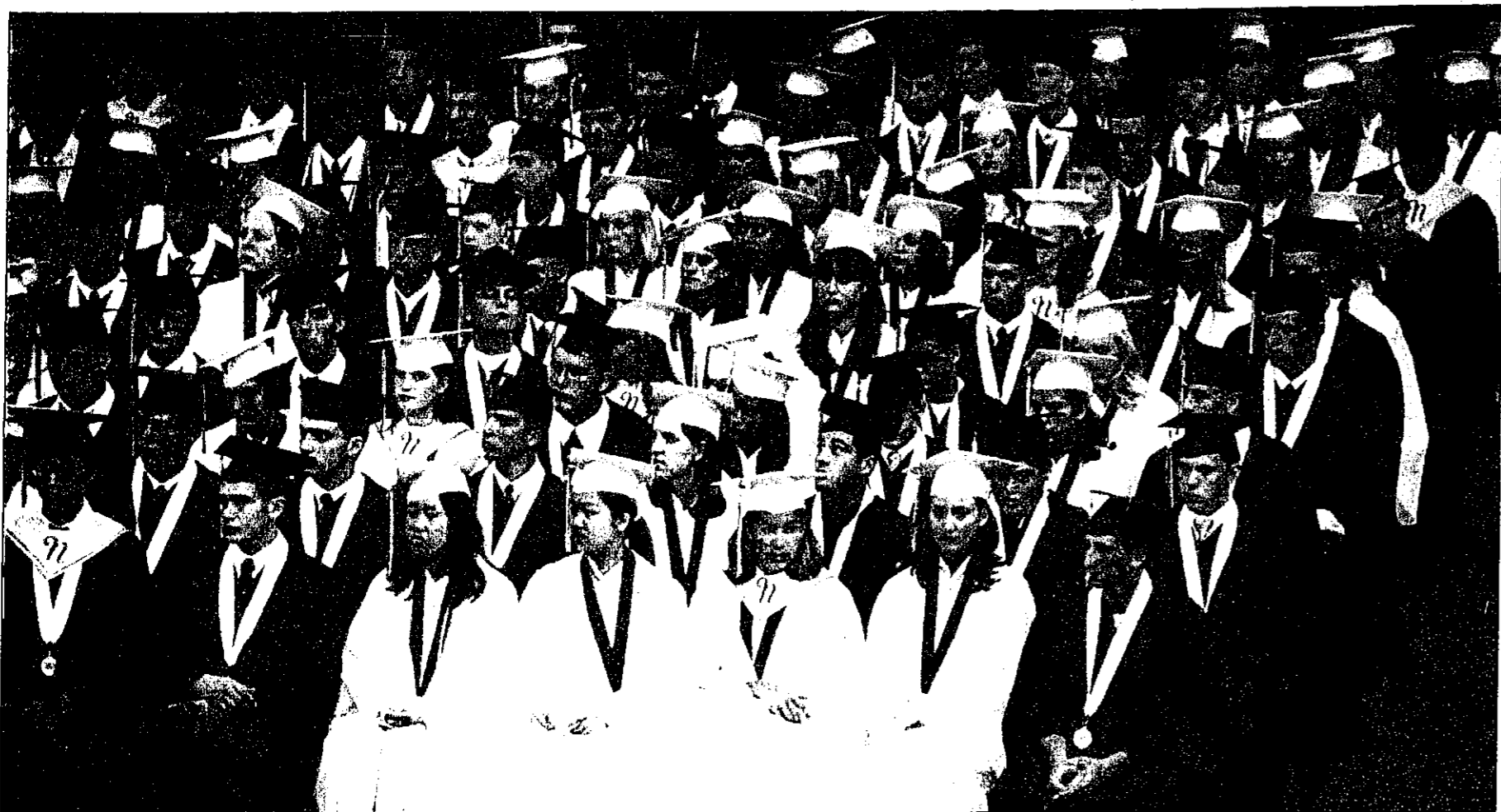
Both games will be played at Brighton High School with the softball game beginning at 2 p.m. and the Baseball immediately following with a 4 p.m. first pitch.

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.

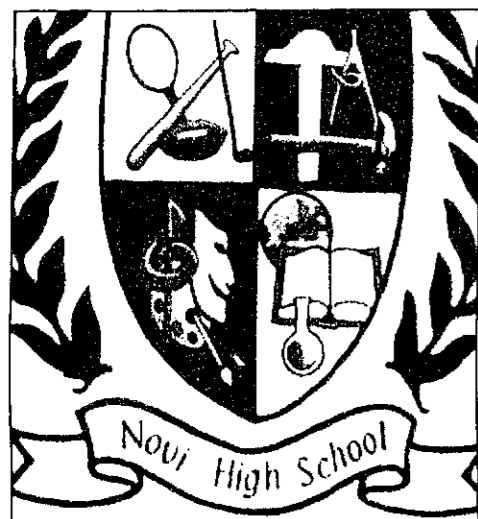
On the softball side, there will be a hitting contest as well as a fastest pitcher competition for all varsity athletes.

For information about the games, turn to page B-1

# Ready for the world: Novi High's Class of 2000



Novi High School graduates take their seats at Plymouth's Compuware Arena Saturday evening, June 10, to receive their diplomas.



Above, a Novi High School student crosses the stage at Compuware to receive her diploma Saturday night.

Photos by John Heider

After picking up those diplomas on June 10, the first Novi High School graduating class of the new millennium participated in the Senior All-Night Party. Beginning at 10 p.m. after graduation, the seniors enjoyed fun, food, and entertainment in a Wizard of Oz setting. With an Emerald City casino, laser tag, air-brush tattoo artist, and "star struck", which allowed the graduates to make their own music video, the fully volunteer-supported event was a huge hit.

At right: Students pause along the "Yellow Brick Road" during Saturday's All-Night Senior Party at Novi High School. The "flowers" that lined the road, contained photographs of Novi High School 2000 graduates when they were children.

At far right: Matt Burch, top, seems to be getting the better of Andy Wilson as the two sumo wrestle during Saturday night's All-night Senior Party at Novi High School.



At left: Chloe Clark hugs a Novi School District administrator after receiving her sheepskin during Saturday night's commencement at Compuware Arena.

Above: After four years of hard work, Dan Kittle prepares to receive his diploma from Novi High School.



# Novi 8th graders move forward

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Embarking into the unknown can be both scary and exciting, say Novi Middle School eighth graders. Next fall, these students will be facing new challenges and new surroundings as they head into high school.

"I'm going to miss a lot of things here at the middle school, but I'm also really looking forward to beginning a new venture at Novi High," said 14-year-old Katie Sloan.

The students said they are eagerly awaiting a number of available opportunities like lock scheduling and are especially anxious to get involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities that the high school has to offer.

"Katie and I are both excited about being on the j.v. (junior varsity) pom-pom squad next year," said Julie Perreca. "We've already tried out and we made the team. It's going to be really fun."

Matthew Nickels said he wants to be active in baseball and soccer and Terry Welsh said he's going to be a part of the golf team. Both eighth grade boys said they will also take choir.

While Nickels said it will be wonderful mixing in with new students, starting at the bottom of the chain doesn't seem quite as appealing.

"It will be weird going from the oldest in the school to the youngest," he said.

Although some of the eighth graders will have older siblings attending high school with them next year, they weren't quite sure if that would work towards their advantage.

"I'm going to have two older brothers there," Sloan said. "One will be a junior and the other a senior, so I'm not sure if that will make it harder on me or not. They'll probably try and be over-protective."

The students said one thing they're nervous about is the high school's "urban legend" of Freshman Friday.

Apparently, on the last six Fridays of the school year, the upper-classman give the freshman a "hard time," they explained.

"There's a lot of teachers who I've grown attached to over the years that I will miss, but my algebra teacher Mrs. (Debra) Felton-Levy is one of the best," Nickels said.

"I don't think you have as much work in high school and I think people get along better," he said. "I



Novi Middle schoolers Julie Perreca, Matthew Nickels, Katie Sloan and Terry Welsh walk into high school in the fall.

So what kinds of advice do these future freshman give to incoming seventh graders?

"Just to be open to change," Sloan said. "They'll have a lot of adjustments to make."

For example, the students said seventh graders will be meeting lots of new kids, having lockers and dealing with a lot more teachers.

Nickels said he feels that the middle school years were the hardest, and thinks high school will alleviate some of the pressures dealt with in middle school.

Perreca said all the remarks she's heard about the high school have been extremely positive, which has definitely taken some of the stress off.

"I've heard a lot of good things about Novi High," Perreca said. "I haven't met anyone who doesn't like it there. I think it's going to be a great experience."

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## What a day

Floral Zang and Ashleigh Evans compete in a team relay event during Orchard Hills Elementary's field day activities Monday morning at Maybury State Park.

Hills Elementary's field day activities Monday morning at Maybury State Park.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

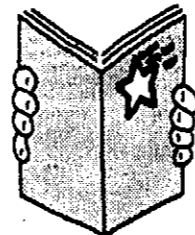
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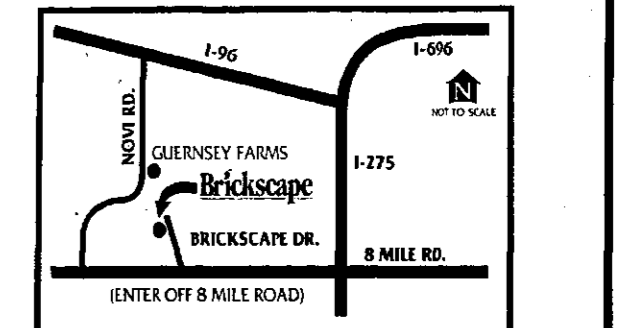
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The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 380-6500.

**Walled Lake School Board**  
The Walled Lake School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Center, Board of Education Room, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake.

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The Novi School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

**Ordinance Review**  
The Ordinance Review Committee meets at 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, city council chambers.

**Music series**  
"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn.

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**Monday, June 19**

**Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters**  
The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

**Tuesday, June 20**

**Garden Club**  
The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Skgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets Church of the Holy Cross on Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads, from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2899.

**Novi Toastmasters**  
The Novi Toastmaster Club meets at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Elementary School, located on Meadowbrook Road, one block south of Thirteen Mile. New members are welcome anytime. For more information on the Toastmasters, check out the web site at: www.toastmasters.org

## Home schoolers graduate Novi Christian Academy students accept recognition

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

It was a big day for Novi Christian and home school students as they, too, became graduates of the new millennium.

From as far as Fort Wayne, Ind. to right here in Novi, 22 students gathered to receive their diplomas, June 3, at Novi Christian.

"I am just so happy to be done," said dual-salutatorian Thanna Elfinger.

Elfinger, 18, who has been home schooled off and on most of her life, said she has really enjoyed the home school experience.

"It was great because it not only allowed me to help out at home, but to work as well," the Novi graduate said. "One of the great things about home school is that it's very flexible."

### THE GRADUATES

Here are Novi Christian's graduates for 2000: Sarah Armstrong, Pinckney; Christopher Campbell, Farmington Hills; Pamela Childers, Livonia; Jon Clay, Farmington Hills; Shannon Eustace, Chesterfield; Katherine Haigs, Dearborn Heights; Andrew Harris, Metairie; Melissa Jennings, Berley; Bryan Kelly, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Neil Kennedy, Brownstown Twp.; Tricia Litch, Plymouth; Lisa Manno, Garden City; Christopher McIntyre, Farmington Hills; Sarah Moore, Howell; Jamie Needham, Pinckney; Kenneth Sams, Brighton; Jessica Sanchez, Novi; Valerie Smith, Pinckney; David Sproul, Farmington Hills.

"Switched-On Schoolhouse," Elfinger said she received all the education needed to succeed.

"It was a lot more exciting than listening to a teacher give a lecture because they provided lots of recordings and pictures from historic leaders and events in each subject area," she said.

Elfinger said while her mom helped her with her earlier education, the computer program gave her the chance to teach herself.

Salutatorian Jessica Sanchez said because it is a Christian home school, she was able to learn the teachings of Christ.

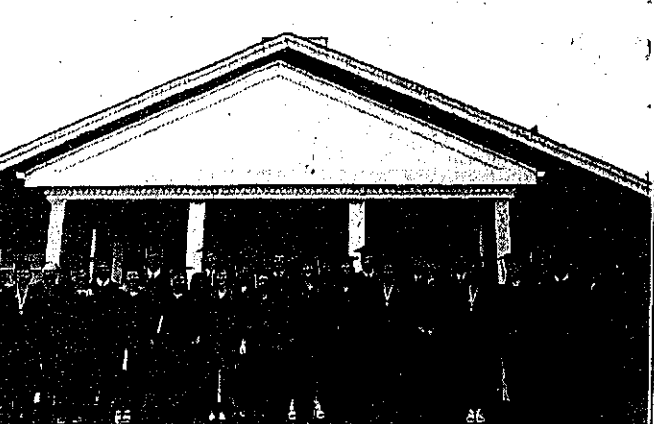
"I enjoyed it because home school allowed me to incorporate the bible into my studies," she said.

Moore agreed.

"I think one of the bigger advantages of home school versus public school is that I could go at my own pace."

Novi Christian School Administrator Dr. Gary Elmer said home school not only gives his students an opportunity to explore other areas of interest, it allows them to develop their own personalities.

"I think the potential for social-



Home school students and Novi Christian Academy students came from far and wide to graduate June 3 together.

ization is much stronger because they are dealing with people of all ages," he said. "Where as in a classroom, they are grouped with only students their age. And typically it's the same group of kids for twelve straight years."

Dr. Elmer explained that this is an unusual setting because they are studying under the direction of a dominant personality and added with home school, the level of concentration is much higher.

Sanchez said she too thought the program elevated her social standing.

"It was wonderful because it allowed me to be involved with my community a great deal," she said. "I was out there working and dealing with all kinds of people."

Now that the future eagerly awaits these recent graduates, the three each have their own plans.

Sanchez will be attending the University of Detroit Mercy where she will study to become a nurse in anesthesiology. Thanna Elfinger will be working to save money for college and Moore will attend Northwestern College in Cadillac for two years and finish her education at Ferris State University.

"Home schooling has really developed over the years with soaring results and the interest is growing," Dr. Elmer said. "I think the

rate of success in home school is equally as great or greater than public schools."

According to the National Home Education Research Institute (NHEDI), at the rate of 7 to 15 percent a year, students are home schooled. There were 1,300,000 to 1,700,000 children (grades K-12) home educated during 1999-2000 in the United States.

In a recent study, the NHEDI found that of adults who were home educated, none were unemployed and none were on welfare. Ninety-four percent said home education prepared them to be independent persons and 79 percent said it helped them interact with individuals from different levels of society.

Moore said she thinks home school is an outstanding approach to learning, but that it may not be for everyone.

"I was always kind of a loner, so I think it is good for someone who is very independent," she said. "So I would recommend it to anyone who's an individualist and feels confident in accomplishing things on their own."

If you would like more information on Christian home schooling, visit: novichristianacademy.org for general information, visit the Home School Legal Defense Association at: www.HSLDA.org Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News.

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# Man annoys patrons of two pubs

A 22-year-old Northville man apparently had too many drinks on the evening of June 10 and was hauled off to jail after patrons at two separate pubs at Twelve Oaks Mall complained he was disorderly. Mall security was called to the Jonathan B's Pub after management had asked the suspect to leave after a confrontation with a restaurant employee. The man was apparently intoxicated. When his mother arrived, she seemingly was able to get him under control, according to police.

According to Novi Police reports, the man apparently had an argument with his mother and he got out of the car and entered the Max & Erma's restaurant where he tried to get served alcohol at the bar. Management refused to sell the man alcohol and he began "smashing things," according to one witness account. It was also said to be "flipping over chairs and patio tables."

Novi police were called to the scene and secured the area. But after they got the suspect inside the squad car, he began spouting obscenities and threatening police. Even though the man was placed in hand cuffs, he was able to kick at the left rear window. At one point, according to police, the man's foot broke through the window spraying glass onto another officer at the scene. "Let me get out of these cuffs," the man said at one point. "I feel sorry for you (officers) when I get rough with you."

The man was pulled from the car and placed in leg shackles and transported to Providence Hospital. One officer was treated for minor injuries at the scene. The suspect

## Police News

**WOMAN CLAIMS THAT THE VICTIM HAD BEEN STALKING HER SINCE ENDING THE RELATIONSHIP EARLIER IN THE YEAR.**

The woman claim's that the victim had been stalking her since ending the relationship earlier in the year. No charges were filed and the knife was confiscated and placed into the police evidence room at the Novi Police Department.

**KNIFE PULLED ON OLD BEAU**

An altercation between two men that, at one time, dated the same woman, resulted in one of the men pulling a knife and threatening to kill the other on June 8.

The incident occurred outside the Saddle Creek apartments where the victim lives. His ex-girlfriend also lives in the building. The two boys had been visiting the man just before the incident occurred. Statements to police were contradictory, but both men did state that there was an exchange of words and the new boyfriend, either after being confronted or out of anger, took the knife from his pocket and brandished it in front of the victim's face.

The victim admitted there were words, however, he insisted that he never approached the man. The knife-wielding suspect, according to the victim, stuck the knife within an inch of his face and uttered "kill" and an assortment of obscenities.

While making a phone call to a friend, police overheard the woman asking her friend to come to the mall and bring her some cigarettes. The woman suggested that the friend wrap the cigarettes in something to conceal them. The woman told her friend the "stupid cops" wouldn't catch on.

But according to the suspect with the knife, he was confronted by the man and only took out the knife to protect himself.

**WHERE'S THE CAR**

A Novi man returned from an afternoon of fishing and found one

## Novi Briefs

of his automobiles had been stolen from his driveway while he was out on June 11.

According to police, the man left his home around 8:30 a.m. and returned later that evening around 6 p.m.

The vehicle is described as a white 1993 Pontiac Grand Am with license number QDY 245. Anyone with knowledge of the crime or the location of the vehicle are asked to call the Novi Police at 348-7100.

**JUST IN TIME**

A Novi resident returning home scared off a burglar after the suspect was spotted standing near the entrance way to their home on Windsor Court, June 8.

According to police reports, the front door of the home was locked in but apparently the returning owner scared off the burglar before he could gain entrance.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 15 to 20 years of age, wearing blue shorts, a gray shirt, and black shoes. The suspect was also wearing a baseball cap.

**NO BAD APPLES HERE**

Novi police said they conducted a sting operation June 7 on a number of party stores and restaurants, using a 17-year-old decoy who was attempting to buy alcohol.

According to police reports, none of the establishments sold to the minor and all asked to see I.D. from the youth.

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

## Food needed

The summer months are difficult for most food banks because they do not receive as many donations as in the fall and winter. But the need is still great. Novi residents are asked to help The Sports Club stock the shelves of the food banks to keep them going through out these difficult summer months.

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## Mission wasn't impossible

Congratulations to Novi Middle School's Destination Imagination team who went on to finish in the top third of their division at the Global Finals at Iowa State University recently.

This year, the group was the city's first team ever to head to the world competition, after placing first in the regional and state matches with their amazing "Fruit Roller Coaster" project.

Team members include Heather Balon, Melissa Doolin, Dallas Odum, James Gee, Allissa Wagner and Dawn Wilfong, who were accompanied by parent coach Roger Wilfong and Cathy Gee, the district's facilitator.

Destination Imagination is a youth-oriented, problem-solving program worldwide.

## Walk this way

Thornton Creek, a Northville school district elementary school located in Novi, will offer a walk through for families and students to locate new classrooms from 4-5 p.m. on Aug. 25.

All classrooms will be locked and teachers will not be available.

Also on Aug. 26 at 8:50 a.m., parents are invited to attend the parent-teacher conference in the cafeteria. However, they will not be allowed to take children to their classrooms.

# Novi grads, vintage 2000, head off for new lives

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the past and wishing their fellow classmates luck in the future. "Together, we have laughed, cried, loved, lost, succeeded, and failed," Class Secretary Andrea Eberline told the seniors.

"And as we begin a new chapter in our lives, it's important to remember that anything is possible — the sky's the limit."

The school's 13 valedictorians and five salutatorians joined forces to deliver their speech entitled, "All I Need to Know I Learned at Novi High School."

The group agreed that they learned a number of valuable skills, both in their education and within themselves, such as patience, kindness, and wisdom, as well as how to cooperate and organize their time.

Best friends Katherine LaPan, 17, and Sarah Frick, 18, said they will miss each other very much as they each take different paths after graduation.

While LaPan will be attending Grand Valley State University for a career in elementary education, Frick will be attending Oakland Community College.

"Although I'm looking forward to moving out of the house, it's really going to be sad leaving my friends," LaPan said.

As some graduates say good-bye to their friends and family as they head into the college world, they also say farewell to the teachers and staff who have made their high school careers so enjoyable.

"I'm going to miss P.J. (Paula Joyner Clined) immensely," Frick said.

"Of all the four years I had her for choir, she has always been there for me."

Gilmer said of his teachers, he's really going to miss his physics instructor Ryan McCloud.

"He wasn't just your average regular teacher who gave lectures, he really made learning fun. He had a great sense of humor and really worked well with his students," Gilmer said.

The seniors seemed very confident for the road ahead and said the school really did their job in preparing them for the future.

To its graduates, the senior class stood for many things, including intelligence, uniqueness, and success.

"If I had to describe the Class of 2000 with one word, it would be 'focused,'" Gilmer said.

Frick said she will remember the Class of 2000 for its wide range of personalities and diversities.

"Everybody is so different, which I think makes our class so interesting," she said.

Before the diplomas were handed out, Dr. Cheat encouraged her students to chase the dreams that lie before them and continue to redefine excellence.

She told them the parents, citizens, and entire Novi School District was extremely proud of them.

"On behalf of Novi High School, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your achievements and wish you farewell and good luck. I will miss all of you," she said.

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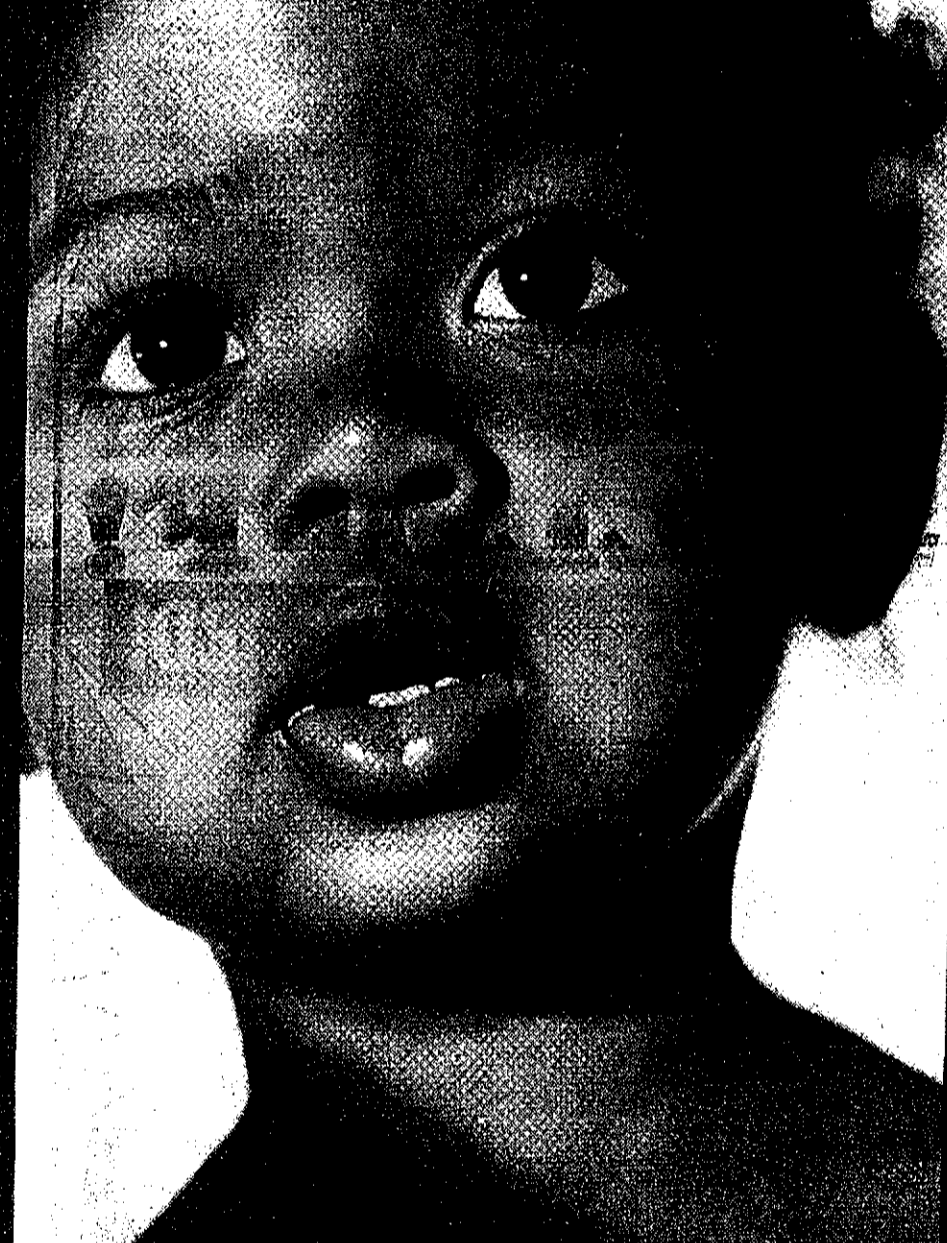
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# Talk yourself out of this one, but not on the cell phone

By MIKE MALOTT  
HomeTown News Service  
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"We have people who have a very broad range of driving skills," said State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. "You have Mario Andreotti and then you have my daughter, Mario Andreotti. She has a high level of skill and she could probably drive safely doing any number of other things. That would include the use of a cell phone."

For others, chit-chatting on the phone while driving might prove too much of a distraction.

That's the basis of a bill introduced recently by the Wayne Coun-

ty lawmaker, House Bill 5567, which would add penalties for an infraction if a police officer concluded that the use of a cell phone contributed to an accident or traffic violation.

The additional penalty would be \$25, tacked on to the fine, and one more point on the driver's license.

Patterson is not a proponent of banning cell phone usage while driving and he recognizes that there can be other distractions for drivers.

Changing tapes in the deck, dialing in a radio station, even lighting a cigarette can take a driver's eyes off the road and lead to trouble,

previous research has shown. Some women apply makeup behind the wheel; men sometimes shave. Patterson admits to having been spotted by a legislative aide combing his mustache while on the road.

Nonetheless, his bill is specific to cell phones and he explained the purpose is to look into the common belief that wireless communication in particular is distracting to drivers.

"I've had a number of constituents express to me that they have been cut off by drivers who were using cell phones at the time," he said.

His bill also proposes a study, to be conducted by the Michigan Secretary of State and the State Police, two years after the effective date of the new penalty to determine just how many tickets are handed out for cell phone distractions.

Researchers who have looked into the question have reached differing conclusions. At the University of Toronto, researchers found that cell phone usage while on the road increased drivers' accident rates by four times, roughly the same rate of increase experienced by drunk drivers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found no

improvement for those who used hands-free phone technology, leading those U.S. researchers to the conclusion that it was the conversation itself that diverted the attention of drivers.

Nonetheless, the NHTSA stopped short of recommending a ban on cell phone usage while driving. The NHTSA noted that nearly all states had laws on the books against careless driving, and that includes Michigan. Patterson pointed out tickets for careless driving issued to cell phone users in Ohio who were weaving out of their lanes

withstood court challenges. The NHTSA noted.

But the NHTSA said better data collection on the subject was needed. At the time of the study, only two states were compiling information on the use of cell phones in relation to traffic accidents.

No state was tracking phone usage in relation to traffic violations, as Patterson's bill proposes. If other lawmakers agree, Michigan could be first.

# Oakland County Executive Patterson does not want new judge in Novi

RANDAL YAKELY  
Staff Writer

There has been some controversy over how to cut down on the number of cases making their way through the 52-1 District Court in Novi.

But now, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said that he wants what is best for all parties concerned and if that means one large "mega district" that so be it.

"My preference would be to balance the two districts by moving the three townships (Rose, Highland and White Lake) to the Clarkston court," Patterson said.

That would lessen the load on the Novi court. I'm going to the mat

on this one.

"I don't have a problem with State Rep. Nancy Cassis and Judges (Brian) Mackenzie and (Dennis) Powers wanting to have one big district. As long as the judge does not sit in Novi."

The 52-1 court in Novi, which has reached capacity in only its fifth year of existence, is a concern to Patterson.

"Putting another judge in the Novi court would force us to expand the facility. Just to add the judge there would cost us over \$2 million," he said.

Patterson less than two weeks ago said that he did not support

combining the two courts. He also said then that the larger district takes away from the concept of a "community court."

Judge Dennis Powers of Novi's 52-1 District Court said that the combining of the two districts into one, rather than keeping the two districts separate, would not alleviate the Novi problem in the long run.

"Putting Rose, Highland, and White Lake (townships) in the Clarkston district would only be a temporary solution," Powers said.

"I keep saying, if you have a large district, you have more flexibility."

If the district is realigned, Powers

said there will be less flexibility for adding judges and it could be detrimental to the area in getting another judge or building in the future. If the docket continues to grow, in addition, flexibility about where to place another building would be lost.

The Novi court had over 55,000 new cases filed in 1999. There have been approximately 104,000 cases going through the Novi court over the past two years in 1998 and 1999. In 1997, the total number of cases was 85,189 and in 1996, it was at approximately 59,000. In 1995, there were approximately 51,000 cases in the Novi court system, the year it opened. The Michi-

gan Supreme Court Administrator's Office recommended earlier this year that the two divisions be combined to help ease the "overwhelming" number of cases that are distributed to the Novi court.

According to Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmid-R-Novi, the state legislature will not approve the judge unless the districts are combined.

The original proposal was to combine the Clarkston and Novi courts into one division and add a court judge in Clarkston. The Clarkston court would then be responsible for Highland, White Lake, and Rose Township, which are not under the jurisdiction of

the Novi court.

According to Powers, Novi is the busiest court in the state, behind only the 46th District Court in Detroit. Each judge at the Novi court has nearly 20,000 cases on their docket.

District courts have jurisdiction over all civil lawsuits up to \$25,000 and all criminal misdemeanors that do not have punishments adding up to over a year in jail. The district court also has jurisdiction over traffic violations and felony preliminary examination.

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Novi Community Schools is requesting bids for Workstations and Laptops and Televisions, VCRs and Projectors. These are 2 separate bid documents. Requirements are detailed in request for bid (RFB) documents that are available from the district office: Novi Community Schools, 22545 Tall Road, Novi, MI 48374.

Sealed proposals for all work described in these RFB's will be received at the above location no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on June 25, 2000.

Absolutely no bids will be accepted after this deadline.

(6-15-00 NR 979178)

### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at their Regular Council meeting on **MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000, at 7:30 P.M.** in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, regarding possible placement of a Tornado Warning Siren north of Nine Mile Road and west of the Thornton Creek Elementary School driveway.

If you have any comments regarding this matter, they may be presented in writing or during the Audience Participation section of the Agenda.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
248-347-0456

(6-15-00 NR917175)

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DeMatia Group is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at 39500 Lewis Drive (Magna) from June 2000 through May 2001.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on June 21, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to June 21, 2000.

SARAH MARCHIONI, TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0416

(6-15-00 NR, NN 979438)

### CITY OF NOVI VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, JUNE 19, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Board of Economic Commission, Cable Access Commission, Economic Development Corporation, Housing & Community Development Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and Alternatives Member Zoning Board.

If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applicants are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive an application by mail, please submit your application by Thursday, June 8, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

(6-16-25 & 6-18/15-00 NR/NN 978399) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the reprogramming of Housing and Community Development Funds. The Hearing will be held on Monday, June 19, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of encouraging citizen input.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., June 19, 2000.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(6-8/15-00 NR/NN 978394)

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SOFT K COPPER WATER TUBING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Soft K Copper Water Tubing according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time. Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI  
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Soft K Copper Water Tubing" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
(248) 347-0446  
(6-15-00 NR, NN 978324)

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS WATER SERVICE MATERIALS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Water Service Materials according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI  
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024

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

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

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
(248) 347-0446  
(6-15-00 NR, NN 978323)

## Northville man faces rape charges

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

A 25-year-old Northville Township man finds out Friday if he will go to trial in 3rd circuit court for the alleged rape of a minor.

Matthew Sarampote, 25, will stand before Judge John MacDonal on three charges of criminal sexual conduct III, which is penetration of a person between the ages of 13 and 15 years old.

The charges stem from an incident that allegedly took place March 14.

According to a Northville Township police report, a 15-year-old neighbor of Sarampote allegedly went to his township apartment after the alleged drinking began. Once there, the report said, the 15-year-old allegedly consumed alcohol with Sarampote and another "of age" couple.

Details of what happened after the alleged drinking began have yet to be revealed in court, but Northville Township Detective Michael Wildt told the Northville Record in April that the 15-year-old alleges Sarampote raped her.

Sarampote was in 95th district court Judge Ron Lowe's courtroom June 9 for examination. During an examination, the judge decides if the case should be tried or if the allegations hold no merit. However, Sarampote's attorney asked for an adjournment citing the inability to properly review the case.

"We're asking for an adjournment to allow for more discovery," said Ronald Butler, attorney for Sarampote. "We haven't had enough time to pick up the police files and analyze them."

An irritant, Lowe said, he was concerned the attorney assigned to the case was no longer handling it and asked Butler why there had been a change.

Butler said the original attorney was no longer working with his firm and that the senior attorney who took over the case was out of town.

Lowe granted the adjournment, but made it known he didn't like the circumstances.

The case will go before Judge John MacDonal June 16.

Andrew Dielderich is a staff writer for the Northville Record. His e-mail address is adielderich@h.homecon.net.

## Bistro keeps threatened license

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

The liquor license suspension of Bonfire Bistro and Brewery has been rescinded — for now.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission gave the reprieve after the business appealed a three-day license suspension by the commission that would have closed the business from June 23-25.

The suspension was the result of a January alcohol sting conducted by Northville Township police in which a Bonfire employee sold alcohol to a 16-year-old police decoy. Rocky's of Northville, 41122 Seven Mile Road, also sold alcohol to the decoy and faces a June 23 suspension.

According to a letter to Chip Snider, Northville Township director of public safety, the LCC said "please withhold enforcement of the suspension of the license, as requested ... pending the outcome of the appeal hearing."

A spokesman for Bonfire said the grounds of the appeal are the decoy acted illegally and lied to the bartender. Police sent the 16-year-old decoy into every business in the township that has a Class C liquor license and had the decoy attempt to buy alcohol. Every business except Rocky's and Farmer Jack on Haggerty Road denied selling him the alcohol. A spokesman for Rocky's said they also plan to appeal the decision.

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# HomeTown to go daily in Livingston County

Michigan's fastest growing county will have its first daily newspaper - the nation's first new daily newspaper since 1997 - when the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus hits newsstands September 6, 2000.

The new daily, published by HomeTown Newspapers, will merge the Livingston County Press and the Argus. The Livingston County Press, the oldest and most respected weekly newspaper in the state, HomeTown also publishes the Novi News.

The dynamic growth of Livingston County has created the need for a daily newspaper, according to Rich Perlberg, vice president

and general manager of HomeTown Newspapers. "This is an exciting announcement for both the company and the people of Livingston County," he said. "This newspaper will play an important role in uniting the county."

The County Press, based in Howell, is 155 years old. The Argus is 120 years old. Both papers currently are published twice weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays. They will be combined into a single newspaper that will be published in the afternoon Monday through Friday. A weekend edition will be delivered Sunday mornings.

The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus will maintain both editorial staffs, as well as their offices. The company anticipates the creation of several new positions. Phil Jerome, a former editor of the Novi News, will retain his position as executive editor.

With approximately 150,000 residents, Livingston is the largest county in the state without a daily newspaper. The county is expected to grow by another 70,000 people in the next 20 years, according to population projections by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The county currently has the highest median household income (\$58,349) in the state. During a formal announcement to employ-

ment on June 8, company officials promised that the new daily would be guided by traditional HomeTown values.

The new paper is expected to debut with a paid circulation of more than 20,000. That would make its circulation larger than the combined circulation of all other newspapers that circulate in Livingston County.

It would also make it one of the 20 largest of the state's 50 newspapers.

Press & Argus readers will continue to find the extensive local coverage they've come to expect in their HomeTown weekly newspapers. In addition, the new daily will carry state, national and world

# Lawmakers dicker over state's road funding distribution plan

**BY MIKE MALOTT**  
HomeTown News Service  
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When lawmakers rewrite Michigan's road funding distribution formula later this year, they will likely "replace it with a system state officials describe as 'cutting edge,' a process known as 'asset management.'"

Rather than just dividing up \$1.7 billion in transportation funding in a three-way split among the road agencies - state, county, and local - as is the case now, asset management will allow the state rank roads and prioritize repair projects based on a number of "performance factors."

Such factors might include the number of vehicles that use that road, lane miles, congestion, and commercial weights carried by it.

Asset management is the "key recommendation" of a report completed earlier this month by the Act 51 Transportation Study Committee. Now being printed, the document is expected to be presented to the legislature and Gov. John Engler in June.

State lawmakers have until the end of the year to replace the current law, which expires December 31. Already, at least three proposals implementing aspects of the report have been introduced to the state House and Senate, but many of the implementing bills still need to be drafted.

Many of the details have yet to be settled, such as what performance factors will be used and how they will be evaluated. If the report is being heralded now as a great compromise, it is in those details that controversy could be reignited.

Road upkeep and traffic congestion rank consistently as top concerns of Michigan residents. And of that a number one issue, the road funding distribution formula - set in Public Act 51 - lies at the heart of it. First passed in 1981, the act divides road money from gas taxes, license fees, federal grants, etc. - to road agencies like the Michigan Department of Transportation, county road commissions, and municipalities. The divide - 39.1 percent to the state, 39.1 percent to counties and 21.8 percent to cities and villages - has long been a source of contention.

The MDOT has often been criticized for keeping the biggest share of the money of any single road agency. But state roads, including expressways, are the heaviest volumes. State highways are the County road commissions, particularly Oakland County's, have been chronically underfunded for years. Many municipalities, tired of waiting for repairs or upgrades from the state or county, have gone ahead and passed local road bonds in order to do the work inside their municipal limits themselves.

It is the disagreement over the funding distribution formula that has kept many lawmakers and local officials, particularly those in Oakland County, opposing increases in the gas tax in the past.

"The key to this is that it is a long term strategy. Everyone recognizes that it is going to take time to come up with the definitions and criteria for the performance factors. So it will take time to set this up," said Robin Pannecouk, spokesperson for the MDOT. In the meantime, if the legislature follows the recommendations of the committee, the current distribution percentages would continue.

The change over to asset management would require an intensive new information gathering process, according to Craig Bryson, of the Oakland County Road Commission. Handing out money by a percentage is simple by comparison. Evaluating each road in the county to be ranked in an asset management system would require compilation of a great deal of information, he pointed out.

Pannecouk agrees. Much of that information, for instance traffic counts, may already be in the files of various road agencies, but she said she is uncertain if the state and county agencies gather the same information or gather it in the same way. So additional research may be needed.

All those details are to be worked out by a new Technical Advisory Panel. That's where differences between the levels of government may remerge, according to Bryson. Pannecouk, however, said that the fact the panel is to have representation from the Michigan Municipal League, the County Road Association of Michigan and metropolitan planning councils, as well as the MDOT, should alleviate that concern.

"And what if those performance factors show that the pie overall just isn't big enough?" Bryson said. "What if they show more money is needed?" What then? Oakland's Road Commission has advocated an increase in road funding through higher gas taxes for years.

"We have all the resources we need," Pannecouk countered. "It's a matter of prioritizing them properly and that is exactly what asset management is intended to do."

The study committee members included Reps. Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, and Thomas Kelly, D-

Wayne, as well as Sens. Phil Hoffman, R-Jackson, and Joseph Young, D-Detroit. Also on the committee were Sam Hart, of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324, in Livonia; Robert Heizer, President of the Monitor Sugar Company in Bay City; Jordan Tatter, Commissioner for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and former MDOT director Bob Welke.

The panel wrapped up its work in a meeting May 5 when all but one, Young, agreed to sign the report. Kelly agrees the report is a significant compromise. He has said he is impressed with how well the

committee was able to address all the concerns of all the various road agencies.

Committee staffer Polly Kent said the committee went to great lengths to address all the concerns raised by all the levels of government.

Johnson has already introduced a bill to implement a portion of the report, House Bill 5806, by Rep. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, and 5807, by Johnson, would change the state diesel fuel tax to simplify collections, allowing truckers to pay at the pump and making wholesalers responsible for getting the tax to the state.

Johnson said the change would also take care of the so-called "Mercedes discount," the fact that owners of diesel-powered automobiles have been able in the past to avoid collection of a portion of the diesel fuel tax.

Hoffman has also introduced related legislation amending Act 51, Senate Bill 1274.

There are also a great many other recommendations in the report for which legislation has not been drafted. Some may produce other disagreements.

Other recommendations of the report include:

- Providing incentives for regional

- coordination of road planning. If, for instance, a commercial route crosses the city limits of several municipalities, those municipalities would be expected to work together to plan the route and provide for its maintenance as a whole.
- Setting a base level of funding for the routine maintenance of all roads.
- That all road agencies seek warranties from contractors for all road and bridge projects.
- Increasing the information flow between road planners and land use planners to maximize existing roads and more effectively plan for new construction.
- That all road agencies put all maintenance work up for competitive bidding.
- That mass transit programs, including the Detroit Department of Transportation and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation be coordinated, and that mass transit be coordinated with other modes of transportation.
- And that state operating subsidies of AMTRAK, in the budget for the coming year, be eliminated in the future so that the money can be returned to local agencies.

## Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending June 11. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number.

- MONDAY, JUNE 5**
- Medical, 43365 Citation, 12:18 a.m., Squad 3
  - Service, 45182 West Park, 7:38 a.m., Squad 2
  - Medical, 44000 Grand River, 8:09 a.m., Squad 1
  - Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 9:52 a.m., Squad 1
  - Medical, M-9 and Thirteen Mile Road, 12:58 p.m., Squad 2
  - Medical, 31111 Woodstone, 1:43 p.m., Squad 2
  - Medical, 30734 Tanglewood, 2:37 p.m., Squad 3
  - Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 4:53 p.m., Squad 3
  - Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 6:11 p.m., Engines 1, 2
  - Injury accident, Beck Road and I-96, 7:45 p.m., Squad 4
  - Medical, 33100 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 7:54 p.m., Squad 1
  - Medical, 23706 Chipmunk Trail, 11:53 p.m., Squad 3

- TUESDAY, JUNE 6**
- Service, 26991 Wisom, 7:23 a.m., Squad 4
  - Injury accident, Eight Mile and Meadowbrook, 7:45 a.m., Squad 3
  - Fire alarm, Novi Road and Arena Drive, 9:32 a.m., Engines 3, 1
  - Medical, 25805 Beck Road, 10:03 a.m., Squad 4
  - Injury accident, Nine Mile and Center Street, 10:39 a.m., Squad 3
  - Investigation, 48443 Nine Mile Road, 11:15 a.m., Engine 4
  - Fire alarm, 42400 Crescent, 11:19 a.m., Engines 1, 3
  - Medical, 23333 Willowbrook, 11:25 a.m., Squad 3
  - Building fire, 25875 Novi Road, 11:41 a.m., Engines 1, 3
  - Vehicle fire, 35555 Ten Mile Road, 12:41 p.m., Engine 3
  - Medical, 21090 Haggerty, 1:28 p.m., Squad 3
  - Chemical spill, Novi and Sixth Gate, 8:19 p.m., Engine 1
  - Investigation, 20213 Kentucky, 10:26 p.m., Engine 4

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**
- Medical, 29916 Bolteau, 12:03 a.m., Squad 2
  - Medical, 23784 E. Letost, 11:15 a.m., Squad 3
  - Medical, 25618 Carusel, 1:13 p.m., Squad 2
  - Medical, Lakeshore and South Lake, 1:49 p.m., Squad 2
  - Medical, 43489 Castlewood, 2:29 p.m., Squad 3
  - Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 2:39 p.m., Squad 1
  - Medical, 50395 Ten Mile Road, 3:08 p.m., Squad 1
  - Fire alarm, 40611 Paisley Court, 3:23 p.m., Squad 2
  - Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 6:13 p.m., Squad 1
  - Investigation, 45551 Amherst, 8:45 p.m., Engine 4

- THURSDAY, JUNE 8**
- Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 6:02 a.m., Squad 1
  - Medical, 22475 Venture, 7:06 a.m., Squad 3
  - Medical, 31265 Wellington, 8:01 a.m., Squad 2
  - Building fire, 27550 Novi Road, 3:11 p.m., Engines 1, 2, 4
  - Injury accident, Beck Road and I-96, 4:01 p.m., Squad 4
  - Medical, 30244 Rousseau, 6:53 p.m., Squad 2
  - Electrical fire, 157 Wainright, 8:50 p.m., Engine 2
  - Medical, 41650 Manor Park, 11:11 p.m., Squad 1

- FRIDAY, JUNE 9**
- Fire alarm, 43055 Crescent, 5:03 a.m., Engines 1, 2
  - Power lines burning, Novi Road and Cottisford, 12:26 p.m., Engine 3
  - Fire alarm, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, 7:31 p.m., Engines 1, 3
  - Medical, 23706 Chipmunk Trail, 7:35 p.m., Squad 3
  - Medical, 26237 Kentucky, 7:42 p.m., Squad 4

- SATURDAY, JUNE 10**
- Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 7:53 a.m., Squad 3
  - Grass fire, 40500 Grand River, 9 a.m., Engine 4
  - Trash fire, Nine Mile and Beck Road, 3:08 p.m., Engine 4
  - Medical, 25771 Abby, 8:58 p.m., Squad 4
  - Vehicle fire, M-5 and Fourteen Mile Road, 8:58 p.m., Engine 2
  - Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 10:46 p.m., Squad 1

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 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Photographer  
 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Get Organized  
 2:30 p.m. — Kelli Mai  
 3:00 p.m. — Dance with Virginia  
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 4:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today  
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 5:00 p.m. — Lanting Connection  
 5:30 p.m. — New Millennium: Medicine  
 6:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Michael Duggan  
 6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 7:00 p.m. — Senseless Death II: From Night  
 7:30 p.m. — (con't)

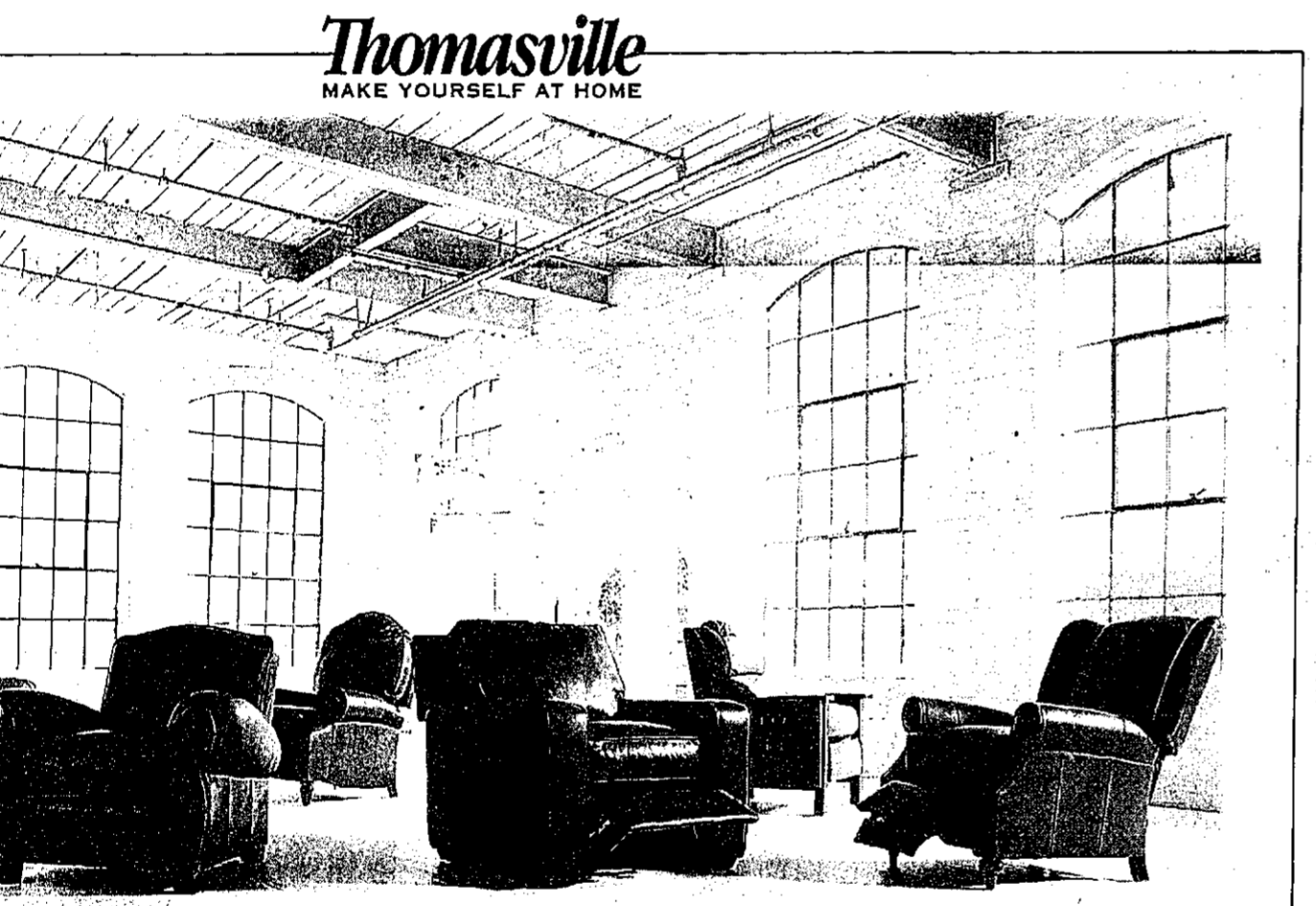
**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**  
 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
 10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today  
 11:00 a.m. — Inside Reform Today  
 11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books  
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 2:00 p.m. — Lanting Connection  
 2:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
 3:00 p.m. — Senseless Death II: From Night  
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 4:00 p.m. — Teen Talk  
 4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Horses  
 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life  
 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
 6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 6:30 p.m. — Building Scene  
 7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Story Teller  
 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Get Organized  
 8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — Unsung Heroes and Unsung Institutions  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**  
 10:00 a.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria  
 10:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 11:00 a.m. — Financial Strategies: Get Organized  
 11:30 a.m. — Broadway on Ice  
 12:00 p.m. — (con't)  
 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. — Teen Writing Program  
 3:00 p.m. — Unsung Heroes and Unsung Institutions  
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**  
 10:00 a.m. — To Be Announced  
 10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today  
 11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center  
 11:30 a.m. — Lumen Christi  
 12:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
 3:00 p.m. — Lewis and Clark Trail  
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 4:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
 5:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

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## Obituaries

**HOWARD R. ANDERSON**  
Howard R. Anderson of Northville died June 6 at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac. He was 63. Mr. Anderson was born in 1936.

He is survived by his wife, Marge; one daughter, Terri (Tom) Anderson-Berger; son, Tom; brother, Harley; and two grandchildren, Michael and Lexie.

Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by a brother, Harold.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 10 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

**ROY E. DAILEY**  
Roy E. Dailey, 77, died May 9 in

William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was born Sept. 19, 1922, in Highland Park to Ohio and Cora (Peterson) Dailey.

Mr. Dailey served in the United States Navy with the Seabees during World War II. He was a supervisor with Michigan Bell for 42 years and retired in 1982. Mr. Dailey was a deacon and a charter member of Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

Not only was he a very active member but he also performed many duties for the church.

He is survived by his wife, Molly S. of Novi; two daughters, Barbara (Brian) Boyle of Carleton, Texas, and Patricia (Charles) Hokett of Novi; and three grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, May 13 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, with the Rev. E. Neil Hunt officiating.

Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorials to the Meadowbrook Congregational Church Building Fund in memory of Mr. Dailey would be appreciated by the family.

**John P. Dougherty**  
John P. Dougherty, 75, of Novi died June 5 at his residence. He was born in 1925.

Mr. Dougherty was Battalion Chief from the Detroit Fire Department and retired after 38 years of dedicated service.

Surviving Mr. Dougherty are his wife, Norma Jean; daughters Nancy (Sandy) Mann and Peggy (Ken) Dahl and sons Jack and Jim; grandchildren Randy and Alex Reiss, Amy Dougherty, Ryan Dahl,

Kate and Bridget Dougherty; and sister, Helene Adams.

Services will be held Thursday, June 8 at 10 a.m. at St. James Church in Novi. Visitation was June 6 and 7 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mich., 48154-5010 would be appreciated.

**FRANK S. NOWACK**  
Frank S. Nowack, 87, of Northville died June 8 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

He is survived by three daughters, Barbara (Ken) Cooper, Nancy (Jack) Trainor, and Kathleen (Ed) Hart; three brothers and one sister; eight grandchildren; Allison, Meg, Susan, Chris, Dan, Jennifer,

Patrick, and Michael; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Nowack was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Services were held on Monday, June 12 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to the Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 3704, Memphis, TN 38173-0704 would be appreciated.

**PHYLLIS ELAINE OPPERMAN**  
Phyllis Elaine Opperman, 57, died on June 8.

A former Detroit schools special education teacher, she was born

Phyllis Templin Dec. 27, 1942 in Detroit.

She was married to Richard L. Opperman on July 2, 1966. Mrs. Opperman is survived by her husband, a Novi resident, as well as a daughter, Susan (Edward Ruchala) Opperman of Farmington Hills and sons Michael Opperman of Redford and Peter Opperman of Novi.

She is also survived by her mother, Olga Templin of Dearborn and brothers Kenneth (Helen) Templin of Tennessee and James (Carolyn) Templin of Farmington Hills.

The funeral was June 10 in Farmington. Pastor Christopher Fairbairn officiated. Mrs. Opperman was cremated.

Memorial contributions may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

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# New city manager urges support for road bond

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 "It has got to be soon and it has got to be genuine," Helwig said. "This is not just on the city council and the mayor's shoulders. They are not alone. They are putting their heart and soul into this community. But it is going to take a grass roots effort to pull this off this fall."  
 State money will filter down to Novi, said State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R- Novi.  
 "MDOT has pledged \$60 million dollars for the entire Oakland

County. We're going to live to see it happen," Cassis said.  
 "Nowhere in Oakland County is there more state, federal, and local dollars coming together in local projects than in Novi. Right now, as far as Beck and Wixom (interchanges) are concerned, they are in the final design and preliminary stages."  
 Grand River between Wixom and Beck Roads is expected to be widened from three lanes to five sometime in the year 2001, according to officials at the RCOE. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6.4 million.  
 MDOT is expected to reconstruct

interchanges over Wixom and Beck Roads sometime in 2002 and 2003. The city of Novi has been asked by MDOT to help contribute.  
 MDOT has requested the RCOE speed up the Grand River improvement so that the work does not coincide with I-96 interchange construction.  
 "We all know that nothing is handed to us on a silver platter. Novi's share is twenty percent," Cassis said. "That represents, of the \$30 million dollars for the Beck Road (interchange) improvement, a \$6 million commitment that the people of Novi will be asked to commit to, at some point, to see the

Beck Road interchange improved." Helwig agreed. With the state and county providing funds for the city, Helwig stressed that the city may be willing to participate financially or the legislature may not be willing to provide funds for the city in the future.  
 "If we fall, they have said they are not coming back for a while," Helwig said.  
 He added that all the stops will be out to get the word to the community that the city needs input on a road bond issue.  
 "We want to be in service club meetings, in church basements; we want to be wherever and do what-

ever it takes to get this," Helwig said.  
 According to Cassis, the state has already said they will contribute another \$3 million to the Wixom Road and Beck Road interchange projects. Cassis also said that the state is prepared to issue Category A economic grants of \$2 million when Novi applies for them, as well as other projects along Grand River Avenue.  
 The RCOE also announced last week that the demolition of the Grand River bridge is scheduled for this fall. According to RCOE spokesperson Craig Bryson, the bridge will be reconstructed. A bid

will be sent out by MDOT and a final cost estimate for the project will be available later this summer.  
 Last November's failed road bond would have included funds for the Grand River project, as well as the Beck and Wixom interchanges.  
 For more information about the city's focus groups, call Novi Community Relations Director Maureen Malone at 735-5628.  
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# Defense: 'It's an incident of passion and hot blood'

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 "It was obvious to Mr. Olsen what kind of condition Mr. Tuttle was in," Skrzynski said. "I think we have shown malice here on the part of Mr. Olsen."  
 Dr. Ruben Ortiz-Reyes, a forensic pathologist for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, testified that Tuttle suffered a heart attack as a result of the attack.  
 Ortiz-Reyes testified that there was "extensive hemorrhaging" in the abdominal wall, resulting in strain on Tuttle's heart that led to his death. Ortiz-Reyes found that Tuttle's heart was in poor condition and at least one coronary artery was fully blocked.  
 Ortiz-Reyes said that "one" or "two" punches or kicks to the abdomen could have "very easily" resulted in Tuttle's death. Ortiz-Reyes testified that a man of simi-

lar age, but in better health, could have sustained the blows and lived.  
 According to Novi Police Detective Ronald Roy, Olsen has several times changed the story of what happened the night of the incident. Roy said it was an extortion threat that resulted in the stepson's attack.  
 "His father wanted him out of the house," Roy said. "His dad had even made arrangements for a bus ticket for him. His father had even given a piece of paper with some bus times on it."  
 According to Roy, Olsen was supposed to be on a bus out of town to Phoenix, Ariz., a week before Tuttle's death. Roy said that on the day Olsen was scheduled to leave, he slept in and did not make the Pontiac to Phoenix, Ariz., connection.  
 "He was supposed to leave the

body at 7:30 a.m.  
 After two trips to the Northville State Police posts for interviews, Olsen said he had enough and did not want to do a third interview. Roy said that Olsen even offered up that Olsen allegedly even made reference to the incident as a "murder."  
 "He said he didn't cause the injuries," Roy said. "But if he got five (years in prison), he would plead guilty."  
 Olsen, who has previous felony convictions against him, including a conviction for breaking and entering and auto theft, has already spent nearly two decades in prison.  
 He has been out free since March 1999.  
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# 4th graders ranked high on state test

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 teachers at grades before the MEAP," Traylor said.  
 "We have to remember that the student had to gain the skills which are tested in grades previous to those in which the test is given."  
 Traylor said she would like to emphasize that the MEAP is a "reiteration" of the test.  
 "This differs from a standardized test where feedback is broader in scope and not as simple to get into direct instruction," she said.  
 "Results from MEAP can be effectively used to improve instruction for individuals and groups."  
 Traylor said the schools will be using that information to improve training methods.  
 "The principals and teachers will be dissecting the data and analyzing what areas of emphasis need to be examined as a focus," she added.

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# Northville High student wins award

**By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer**  
 Though Northville High School senior Heather Qualman may never have heard of Mike Flanagan, the \$10,000 in scholarship money he gave her may make him her new best friend.  
 Qualman has the distinction of being the only Northville student to ever receive the "Flanagan Scholars" award. She is one of 38 scholars in Wayne County to get the honor.  
 The award honors County Superintendent Mike Flanagan and is also known as the Wayne Regional Educational Support Agency (RESA) Future Teachers Scholarship. The award is based on academic achievement, as well as an essay stating the importance of teachers.  
 Qualman said she never expected she could be one of these scholars.  
 "I was so surprised. My dad handed me a letter one day and I thought 'oh great, a letter telling me I didn't get it,' but I did. I was totally speechless," she said.  
 In addition to the scholarship, Qualman was presented with a commemorative crystal apple.  
 The essay earning Qualman the prize extolled the virtues of teachers not only for the knowledge they impart but also the emotional support they offer students.  
 "They help students fulfill their dreams by their good influence," she said.  
 "Plus it's kind of cool to talk to teachers about stuff that maybe you can't necessarily talk to your parents about. They can be good mentors that way."  
 Qualman said she is going to use the money to study geology and secondary education at Hope College.  
 In fact, it was an experience in a geological studies class at Northville High School which helped her decide her path, she said.  
 Qualman said she remembered taking the glacial tour of Northville in this class which sparked an interest she never thought she'd have.  
 "Northville used to be all glaciers," she said. "That is why there are so many hills."  
 Northville School Board President Michael Paterala said he hoped someday her teaching might bring her back to Northville.  
 Though Qualman didn't say where she wants to end up, she did say she was anxious to put the money to good use in her studies to be a teacher and to make a difference.

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# Engineering Euphoria

## F.I.R.S.T. robotics events sprial into popularity

As the cheering sections screech out their cheers, coaches shout encouragement and enthusiastic parents jam the indoor stand as the team huddles for pregame instructions.

It has all the atmosphere of a championship high school basketball game. Coaches are issuing instructions and the players are getting ready for big event. And the whoops, bellows and barks are all part of it.

All the participants, from students to parents, are aware the competition is tough but the lessons all will learn could open doors to their future. This is not a sporting event, however, it is a robotics competition.

There are nearly a thousand FIRST high school robotics teams in the nation. Since the robotics competition was first launched in 1992, teams from all over North America have been competing for the chance to show their works at the national championship competition held every year at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida.

At Novi High school, some students are wondering when they, too, are going to get their chance to get in on the action. One of those students is Eric Adams.

Adams, an 11th grader, has been dreaming for this opportunity to work with robots for some time now.

"I think a school like Novi should have had something like this a long time ago," Adams said. "I take computer classes but the high school doesn't have any robotics classes."

Adams said he has attended some of the other competitions but it wasn't really the competition itself that got him interested.

"Everyone was really tight," Adams said. "It seem like a lot of friendships were formed."

Adams may have been looking for a representative for Sun Microsystems at the time, who did send representatives to the demonstration.

"I always have liked to work for them," Adams said, who was accompanied by his mother.

Adams' mother, Diana, confirmed that he is looking forward to a career not with the Detroit Red Wings or the Boston Red Sox, like kids used to, but with Sun Microsystems.

"That is all he talks about," his mom said.

Two weeks ago, a demonstration of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Tech-

nology) Robotics Competition took place at the Husky Company on Twelve Mile Road, just west of Novi Road.

Often called the "Ultimate Mind Sport," it's making the computer nerds into technological solution finders and attractive geniuses and it is also encouraging students, men and women alike, to enter technology and engineering based professions. The International FIRST competition will have an estimated 378 teams this year.

The boom in combining science and technology to solve problems has gotten Novi interested in starting its very own robotics team. Huron Valley Schools and International Academy of Bloomfield Hills both have successfully competed in this arena.

At this particular demonstration match, the four robots in attendance attempt to pick up any number of a half a dozen yellow beach type balls and place them into a metal rack for one point each. There are also two black

beach balls. If one of those are deposited in the rack, the team receives five points.

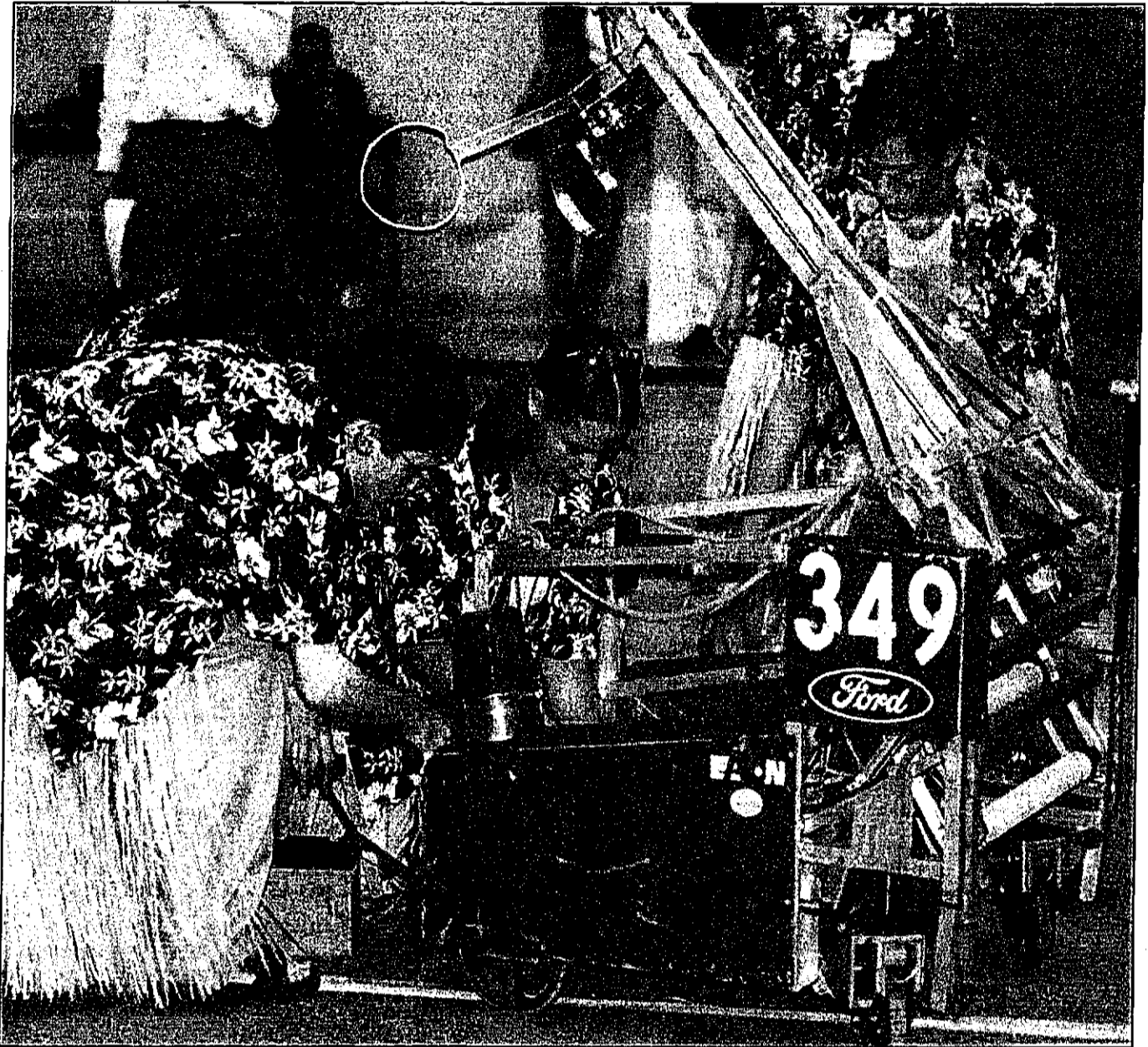
Connecting the two racks (or goals) containing the balls is a steel bar and underneath is a ramp. If a robot is able to be on the ramp when time expires, they will receive five points. If the robot is able to clasp on to the steel bar before time elapses, that's an additional ten points. Each robot has a driver and coaches that call out instructions to the driver. But with a cheering crowd and teammates lining the sidelines, there seem to be thousands of coaches screaming encouragement.

The robots themselves are built and programmed by the students with help from volunteer engineers from such companies as General Motors, Daimler-Chrysler, and Ford Motor Company.

Chris Kurecka, an 11th grader from International Academy of Bloomfield Hills, said he got involved two years ago when a coach asked him to join. Chris initially didn't think he had the time but the opportunity to work with robots won him over.

"It's been the best," Kurecka said. "All this stuff I'm learning, I'll probably end up doing as a job later on. I'll probably end up doing some kind of engineering and this is great preparation for that."

"One thing that is optional every year is to make a thirty second video," Kurecka continued. "It's the same stuff they used to make Toy



International Academy of Bloomfield Hills students Trevor McCulloch (left) and Meg Zeller work on their robot with a fellow teammate before the F.I.R.S.T. competition at Husky In Novi.

Story. That was a wonderful experience and I can now do any of the 'three d's (dimensional).'"

Kurecka said he feels that he will be able to use what he learned working with robots and apply it to his school work.

"In physics, next year, when we cover mechanics and talk about motors and things like that, I think it will help," Kurecka said.

Kurecka had a message for the students of Novi who may be interested in getting a team together and compete.

"It's a great educational experience," Kurecka commented. "You get to learn a b o u t robotics. You hear about robots on the space shuttle and here's a chance to do things hands on with them. They are not nearly as complicated as they look when you learn how they work."

Kurecka said that, like hockey or basketball, for the five people that come out and drive the robot, it is a team sport.

"Definitely," he said. "You've got the cheering team out there for you but for the five people that come out here, the two coaches, the human player and the two drivers;

they all have to work tightly together because you only have two minutes. And, they have to make sure everything is planned out. You have to have a strategy. It's like coming into a football game."

"You have to do scouting on your opponents. You have to know what they can do," Kurecka said.

Each team basically builds its own mini city. "We have four play fields that are constantly going on, p l a y i n g matches for about a day and a half," K u r e c k a said. "Every team has a pit area."

The team can be comprised of any number of individuals but there are usually between ten and fifteen per team. All students that the team comprises of are given different tasks. Some plan out work sessions. Others do the actual construction or work with the programming of the computer mechanisms. Everyone gets involved and everyone cheers on their team.

"It was truly a remarkable experience. I was overwhelmed by the teamwork and camaraderie, the team building and the interest by the students in something like a geeky subject like science," said Trevor Jones, General Manger of Husky. "The who (FIRST) competition is based on a game."

"Kids these days aspire to be sports related careers and thinking of combining that with science and technology," Jones said, who did give the credit to Dean Kamen, an New England based entrepreneur, inventor and technologist, who dropped out of Worcester Polytechnic Institute but still holds over 30 U.S. Patents relating to medical devices, climate control systems and helicopter design, wanted to make science fun for kids."

Dominique Lee, a 9th grader Pontiac Northern High School, helped explained some of the intricacies of the event to a group of Novi students.

Lee said he got involved after an announcement on the school public address system asked if any students wanted to get involved. He was already interested even before he filled out his application and he couldn't wait to get involved.

"The Husky Brigades already

had a lego league where they make lego robots," said the enthusiastic Lee, a member of the Pontiac Northern Huskies Robotics team. "It's a mentoring program with the middle school. I was familiar with that. So, I already had an idea of what it was about."

Lee said the reason he loves the programs is the entire process of creating the robots and seeing it actually work.

"We get to see out ideas drawn out on paper and then come to life," said Lee. "It's making math and science fun for people."

Lee said the enjoyed working with robots but that he had a variety of aspirations and interests.

"I'd like to be a lawyer," Lee said. "And president of the United States. Republican, of course."

Jan McEwan, Executive Director of North American Proving Grounds and Test Operations for General Motors, talked of of the need to get students involved in engineering and the reasons why it so important to the country as a whole.

"We need to recognize as a county that we have really serious educational problems. In the next ten years, we plan to graduate less than fifty percent of the engineers that the industry projected they will need," said McEwan. "So that means we, as companies, need to do something about the numbers. Students who are interested in engineering aren't by the time they get to college. They have basically made their decisions."

"We have to get to the students in high school or middle school and we have to show them that engineering is fun," McEwan said.

McEwan talked of the parent/teacher booster clubs that helped the Huron Valley team get excited about FIRST in Milford.

"I've never seen so many students dedicated," McEwan said.

Jones concurs. "Both men heaped praise on the parents and students and encouraged companies to join in and sponsor a team for Novi."

"I thought that with Husky coming into the community and being a good corporate citizen, that it would be right up our alley in terms of the values we represent," Jones said. "It was Jennifer Harvey that was trying to get a team together and I said I was sure that the members of our team would like to get something together."

Jennifer Harvey, an Art Teacher at Parkview Elementary School, has been working to get a FIRST program for Novi High School.

Harvey, who's husband works

for General Motors, has been associated with the Huron Valley team for four years now and is hoping that local businesses will make donations.

"We have the students, we have the faculty, now what we need is sponsorship," Harvey said.

The Novi team has already been given a number of donations. Approximately \$2,500 from Husky Corporation and Novi Expo Center's Blair Bowman. Harvey said both will get advertising space on the robot.

"Husky will get their name on (it) and the Expo Center will get their name on (it)," said Harvey. "But there is much more we need. We need a facility to construct the robot."

But Harvey said the program will need more sponsors and she's hoping that others will come forward to help the program get off the ground.

"I had a mother from an elementary school, and she's an engineer too. So she wanted to make a contribution. She doesn't even have any kids in the high school yet," Harvey said. "She said she wanted to support the project in any way she could."

And Harvey also stressed the FIRST teams are all inclusive. Unlike basketball or soccer teams where the boys play on one team and the girls on the other, these teams have both boys and girls ranging from high school freshmen to seniors. The robotics teams don't segregate. Boys and girls are involved on every level from planning to working on the robot to the support team.

Story by Randal Yakey

Photos by John Heider

Elizabeth Stephenson, a sophomore at Milford High School, became involved after cheering on her brother and sister who introduced her to the competition.

"This is my first year and my brother and sister were in it last year and I reply enjoyed the competition," Stephenson said, decked out in her team jersey.

"Every year, it's a different game and there's a lot of cheering going on and that really pumps you up," Stephenson said, checking back at the robots in the center area fighting it out like iron gladiators.

The Novi Schools, with an enormous amount of support from the Chamber of Commerce's Kim Capello and Bowman, hope to be have a team in place by next year.

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Meg Zellers, left, and Trevor McCulloch celebrate an initial victory by their robot, "Pina Robota" in a F.I.R.S.T. robotics competition at Husky Detroit Technical Center in Novi.

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Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will hold Wellness Seminars for weight reduction and a smoking cessation program...

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# Overpricing costs you money

Every homeowner wants the same thing, to sell fast and for top dollar. In an effort to maximize their return on their investment, here are some basic tips. When pricing your home for sale, you want to have your decision on actual market facts. These are the same facts that buyers will rely on.



Gary Reggish

The most accurate forecast of future sales is the most recent market activity. Educate yourself on the properties most like yours and what they have sold for. Many homeowners make the mistake of pricing in accordance with homes currently for sale in their neighborhood. Remember, these homes represent asking price only, not what prospective buyers are willing to pay.

If your home is overpriced, buyers in your price range will probably select larger homes in place of yours. At the same time, your best prospects may never see your home because it is out of their price range.

A new listing creates excitement and your best offers typically come in the first 30 days. You only get one chance to make a first impression. The longer your home sits on the market, the more folks will start to believe something is wrong with it even after you have lowered the price. As a result, your home eventually sells for below-market value.

When familiarizing yourself with the market facts, keep this

in mind, you not only need to justify your asking price to a buyer, but ultimately you must justify your asking price to an appraiser. Most buyers will mortgage their next home, if the property does not appraise at or above the agreed-upon price, the mortgage lender will not approve the loan. Unless the purchaser is willing to pay the difference between the appraised value and the offer price in addition to their down payment, the buyer may declare the offer null and void. Most people do not want to pay more than a home is worth.

There is one advantage to overpricing. When you overprice your home, you help to justify the asking price of other homes in your neighborhood, therefore causing them to sell fast. So all is not lost due to your selfish act of overpricing your home—maybe your neighbors will throw a block party in your favor.

Gary J. Reggish, Realtor, Keller-Williams Realty.

## On Campus

Jeffrey Smither, a graduating senior at Northville High School, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Scholer Craft College Trustee Scholarship for 2000-2001. The awards are for full-time attendance for the fall and winter semesters at Scholer Craft College and may be renewed for the following year if the students meet continued eligibility requirements.

Trustee scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors in recognition of their academic achievements. Approximately 80 scholarships are granted each year.



Michelle Pantaleo of Novi accepts her Presidential Scholar award.

Michelle L. Pantaleo of Novi was among 15 Western Michigan University seniors named a 2000 Presidential Scholar. The award is WMD's highest honor presented to a senior.

Students are nominated for the award by faculty members. They are selected on the basis of their general academic excellence, academic and/or artistic excellence in their major and intellectual and/or artistic promise.

Pantaleo was named a Presidential Scholar in social work. Children have always been the main focus of her life and she plans to work with youngsters in her career. She graduates in June with a double major in social work and sociology, and has been accepted to the master of social work program at the University of Michigan for the fall.

She currently is lead resale worker for Family and Children services in Kalamazoo while also completing her fieldwork placement at Children's Protective Services at the Family Independence Agency in Kalamazoo. Pantaleo served as co-president for two years of Eta Eta Sigma, a student social work group. She is a Medillon Scholar, a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Golden Key national honor societies and is enrolled in the Lee Honors College. She has been a volunteer at a local soup kitchen and as a mentor for area elementary students.

Pantaleo is the daughter of Nancy and Rick Pantaleo.

Amy Petrica of Northville and Lisa Antuna of Novi were named to the Dean's List at Oakland University for the 1999-2000 academic year. Petrica is majoring in elementary education and Antuna is a communication major.

Novi resident Melissa L. Ducker was named to the Dean's List in recognition of her achievement of a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring semester at Michigan State University.

Ducker is the daughter of Stanford Ducker.

## Engagements



Ebel-West

Dan and Carol West of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Thomas. To Nikole Ebel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel West of Newnan, Ga., formerly of Northville.



Mackinder-Aaseby

Donald and Carol Mackinder of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle. To Terry Aaseby, son of Vern and Kymie Aaseby of Doran, Minn., and Bonnie Aaseby of Thief River Falls, Minn.

The groom-elect graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1995, and from Clemson University in '99. Thomas is employed as a sales engineer with Carrier Corp.

A Sept. 23 wedding will take place at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga.



Kluska-Heintz

Ken and Elaine Kluska of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen. To Kevin W. Heintz, son of Dave and Patty Heintz, also of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School. She received a bachelors degree in accounting and finance from Indiana University in May 1999 and is currently enrolled in graduate school at the University of Texas, Austin. Kristen anticipates graduation in August.

The groom-elect graduated from Breckinridge High School in 1994 and from Christ for the Nations, Dallas, Texas, in 1997. He is the youth pastor at First Assembly of God.

A July 15 wedding is planned.

## In Service

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Primitivo D. Sapla Jr. recently received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. The medal recognizes honesty and faithful service during a three-year period. To earn it, Sapla achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period.



Litzelman-Gaylor

Mr. and Mrs. John Litzelman of Highland, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Michele, to Mark Richard Gaylor of South Lyon.

An August wedding is planned at Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland, with a reception following at Mystic Creek Country Club, Milford.

The couple plans to reside in Milford.

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## Novi Seniors

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

### COMING EVENTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

• **Travel Club, Thursday, June 15 at 9:30 a.m.**  
 Meet in the Novi Senior Center for a fun introduction to all of our upcoming summer/fall travel opportunities. Tour companies will be present to explain their travel offerings and may even take you there in advance through slides or a video. Door prizes, refreshments. No fee.

• **Still time to sign up for several summertime day trips**  
**June 20: Grand River Dinner Cruise in Caldonia, Ohio, June 27: Freedom Festival Fireworks on the Detroit River, Wednesday, June 28: Casino Windsor, July 12: Motor City Casino, Aug. 2: Mystery Tour, Aug. 9: Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles at Comerica Park, Aug. 10.**

• **Extended trips are too numerous to mention.** Visit the Novi Parks and Recreation office to pick up flyers on great destinations such as Greece, Hawaii, Branson, Cape Cod, Colorado, New Orleans, Stratford, France, New Hampshire and many more.

• **Ballroom dancing/live band, from 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27; Tuesday, July 25; Tuesday, Aug. 22. Cost: \$3.**

• **World War II Veterans Recognition Day, Sunday, July 2 at 1 p.m., Novi Civic Center.**  
 "The city of Novi is having a very special event to honor World War II vets. Plan to attend this extraordinary tribute. Inspiring music, delicious refreshments, 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.

• **Antique Road Show (The Novi Senior Center version), Wednesday, June 28 at 12:30 p.m.**  
 We have secured a certified antique appraiser who will be available to appraise your antiques at \$2 per antique. No pictures, please. Tables will also be available at \$10 each for seniors who wish to sell their antiques (no dealers, please).

• **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.

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

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

• **Focus Hope/Food Commodity distribution programs are provided** at the Senior Center to persons meeting income criteria.

• **Health/Fitness**  
 Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Senior Center, between 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

• **Body Recall exercise program with a certified instructor on each Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.**

There is a drop-in fee of \$2 per session or register for a 10-week session.

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

• **Massage therapy at the center by a certified massage therapist.** A 25-minute session for \$10. The sessions are by appointment only. Please call (248) 347-0414.

• **Tai Chi/Qi Gong and karate sessions are available through Novi Parks and Recreation.**

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

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

• **Clogging, open dance and beginner/intermediate instruction.** Day and evening classes, flyers and registration at Novi Parks and Recreation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, monthly at 7:30 p.m.**  
 Book discussion for seniors.

• **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.

• **Seniors Center Trips**  
 • **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**  
 We 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 \$2 for transportation. Call the center to register.

• **Tiger Game at Comerica Park**  
 Please join us as we head to Comerica Park on Sept. 7 to cheer the Tigers on to victory. Cost is \$37. The bus will leave from MAGS at noon. Call now to reserve your seat.

• **Annual Mackinac Get Together**  
 The Mackinac Island 33rd annual Michigan parks and recreation senior "Get Together" will be Oct. 22-25 at the Grand Hotel. This special event includes hotel accommodations, transportation, a full breakfast and five-course dinner each day. Special activities and entertainment are also planned. Walworthwood at Twelve Oaks retirement community has offered to co-sponsor this trip; therefore,

trip prices have been reduced. Now the cost for a resident is \$470 for double or triple accommodations and \$600 for single accommodations.

• **CONTRACTED TRIPS**  
**June 20, social security scandal at the Scoring Eagle Casino**  
 Depart at 8:15 a.m. and return at 8:15 p.m. Residents \$49, non-residents \$50. Casino incentive package included.

• **June 21, Shipshewanna, Ind. for the Amish Flea Market**  
 Depart at 7:15 a.m. and return 8 p.m. Residents \$59, non-residents \$60. Lunch included at "Das Dutchman Essenhaus."

• **July 11, Irish Hills**  
 Depart at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$69 for residents, \$74 for non-residents.

• **July 12, Pelee Island Adventure**  
 Depart 6:30 a.m. and return 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$60 for residents and \$61 for non-residents.

• **July 12, 59th Annual Chesaning Showboat 2000**  
 Featuring Kenny Rogers  
 Depart at 1 p.m. and return at 12:45 a.m. Cost is \$69 for residents, \$70 for non-residents. Dinner included.

• **July 22-29, Stratford Festival, Canada**  
 Cost is \$399 per person, double occupancy, for residents.

• **July 29-Aug. 5, Vancouver and Canadian Rockies**  
 cost is \$1,649 per person, double occupancy.

SENIOR FITNESS  
 • **Senior Water Aerobics**  
 This is a six-week session with a cost of \$48. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. The session runs from June 26 through Aug. 9. Class begins at 1 p.m. at the pool at Our Lady of Providence on Beck Road. Stop by the Senior Center and register.

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# Movies

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## Shaft: Jackson delivers

READER  
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REVIEWS

By Heather Wadowski  
SPECIAL WRITER

If there is one thing that Samuel L. Jackson (*Pulp Fiction*, *A Time to Kill*) is known at being good at in a film, it is kicking people's butts and swearing a lot. After *Pulp Fiction*, it almost seems wrong for Jackson to be on the screen without saying a vulgar word every few minutes or beating someone up. It is for that reason, and that reason alone, that *Shaft* is worthy of seeing.

In a heated summer where potential action blockbusters are coming

out every Friday, a film needs to differentiate itself from the competition. *Shaft* did just that by giving Jackson the role he was born to play. Who else can get away with beating up people, shouting profanities, and still getting all the ladies?

Jackson plays police detective John Shaft. However, Jackson is not THE John Shaft viewers know and love from the seventies. Writer/director John Singleton (*Boyz n the Hood*, *Rosewood*) casts the original Shaft, Richard Roundtree, in the role of John Shaft's uncle in this remake.

In this film, Shaft focuses on trying to put Walter Wade, played by Christian Bale (*American Psycho*), a wealthy college student, behind bars for killing a young black man. Although Shaft arrests Wade, he skips bail and flees out of the country for two years. When he returns, Wade teams up with a Dominican drug lord played by Jeffrey Wright, who also wants revenge on Shaft.

Shaft's only hope to not only put Wade behind bars, but to also survive, is to find a witness who's testimony would convict Wade. Shaft and Carmen played by Vanessa Williams, his colleague on the police force, and friend Rasaan played by Busta Rhymes, all attempt to find a witness on the run and stop a two-year case before Shaft is killed.

Although *Shaft* is the typical



The cast of "Shaft", from left to right, Ruben Santiago-Hernandez as Grovitch, Vanessa Williams as Carmen, Dan Hedaya as Roselli and Samuel L. Jackson as John Shaft.

action film, the cast makes it shine amongst its competition. While the film is truly Jackson's, Wright steals Jackson's spotlight whenever he is on screen. Wright plays his character with the exact amount of vengeance that is needed to be believable as the city's top drug lord, yet shows emotion and tenderness when he is around his family and baby daughter. He comes off as both a villain and a guy just trying to provide for his family the only way he knows how. The film doesn't show drug lords in the stereotypical time-

light they usually are portrayed in—something that is important to the film since it focuses on racism and stereotyping.

Bale also shines as the rich, racist college student. Rhymes provides comic relief as Shaft's smart aleck sidekick. He outshines Williams, the other singer-turned-actor.

The film's major downfall is how predictable everything is. Viewers can predict the ending of the film, as

well as each scene. Still, Jackson and Wright make up for this with their memorable performances, which just may be the best of their careers.

With its non-stop action, *Shaft* is definitely not to be missed on the big screen. But with stiff competition, it could get lost in the crowd. It is best to see it opening weekend before something else, and possibly something better, is released.

Shaft  
MPAA Rating: R  
Release Date: Friday, June 16  
Recommended

### HISTORY OF "SHAFT"

By Ken Marten  
STAFF WRITER

Director John Singleton's film is the fourth in the *Shaft* series based on the novel by Ernest Tidyman. Although it shares the same title as the original 1971 film, it is a sequel and not a remake.

Richard Roundtree played private investigator John Shaft in the first film, as well as in its two sequels, *Shaft's Big Score* (1972) and *Shaft in Africa* (1973). He also starred in the "Shaft" television series (1973-1974). In Singleton's production, Roundtree reprises his original role as the uncle of Samuel L. Jackson's character, NYPD detective John Shaft.

The original *Shaft* and first sequel were directed by Gordon Parks, the first African American in Hollywood to direct major films. Many critics have credited Parks and *Shaft* with breaking the blaxploitation mold—the early 70s film genre consisting of low-budget crime dramas often strewn with sex and violence that starred African American actors.

Isaac Hayes, who wrote the musical score for the original *Shaft*, co-wrote the score for the new film with David Arnold. The "Theme From Shaft" won Hayes the Oscar for Best Original Song, making him the first African-American to win an Oscar in any category.

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# Comeback kids

Semifinal win over Pinckney highlights day

By DAN KITTLE  
Special Writer

The Wildcats had seen this situation before.

A week earlier, they had looked up at the scoreboard ominously notifying them that time was

running out, that this team was on the brink of going home for good. They had stared elimination in the face before. And they had prevailed.

This week, they faced a similar situation in the Regional semi-finals. Trailing Pinckney, 4-3, in the bottom of the final inning, a sense of desperation hung thickly in the air at Brighton High School. This seemingly invincible Novi team was just three outs away from turning off the lights on a season they weren't ready to let go. At this point, the question on everyone's mind seemed to be: can they really do it again? Can they pull this one off too, or is it just too late?

Sophomore Matt Gorman, one of the catalysts of a late rally in last week's come-from-behind win, got the team going with a beautiful bunt down the third base line. After taking two pitches, he squared, bunted, and laid down a ball that rolled a few yards toward third and settled in the tufted grass. Racing towards the bag as the Pirate catcher bounced out from behind home, the young speedster easily beat the throw to put the tying run on base.

Thus, the rally was underway, and the excitement began to pick up in the Wildcat clubhouse. Following a ground-out by Cervi that moved Gorman into scoring position, Mitch Maier beat out a

ground ball to short for an infield hit, advancing Gorman to third.

With one out and runners on the corners, the opposing hurler uncorked a wild pitch that hit the front of home plate and bounced to the backstop. Gorman raced home, and had time to stomp his way in as he celebrated the game-tying run. Now, with Maier on second, first base was open. Seeing this, the Pinckney coach decided to issue Brendan Hadley a free pass and take his chances with cleanup hitter A.J. Rowe.

Rowe made him pay. He drilled the ball over the left-fielder's head, and as it took one hop and reached the wall, the outfielder sensed the futility of it all and let the ball go. Maier rounded third and made his way home, giving the Wildcats a dramatic come-from-behind win, and keeping their dreams of a state championship alive.

"That was a great come-from-behind win," said coach Rick Green following the game. "I think having all those close ball games recently really helped us today."

Prior to the final inning, the Wildcats had gotten their offense from a trio of solo home runs. Hadley hit a bomb to left in the first. Cervi smashed his deepest shot of the season to left in the third, and Maier went deep to right-center in the fifth.

On the mound, Josh Sabol got the start, but was hurt by a pair of errors in the first that led

to two runs. These seemed to stay with him the rest of the way, however, as the right-hander

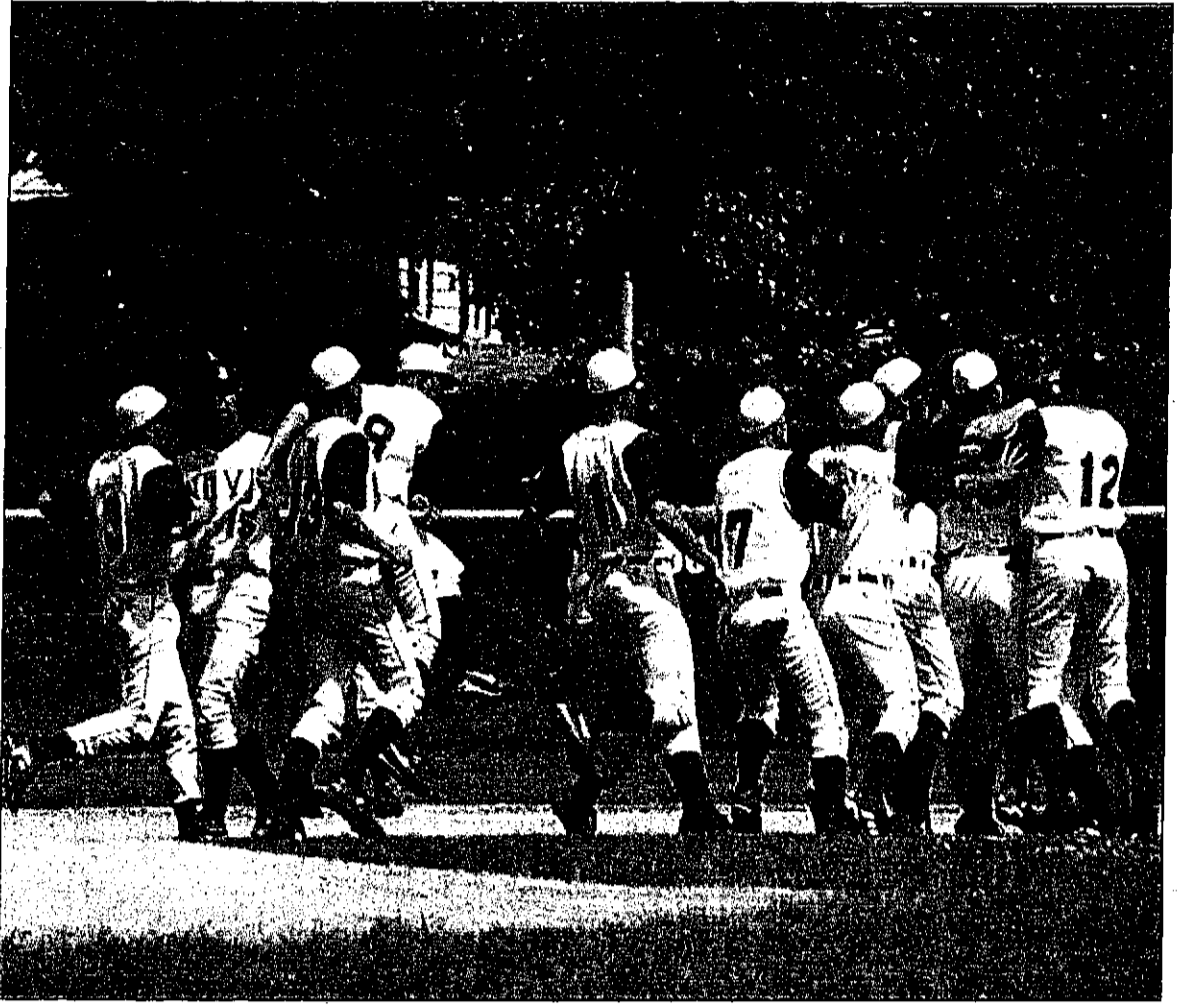


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Novi players swarm A.J. Rowe after his hit drove in the winning run against Pinckney last Saturday morning.

struggled, surrendering two more runs in the second, and putting runners on the corners in the fourth before being lifted for Rowe.

Rowe immediately got out of the

inning unscathed, fielding a sacrifice bunt by the first hitter and striking out the next batter. He then went the rest of the way for the 5-4 win, struggling at times, but getting the job done nonetheless. He was aided by Cervi's rocket arm from centerfield, gunning down a would-be Pinckney run in the fifth.

From there, it was smooth sailing, as Rowe remained virtually untouchable on the mound. He went five more innings despite feelings of dizziness and muscle cramps, allowing four hits, while striking out 10 and walking three to earn his second victory of the afternoon. "I was getting really tired," said Rowe. "I was getting dizzy. I was seeing two Mitches."

Brendan Watson came on to pitch a perfect final two innings to seal the title for the Wildcats.

"I thought we were flawless," said Green. "Troy got to the finals and lost to CC last year, so I think we shocked them a little bit."

Shaw led the way offensively for the Wildcats, going 4-for-4 in the championship game and 7 for 8 on the day. He hit a solo home run in the fifth inning of game two, and a big two-run single in the first inning. "I was just more focused and patient at the plate," he said. "I saw the ball really well."

"That second game was some of the best ball we've played all year," he added.

"We came out ready to play," said Rowe about the championship. "I think we played well as a team."

## Novi falls to DCC, drops out of tourney

By DAN KITTLE  
Special Writer

With a day after playing some of the best baseball of the season, the Wildcats were probably hoping for a repeat performance in the championship game.

Novi committed a seven error in the championship game, and the loss to DCC was a disappointing end to a season that had seen the Wildcats advance to the state championship game. Coach Rick Green said the team's defense was effective, but the offense couldn't get going. The team's pitching was solid, but the defense was the key to the loss.

In the same inning, Josh Sabol came in and allowed a hit, then got two hitters to fly out before being lifted for A.J. Rowe. Rowe still recovering from a previous injury, he seemed to deflate any optimism the Wildcat fans had.

Offensively, Novi had difficulty producing against Shamrock right-hander Charlie Heger. The starters went six innings, allowing one run, one hit, and one error. The one hit surrendered was a Cervi home run, a solo shot to right center that produced the team's only run of the afternoon.

Cervi finished the game for 8 to lead the team, while Jeremy Plaas added another hit in his only at-bat, a single to right in the seventh inning of the DCC effort.

In the same game, the Wildcat looked shaky in the field, dropping routine fly balls and botching easy double-play chances.

"It was a disappointing way to end a tremendous season," said coach Rick Green following the loss. "We just didn't do the little things that help you win ball games."

Overall, the team finished 30-5, capturing a KVC title, a district title, and a regional championship all in the same season.

## Wildcats bow out to miracle grab

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

As much as a few defensive mistakes cost the Novi softball team early on in its regional semifinal game against Ann Arbor Pioneer, it was a defensive miracle which inevitably ended the season for the 'Cats.

Senior Katie Cameron lined a two-out shot towards Pioneer's third baseman in the bottom of the eighth inning. The ball ricocheted off her glove as the tying run was headed towards home. But as fate would have it, the ball hung in the air just long enough for the shortstop to make a play on the ball. The catch ended the game and Novi's hope for a state title run. Pioneer held on for a 5-4 win in eight innings.

"It was a great play, and that's what makes regional softball so exciting," Novi coach Carol Diglio said. "To be in that situation, and have Katie Cameron up to bat. You can't ask for anything better."

Ann Arbor took a two-run lead with a pair of runs in the top of the eighth. Novi then struck back in their half.

Megan Colligan opened the later half of the eighth with a single, and moved up on a single by Holly VanCleave. After Colligan was forced out on a fielder's choice by Victoria Kaiser, Vanessa Byrwa followed up with a single to load the bases with one out. Allison Tingwall then hit a sacrifice fly which scored VanCleave and moved Kaiser up to third base with two outs. That's when Novi's most consistent hitter came to the plate.

"I don't know how the short-stop got back there," Diglio said

of the game-ending snarl. "It was a beautiful play. I'm talking ESPN play of the week."

The near rally was almost Novi's third of the game. The Wildcats had battled back from deficits twice before, and seemed destined to do it a third time.

"That was the good thing. Everytime we were down, we came back and battled, and battled," Diglio said. "I think we were the better team out there."

Diglio said her team's defense, or lack thereof, was the shakiest it's been this season. Novi committed six errors in the game.

"I don't know what it was. We never play defense like that," the coach said.

Joelle Frantz was solid on the mound, pitching another complete game with 10 strikeouts and just four hits allowed. None of the five runs scored against her were earned.

Offensively, Colligan added a two-run single in the fourth, scoring both Frantz and Sarah Bajorek, and Cameron scored on a Bajorek RBI-single in the fifth to again tie the game at 3-3.

"It was a very exciting game, and I don't want the loss to downplay how great of a season we had," the coach said. "This was a very special team."

The Wildcats finished the season 29-8, having won their second-straight Kennington Valley Conference championship as well as a district title.

Pioneer advanced onto the regional final game, where it lost to Walled Lake Western 1-0. The Warriors (20-16) advanced out of the regional to face Monroe (31-5) in the state quarterfinals Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline).



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Megan Colligan (above) hit the ball well, but Novi couldn't overcome six errors in a 5-4 loss to Pioneer.

## All-star game coming up

One week from today, 30 softball and 37 more baseball players



Jason Schmitt

will take the field on Friday night in the first high school careers.

It will be the last time Novi senior Jon Cervi will ever take a cut as a high school player. For six more of his Wildcat teammates, it'll be very much the same.

Northville seniors Matt Hare and Brian Boyes have played competitive ball since the ages of four or five, but this may be their last opportunity to don the hometown "N" they have worn since they were "this high."

Although the season ended two weekends ago for the Mustangs, and Novi's season will come to a close this week, the HomeTown Newspapers first-ever all-star baseball and softball games will be the last opportunity to see some of this area's best talent "Play Ball."

The idea for an all-star game wandered into my head about four months ago while reading through a sister publication of ours, the Plymouth Observer. I was checking through the results of the Observerland Invitational, a wrestling tournament sponsored by the Observer and Eccentric

newspapers and offered to schools throughout the newspaper's coverage areas.

My initial thought was, "I know a lot of people associate that tournament, along with the Observerland Relays (track), with the community newspaper that provides the best local coverage for each of those schools."

Well the thought was something like that, and I felt HomeTown Newspapers could do the same thing.

But in what capacity? In what sports? How soon?

After talking with fellow HomeTown sports editor Scott Kelley in our Brighton and Howell offices and then swapping ideas with Steve Bell in South Lyon and Milford, we decided to propose an idea for an all-star baseball and softball game come early summer.

The higherups bought into the idea, and since then we've been meeting every week to make it happen. The months rolled by until the event was weeks away. And now the weeks have rolled by so that now just six days remains before the first "Skills Competition" events take place next Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The all-star games will take place on Thursday, with the girls' softball game getting underway at 2 p.m., followed by the best in baseball taking the field at approximately 4 p.m. All of the events will take place at Brighton High School, which is located at 7878 Brighton Road. The easiest way to get to the school from Northville or

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## Rowe drafted by Brewers

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Novi senior southpaw A.J. Rowe was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 50th round of the 2000 First-Year Player Draft last Wednesday afternoon. "We weren't even home, so the guy left a message on our answering machine," Rowe said of the Milwaukee representative who made the phone call. "I really wasn't expecting it, but I did (get drafted) I felt it would be in the later rounds."

Rowe said he had been contacted by a Brewer's scout a few nights before the draft started, inquiring on his intentions. For now, Rowe said he plans on attending Macomb Community College in the fall and playing baseball with the team. He said after that, he'll "play it by ear."

At the time of this story, he and his Novi team were set to play Detroit Curbston Central in the state quarterfinals Tuesday night. The winner of that game would have advanced to the state semifinals Friday in Battle Creek.

"I've always wanted to play pro ball, but right now my only goal is to win a state title," the senior said. "They (Milwaukee) now have to offer me a contract, by the rules."

He said the representative can make an offer either by phone or by visit, although most of the time offers are made with an official visit to the home.

Rowe said he never worked out for the Brewers, but did attend a workout at Tiger Stadium along with fellow teammates Brendan Hadley and Mitch Maier last summer.



A.J. Rowe

## Shootout Moves to Cranbrook

The eighth annual 3 V 3 Soccer Shootout tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9 on the prestigious grounds of the Cranbrook educational complex. Male and female categories start at U6 and continue until U19, and include both competitive and recreational categories. Adult competitive, recreational, coed, and over 30 categories also make this a truly family event. The entry fee for a team of up to five players is \$110, and guarantees three games and T-shirts for all players. This year's event hopes to surpass last year's participation of 250 teams.

The top four to five teams in each category qualify to participate in the regional competition in Chicago in August. Top finishers at the regional competition can advance to the national finals in Orlando, Fla., in January 2001. In 1999, eight Michigan teams advanced to the national finals where 600 teams from 40 states were represented. Michigan teams claimed the 1999 U16 girls recreational national title, third place in the U12 boys competitive category, and third place in the U11 boys recreational category.

The Vardar Soccer Club and Summit Sports are working jointly to bring this event to Detroit area soccer players. Registration deadline is Monday, June 26. Registration forms can be obtained at all ABC Warehouse stores on the Internet at [www.summit3on3.com](http://www.summit3on3.com) or by calling Summit Sports at 1-800-989-4088, ext. 16.

## Stevens makes all-area golf team

Looking at HomeTown's 2000 all-area girls golf team, it doesn't take long to figure out just how popular the game has become in recent years.

The talent pool among the top 10 players in our area (Lakeland, Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon) consists of both upper and lower classmen, of big hitters and finesse players. The one thing, however, that each of these players share is their immense love for the game.

"I still remember, just a few years back, when we would have loved to shoot a 200," Northville coach Trish Murray said.

As a team, Northville broke their own school record four times and two of its players, Pam Mouradian and Kate MacDonald, broke every individual record at the school.

Each of the 10 players on this year's all-area first and second team average better than 50 per nine holes. That's the first time in the history that this has happened.

"Although our top five players were easily recognizable for their incredible performances this past season, the second five weren't far behind.

Here's a look at the 2000 HomeTown Newspaper's all-area girls' golf team.

**Pam Mouradian**  
Northville Junior • HomeTown's Player of the Year

A repeat offender from HomeTown's first team a year ago, the junior only got better with another year of experience.

Mouradian was a match medalist nine times in 2000, averaging 42.1 strokes per nine holes while finishing second at the regional golf tournament. At the state meet the junior shot a two-day total of 175 to place 10th individually and lead her team to a seventh-place finish. She was the first player in Northville history to ever break 40 when she fired a 39 midway through the season. Mouradian was a first-team all-Western Lakes selection as well.

"She, along with (Kate) MacDonald was always digging to get better," Murray said. "She is probably all of 90 pounds and it's amazing to watch her hit the ball."

**Lesley Mattheae**  
Lakeland Junior

She also tied the school record set by Mouradian for nine holes (39) and finished ninth at the Division I state meet with combined rounds of 174. MacDonald was an all-division WAAA member.

"She consistently got better as the season went on, and she wasn't even a weak player to begin with," her coach said.



Tara Stevens

**Amanda Gardner**  
South Lyon Senior

Making her third-straight appearance on the all-area first team. While her younger sister may have surpassed her scores, Amanda was as vital as ever to the Lions' fortunes. With an inexperienced team, particularly early in the year, she, too, had to be right on her game for the team to have a shot. And she was. Gardner's nine-hole average was 44.7. She was once again a first-team All-KVC selection.

**Christie MacRitchie**  
Lakeland Junior

MacRitchie was second-team All-KVC and the team MVP.

"She was a real leader for us," Lakeland coach Tom Milkovich said.

**Heather Rudy**  
Northville Senior

Much like her teammate, MacDonald, Rudy got better as the year went on, much like her career story. The senior picked up a golf club for the first time competitively two years ago and quickly honed her skills. She averaged 47.5 a round this season, earning her most-improved golfer honors on her own team.

She failed to break 50 just once this season and carried a perfect 4.0 grade point average through high school.

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## Contests should be fun for all

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Novi is to get on I-96 west. Take the Spencer Road exit to the west, through Grand River. The baseball and softball fields are located off of Seventh Street, about a mile past Grand River Avenue.

As of now, we have a few players who have prior commitments and will be unable to participate in the games. But the number of athletes currently committed far outweigh those who can't.

The East (Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland) baseball team looks real strong this season. Seven Novi players will take part in the game, including recent Milwaukee Brewer draftee, A.J. Rowe. The senior left had a 10-0 record with a near-perfect 0.50 earned run average when this column went to print. He'll be joined on the staff by fellow Wildcat Josh Sabol, Northville's Matt Hare, Lakeland's J.D. Maxwell and South Lyon's Jason Rohrer.

In the field, there will be hitting galore. Novi's Brendan Hadley brings his 12 homers and 558 batting average to the plate, and will be joined by teammates Cent (492), Mitch Maier (385), Justin Shaw (356) and Mike Kossik (348).

Both Hare and Boyes will see time in the field, but star catcher Tim Edick will not be able to participate due to prior obligations.

On the softball side, Northville representatives Natalie Wooderson, Jennifer Caverly and Jackie Magnuson have been invited, but only Magnuson will be taking part in the game.

Novi star Joelle Frantz will be playing with her Michigan Ortel travel team that Thursday, and will not be able to join us. But fellow teammates, Kate Cameron, Sarah Bajorek, Erin Gibbons, Vanessa Byrwa and Emily Majore will all be in attendance.

Cameron comes into the game with the event's highest earning average (.545), and may see some time on the mound.

On paper, the East baseball team looks to have a few more weapons than the West, while the softball game looks to be evenly matched up.

The skills competitions will take place next Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m. at Brighton. There will be three events for baseball players, and two for the softball participants.

The evening will begin with an "Under the Gun" competition, pitting some of the areas fastest pitchers against each other in a hardest pitch contest. With Frantz out of town, Maureen Emsaus of Northville, Erica Breischer of Novi and Lindsay Watson of Milford look to lead the East.

From there the competitors will take part in a hitting contest for the girls' and an accuracy throw-contest for the guys.

The night will conclude with a home run contest for the baseball players. Hadley will be unable to attend the contest, which opens the door for South Lyon's Tony Kern, Novi power hitters Shaw, Maier, Cervi and Rowe along with Northville's Andy Doren.

The event is our first attempt at developing a closer relationship with the athletes and schools we sports editors and newspapers rely on and work with on a daily basis.

So come on out to the park for two fun-filled days of contests and competitive actions.

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## Health Column

# New pumps may replace needles

There are more reasons than ever for children and teens with diabetes to give up the needles and hassle of insulin shots and switch to an insulin pump to maintain their blood sugar, an University of Michigan expert said.

New generations of devices as small as beepers and new coverage from Medicare and other insurers are making it easier for people with insulin-dependent diabetes, also called type 1 or juvenile diabetes, to take advantage of the technology. Research has continued to show benefits from the kind of intensive blood sugar control that a pump allows.

"It's quite clear from recent research that near-normal blood sugars are of paramount importance to avoid the long-term complications of diabetes and insulin pump therapy is the most reliable method of consistently maintaining near-normal levels," said Pamela Thomas M.D., director of the pediatric and adolescent diabetes clinic at the U-M Health System. "Recent studies have shown that the quality of life for those on insulin pump therapy is much improved."

The U-M program called the "Pump team," is one of the largest pediatric programs in the U.S. with 100 patients now using the devices to maintain their blood sugar levels. The pumps give a constant flow of insulin, plus extra patient-controlled amounts at mealtimes, to help the body use sugar correctly.

Kids and teens with type 1 diabetes must get insulin from other sources to replace what their bodies can't make in the pancreas. Most still use syringes several times a day to inject themselves with insulin but pumps have grown tremendously in popularity in recent years. Tens of thousands of the 1.6 million Americans with type 1 diabetes now use insulin pumps. The number is expected to rise even further with the FDA approval this spring of two new devices and the expansion of Medicare and other insurance to cover pump costs.

But kids and teens who enroll in the U-M program don't just get a pump and an instruction booklet, Thomas said. The U-M team has designed an intense program to help them adjust to a totally new way of managing their disease.

"Our program focuses on children older than ten and requires a great deal of training," she explained. "After all, this is a very intensive medical regimen. We have a whole curriculum that patients agree to take part in, including everything from technical training to learning how to press the buttons on the pump to several stages of training for them and their parents."

The Pump Team focuses on empowering

patients and their families to take advantage of the best technology and knowledge currently available. Thomas and her team emphasize problem solving and decision making skills that help patients care for themselves. Central to the program's success is the relationships developed between all members of the Pump Team: patients, families, and providers alike.

The program teaches kids about how to deal with everything from exercise and eating out to sick days and emergencies. It stresses personal responsibility because using a pump doesn't mean freedom from regular blood sugar checks throughout the day, nor from the careful diet-watching that all people with diabetes must do.

"The mainstay of treatment for juvenile diabetes is to provide that missing insulin back, but that's only part of the story," Thomas emphasized. "You can't maintain blood sugars in the normal range only with insulin, so we also have to think in terms of managing the diet, the amount of glucose or carbohydrates that are taken in, and managing exercise."

Insulin pumps demand a high level of attention and decision making ability from their users in order to avoid extremes in blood sugar levels, infections at the injection point or other problems. But pumps also give patients a lot more flexibility and normalcy in their lifestyle.

Rather than being tied to a strict schedule of meals and snacks to keep their blood sugar up and shots to give themselves insulin, patients can live for the moment and still take care of their diabetes. They only need to have an injection every few days while changing the infusion set, rather than injecting themselves several times a day. The pumps can deliver a much more precise insulin dose than syringes, including the small doses needed by children. Especially important for teenagers, patients can even sleep late in the morning without worrying about a sugar buildup. And for all patients, it allows much more activity without draining their blood sugar dangerously low, a condition called hypoglycemia.

The pump, worn on the belt or inside clothing, resembles a small beeper attached to a delivery tube. "This small flexible plastic catheter sits just under the surface of the skin in what we call the subcutaneous layer," Thomas explained. "It delivers basal insulin, the background amount similar to what the body normally does 24 hours a day and it can deliver an insulin bolus, or peak dose, to match the amount of food that has been eaten."

"That's the part that the patient has to be intimately involved with," she continued. "Every time the patient eats, he or she has to push the button to deliver the insulin. We like

to say that it's the brain, the thumb and the pump that makes the whole process work. It's the patient who is telling the device what to do."

By taking intensive control of their diabetes in this way, kids can take charge of their own destinies. A major study completed in 1993, and a follow-up released early this year showed that type 1 diabetes patients who control their blood sugar levels intensively and keep them close to normal had a lower risk of eye disease, nerve disease and kidney disease - all serious complications associated with diabetes. For those who are starting at a young age to grapple with a disease that will be with them for life, pumps offer a new level of control over their futures.

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### UM-FACTS

**Facts About Type 1 Diabetes and Insulin Pumps**

- Type 1 diabetes, also known as juvenile or insulin-dependent, accounts for 10 percent of the nation's estimated 16 million diabetes cases.
- Type 1 diabetes usually occurs in children or adults under 30, arising when the body's immune system attacks the insulin-producing cells or islets of the pancreas.
- People with Type 1 diabetes must take insulin for the rest of their lives to help their bodies break down sugar from food. Without it, they will die but taking insulin will never cure their disease. They must also watch their diet, exercise regularly, and may need to take other medications.
- People with the other form of diabetes, called type 2 or adult-onset, do not necessarily need to take insulin.
- Type 1 diabetes patients must check their blood sugar levels throughout the day and adjust their dose of insulin accordingly. To keep levels under strict control and prevent or delay future complications, they can get insulin from injections several times a day or from insulin pumps that deliver constant doses and added doses around mealtimes.
- Insulin pumps have been in use since the 1980s, but recent advances have made them smaller and easier to use. Enough evidence of their usefulness is available that insurers have begun to pay for them.
- More than 190,000 people die each year from complications of diabetes, including Type 1 diabetes.

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## Health Notes

### 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.

Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed.

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.

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

### Circuit Training

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

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

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

### Martial Arts for Special Children

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

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

To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

### Cancer Support Group

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

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

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

### Diabetes Education

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee. Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

### Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge. Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

### Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available.

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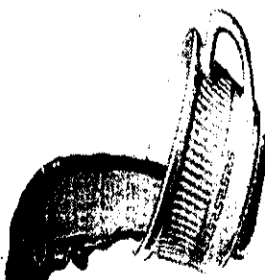
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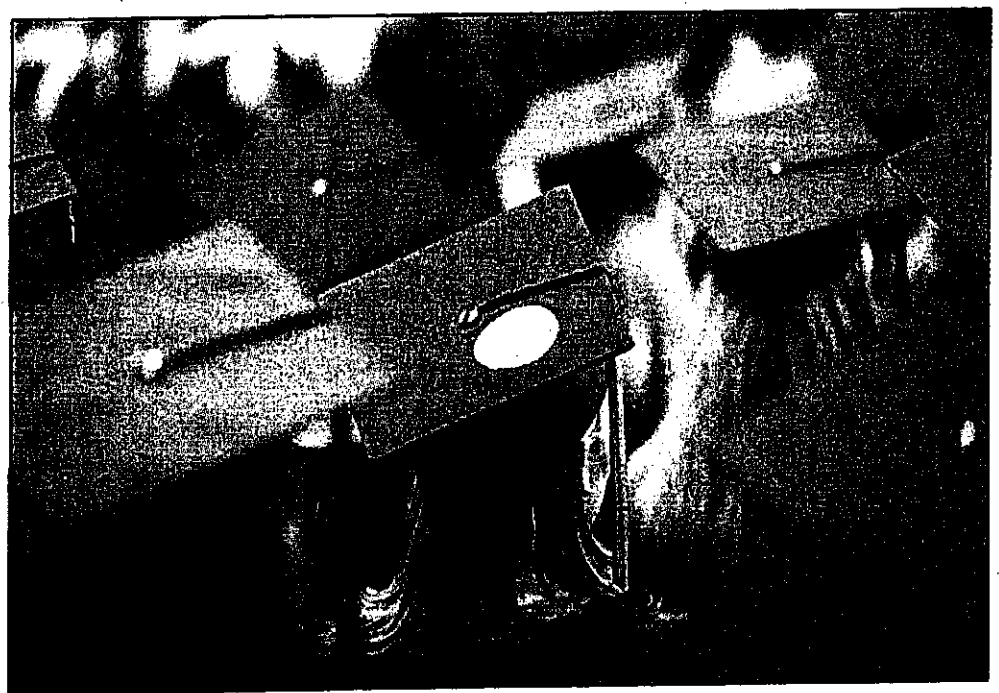
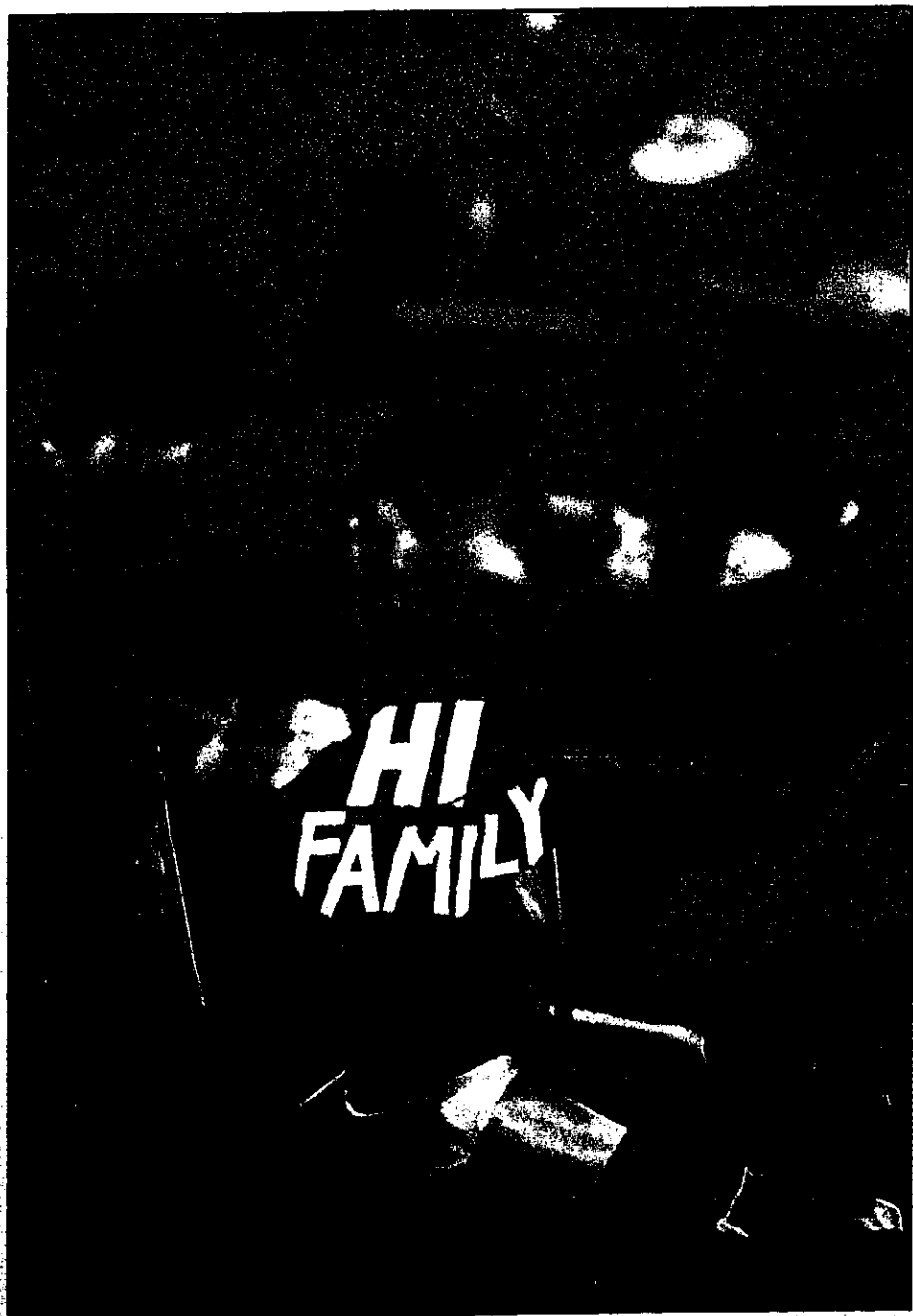
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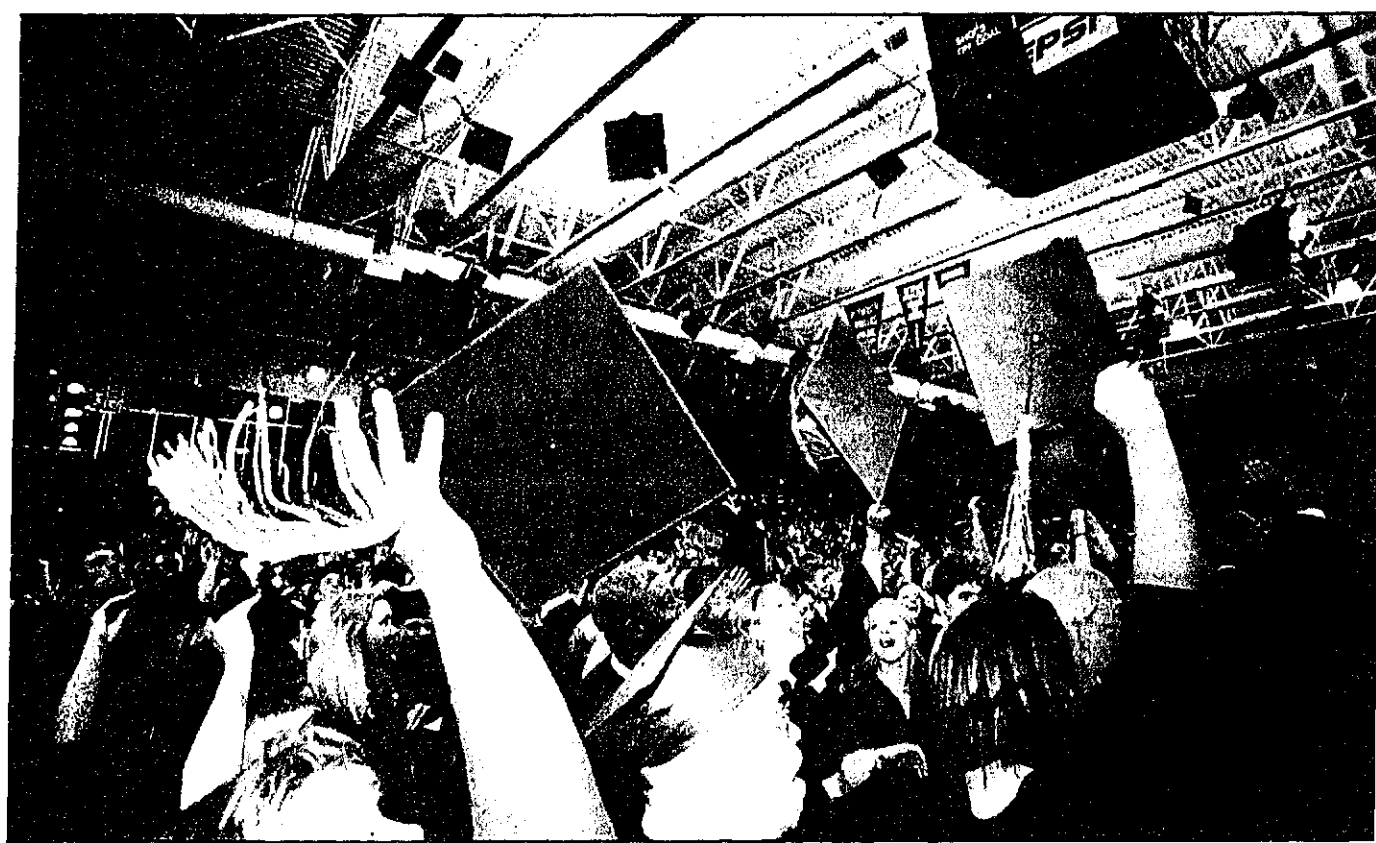


# COMMENCEMENT

A salute to  
our graduates from  
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Northville, Novi and  
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**SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL**



The commemorative launching of mortar boards signifies that yet another year's graduates has left the nest and is on to the rest of their lives.

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Paul Tobel, Daryl Dix, Mark Thelsen, Brad Morris and Bryan Pinion posed for a picture taken by a family member after commencement ceremonies.



Singing "Remember Me This Way" at SLHS commencement is Kelly Peters.

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Proud parents and family members stand for the processional as SLHS graduating seniors file into the arena and around the perimeter of what was an ice rink before taking seats.



South Lyon band director Stephen Cross watches the approach of students entering Computware Arena as he cues the band's rendition of "Pomp and Circumstance."



School Board President Douglas Curry invited the graduating seniors to turn and face their family and friends in the audience, to take in the community which supported them throughout their four years of studies at South Lyon High School.

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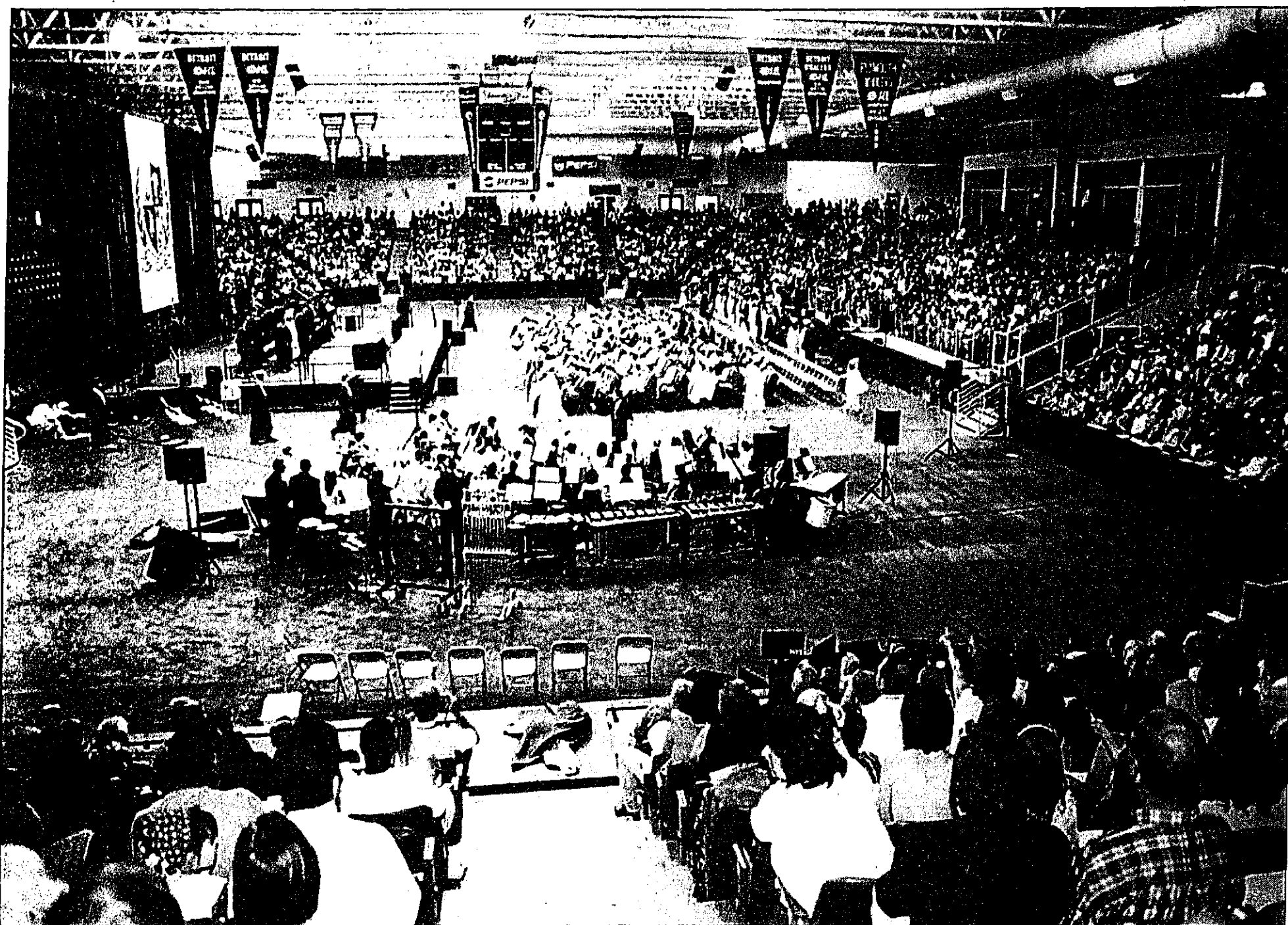
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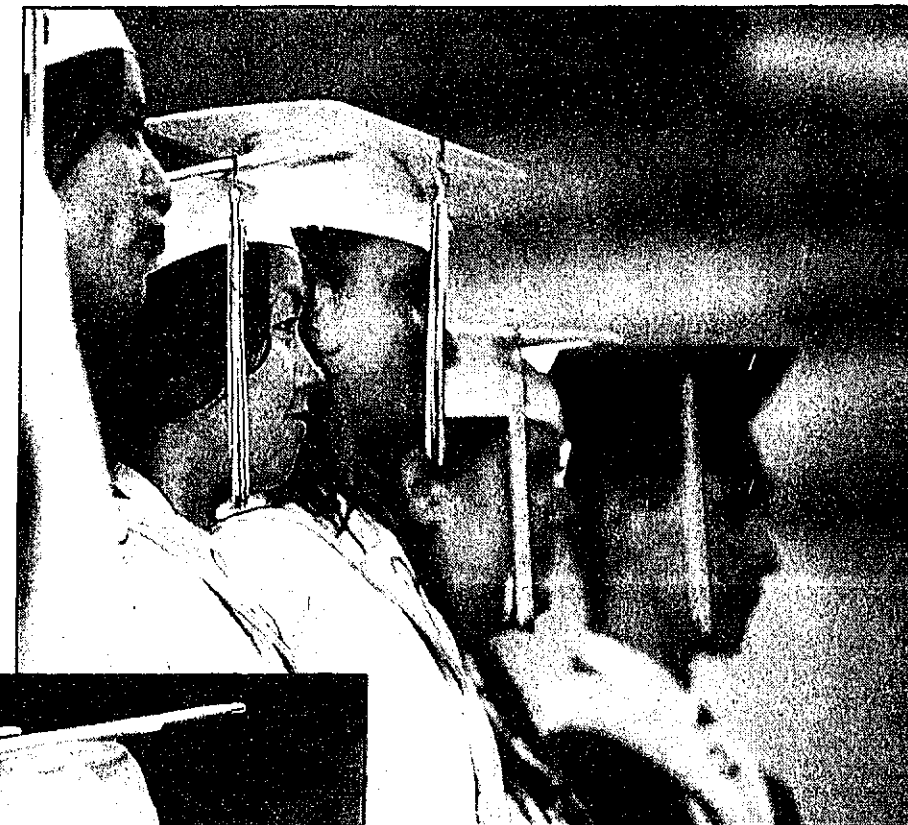
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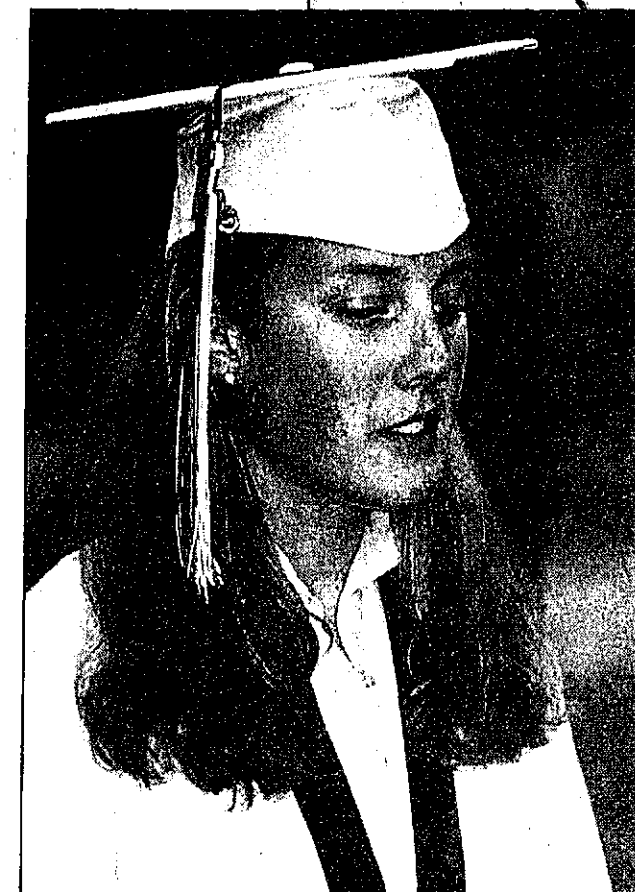
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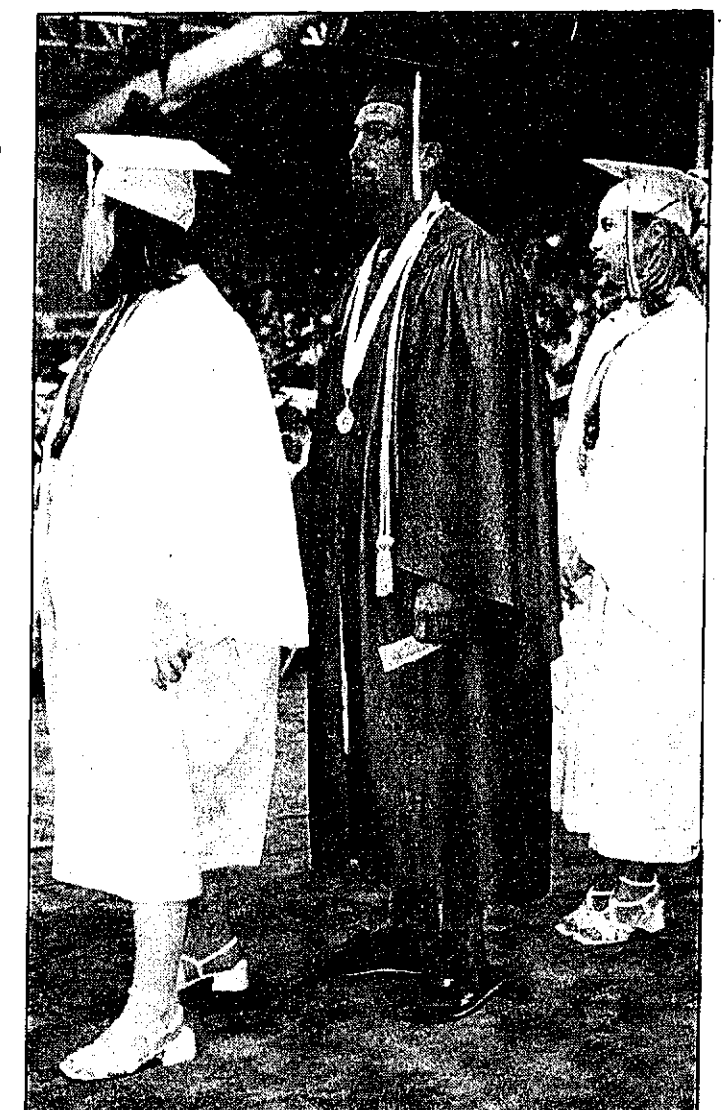


Some of Novi High's Salutatorians and Valedictorians stand onstage at Compuware Arena Saturday night awaiting their turn to speak to their classmates.

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Novi High student Amy Hartland prepares to get her diploma.



Members of Novi High's varsity baseball squad, like Brendan Hadley, center, hardly had enough time to put on their graduation caps and gowns - and get to Compuware Arena in Plymouth after competing in a playoff game at Brighton High School that went late into Saturday afternoon. Here, Hadley sports a pair of sandals over his Wildcat Green baseball socks.

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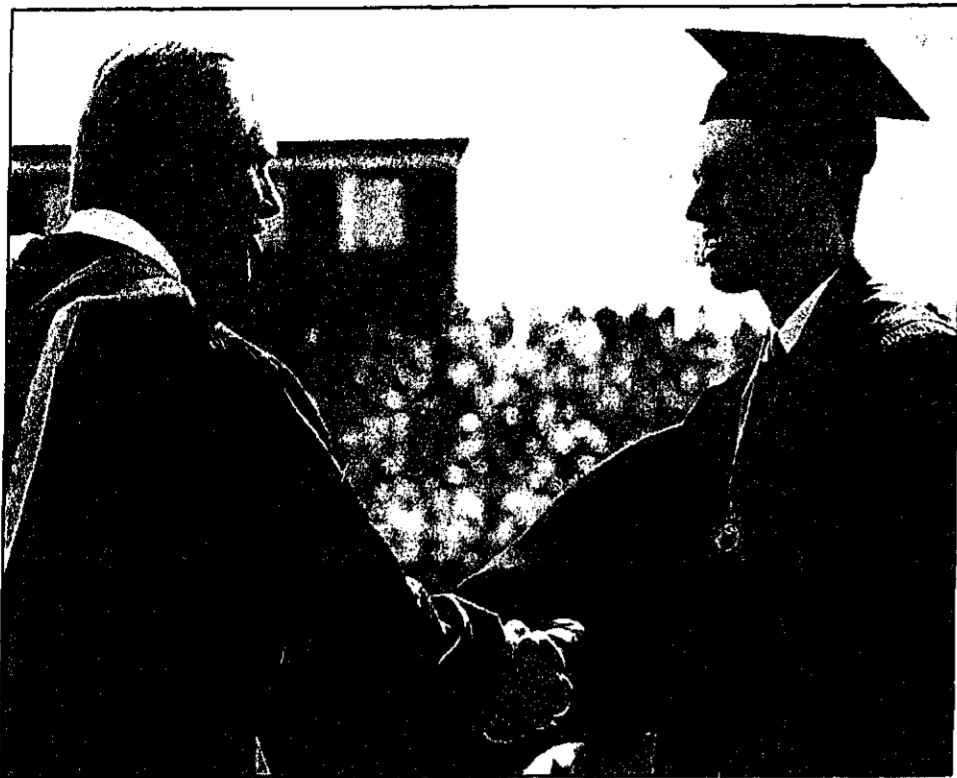
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Northville High School Principal Dr. Tom Johnson, left, greets a Mustang graduate during the commencement exercises.

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Class President Heather Gillespie addresses her fellow graduates.



Northville High School graduate Jenny Bueter puts her hands together for a speaker at 2000's commencement.

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Northville High School 2000 graduates file into the school's stadium before Saturday's commencement.

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Eric Cooley, left, sits with his diploma during Saturday's ceremony.

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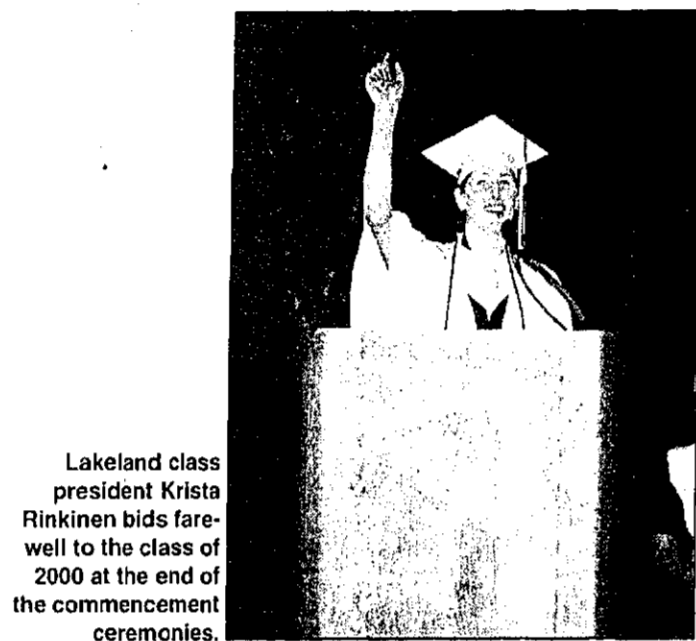
The welcome address by Milford class President Karen Nave.



Video instructor Laura Wally took a moment away from behind her video camera to rescue a white mouse that was weaving its way between rows of graduates at Lakeland's graduation.



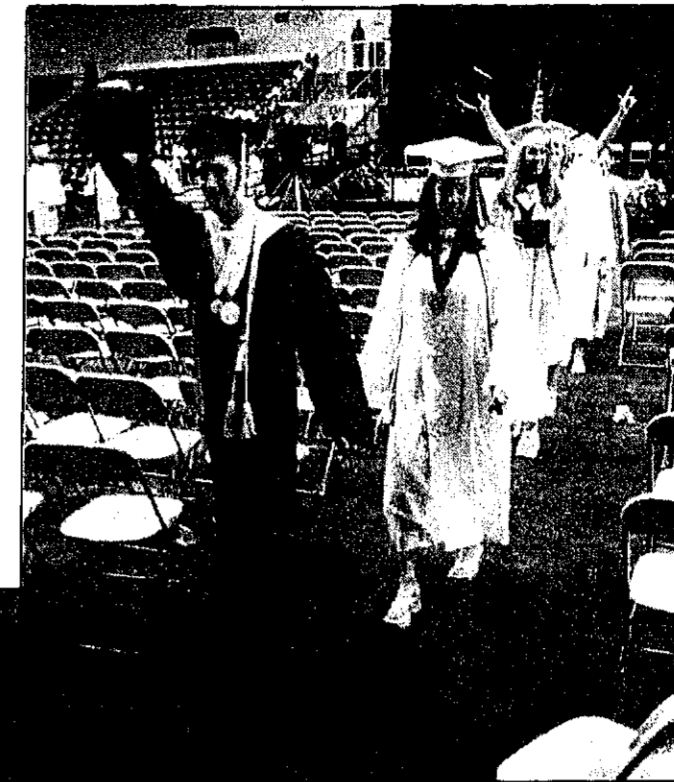
MHS grads applaud the opening of the ceremonies.



Lakeland class president Kiteta Rinkinen bids farewell to the class of 2000 at the end of the commencement ceremonies.

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Elated graduates exit the arena as the Lakeland High School Band plays "Sine Nomine".



Giving the commencement address, Brynne Willis & Stacey Bednarski.



Tassle twirling at the MHS graduation.

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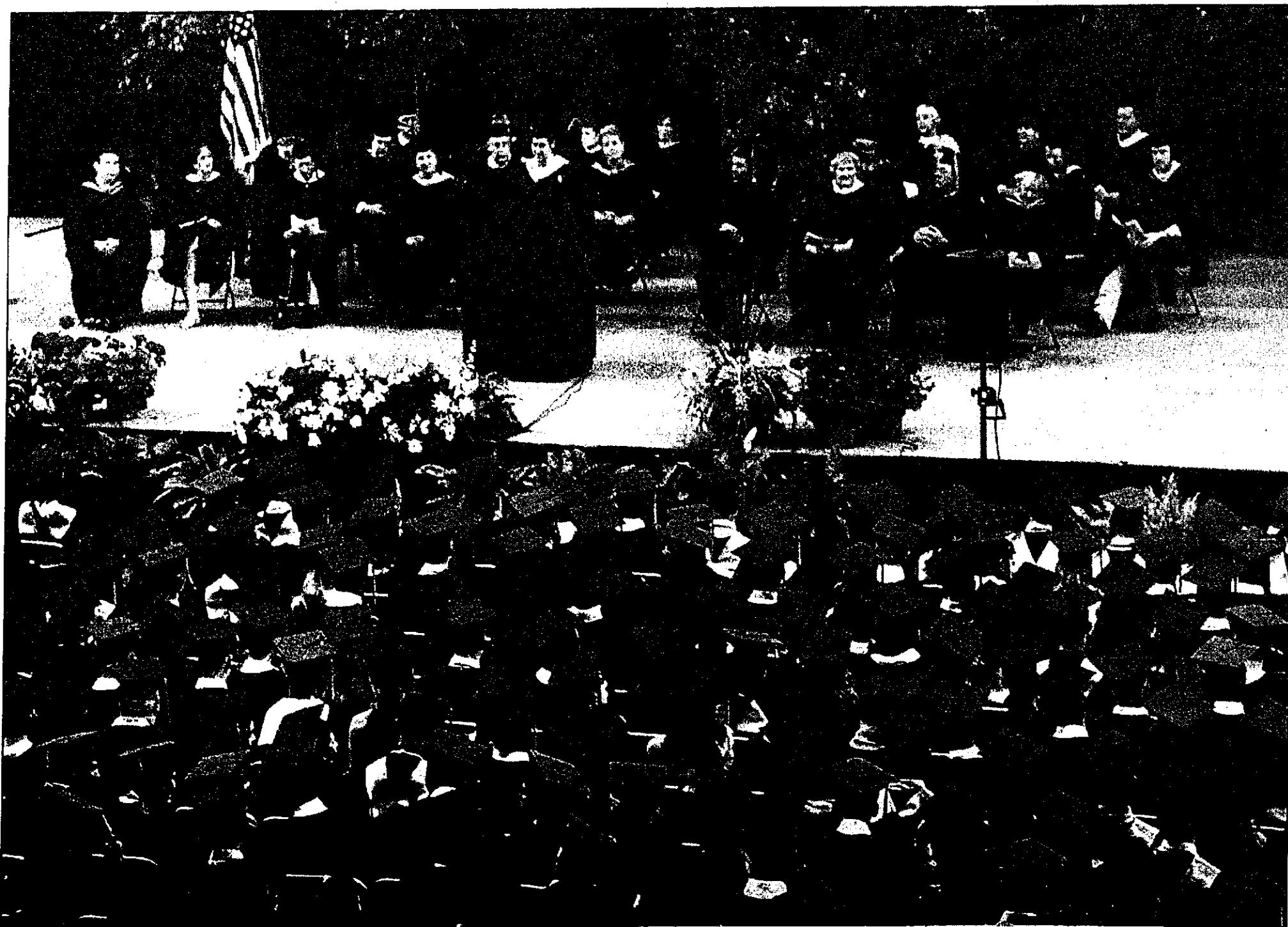
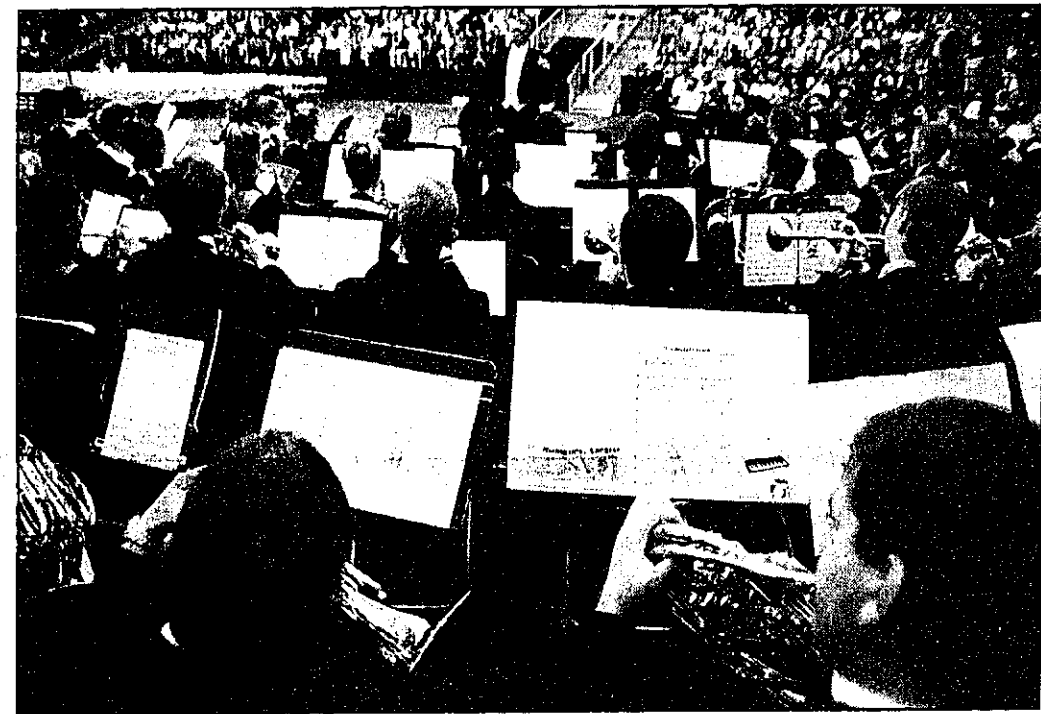
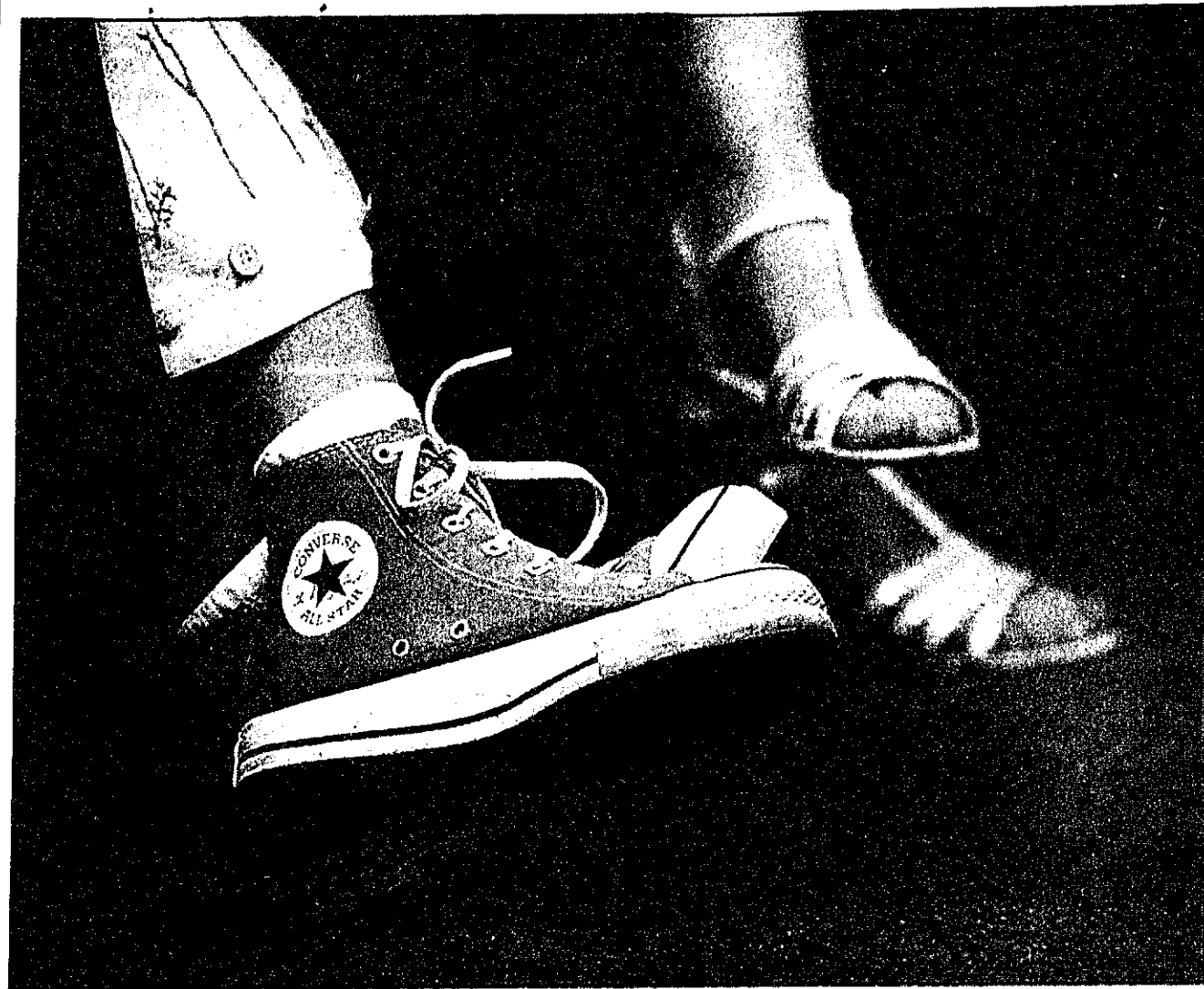
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**Iara Louiselle**




*Princess, we are so proud. A new exciting life is just beginning. Reach for the stars. God bless you always.*  
Love, Dad, Mom & Bryan

**Karen A. Lester**



*Congratulations Karen! We are very proud of you. God bless you.*  
Love, Mom, Dad, Jim, Paul, Carrie, Jeff, Devin & Gregg

**Amy Noble**



*Congratulations Amy! The future is yours for the taking we are so very proud.*  
Love, Mom, Dad & Jill


**Christy Lee Kuehn**



*"If you can dream it you can do it" Many Happy dreams!*  
Love, Dad, Mom, Jamie, Jason, Latue & Nave


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**Alexander Balber**




*Congratulations Alex! We are so proud of you!*  
Lots of love,  
Mom, Dad, Carmen & Jim

**Monica Wattawa**




*Congratulations Monica! May your dreams come true. Proverbs 3:5 We love you!*  
Mom, Mike & Crystal

**Jessica Kopczynski**




*Congratulations Jess! Remember your accomplishments & joys of the past & look forward to your bright & promising future.*  
Love, Mom, Dad & Rachel

**Michael Glick**




*Congratulations Mike! The future is yours! Best of luck at Northern Michigan. Love, Mom, Dad, Shoshana & Bryan*

**Jaymi Dormaier**




*Jaymi with love and pride we congratulate you graduation knowing the best times of your life are yet to come.*  
Love, Mom, Dad, Katelyn, Lucy & the late Buffy

**David R. Dennis**



*Congratulations David! We are very proud of your accomplishment! May God Bless your future!*  
Love, Mom, Dad, Rachel & Sugar

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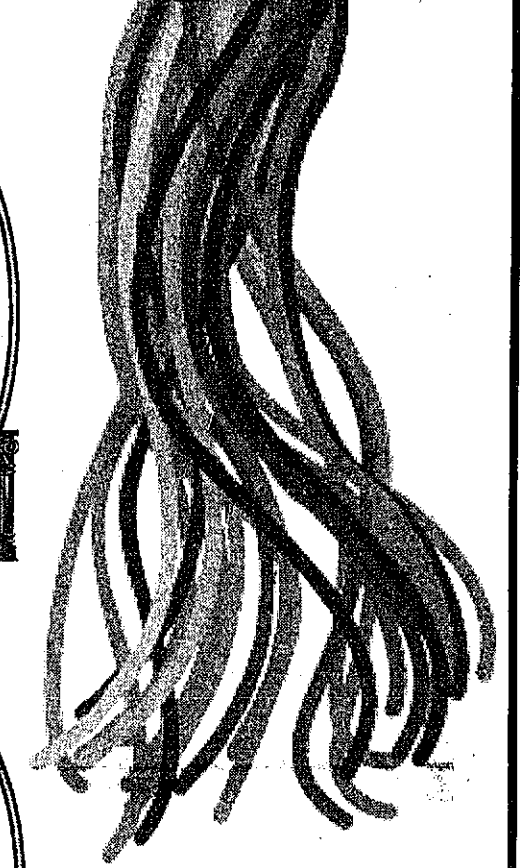


*Chloe, congratulations on a wonderful year. The best is yet to come!*  
We love you, Mom, Dad & Ty

**Jeffrey Stevenson**



*Congratulations Jeff! We are so proud of you! Good luck at GVSU!*  
Love, Mom, Dad & Jaqui




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*Congratulations Katie! We are proud of you. Good luck in the future. Love, Mom, Dad, Jon, Hillary, Kate, Kimberly & Grandma*

**Julie McGahey**




*Congratulations Julie! I'm so proud of you. The future is yours. Make the most of it! Love, Mom, Dad & Dad*

**Meghan McSweeney**



*Congratulations Meg! We are so proud of you. The future is yours. God bless you. We love you, Mom & Dad*

**Chris Rich**



*Chris, your hopes, our wishes for you, your accomplishments, our pride, your future, our dreams of success. Love, Mom, Dad & Dad*

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**Jessica Gillis**




*Thank you so much for everything you did. We couldn't be prouder. Congratulations! We love you! Love, Mom & Johnny*

**Michele Ferguson**




*Princess Michele, keep that winning smile and sensitive, caring nature and you will go far. Love, Dad & Mom*

**Kevin Gurski**



*Way to go Kevin! Good luck to your future. Your dreams can be accomplished. Go for them. Love, Dad, Mom & Adam*

**Nora Fitzgerald**



*Congratulations Nora! We are proud of you. Remember what the Monty Python boys always say. Love, Mom & Dad*

**Holly M. Zimmerman**



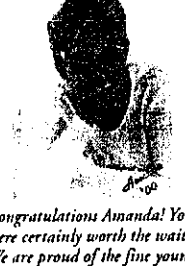
*Holly, you are as you have, we couldn't be prouder! God bless you! Love, Dad, Monica, Joe, Sean, Aaron & Brandon*

**Keri Buell**



*No matter what you choose for the future, we know you will make us proud. You always have. Love, Mom, Dad & Mom*

**Amanda Gardner**



*Congratulations Amanda! You were certainly worth the wait. We are proud of the fine young woman you've become. Love, Mom, Dad & Ashley*

**Gina D'Adamo**



*Congratulations Gina! You have accomplished so much. Keep on striving for your goals. We love you, Mom, Nick & Yon*

**Megan Beare**




*Congratulations Megan! The best of luck in all you do. The sky is the limit. We're proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad & Adam*

**Kim Harrison**



*Congratulations Kimmy! Your courage and determination will be the keys to your success. Keep believing in yourself! Love, Dad, Mom, Meghan & Grandma Jean*

**Richard R. Harris**



*You've brought joy & honor into my life. I'll always treasure the wonderful memories of your high school years. Love, Mom*

**Tracey Alban**



*Congratulations Tracey! We are proud of our daughter. Your future is bright. Follow your dreams. Love, always, Mom, Dad & Sarah*

**Meghan Kelly**



*Meghan great going! Best of luck at OCC. Love, Mom, Dad & Ryan*

**Janine Owen**




*Congratulations Janine! We are proud of you. Good luck at Michigan State! Love, Mom, Dad & Troy*

**Bryan Simmel**



*Congratulations Bryan! Your courage and determination will be the keys to your success. Keep believing in yourself! Love, Dad, Mom, Meghan & Grandma Jean*

**Meghan Richardson**



*"Wild, Open Spaces" by The Dixie Chicks! Love, Dad, Mom & Caitlin*

**Joseph Frederick**



*Hang off Joey, we're proud of you. Happiness always! Love, Mom, Dad, Gram, Ryan, Brent & Cory*

**Erin Migda**



*Congratulations Erin! As you begin your journey of life, go with peace, love, joy and our support. Love, Mom & Dad*

**Tim Welbaum**



*Congratulations Tim! A great year at Michigan! We are very proud of you. Best of luck in everything. Love, Mom, Dad, Stephanie & Gary*

**Angela K. Collins**



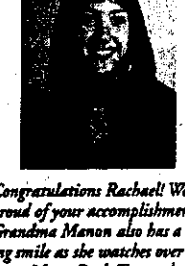
*Lindsay, we are proud of all you have accomplished. Keep smiling and have a great future. Love, Mom, Dad & Ryan*

**Patrick Flynn**



*Congratulations on a great high school career! May all your dreams come true. Love, Mom, Dad & David*

**Rachael Vibber**




*Congratulations Rachael! We are so proud of your accomplishments. Grandma Monica also has a home for you in the winter over you. Love, Mom, Dad, Tracy & Amy*

**Chris Barnes**




*Chris! We are so proud of you! Good luck at Kettering University! Love, Mom, Dad, Mike & Eric*

**Aurora Coy**



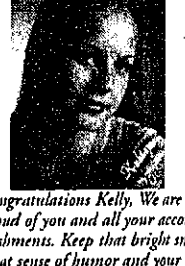
*Congratulations Aurora! On your completion of High School. Because of the foundation you've been given your future can only be successful. On to Michigan State... Love, Mom, Dad, Cory & Rick*

**Tina Wild**



*Congratulations Tina! You have made us very proud. God be with you always. Love, Mom, Dad, Nikki & Amy*

**Kelly Marie Wallace**



*Congratulations Kelly, We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Keep that bright smile, great sense of humor and your love for life. Love, Mom, Dad & Amy*

**Erica DeLuca**



*Erica, Congratulations! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad & Mike*

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**Bonnie Lynn Gabrieli**




*Congratulations Bonnie Lynn! We know you will light up the world. Love, Mom, Dad & Matthew*

**Eric Barawskas**




*Congratulations Eric! I am so very proud of you! You have been steady in your dreams, may they all come true. Love always, Mom*

**Steve Fultz**



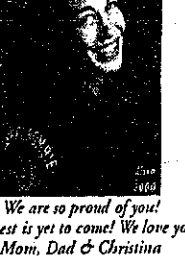
*Congratulations Steve, your family wishes you the best to a great future. Love, Dad, Cindy & Jonathan*

**Brendan Hadley**



*Way to go B! We're really very proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Morgan, Sara, Buster & Baxter*

**Lisa M. Masson**




*We are so proud of you! The best is yet to come! We love you! Mom, Dad & Christian*

**Nick Johnides**



*Nick, you made it! Your determination and hard work have paid off. We love you, Mom, Dad & Jason*

**Ryan McCaffery**



*Congratulations Ryan! We're so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad & Keith*

**Joshua Catanzaro**



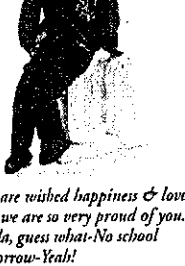
*Josh, hold strong to your dreams. Reach for the stars. You can do it! Love, Mom, Dad & Mike*

**Kristen Naudi**



*Kristen! You are a constant source of joy and pride. A bright and promising future is yours. We love you, Mom, Dad & Matt*

**Kayla Waters**



*You are walked happiness & love and we are so very proud of you. Kayla, guess what? No school tomorrow! Yay!*

**Laura Munger**



*Congrats Laura! We are so proud of you! Keep enjoying life, sis! Love, Mom, Dad, Julie, Scott, Missy & Amanda*

**Carly Bologna**



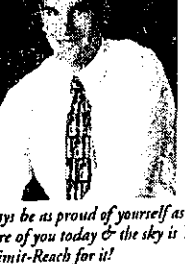
*Carly, you have come so far and we are very proud of you! Reach for the stars. You can do it! We love you, Dad, Mom & Bob*

**Kristen Sum Pregitzer**



*Congratulations Kristen! You've been a busy lady. We're proud of your many honors & achievements, which we know will follow you to MSU! Love, Mom & Dad*

**Erik M. Sippola**



*Always be as proud of yourself as we are of you today & the day in the limit. Reach for it!*

**Lauren Oates**



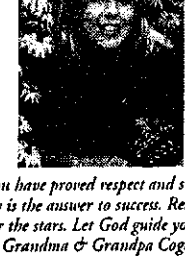
*Congratulations Lauren! We are so proud of you! May all your dreams come true! Love, Dad, Mom, Brian & Martin*

**Scott Taylor**



*Thank you for making parenting such an incredible experience. We love you! Love, Mom & Dad*

**Jennifer Ridner**



*You have proved respect and sincerity is the answer to success. Reach for the stars. Let God guide you! Grandma & Grandpa Ciger*

**Suzanne Engle**



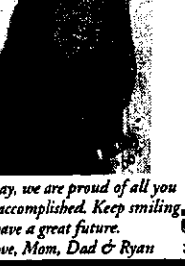
*Suzanne, Best wishes as you begin this new journey in your life. We love you! Mom, Dad, Danielle & Nicole*

**Katie Reedy**



*Congratulations Katie! We are so proud of you. Best of luck in the future.*

**Lindsay Myers**




*Lindsay, we are proud of all you have accomplished. Keep smiling and have a great future. Love, Mom, Dad & Ryan*

**Drax Twynham**



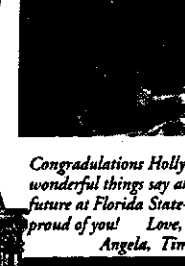
*Congratulations Drax! You're ready to rock 'n roll. We're proud. Love, Mom & Dad*

**Ryan Vu**



*Your H.S. days were great! Your future will require change. Go for it, and you will succeed.*

**Holly Hegwood**




*Congratulations Holly "the fox", wonderful things are ahead in your future at Florida State. We are proud of you! Love, Mom, Ed, Angela, Timmy*

# Hats off to the Class of 2000


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**Andy Zevchak**




Congratulations, Andy! There is no limit to the success you can achieve. The future is yours!  
Love, Mom, Dad & Kevin

**Krystin Anne Longhurst**



Look ahead to the future with all the enthusiasm you've shown in the past!  
Love, Dad, Mom, & Jason

**Amanda Teschendorf**



Congratulations Amanda our little princess! We're very proud of you. We love you very much.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Heather & Andrew

**Kelly C. Harrison**




For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord: To give you hope and a future.

**Tiffany Parks**




Tiffany, Never surrender your dreams. We're so very proud of you. Congratulations!  
Love, Dad, Wendy & Audrey XO

**Marc Henderson**




Congratulations Marc we are proud of you. Good luck on life's big challenges we know you'll succeed.  
Love Mom & Dad

**Lindsey Ann Nelson**



Lindsey hold on to your dreams and they will become reality. We love you! Mom, Dad, Shanny, Dionne & Anthony

**Christopher Deneen**



From the very beginning we knew you were someone special, thru the years you have proved this true. Congratulations Drew!

**Jason Rohraff**



Congratulations Jason on a great 4 years at South Lyon. Better things are going to happen in the future for you. Love Mom, Dad, Jennifer & Lisa

**Chip Armstrong**



Way to go, Chip... 4 great years! Love, Mom & Dad

**Larry Richardson**




Congratulations Larry! May you look ahead with confidence as you look back with pride. The future is yours!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Andy & Justin

**Kristen McGlennen**



Congratulations, Kristen! You've made us all so proud of you. Best wishes for a wonderful future!  
Love Mom, Dad, Mandy & Sarah

**Vanessa Denise Byrwa**



Congratulations Vanessa on all your achievements! We are so proud of you! Good luck at UghM!  
Love, Mom, Dad & Nate

**Michael Adamisin**



Congratulations Mike! You've left a glowing trail! The future is yours to hold. We love you, Mom, Dad, Rachel, Meredith & Toby

**Jessica Autumn Seabert**




Congratulations Jessica! Thank you for being a wonderful daughter & friend. Never forget your accomplishments & always be true to yourself. The future is waiting for you!  
Love Mom & Timm

**Christie Schumacher**




Christie, Congratulations on all of your accomplishments and for becoming the wonderful person you are. Love, Mom, Dad & Jeff

**Robert Barksdale**




The best is yet to come! Here's to a bright future!  
Love, Mom & Dad

**Julie McDade**




Whatever you may do, wherever you may go, we wish you the best! Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle, Jill & Cybil

**Mike McCarthy**




Congratulations Mike on a great start to a promising future. Love, Mom, Dad, Joe & Jonathon

**Matt Edwards**




Congratulations Matt! The future is all yours. Work hard and pray often for the Lord's guidance in this new phase of your life. Love, Mom

**Nicole Goode**



Nikki, We know somewhere, somehow, you will make a difference. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad & Alex

**Becky Curtis**



Beck, We are proud of you and love you very much!  
Love Mom, Dad, Jessy & Kristy

**Nicholas Scharf**




Nicholas Congratulations on a great 4 years! We are all so very proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Lorry, Ashley, Chelsea, (Michael) & Abby

**Jeffrey Hix**




Congratulations to a son who is everything we could have ever ask for and more. The future is yours!  
Love, Mom, Dave & Greg

**Eric John Connell**




Congratulations! We're proud of you, and your accomplishments can't wait to see what's next. Go Green! Love, Mom & Dad

**David Ray**



Congratulations David! Always reach for the dreams that are close to your heart. We are so proud of you!  
Love Mom & Dad

**Lauren Kozak**



Congratulations Lauren! We are so proud of you! On to Albion & your future!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Allison & Stephanie