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## Math teacher counts on support in cancer battle

Novi Middle School teacher Michelle Galecka survived Hodgkin's Disease, now she's active in fighting cancer.

Stephanie Fordyce  
Staff Writer

Michelle Galecka, a seventh grade math teacher at Novi Middle School who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease at age 18, will join other cancer survivors, friends, family and community residents this weekend for the first annual Relay For Life.

The American Cancer Society event, which will be held on Saturday at Novi High School, recognizes cancer survivorship, celebrates life and remembers those who have died of cancer.

"It was a big shock," Galecka said about her diagnosis.

"You never think anything like that is going to happen to you."

While attending Central Michigan University, Galecka learned that what doctors thought at first thought was mononucleosis, turned out to be something far more serious.

"I had swollen lymph nodes and since I was a college student, they thought I had mono," she said.

"But the pain didn't go away and I had a real stiff neck, so after they did a biopsy we learned it was Hodgkin's."

Hodgkin's Disease attacks the lymph nodes, spleen and sometimes liver and kidneys.

Relay For Life has empowered the community to fight back against this and other forms of cancer by joining in teams to walk for 24 hours

and raise "life-saving funds." Teams of friends and family can walk, jog, or run around the indoor track. While team members take turns engaging in the relay, camping members can enjoy entertainment, food, and games, along with community camaraderie.

"Although we have made tremendous advances, cancer still strikes one out of every three people, touching almost every person, in every community, in some way," said Barb Iovan, community development director for the American Cancer Society.

"But for those who are suffering right now and those who may be diagnosed in the future, there is more hope than ever before. Now, whole communities are empowered in the fight against cancer with events like Relay For Life and each individual can make a difference in the lives of



Michelle Galecka's okay now. Photo by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

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## School's out for 15 familiar faces



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### Bye-bye

Above, Novi Woods Elementary teacher Nancy Brockman, surrounded by a crowd of well-wishers, is retiring after this school year. Taking 376 years of collective service with them, 15 Novi educators head for a new

life, including Novi Woods Elementary School Principal Jackie Lawrence, NHS Choir Director Paula Joyner-Clinard and Coach John Osborne. Read all about it on page 12A.

## Developer gives \$18M for 12 Mile

Fountain Walk's developers will pay for road work, but not all council members want the cash.

RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

At issue was big money, really big money.

Monday, the Novi City Council approved a special assessment district for \$18 million in improvements to Twelve Mile Road as part of the Fountain Walk development. When constructed west of Novi Road, the \$128 million entertainment center will be the second biggest mall in the city, after Twelve Oaks.

The road work will be paid by the developers. The road widening will be done between the CSX railroad tracks just west of Novi Road to all the way east, past the cemetery on

the northeast corner of Novi Road and Twelve Mile.

The SAD was approved by council with a 5-2 vote. Council Member Michelle Bononi and Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenz were the dissenting votes.

"I'm concerned about the relationship between the developer and the city," Lorenz said.

"I just don't think it is right. We pledged the full faith and backing of the city and if the economy goes down, we'll be left holding the bag."

The city will sell bonds to finance the roadwork and they will be paid back by the developers.

Council Member Craig DeRoche said he could not understand why a council member would not want to save taxpayer money by letting someone else invest \$18 million in road work.

"It's amazing that a council member, knowing the road problems facing the city, would thumb their nose at \$18 million to improve

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## Outdoor sports go indoors at new mall

So, you want to skateboard all year long? Dude, check out Fountain Walk.

RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

Don't play indoors. Ever heard that before?

Well, that old notion will be put to rest next year when a new entertainment super-center comes to Novi.

In October of 2001, Novi is expected to enter a new realm of entertainment with the \$128 million, 730,000 plus square feet of Fountain Walk shopping center, currently under construction by PLC Novi West Development and developed by Ramco-Gershenson.

According to PLC President and CEO Michael T. Lutton, the new facility will have an indoor bowling

alley, indoor skate boarding and mountain bike facilities, as well as a number of restaurants and family entertainment venues that will cater to the family during the day and become a young adult clubs at night.

The site is off of Twelve Mile, south of Dixon Road, just west of the West Oaks shopping centers.

"We'll have six to eight full-service restaurants," said PLC President and CEO Michael T. Lutton.

"We're close to signing a lease with Bans. Bans is a company out of southern California that gears itself toward outdoor sportswear; they specialize in extreme sports. It's a big company with \$220 million in revenue per year.

"They have been recognized by several cities around the country as one of the best providers of youth entertainment."

According to Lutton, Bans will have a 40,000 square foot facility

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## DPW whistleblower challenges denial of workmen's comp claim

An investigation determined he was not being harassed, but this city hall employee says he'll appeal.

RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

A whistleblower in the Novi Department of Public Works Department has had his workmen's compensation claim rejected and he's now being asked to pay back over three and a half months of pay.

According to Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver, Department of Public Works employee Michael Rosinski's claim that harassment in the workplace resulted in stress-related illness has been rejected.

"He's been cleared to work," said Klaver. "We would allow him return to work and we would take what he

owes out of his pay."

In March, Rosinski reported that he had suffered from months of harassment by his coworkers after they guessed that he was the one who tipped off the Novi News about the dumping of sewage at the Department of Public Works yard last year.

Rosinski says that he shouldn't have to pay back the money to the city, because Novi's insurance company took so long to process the claim.

"They want me to pay back four months' pay," said Rosinski. "Their insurance carrier denied the claim and it took them all this time to investigate."

"I left because of threats and harassment and the supervisor said he wouldn't report it. I had people threaten to kill me. If that isn't stress I don't know what is."

According to Rosinski, the city refused to take the

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## Taking the tears out of kindergarten

Launching your career in education can be scary, so these future scholars were shown the ropes early.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

It was quite a big day for these little boys and girls, as Parkview Elementary recently invited future students in to see what life as a kindergartner will be like.

Next year's kindergartners had a day full of fun and adventure as they met teachers, listened to stories, sang songs, played with toys, and enjoyed snacks. But the

biggest excursion of all was riding the bus for the very first time.

"It's really big and really bouncy," said four-year-old Alan Donald, laughing each time the bus hit a bump. "It's a lot more fun than driving in a car."

Showing they had great safety sense, the children wondered why there were no seat belts on buses.

Kindergarten teacher Patti Zielinski explained to them that the seat in front of them acted as a barrier that protected them.

"But you have to make sure you sit on your bottoms at all times," she said. "Never stand up while the bus is moving."

Back at Parkview, the students felt very welcome in their soon-to-be surroundings as the teachers

showered them with love and attention.

The children especially enjoyed hearing a story about a very hungry caterpillar who becomes a butterfly. Their eyes were wide with interest as the teachers used puppets to make the epic come alive.

For example, in Zielinski's room, the students became involved by placing cotton foods around the caterpillar neck which really made them feel like an important part of the tale.

"I really liked the story and it was fun putting the fruits around the caterpillar neck," said Collin Few.

During play time, friends Rebecca Rash and Kasey McDonald were dazzled with the Sesame Street

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Riding a bus to school is an adventure, as these kids discover. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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### Community Calendar

Thursday, June 22

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

**Music series**  
"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's band is the Irish American group Blackthorn.

Tuesday, June 27

**Northville School Board**  
The Northville School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Old Village School, Northville.

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

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Stigite Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, on Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

**Youth Assistance**  
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, June 29

**Novi Rotary**  
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**Music series**  
"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's band is "Straight Ahead," jazz and funk.

Monday, July 3

**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, July 4

**Novi Youth Baseball**  
Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Wednesday, July 5



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School students participating in this summer's Boys' and Girls' State are, front row from left, Bidish Samma, Lauren Angski, Julie Wuerth, Steve Barone. Back row: Charley Staab, Corney Byron, Jennifer Davies and Chris Shrader.

## Students take on government

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer  
Watch out Novi, you may be looking at Michigan's future senators, governors, and lawmakers.  
Members of Girls and Boys State have the opportunity to hold public office and share in the formulation of public policy in a mock setting.  
They participate in a two party political system, campaign for office, vote in a general election, appoint roles of legislators and judges, operate a judicial system and even conduct a political party convention, explained Strauss.  
"I think it's a wonderful program because it dramatically increases their knowledge of practical government," Strauss said. "It's great because they are actually participating in a simulation of the political and governmental process."  
Staab said he felt the opportunity would further his career in the military academy after graduation. "I think it will help in providing me with good leadership qualities," he said.  
Because the Girls and Boys State attendees are divided up into little cities, Wuerth said she was looking forward to becoming the reporter for her mock community.  
"We get to run and print our own newspaper, so we're not only getting government experience but journalism skills as well," she said.  
Angski said she wanted to get involved with the program because it was an opportunity that she felt she couldn't pass up.  
"Although I've never really been into politics before, I feel it will definitely increase my awareness and knowledge of the governmental process," she said. "And as a class officer, I think it's my duty to participate."  
Angski added that she thought the Girls State program would look great on her resume and that the opportunity would allow her to meet many people.  
Girls State and Boys State has been giving students realistic experience in government at the city, county, and state levels since 1941.  
The annual program is non-partisan and non-political in that no existing party is promoted.  
The girls will attend the conference June 17-23 and the boys will attend June 18-24.  
Students are selected for their achievements within the school and the community and are sponsored by the Novi Lion and Lioness Clubs, Novi Youth Assistance, Break-Thru MFG, and the Novi American Legion Post 19.  
"This is by far one of the most rewarding educational opportunities for our Novi High School students," Strauss said.  
"It is beneficial to both them and the community in which they serve."  
Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@home.com.net

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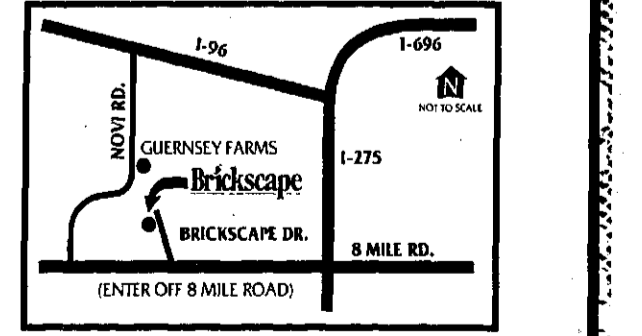
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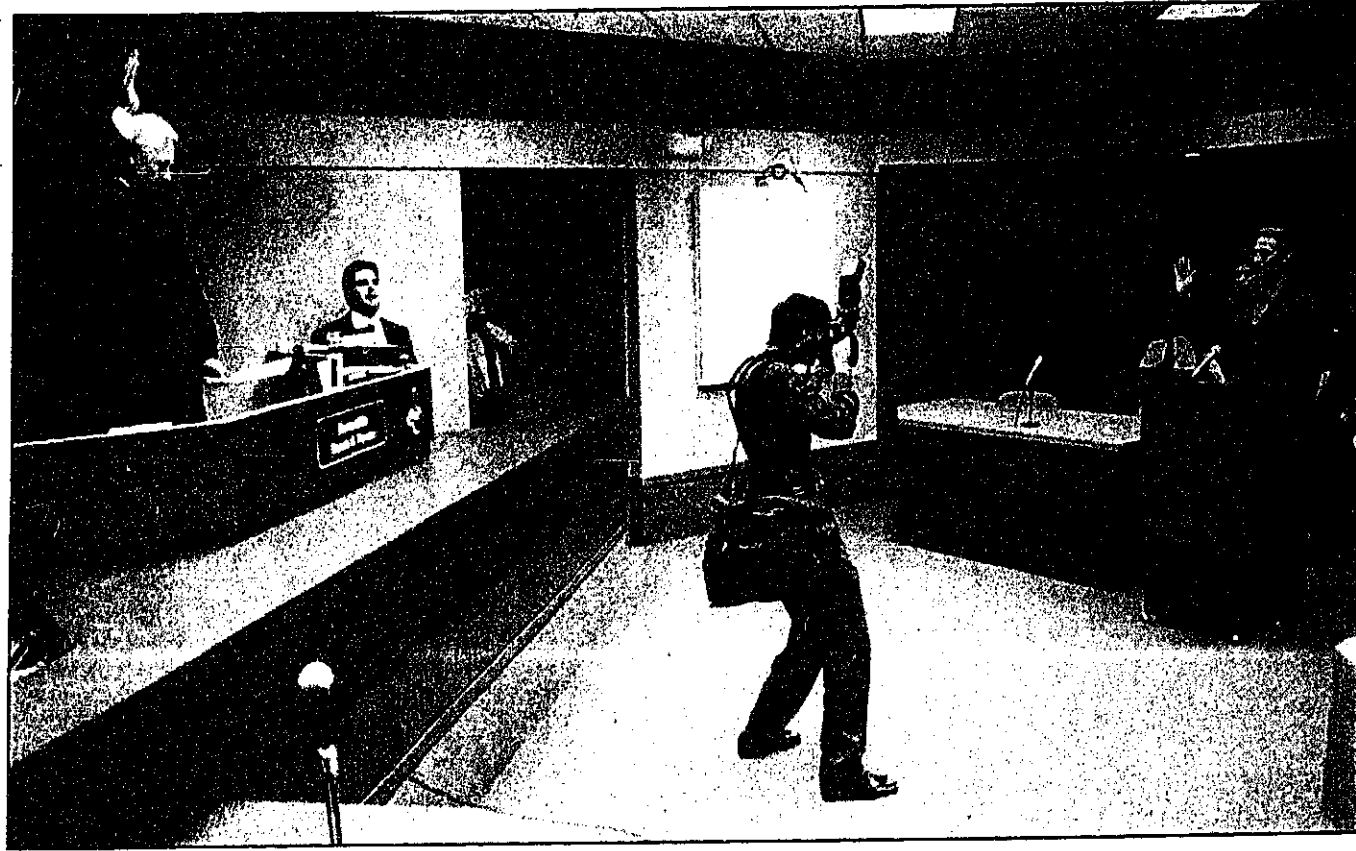


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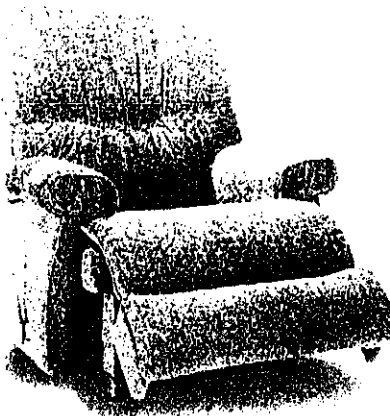
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**Swearing-in a son**

At left, 52-1 District Court Judge Dennis Powers, left, swears his son Scott Powers into the Michigan Bar Association in front of friends, family and fellow judges at the Novi courthouse, Michael Batchik and Brian MacKenzie. Above, the younger Powers has his hand up for the oath. His mother Pat witnesses the event in the background.

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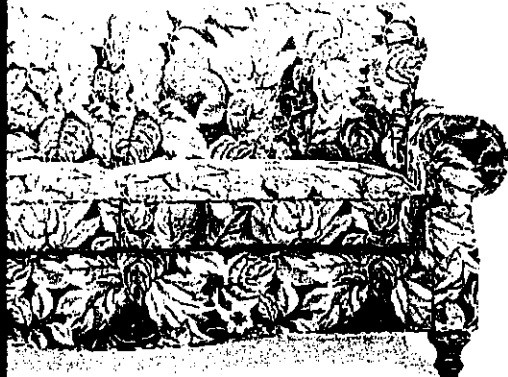
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# Textron needs time to apply for Farmington Hills abatement

Farmington Hills city officials received notice late Monday that Troy-based Textron Automotive, formerly Novi-bound, would need a little more time with their request for a tax abatement.

Textron Automotive recently withdrew a similar request made of Novi, issuing a statement that the city's timetable had caused them to fall behind in construction of their new facility. Textron officials said they needed the Novi tax abatement prior to June 19.

In a letter FAXed to Farmington Hills City Manager Steve Brock, Francine Newbury asked that two

"Before we proposed it to council, we wanted to have everything nailed down, so we're ready to start right away if we're given approval."

Kirk Aubrey,  
Textron representative

public hearings be postponed until the council's July 10 meeting. The company didn't provide a reason for the request.

"I think they were surprised at how quickly we moved," Brock

said. "That's one for the public side. We're ready, they're not."

The firm is now considering a site at Twelve Mile and Haggerty roads in Farmington Hills. Textron representative Kirk

Aubrey said Tuesday the company had some issues with lease terms in Farmington Hills that needed to be finalized.

"Before we proposed it to council, we wanted to have everything nailed down, so we're ready to start right away if we're given approval," he said.

When asked whether Textron had a timeline for completing the facility, Aubrey said, "Yesterday." Detailed plans are already drawn, and a construction schedule depends only on site approvals.

A division of a multi-national company headquartered in Rhode

Island, Textron Automotive is seeking the tax break to build on property in the Twelve Mile/Drake/Haggerty area. The Farmington Hills tax abatement contribution is required to leverage an application to the Michigan Economic Growth Association, which provides even larger tax abatements for high-tech research companies.

Brock said the company anticipates making a \$40 million to \$50 million investment, consolidating four or five offices into one location. The Farmington Hills Economic Development Commission has rec-

ommended approving the abatement, which would amount to approximately \$2,540,019 from all taxing jurisdictions. The city's share would be \$599,918.

In the last MEGA-related tax abatement in Farmington Hills, Robert Bosch Corporation received \$2,518,668 in personal and real estate tax abatements, with the city's portion totaling \$594,873.

Novi has not yet granted an abatement under its new policy, but other applicants are said to be waiting in the wings.

## Northville Schools taxes down

By MELANIE PLENDIA  
Staff Writer

The Northville School District is giving tax payers an early Christmas present this year by lowering their taxes.

In 1999 there were 5.5 debt mills levied against the tax payers in Northville. This year the district is proposing a levy of 5 mills.

The reduction is due to the enormous growth of the community in the past year. Director of Business and Finance for the district John Street said.

"Due to the tremendous growth of taxable value in the community this 0.5 mill reduction is coming three years earlier than projected," he said.

Street said for example tax payers who own a \$200,000 home will save \$50 a year on their taxes.

That is good news for some area tax payers.

"I'm certainly for it," said Northville resident Elizabeth Petersen, adding that "judging by the amount of homes going in the Six Mile and Sheldon Area I can well believe they are able to do it."

The debt fund millage was established in 1997 when the Northville community passed the bond issue for the district to build the new high school and make various other improvements to buildings in the district.

This fund receives money from a separate debt levy from tax payers for the purpose of paying principal and interest on outstanding bonds.

The district also collects taxes from non-homestead tax payers at the rate of 18 mills, which will not be affected by this reduction.

Street said the district currently has debt extending through 2018, however, with the growth of homeowners and thus the growth of tax payers they are able to lower the debt mill and still pay the debt by 2018.

However, Street said there is no guarantee the mills will go down again as they have no control of taxable property value.

Street said the exact distribution of these mills will be the subject of a separate resolution to establish the rates.

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending June 18. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

### MONDAY, JUNE 12

Medical, 24512 Bashian, 5:17 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 21384 E. Glen Haven, 6:33 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 1474 Nardeer, 6:58 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Electrical fire, Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, 7:16 a.m., Engine 3.  
 Mutual aid, Van Buren Fire Department, 8:12 a.m., Response 506.  
 Medical, 45182 West Park, 8:35 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Car fire, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 8:56 a.m., Engine 3.  
 Wires arcing, Crescent and Novi Road, 12:28 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Fire alarm, 41230 Marks, 1:25 p.m., Engine 3.  
 Medical, Twelve Oaks and Sears, 2:55 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 40000 Grand River, 7:45 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 8:11 p.m., Squad 1.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Transformer fire, Grand River and Taft, 4:22 a.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 42650 Nine Mile Road, 7:01 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 8:10 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Investigation, 44949 Steeple Path, 10:43 a.m., Engine 3.  
 Fire alarm, 45182 West Park, 12:35 p.m., Engines 2, 1.  
 Medical, Taft and Ten Mile Road, 1:08 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, I-96 and Novi Road, 5:06 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 22674 Fireside, 7:33 p.m., Squad 3.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Fire alarm, 27575 Wixom, 8:45 a.m., Engines 4, 1.  
 Medical, Fourteen Mile and Novi Road, 9:41 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Investigation, 25875 Mulberry, 11:37 a.m., Engine 4.  
 Injury accident, Twelve Mile and M-5, 12:58 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 20816 Glen Haven, 2:31 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Dumpster fire, Twelve Oaks Mall, 2:46 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Injury accident, I-96 and M-5, 3:03 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Fire alarm, 22105 Haggerty, 4:10

p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Car fire, 50621 Arizona, 4:12 p.m., Engine 4.  
 Fire alarm, 21051 Haggerty, 5:10 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Fire alarm, 43525 West Oaks, 10:38 p.m., Engines 1, 2, 4.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Medical, 22790 Heslip, 9:28 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 39750 Grand River, 10:51 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 11:35 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 27000 Napier, 12:04 p.m., Squad 4.

Service, 24245 Karim, 12:45 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Haggerty and Nine Mile, 1:13 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 47601 Grand River, 1:25 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, Bristol Circle, Lot 66, 2:27 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fuel spill, 26401 Novi Road, 3:21 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 42655 Twelve Mile Road, 6:12 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Investigation, 45440 Addington, 7:07 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 21500 Chase, 8:57 p.m., Squad 3.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:05 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Assist, 42975 Grand River, 9:12 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 9:22 a.m., Engines 3, 1.  
 Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 10:18 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Investigation, Eight Mile and Turnberry, 1:03 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Investigation, 41690 Dukesbury, 2:21 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 2:30 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Trailer fire, 42750 Grand River, 2:58 p.m., Engine 1, Tanker 1.

Medical, 1325 East Lake, 4:36 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 5:17 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Fuel spill, Ten Mile and Bashian, 6:48 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 29982 Windsor, 10:07 p.m., Squad 2.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Fire alarm, Novi and West Oaks, 7:40 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 10:45 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 1:43 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 30962 Springlake, 2:39

p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 43155 Main Street, 3:35 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Medical, 41184 Hollydale, 4:55 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 23623 Novi Road, 7:06 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 25750 Novi Road, 11:50 p.m., Squad 1.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Photographer
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12:30 p.m. — (cont)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Alliance for Democracy
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Market
2:30 p.m. — Sampler Pioneer Women: Their Lives Through Song
3:00 p.m. — (cont)
3:30 p.m. — The Great Escape: Sailing
4:00 p.m. — (cont)
4:30 p.m. — Travelin' On: Lewis and Clark Trail
5:00 p.m. — (cont)
5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch
6:00 p.m. — Christian Singing Today
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
7:30 p.m. — Dance with Virginia Showtime
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
9:30 p.m. — Hasting Paradise Valley Days
9:00 p.m. — Senseless Death II: From Night
9:30 p.m. — (cont)
TUESDAY, JUNE 27
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:00 a.m. — Inside Reform Today
11:30 a.m. — (cont)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (cont)
1:00 p.m. — Travelin' On: American West
1:30 p.m. — Thundering Hope
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Imagination Tree
3:00 p.m. — Teen Writing Program
3:30 p.m. — Restoration Now
3:00 p.m. — Senseless Death II: From Night
4:00 p.m. — (cont)
4:30 p.m. — Pei Talk
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: Dennis Terry
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Story Teller
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Marketing
8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria
8:30 p.m. — (cont)
9:00 p.m. — Unsung Heroes and Unsung Institutions
9:30 p.m. — (cont)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28
10:00 a.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria
10:30 a.m. — (cont)
11:00 a.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Marketing
11:30 a.m. — Fitness Motivators
12:00 p.m. — Home for Life: Tool Cabinet
12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
1:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Living Without Limits and Unsung Institutions
3:00 p.m. — (cont)
3:30 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
5:30 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. — (cont)
6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center
6:30 p.m. — New Millennium Medicine
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Photographer
8:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:30 p.m. — Step n Move to the Groove
9:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show
9:30 p.m. — (cont)
THURSDAY, JUNE 29
10:00 a.m. — Step n Move to the Groove
10:30 a.m. — New Millennium Medicine
11:00 a.m. — Building Scene: Dennis Terry
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Alliance for Democracy
12:30 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
1:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
1:30 p.m. — Dance with Virginia
2:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Story Teller
2:30 p.m. — Women on the Move
3:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Photographer
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski: Arlette
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
5:30 p.m. — (cont)
6:00 p.m. — Living Without Limits
6:30 p.m. — Inside Reform Today
7:00 p.m. — (cont)
7:30 p.m. — Alliance for Democracy
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Pei Talk
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Mayor Dennis Archer
9:30 p.m. — (cont)

Helicopters not welcomed here

Novi police have sent a directive to the owner of a helicopter operations company in Canton asking them not to land on Novi public roadways.

According to the memorandum, it is a violation of state statute to land an aircraft on public roadways unless it is an emergency. The helicopter reportedly landed in the cul-de-sac on Venture Drive on more than one occasion. Police have asked to company to use the landing facilities at the New Hudson Airport, less than twenty minutes from the landing target.

DISORDERLY PERSON
A Farmington Hills man found wandering down the middle of Thirteen Mile Road was arrested for Disorderly Person and Resisting and Obstructing Arrest on June 17.

According to police reports, the man began approaching the officers and when asked to provide identification, the man replied with vulgarities.

The man refused to give identification and allegedly struck an officer in the chest. Officers wrestled the man to ground, but he continued to struggle. At one point, police pepper-sprayed the man, which calmed him down.

Police took the man into custody and he was released the next morning.

DRUNK DRIVER SAYS HE'S A COP
A Commerce Township man, who identified himself as a former Detroit Police officer assigned to the homicide division, was arrested for drunk driving on June 13.

After being involved in a minor traffic accident, following the completion of a left hand turn from Novi Road on to Old Novi Road, the man was discovered by police talking with the owner of the car he struck from behind.

Police News

According to police reports, the man was too drunk to open the gate to the complex. Officers said the man was trying to get the gate open with his credit card. The man had rear-ended a vehicle on southbound Novi Road and drove off without stopping, police reports said. The victim, who was struck called police and followed the man to his residence.

The suspect, who is a native of Japan, needed an interpreter to explain to him his rights under the law. At one point the man told police "I will kill you."

The victim, a Northville resident, said the man had been driving erratically before the accident. The suspect was placed under arrest for leaving the scene of an accident and for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

VANDALS ATTACK VEHICLES
Police acknowledged that there was a rampage of destruction after a number of vehicles were damaged along Healy Drive near Nine Mile Road last week.

At least six vehicles had windows smashed out and interiors damaged in a spree that could have lasted two days. Most of the businesses reported the damage on June 13.

One vehicle had over \$700 in tools stolen and a semi-truck had a fire extinguisher taken and thrown in another west area parking lot. Police continue to investigate the incident.

LOCKED OUT
A Novi man was arrested after police found him sitting in his car, unable to get the gate to his apartment complex open after allegedly leaving the scene of an accident on June 13.

after failing the field sobriety tests, the man was placed under arrest. The man told police that he was at an all-day golf outing and that he had been "drinking all day."

Police note that the man was very cooperative and remorseful for his actions.

BED-TIME STORY
A Farmington Hills woman was arrested after she attempted to hide bed sheets in her clothing at the J. C. Penney store in Twelve Oaks and leave without paying on June 17.

The woman was escorted to the security office after officers confronted her just outside the store. The woman did not resist and she was charged with retail theft.

FEED ME
The Novi Feed and Storage was broken into over the evening of June 12, according to Novi police.

A window in the northwest corner of the building was kicked out, police said. Police suspect that whoever broke in gained entry through the window. No items were reported stolen, although police continue to investigate the incident.

The incident was listed as possible juvenile mischief.

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

Novi Briefs

End of the road paving?
The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) said that the roadm paving projects along Napier Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads will be done by the end of next week.

According to the RCOC, the project is moving along as planned and the road will be open by July 1. The road is currently closed to all through traffic. The RCOC is expecting delays throughout the area. Suggested routes are Eight Mile and Ten Mile roads.

Women invited to Kensington Park walk
All women in the area are invited to "Park Pleasures Breakfast" featuring Bob Holating, naturalist for Kensington Metro-Park Nature Center. Hoating will share ideas for year-round family fun available for all ages at our parks.

The breakfast at The Maples Country Club, 31260 Wakefield Drive, Novi, on Fourteen Mile Road just west of M-5 and Welch Road will be Thursday, July 13, from 9:30-11 a.m. is \$10.50 inclusive. The breakfast buffet is open at 9:15 a.m. Also on the program is Lee Ann Atwell, a youthful award-winning soloist and Lucille Benac, who will relate her experience of an underachiever becoming a blue ribbon winner. Reservations for breakfast and complimentary on-site childcare may be made with Linda, (248) 853-3464 or Brenda, (248) 661-4205. Golf is available after the program for \$5. The meeting is sponsored by Farmington Hills Christian Women's Club and Stonerock Ministries International.

Donate Blood this summer
The American Red Cross plans these Nov open summer blood drives at the following locations:

- Country Estate, June 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Arl Van Twelve Oaks, June 30, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lifetime Fitness, July 7, 2-8 p.m.
Scars, Twelve Oaks, July 12, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
DMC Medical Center, July 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Trio Electric, July 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Providence Park Hospital, July 28, 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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## Bon Voyage! Middle schoolers travel to Australia with goodwill

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

This summer seven Novi Middle School students will take an exciting adventure across the world to the South Pacific as they participate in People to People's Student Ambassador Program this summer. Christopher Richard Renkiewicz, Eric Matthew Lyons, Jason Adam Smith, Stuart James Smith, Ryan Joseph Nussbaum, Jonathan M. Wiscley, and Kathryn Marie Jones will join other Oakland and Livingston County students in traveling to Australia and New Zealand for three weeks in July.

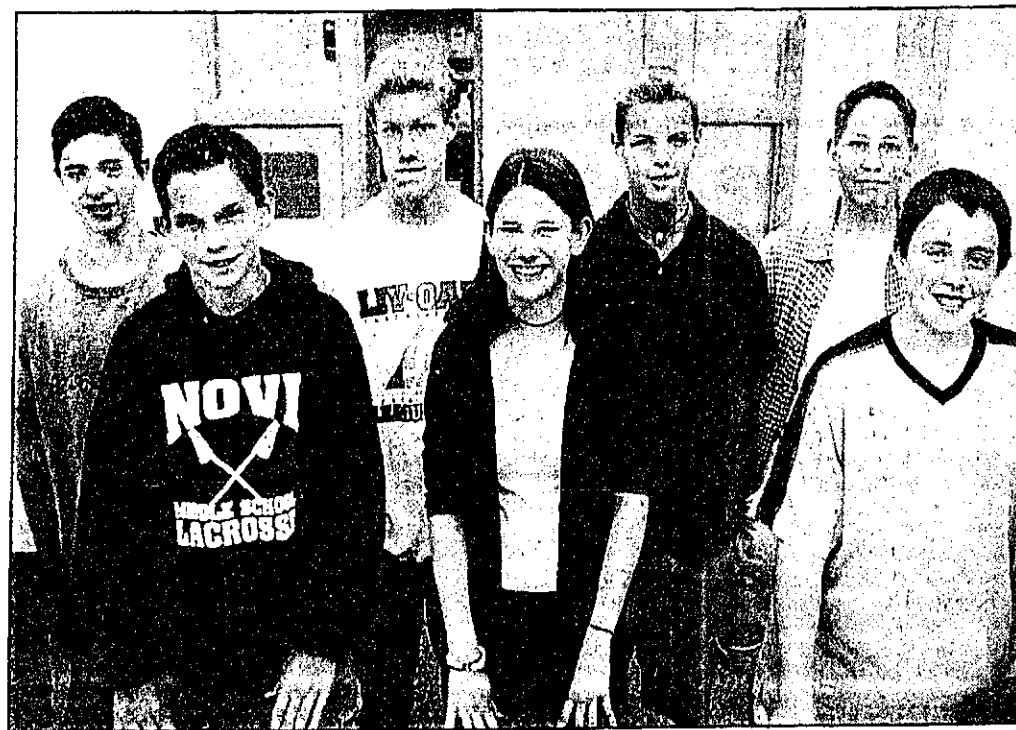
"We'll be staying in other people's homes and on farms, so we'll be getting a feel of life on both."

"Last year we went to England and Scandinavia and it was awesome, so I'm really looking forward to it this year."

As part of their overseas experience, Student Ambassadors will have home visits with host families.

Most families include their American interests in everyday activities, including them to gain a firsthand understanding of the ways people live and work in other cultures. "We'll be staying in people's homes and on farms, so we'll be getting a feel of life on both," Wiscley said. "It's going to be really cool."

Wiscley is also looking forward to meeting up with a friend he met two years ago at camp. The kids said one of the most enjoyable things about the trip is making new friends. "Not only is it a great educational experience but it's a great opportunity to meet people," Jones said. "The students said they are also really interested in seeing people



Novi Middle School students heading to Australia and New Zealand as ambassadors in the People to People program this summer are (from left front) Eric Lyons, Kathryn Jones and Jason Smith. Back row: Stuart Smith, Chris Renkiewicz, Jonathan Wiscley and Ryan Nussbaum.

## Memorial pickets available for fence

The Tim Pope Memorial Firestructure is located at Community Sports Park on Eight Mile and Napier Roads. The firestructure includes a picket fence that provides safety and security for our children.

For a \$100 donation, you can have your family name or the name of a loved one beautifully engraved on a wooden picket, which will be a part of the fence. A special area of the fence is designated for "In Memory Of" pickets.

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Call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400 for more information.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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, 23345 Trill Road, Novi, MI 48374.

Sealed proposals for all work described in these RFBs will be received at the above location no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on June 26, 2000. Absolutely no bids will be accepted after this deadline.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Novi, Michigan, as owner, until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time on Friday, July 14, 2000, at the City of Novi Administrative Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, at which time said proposals will be opened and read.

**REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.**

**CITY OF NOVI**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Monday, June 26, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Lal Yang, 29785 Lilley Trail Dr. (Case 00-11).

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI  
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT  
TUP 00-029**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Paul E. Bauman is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the outdoor sale of fireworks at the Antique & Pine store from June 29, 2000 through July 4, 2000. The Antique & Pine store is located at 43443 Grand River Avenue, in the Town Center Shopping Center.

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI  
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT  
TUP 00-027**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Las Vegas Golf & Tennis is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent at 42705 Grand River from July 6 through July 9, 2000.

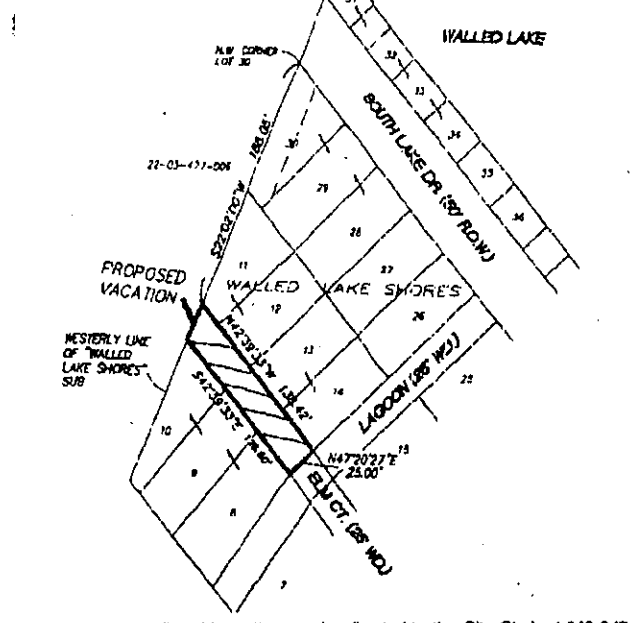
**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED VACATION OF  
A PORTION OF ELM COURT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 10, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, on the proposed vacation of a portion of Elm Court from the

**CITY OF NOVI**  
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**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI  
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT  
TUP 00-028**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PMG is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent at 43207 Crescent Blvd on July 29, 2000.

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT  
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE**  
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:  
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended to amend the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 99-2-B, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.



Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the City Clerk at 248-347-0456.

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**CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN  
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 99-2-B  
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL June 5, 2000**  
To rezone a part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 24 T.1N, R.6E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-24-476-003 more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 24 (nominal) of Ten Mile Road, said point being 588'26'40" W 50.02' feet from the S.E. corner of Section 24; thence continuing along said South line 588'26'40" W 800.00' feet; thence N00°03'40"E 571.13' feet; thence N88°29'40"E 800.00' feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Haggerty Road; thence S00°03'40"W 571.13' feet along said right-of-way line, which is parallel to and 60.00' feet West of the East line of Section 24 to the point of beginning. Containing 10.5 acres.

## Obituaries

**SHIRLEY E. FRAYER**  
Shirley Elaine Frayer, 76, of Novi died June 19 at her residence. She was born April 20, 1924, in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Frayer is survived by her husband of 52 years, the Rev. William Frayer of Novi; one son, Richard (Valerie); three daughters, Elizabeth Chayer, Susan (Mark) Weber and Cheryl (Jim) Montville; one brother, Robert Hesse; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 23 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ben Behnsack and Dr. William Riltter will officiate. Interment will be in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens of Novi.

Friends may call at Heenev-Sandquist Funeral Home Inc., 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington, (248) 474-5200.

**FREDRIC RUSCHKE**  
Fredric Ruschke, 79, died Saturday, June 17 at his home in Farmington.

Mr. Ruschke was a Detroit-based heavy foundation and marine contractor for 30 years. He was born and raised in Ann Arbor and graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1938.

After an interim stint teaching navigation in the Army Air Corps as a first lieutenant during World War II, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1947.

After working for Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, architects; Candler & Bass, subcontractors; and Perron Construction, a general contractor, Ruschke and his partner Tom Candler formed Candler-Ruschke Inc. in 1992.

## Remember the Big Band era with

"The Big Bands of World War II," a multimedia program sponsored by the Friends of Novi Library, will be presented at the library on Thursday, June 29 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Weldon Petz will provide a glimpse back into the 1940s when music buoyed the spirits of the armed forces and their families. Dr. Petz is a former teacher and school administrator with advanced degrees in musicology and history.

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

Memorial tributes to Gideons International, c/o P.O. Box 39145, Redford, MI 48239 would be appreciated.

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# State fish hatchery overload leads to trout dump in creek

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

Area coolers may begin to fill up with brown trout after a state agency dropped more than 1,500 of the fish into Johnson Creek in Northville last week.

The unplanned dumping of the fish was due to an extra amount produced at fish hatcheries around the state and is in addition to the 2,200 released in Johnson Creek this spring.

Jeff Braunschweig, fisheries management biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, said the release of the fish helps replenish a dwindled stock as a result of fishing activity and development along Johnson Creek.

“(Northville’s) Johnson Creek is one of the few bodies of water in southeast Michigan that has the conditions to support trout because it’s relatively cold all year.”

Jeff Braunschweig  
MDNR

Development has a big impact on the fish if it’s not done properly,” he said. “Plus there’s increasing interest in the creek by fishermen and local people.”

Most of the fish released were between eight and nine inches long, Braunschweig said.

Johnson Creek stretches southwest from Fish Hatchery Park in Northville to near the intersection of Napier Road and North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The creek is fed by a runoff and several springs, which is why Johnson Creek is ideal for brown trout, Braunschweig said.

Johnson Creek is one of the few bodies of water in southeast Michigan that has the conditions to sup-

port trout because it’s relatively cold all year,” he said.

Temperatures rarely go above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, he said.

But while water temperature in Johnson Creek suits brown trout well, activity around it doesn’t.

Braunschweig said development along the creek has hampered fish spawning and their ability to feed.

“If a development is not done properly, the sediment from the creek can run into it and fill in holes to the bottom, which would otherwise be the areas where the fish spawn and feed,” he said.

As a result, fish in Johnson Creek struggle to live from one year to the next, he said, which is why the creek is stocked an average of

twice annually.

John Bueter, owner of Bueter’s Outdoors, 120 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, said he often fishes in Johnson Creek, but would prefer that the fish sustain themselves.

“I would prefer catch-and-release laws be put into effect so we would have a fishery capable of sustaining itself,” he said. “Wild fish are genetically stronger and smarter and capable of maintaining themselves.”

However, under state statute, only 100 miles of creeks can be designated catch and release and all of the miles have been determined.

Bueter said fish from hatcheries suffer from generations of being inbred and not having the genetic make-up to survive and “make a living” in a natural setting.

“They are more prone to disease and tend to muck-up the spawning process,” he said.

Still, Bueter said area residents are lucky to have the creek in their backyards.

“It’s an amazing jewel,” he said. “Hopefully we’ll have the foresight to protect what we have (and) to use an ounce of prevention now instead of a pound of cure later.”

Andrew Dietderich is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is adietderich@hi.homecomm.net.

## CITY OF NOVI 1999 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

The City of Novi is pleased to present the 1999 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report contains mandatory information about water quality issues and potential health effects. See the source of our water and provides the results of the water quality monitoring tests for 1999. The treatment and monitoring of our drinking water, complies with all mandatory Federal and State Drinking Water Regulations. If the water quality is compromised we will notify our customers immediately.

The City of Novi is a public utility regulated by the Michigan Public Health Service Act (Chapter 373, R.S. 1660), popularly known as the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399 as amended to 1996 PA 56) which require a supplier of water to provide annual Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) to its customers.

**Drinking Water, Including Bottled Water**, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural (livestock) operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radionuclides**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates certain limits for contaminants in bottled water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer (particularly chemotherapy), persons with end-stage organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The City of Novi purchases treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). The DWSD water supply source is from surface water. The majority of the water supplied to the City of Novi comes from the DWSD Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant. This plant is located on north Port Huron, Michigan at the lower end of Lake St. Clair. The DWSD treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Chlorine is used for disinfecting the source water and Fluoride is added to the treated water for the dental care benefit.

**Important Information about Lead and Copper:** In 1992 we began testing homes with plumbing systems which may contribute lead and copper to the household water supply. The results of lead and copper testing have all been below the EPA prescribed action levels.

**Health:** Lead is a common metal found throughout the environment in lead-based paint, air, soil, household dust, food, certain types of pottery, porcelain, pewter and water. Lead can pose a significant risk to your health if too much of it enters your body. It builds up over many years and can cause damage to the brain, red blood cells and kidneys in infants and young children who typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that the lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your household plumbing. If you are concerned about possible elevated lead levels in your home’s water, you may wish to have your water tested, or you could flush tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

**City of Novi Residential Lead and Copper testing (1999)**

| Contaminant | Test Date | Units | Samples Collected | Samples Exceeding AL | Action Level (AL) | 99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value |
|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lead        | 3/99      | MG/L  | 5                 | 0                    | 0.015 MG/L        | <0.002                            |
| Copper      | 3/99      | MG/L  | 5                 | 0                    | 1.30 MG/L         | 0.028                             |

The major source in Drinking Water of Lead and Copper is from corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits. General information about Our Distribution System: In 1999 we purchased 2,102,000,000 gallons of treated water from DWSD. We currently have more than 10,835 customers on our Water Distribution System. In an effort to improve the reliability and meet the needs of our growing community we have Capital Improvements valued in excess of \$16,221,000.00 scheduled for construction in the next five (5) years.

If you have questions or concerns about this report you can contact: Bruce Krenne, Water and Sewer Superintendent, (248) 738-5633.

**Detected Contaminants Tables**  
The tables and information contained on the next pages are based on tests conducted by DWSD in the year 1999 and within the last five (5) calendar years. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year; however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown.

| Contaminant | Test Date | Units | Health Goal MCLG | Allowed Level MCL | Detected | Range | Major Sources in Drinking Water   |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------------------|-------------------|----------|-------|---|
| Fluoride    | Oct 99    | ppm   | 4                | 4                 | 1.13     | n/a   | By-product of many deposits. Water additive, which prevents among with. Discharge from nuclear and aluminum industries. |
| Nitrate     | Oct 99    | ppm   | 10               | 10                | 0.24     | n/a   | Runoff from fertilizers; Leaching from septic tanks; Discharge of surface soils.  |

**Highest Single Measurement:** Turbidity Limit of 0.5 NTU (minimum 95%)  
0.62 NTU 99.5% Sol Runoff  
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. For turbidity levels 5 NTU or above a treatment technique (T) is required.

**LAKE HURON WATER TREATMENT PLANT 1999 UNREGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES**  
Unregulated contaminants are those not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

| Contaminant                  | Test Date  | Units | Future MCLG | Future MCL | Average Level Detected | Range    |
|------------------------------|------------|-------|-------------|------------|------------------------|----------|
| Fluorochloromethane          | 3/99-11/99 | ppm   | n/a         | n/a        | 0.24                   | 0-0.54   |
| Tetrachloroethane (dichloro) | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | 0           | n/a        | 8.0                    | 3.2-28.0 |
| Bromochloroethane            | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | 0           | n/a        | 5.1                    | 3.4-9.2  |
| Dibromochloroethane          | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | 60          | n/a        | 2.2                    | 1.5-3.3  |
| Bromotoluene                 | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | 0           | n/a        | 0.2                    | 0-0.2    |

Chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, dibromochloromethane and bromotoluene are haloethanes. The MCL is set for the total or sum of these individual components.  
\* New MCLG effective December 16, 2001.  
The EPA recommends reporting results from any voluntary monitoring that is above a proposed MCL or above a level of concern. The detected unregulated contaminants in these tables do not meet these criteria.

**LAKE HURON WATER TREATMENT PLANT DETECTED UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS FROM VOLUNTARY MONITORING**  
(Reporting in CCR is not required)

| Contaminant            | Test Date  | Units | Future MCLG | Future MCL | Average Level Detected | Range    |
|------------------------|------------|-------|-------------|------------|------------------------|----------|
| Total Haloacetic Acids | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | n/a         | 50         | 10.2                   | 2.2-17.0 |
| Dibromoacetic Acid     | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | n/a         | n/a        | 0.3                    | 0-1.3    |
| Dichloroacetic Acid    | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | 0           | n/a        | 5.6                    | 2.2-10.0 |
| Trichloroacetic Acid   | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | 300         | n/a        | 4.4                    | 0-7.1    |
| Bromochloroacetic Acid | 3/99-12/99 | ppb   | n/a         | n/a        | 2.3                    | 0-4.4    |

Sum of trichloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, monochloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid. Compliance will be based on total. \* New MCLG effective December 16, 2001.

| Contaminant           | Test Date  | Units | Future MCLG | Future MCL | Average Level Detected | Range   |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|-------------|------------|------------------------|---------|
| Haloacetic Acids      | 7/97-12/98 | ppb   | n/a         | n/a        | 1.2                    | 0.6-2.2 |
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|--------|---|---|
| MCLG   | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal          | The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.  |
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| T      | Treatment Technique                     | A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.   |
| AL     | Action Level                            | The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.                                    |
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## Elementary kids end year with outdoor field day

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Frank a potato sack, a hula hoop, "illy pad rice," whose participants had to cross a designated area with two pieces of carpet and move them from spot to spot.

"You could only step on the carpet to get across, so you have to move the pieces as you go," Smith explained.

Physical education teacher Peggy Whitman said she was glad to see the students enjoying themselves.

"These are all new events this year, so it's good to see the kids are having a lot of fun," she said.

Seven-year-olds Jason Park, Erica Robb, and Michael Michniak said field day has been something they have been looking forward to all year.

"I don't want it to ever end," Michniak said.

With the kids laughing, playing, and cheering their classmates on, the recreational affair was not only a chance for the students to engage in some physical activity, but to bond with their peers.

"It was with all your friends and do the events together is really fun," said second grader Sarah Less.

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## New school construction may see state inspections

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Services [mimalott@hometown.net](mailto:mimalott@hometown.net)

The only places in the state where the construction is not inspected are the ones where we have our children, where our children go to school," said Michigan Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton.

That will likely change now that senators have agreed to require state inspections of school buildings as they are going up, under a bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

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- June 22, "Blackthorn"
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- June 29, "Straight Ahead" Jazz! Their sound ranges comfortably from mainstream jazz, R&B ballads, avant-garde and Brazilian funk. Their performances have included the Montreaux-Switzerland Jazz Festival, where they opened for the legendary Nina Simone; a Grammy-nominated Atlantic Jazz recording artists, and also they performed at Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. "Jazziz" magazine wrote that the band was "...particularly impressive." (Jazziz, August 1997). Awards include The Motor City Music Awards Hall of Fame and Talent Deserving Wilder Recognition (Downbeat Magazine, April 1997). The group has also

played at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival; Jamaica Jazz and Heritage Festival-Montego Bay; and many other performances on TV, radio and club appearances.

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## Bullard is legislator of year

The National Republican Legislators Association has named State Senator Bill Bullard (R-Highland) as its 2000 Legislator of the Year for Michigan.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized for you peers at any level," Bullard said. "But I'm especially pleased that my colleagues at the national level are paying attention to all the good work that both myself and Michigan Republicans are doing."

The association pointed out that they chose Bullard due to the reduction of state income tax rates, the repealing of the single business tax, making schools more accountable for per-pupil funding and the push for a Michigan mandatory seat belt law.

"Michigan families are better off thanks to the hard work we've done in the legislature during the past year," Bullard said.

Bullard will face Oakland County Commission Board Chairman John McCulloch (R-Royal Oak), Edward Hamilton of Troy, R, Iv Patterson of Rochester Hills and John Levin of Bloomfield Hills for a race to the Oakland County Drain Commission.

Bullard is in his second term as state senator and is looking to replace Gerald Kulin, drain commissioner for the past 28 years.



## Library Briefs

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft is closed on Sundays during the summer.

For more information, call 349-0720.

**READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD**  
Storytime for children ages 4 to 7 will be held Thursday, June 29; storytime for 2- and 3-year-olds will be held Friday, June 30. Each 30 minute session starts at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

**MEHNDI MANIA**  
Try a temporary Mehndi style "tattoo" and learn about the ancient traditions of mehndi (body painting) with Colleen Flannery on Thursday, June 29 at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 project fee; please register in advance at the "Reading Is Far Out" table in the library.

**MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT**  
Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek will present two shows on Wednesday, June 28.

The free 45-minute program will be held at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Children ages 4 and older are welcome; no registration is necessary.

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Orchard Hills student Marie Ross leaps over a series of hurdles during the school's field day activities at Maybury State Park.

## Elementary kids end year with outdoor field day

Favorite. First graders Courtney Smith, Ricky Cross and Michelle Croad said they really enjoyed the "lily pad race," where participants had to cross a designated area with two pieces of carpet and move them from spot to spot.

"You could only step on the carpet to get across, so you have to move the pieces as you go," Smith explained.

Physical education teacher Peggy Whitman said she was glad to see the students enjoying themselves.

"These are all new events this year, so it's good to see the kids are having a lot of fun," she said.

Seven-year-olds Jason Park, Erica Robb, and Michael Michniak said field day has been something they have been looking forward to all year.

"I don't want it to ever end," Michniak said.

With the kids laughing, playing, and cheering their classmates on, the recreational affair was not only a chance for the students to engage in some physical activity, but to bond with their peers.

"To be with all your friends and do the events together is really fun," said second grader Sarah Less.

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## New school construction may see state inspections

By MIKE MALOTT  
HomeTown News Service  
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The only places in the state where the construction is not inspected are the ones where we have our children, where our children go to school," said Michigan Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton.

That will likely change now that senators have agreed to require state inspections of school buildings as they are going up under a bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

Dingell, a long time advocate of such inspections, threw his support behind Rogers for the bill, arguing it was functionally identical to one he'd offered earlier. Rogers, however, would disagree with that assessment. Press Secretary Sylvia Warner argued there are significant differences between the two bills. Rogers' version keeps the inspectors within the school code. Putting the inspections in the hands of local building inspectors, as Dingell proposed, might have posed some unanticipated problems, she said.

In any case, with the senate voting approval, the bill is likely to pass in the fall.

Typically, school buildings exceed public building codes, but inspections are not required during construction and that is cause for concern, Rogers said. Tragically, this oversight already has resulted in the death of several workers who were building an auditorium in the Genesee County community in 1989.

Four workers were killed and two injured when a wall collapsed at a school construction site. Although

## Young writers honored for pen power

Novi Middle School students are giving the district bragging "writings" when it comes to education.

Recently, four out of ten Michigan eighth grade students recently honored for demonstrating exceptional writing ability were products of the Novi school system.

Eighth graders Bella Febelbaum, Jessica Harbin, Lydia Katsambaris, and Neil Rao each received

a certificate of recognition for their outstanding ability to turn a phrase.

As part of the 2000 Promising Young Writers Program, this was sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Out of the 1,051 eighth grade students in the United States, Canada, and American Schools abroad who participated in the program, only 291 received this honor.

Teachers of eighth grade English/Language Arts nominate students to take part in this annual program. The students write impromptu essays and submit a sample of their best work. Judging is carried out by teams of teachers at the state level and they judge papers based on content, purpose, audience, tone, word choice, organization, development and style.

NCTE, with 77,000 individual

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## Two council members question SAD agreement

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the city," DeRoche said. "I can't believe they do not want this done."  
Lorenzo said that she was "gushy" and "was never in support of this project." She said she thought commercial zoning was the way to go. She thought it would be better as OST Lorenzo said, referring to the past office zoning of the site west of West Oaks Shopping Center.

an entertainment complex that is expected to be completed in the fall of 2001. The improvements to the road are part of the entire construction package, according to PLC President and CEO Michael Lutton.  
PLC hopes to begin the road portion of the project later this year. Construction of the building site is already under way, according to Lutton.

City Manager Richard Helwig said that "under other circumstances," the city would be responsible for these public road improvements.  
"What is happening here is we have a private agent that is going to do all of that for us and bring all the benefits including being the bank and funding it," Helwig said.  
A road bond package voted by voters in November 1999 included public funding for upgrades to Twelve Mile near Fountain Walk.

"Everything you see happening they (PLC) will be funding. They will draw down from the bond sale as they do the work and we will only reimburse them as they do the work," Helwig said.  
"Then after the project is done, the city will have \$16 million of public improvements. That includes Twelve Mile road widening, utility upgrades, and boulevarding the intersection at Novi Road running east," Helwig said.  
The project will include improvements along Novi Road south to the I-96 freeway.  
"We will have all this done with-

"We're not entering into a contract like what was done with the Sandstone project."

Dennis Watson, City attorney

out having taxed anyone for it. Without having any of the risk of managing these contracts," Helwig said.  
"It will be a 15-year bond venture with the private sector assuming the risk. The city does place full faith and credit behind the special assessment district."  
Lorenzo said that she did not want to see another Sandstone project in the city. She was referring to a contract between the developer of that project and the city, which led to the building of an extension of Decker Road.  
Last year, Oakland County Circuit Judge Barry Howard ruled that the city breached their contract with Sandstone Associates and awarded Sandstone \$40 million after the city failed to complete the Decker Road expansion within

a two-year span. That road was a \$3 million SAD. The ruling is under appeal.  
"If the project succeeds and the economy stays solid (okay) but if things turn and this project doesn't succeed and is not built, then where are you? You hate to have a negative attitude, but it's something the city has to look at," Lorenzo said.  
The value of the Fountain Walk property is listed as over \$200,000 an acre. With 70 acres there, should be enough to pay off the debt if the project does not succeed, Helwig said.  
"By the time we sell the bonds this fall (PLC) would already have made \$13 million in improvements to the property," Helwig added.  
"The coverage is very, very positive."

City Attorney Dennis Watson said the Sandstone contract is different from the city's agreement for Fountain Walk.  
"The essential difference between this and Sandstone is that this is not a contract SAD," said Dennis Watson. "This contract isn't for the special assessment. This is an agreement to hire PLC to construct those improvements. They are acting like the contractor for the project."  
"We're not entering into a contract like what was done with the Sandstone project."

Council Member Michelle Bononi agreed with Lorenzo, noting that the money for the project could be better utilized in other areas.  
"After giving this matter a lot of scrutiny and a lot of attention and looking at it as a planner, I did not feel at the outset that this project was good for the city of Novi," Bononi said.  
"I believe all of the time pursuing this partnership, SAD or no SAD, our resources could have been used in a much more constructive way considering the problems and challenges the city has before it."

shocked at the reaction Bononi and Lorenzo had to the project.  
"I find it shocking that an \$18-million road problem without taxpayer money would be rejected by a council member," DeRoche said.  
"I'm shocked that a council member would be so far out of step. I can't believe anyone would reject \$18 million."

Mayor Dick Clark reiterated that the city must increase its tax base, and that the PLC project and the infrastructure improvements are something Novi needs.  
"This property has had a long and involved history and there are legitimate concerns and I can't appreciate that," Clark said.  
"But if someone is willing to risk almost \$130 million of their own money, and they have a track record, I think we should assume that they know what they are doing and they are going to do it right. Because if they don't, they won't get a return on their investment."

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## Relay For Life fights cancer, celebrates those who survived

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some around them.

After undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, Galecka went into remission, but four months later had to undergo a bone marrow transplant at the University of Michigan.  
"That was five years ago," she said. "And I have been healthy ever since. They say once you hit the five-year mark, it's considered a cure."  
Even though Galecka said she would never wish cancer on anyone, the disease has, in a way, been a benediction.  
"It's almost a blessing because it brings people together and gives you a whole different perspective on life," she said.  
"The big thing is that people need to know that you are a cancer survivor from the day of diagnosis. Anyone at all who has been touched by cancer is a cancer survivor."

Relay For Life provides awareness for the many programs and services the American Cancer Society offers throughout Southeast Michigan and it lets people know that we are here to provide hope, progress and answers in the fight against cancer," Iovan said.  
"This year there will be nearly 20 Relay For Life events held in southeastern Michigan, with the goal of raising \$1 million for cancer research, local education and community outreach programs. The community of Novi, according to

the American Cancer Society, is projected to raise nearly \$30,000 for Relay For Life.  
So far, local teams that have already been organized include Galecka's middle school team, along with other Novi schools, the City of Novi, Holy Cross Church, and individual teams as well.  
Cancer is so widespread, that there are few people who don't know someone who has had the disease, whether it's a family member or a friend, Galecka said.  
"Cancer touches so many people's lives and that is what this relay is all about," she said.  
"Certainly one of the goals is to raise money for cancer research and to support the American Cancer Society in providing programs for people going through cancer, but the other is community awareness, to recognize that we're all in this together and that this is one concrete thing that we can do to help."

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Expect action on this action center, soon.  
"We are under construction, Clark Construction is the contractor. We are completing with a whole list of agencies and things we have to do," Lutton said.

PLC Novi West is a subsidiary of PLC Commercial, a real estate developer of mixed-use projects throughout the United States. PLC Commercial headquarters is located in Newport Beach, Calif.

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## Waiting for bus a new experience

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computer program and said they liked all the toys and fun things to play with.

"I think kindergarten will be fun," said Rashi. "I just hope Rasey and I will get to be in the same class."

Before heading to their big finale, the bus ride, the students each made cute little caterpillar hats to tie in with the story they heard.

Naval Shah, 4, said she thinks kindergarten is great and is looking forward to it next year.  
"I like listening to stories and having play time the best," she said.

As the orientation day came to a close, the kindergartners piled off the bus into the arms of their awaiting parents.  
"I want to go (on the bus) again!" exclaimed Donald.

Looks like he'll have to wait until next year.  
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## Power out on Tuesday

The Novi Fire Department reported that at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, a commercial truck struck a Detroit Edison pole located in the vicinity of Donelson Drive and Twelve Mile Road, knocking out power to a wide section of the city.

According to Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan, the department got a call at 7:57 a.m. The area was secured and the Detroit Edison took over the repair at 8:50 a.m. All power was restored by 10:30 a.m.

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"In bringing these new stores to the center, we are trying to provide our customers with the variety of services and merchandise that meet their needs," said Peggy Hayes, marketing director of Twelve Oaks.

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## City worker to appeal investigation

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recommendation from his doctor. A grievance has been filed on his behalf by his union, the State, County and Municipal Workers Local 214.

Novi Director of Human Resources Tia Gronlund-Fox said because Rosinski's workmen's compensation claim was denied, his accumulated vacation time would be used to repay the city.

"He (accumulated) vacation time and he reimburses the city with that, unless he can appeal," Gronlund-Fox said.

According to Gronlund-Fox, the city's insurance company did take three and a half months to process the claim.

"It probably took longer than it should have," said Gronlund-Fox. "But the workmen's compensation claim is being handled by the insurance company (Meadowbrook Claims). It is not the city's fault the workmen's claim took so long."

Rosinski was checked for stress-related health problems by both his own doctor and one provided by the city.

Agent for Teamsters Local 214 Jim Markley said that there should have been a third doctor selected to look at Rosinski. Markley also said that the city should not be allowed to take vacation time built up by Rosinski to make up for back pay the city claims he owes.

"We're still hoping that the city will wake up and see that this is stress-related," Markley said. "They do not have right to take anything. We'll wait for the appeal."

Rosinski said that the city wanted him to their doctor, who issued a report saying that Rosinski's stress was not work-related. But Rosinski says he already gave Gronlund-Fox a written evaluation from his own physician saying that the stress was work-related.

"I gave her that on March 28," said Rosinski. "They just seemed to ignore it."

Gronlund-Fox said that they "might" have a copy of the evaluation somewhere in a folder.

Gronlund-Fox said Rosinski was suspended pending a investigation of the incidents at the DPW building, including a statement he made to his supervisor.

But Rosinski said he was suspended because of his part in the investigation that ended with the city admitting last October to dumping untreated sewage behind the DPW building last October. The Department of Environmental Quality ordered the city to clean up the site.

"We found that there was inappropriate behavior on both sides, of DPW workers and Mr. Rosinski," Gronlund-Fox said. "I talked to several employees."

Gronlund-Fox said she was not sure what action would be taken on behalf of the city, but that the incident was still under investigation.

Last March, DPW Supervisor Rick White said that he had not reported any occurrences of harassment of Rosinski to his superiors at city hall because he didn't personally hear any or see any in the DPW building.

White said that he would not report anything that he didn't see himself. White did say he saw Rosinski's name tag dumped into a urinal, though he did not know who did this.

Rosinski said that he has been continuously harassed and threatened with bodily harm and called a "spy" for leaking news of the illegal dumping. Rosinski said fellow workers told him it was his fault that Water and Sewer Superintendent Bruce Jerome took the "heat" for the incident.

"They were looking for a scapegoat and they still are," Rosinski said.

Jerome was suspended by the city during the investigation of the dumping, then reinstated.

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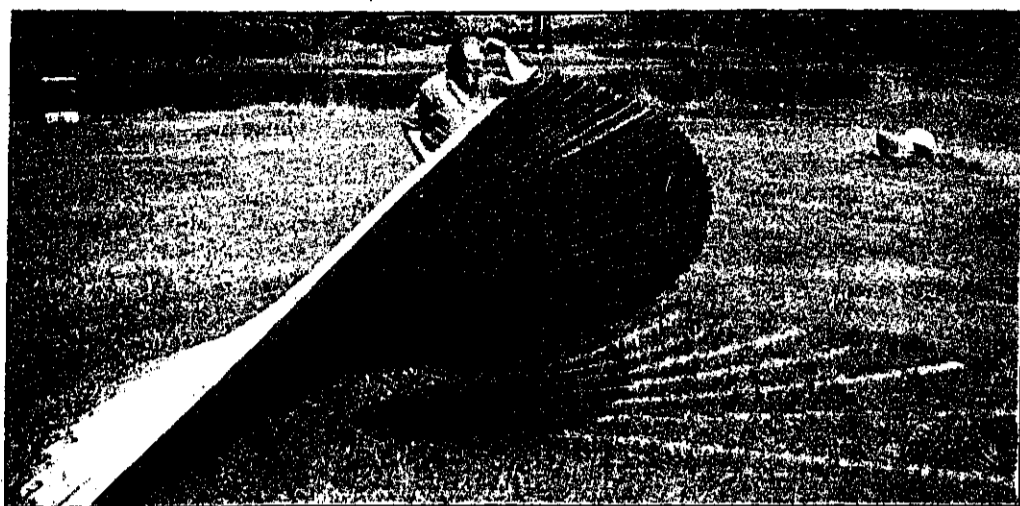
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David Barr stands next to his wooden sculpture called "Whirlwind."

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## Internationally known artist creates designs from Novi

By JAN JEFFRES  
Editor

David Barr, Novi's most renowned artist, has his sculptures on display in Brussels, Tel Aviv, Los Angeles - even the four corners of the earth.

But not publicly in his hometown of over 20 years.

"I have proposed things. I had a thing I thought was pretty nice, but nothing happened," Barr said, who recently returned from a trip to Italy.

"It was kind of discouraging. I've done things all over the world, but not here."

All over the world, literally, to places so far flung most Americans would be hard put to find them on the map.

In 1977, Barr launched Four Corners, a nine-year project without funding or grants. His aim was to bury four marble tetrahedrons (four-sided triangles) to form a 6.464 mile long tetrahedron spanning the globe. After persuading the locals at

"In our own culture, it's where is the money, what's the point of it, justify it."

David Barr  
Novi Sculpturist  
on how Americans  
interpret art

than what is readily visible.

Barr said he is inspired by Minnesota artist Charles Blederman, a structuralist, who developed the theory in the 1950s that America's heartland, where nature and industry intersect, would be the cradle of new art.

While Barr's success makes him far from a starving artist - he has collections in major museums in Fort Lauderdale, Portland, and Tel Aviv, as well as the Detroit Institute of Arts - he concedes that not all Americans get modern art. Yet his sojourns in cultures less plugged into technology have shown him that modern art travels well.

"They always understand it. It's here people don't understand it. People there understand the

power of metaphors and symbols. They live their lives by them," Barr said.

"In our own culture, it's where is the money, what's the point of it, justify it."

Another major sculpture, the Arctic Arc Peace Project, is installed on both sides of the Bering Straits, in

Alaska, and in what was then the Soviet Union. Barr had to brave both the notorious Soviet bureaucracy in the days before Siberia became a tourist destination and in Alaska, where he went door-to-door to win the favor of the local Eskimos.

His SunSweep, a series of stone monuments, outlines the U.S./Canada border. Still, there are no works by Barr inside the boundaries of Novi and outside of the limits of his own west side property.

Back in the 1980s, Barr hoped to put his mark on the city's public space. He made a model of a design resembling Roman ruins from most directions and, from

one angle, the sculpture spelled out Novi. For a time, this was on display at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, but Barr said he doesn't know what happened to the mock-up.

"They talk about doing a (Novi Town Center) fountain," he said. "Nothing ever happened. I don't know why. I would have tried to keep the budget down to have something in my own community."

"I can imagine the scenario. 'He can't be any good if he's local. Everyone is local somewhere.'"

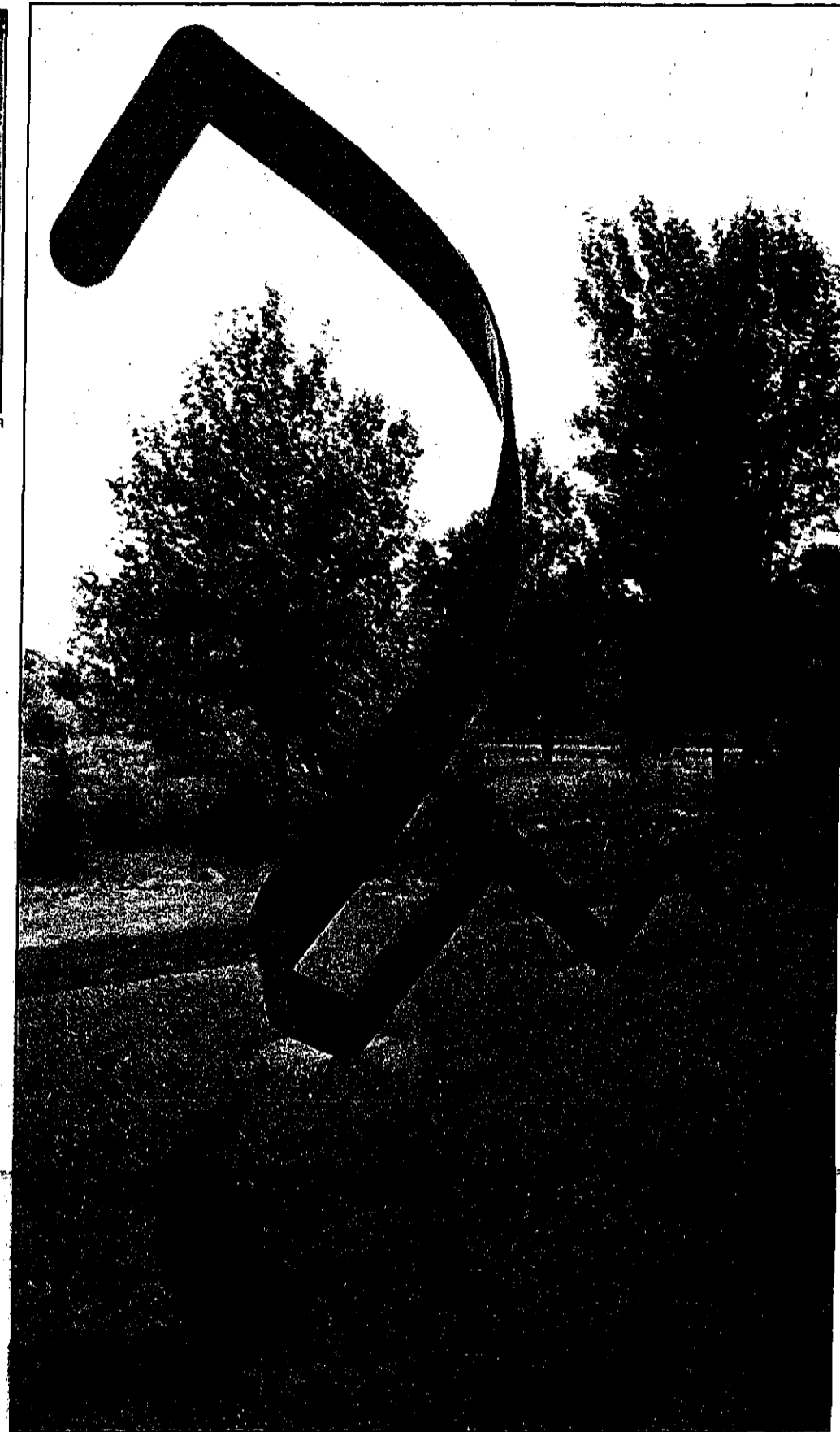
That doesn't mean you can't see David Barr's art in Novi, but just a glimpse as you drive past his Napier Road home and studio. His glorious four-acre spread features a sculpture garden that is usually not open to the public. Barr built a pond and planted trees and art on the former cornfield, using it as a testing site for his sculptures and a place to display his work to potential patrons. Former mayor Kathleen McLallen, when she wanted to show off Novi to visiting dignitaries, often led tours of Barr's backyard.

To save money, Barr built his house himself in 1977, from a design by his friend, Chicago architect Laurence Booth. It's based on the Italian Palladian villa style, with an exterior clad in stucco and a red tile roof.

Recently, the Detroit-based American Institute of Architects-Michigan made Barr an honorary affiliate member. In recognizing Barr, the AIA noted that not only have his sculptures been a part of large architectural commissions, but his house has won a distinguished building award from the Chicago Chapter-AIA and has been featured in "Global Architecture," "House and Garden" and "Architectural Record."

Inside, he and his wife Beth have furnished their home with Barr's artwork, as well as the wooden furniture he makes, paintings by friends, African sculptures and Oriental rugs.

Outside, he's found fellow residents of Napier Road are "nice



David Barr's sculpture "Isiah" rests on his Novi property. The metal sculpture, named after professional basketball player Isiah Thomas, traces the path of a ball being dribbled then shot at a hoop.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

neighbors, people who are understanding if someone puts up a sculpture."

What Barr's put up on his property includes Isalah, a red metal sculpture that depicts the movement of a basketball being dribbled, then dunked. Barr, a Pistons fan, coaxed Isalah Thomas into leaving his hand print on the artwork.

Another piece, "Voice," a stone

sculpture imprisoned in steel, is a tribute to Soviet dissident poet Irina Ratushinskaya, who wrote her poems on soap while in prison.

"It just moved me, what an artist would do to overcome her surroundings," Barr said.

Currently, he is absorbed in creating works from stone as a salute to the power of women. Three, one with a fountain, are installed to the side of his home. Barr said he is inspired by prehistoric Venus figures.

"I think prehistoric art was a real honest response to the world," he said.

"People were trying to figure out the forces of the world beyond them, not trying to make a product and sell it to art collectors, but something personal and basic."

Barr carves marble at a studio in Vermont; his big steel pieces are created at a fabricating workshop in Southfield. Models and smaller pieces are made in one of two studios the artist has at his Novi residence.

Born in Detroit, Barr grew up on the east side and headed west because he wanted to live in the country. Unlike many other local artists, he didn't feel the need to flee to New York or the West Coast.

"I love Michigan. I've lived between Eight and Ten Mile roads all my life. I'm going further west all the time. The cemetery where I'll end up must be west of here," Barr said.

Barr has both a bachelor's and master's in Fine Arts from Wayne State University. Since 1965, he has been a professor of art at Macomb Community College.

An engineering student at Wayne State University in the 1950s, Barr paid a random trip to the art building, signed up for a class and found his future.

"Most artists get into things backwards. Very few people in middle-class America think in terms of being an artist," Barr

said. "They think of being practical. People who are poets and artists come to it by some circular start."

While visitors flocked to the DIA for the Van Gogh exhibit, the challenge for an artist today, as Barr sees it, is bringing people back to an appreciation of contemporary art in public spaces.

"We live in the most prosperous time and the most prosperous country in history. In public art, we're not very challenging. There's a deep suspicion, if not hostility," Barr said. "You go into a tribal village and there's more art per person than we have."

He is one of the founders of the Michigan Legacy Art Park, 30 acres of art in the woods at Crystal Mountain, near Interlochen. Barr conceived the park as an alternative to traditional museums and galleries. Artworks by various state artists portray elements of Michigan's prehistoric, Native American, and pioneer history.

In the Information Age, there is a worldwide shared culture of kids and pop music, Barr said, "but it isn't one that pushes you spiritually or intellectually." Not everyone will like all art, but that's what democracy is about, he added.

Now that Novi is coming of age as a city, is there room here for art? Barr believes there is.

"I think people are going to have to think bigger than themselves, think about what the community expresses to the world. If you're proud of your community, you would want to show it - we're enlightened here," Barr said.

"It's all about having vision and having dreams and acting on those dreams. And a dream is inclusive, you have to come towards it."

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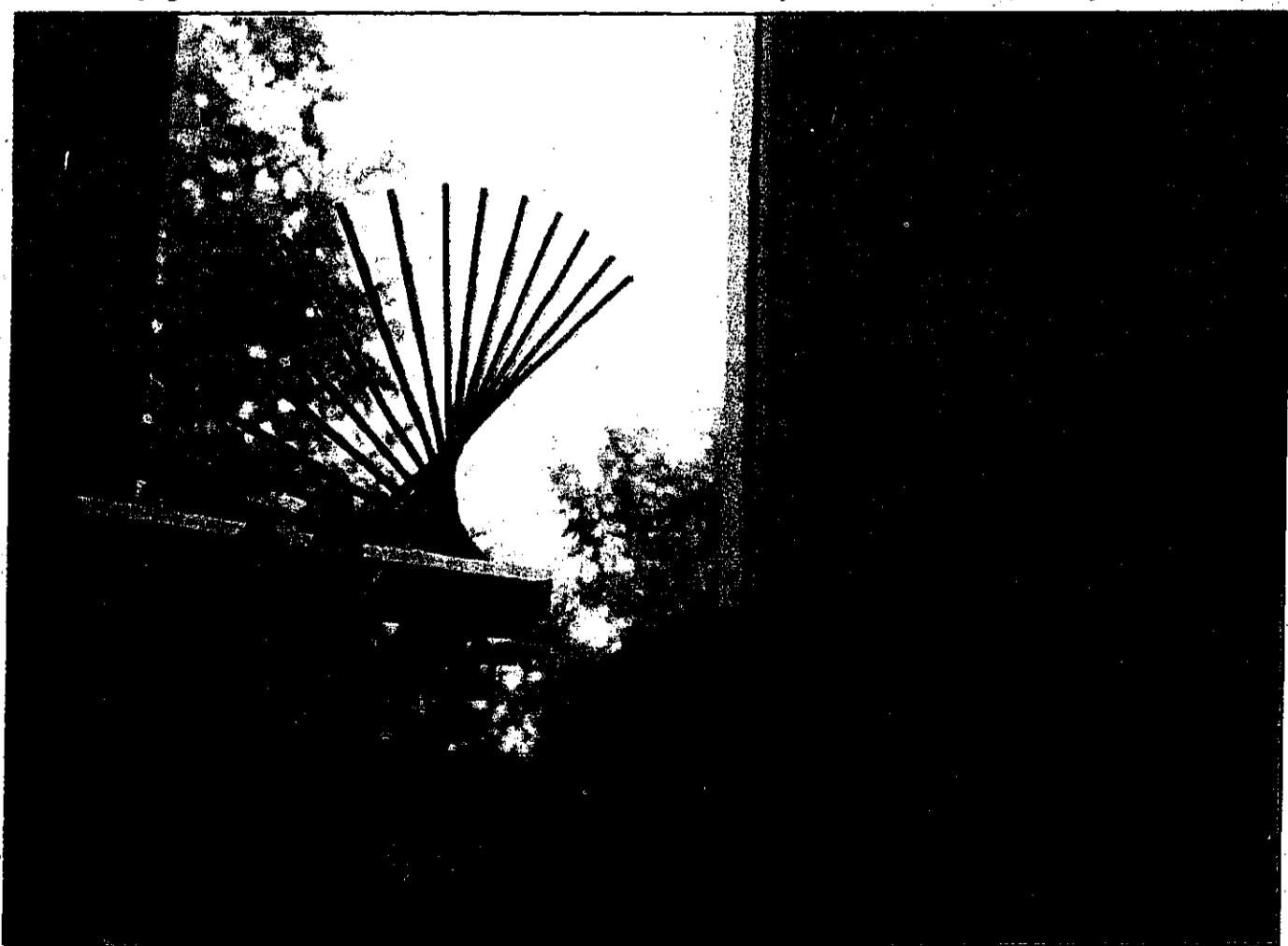


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Artist David Barr studies a colorful model in his Novi home studio. The geometric shape may eventually make its way to being a real sculpture.





# Movies

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## Small time crooks makes for medium laughs

**Small Time Crooks**  
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By Ken Marten  
STAFF WRITER

Crime doesn't pay, except in occasional Woody Allen films. In *Small Time Crooks*, Academy Award winner Allen (*Annie Hall*, *Mighty Aphrodite*) plays Ray Winkler, a reformed petty criminal who is frustrated with the straight, clean lifestyle. By enlisting the help of his wife, Frenchie, played by Tracey Ullman, (*Bullets Over Broadway*, *I Love You to Death*) and three equally clumsy crooks, Ray "masterminds" a scheme to buy a pizzeria and then tunnel into the vault of a nearby bank. While Frenchie turns the pizzeria into a cookie store that gets rave reviews and media hype, Ray and his fellow klutzes botch the bank job.

No matter, Sunset Cookies grows into Sunset Farms, the fastest growing cookie company in

the industry. The team of thieves, all company vice presidents, get rich.

Things are great with husband and wife until Frenchie decides to mingle with Manhattan millionaires and discovers that she's as refined as crude oil. She employs David, an English art dealer played by Hugh Grant, (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Mickey Blue Eyes*) to culture her. Frenchie wants to know about Monet and gourmet; Ray is happy with watching television and eating cheeseburgers.

The crux of *Small Time Crooks* is the rollercoaster relationship between Ray and Frenchie, and the comedy that generates from it. Their marriage, and the film, is hinged on a string of unrelated thefts.

While the film is still funny, the standard Woody Allen film character—insecure, neurotic, nebbish—is wearing thin after 35 years. He may be able to squeeze out one or two more movies before the public finally tires of the same-

old same-old. Allen may be aware of this, and that might explain why other actors with quirky, off-beat comedy styles are finding themselves in his films. Hence the presence of the Elaine May (*California Suite*, *In the Spirit*) as May, Frenchie's mighty cousin. Better known today for her screenwriting and directing rather than acting, May's appearance is refreshing. And speaking of thievery, she steals every scene she is in.

Ullman and Grant, masters of versatility, are both very good and offer their own brand of comic delivery. Grant's character, conniving and dastardly, is reminiscent of the film personality perfected by George Sanders in numerous Hollywood productions.

Even Saturday Night Live alumni Jon Lovitz (*City Slickers II*, *High School High*) makes a worthy appearance as one of Allen's bumbling accomplices. He seems to have had an epiphany: no silly voices, no inane slapstick. Lovitz is really acting in this picture. The wittiest scene in *Small Time*

*Crooks* is the news documentary about the success of the Sunset Farms cookie empire in which the criminals-turned-corporate officers are all interviewed. It's a throw-back to Allen's segments on the early 70s Saturday morning kids' show, "Hotdog," with bizarre answers and outlandish explanations to simple questions. It could easily stand alone as a comedy short, or be expanded.

Sadly, many filmgoers can't seem to separate actors' personal lives from their on-screen characters. Allen's scandalous affair with ex-partner Mia Farrow's adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, has hurt his reputation since it became public in 1992. Every Allen film since has had a millstone around its neck. Thus, *Small Time Crooks* may not receive its proper, Allen may not be a model citizen, but he does make funny films.

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## Elaine May: comic genius

By Ken Marten  
STAFF WRITER

Co-starring in *Small Time Crooks* is unsung actress, director and screenwriter Elaine May as Tracey Ullman's flaky and flighty cousin.

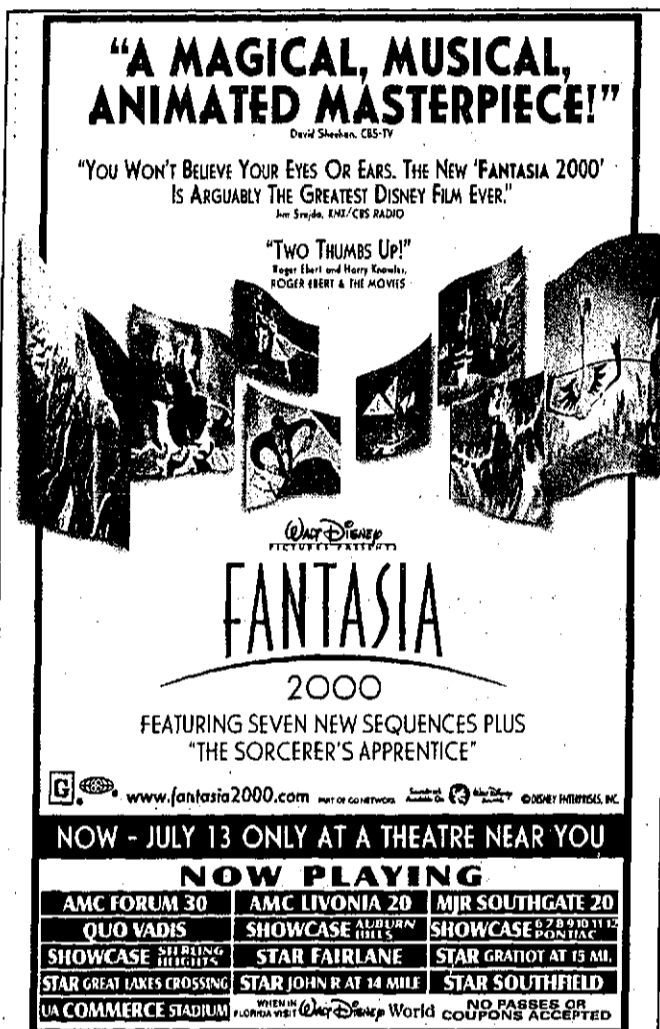
The public is more familiar with her off-screen work rather than with her film roles. May's screenwriting credits include *Heaven Can Wait*, which earned her and co-writer Warren Beatty an Oscar nomination in 1978. *Mike and Nicky*, *Tootsie*, *The Bird Cage*, and most recently, *Primary Colors*. Her directorial efforts include *A New Leaf*, *The Heartbreak Kid*, and the dismal *Ishtar*.

May, age 68, began acting as a child, appearing onstage with her father, Jack Berlin. In her

early 20s, she studied method acting from actress Maria Ouspenskaya, whose most famous role was that of the Gypsy fortuneteller in *The Wolf Man*, shot in 1941. May moved to Chicago, attended college, and met actor Mike Nichols. Together, they formed one of the best satire comedy teams in recent entertainment memory. Their aptly named 1960 Broadway revue, "An Evening With Mike Nichols and Elaine May," was a terrific success. The team split the following year, finally collaborating again 35 years later with *The Bird Cage*, which Nichols directed.

May's daughter, Jeannie Berlin, starred in 1975's *The Heartbreak Kid*, and was nominated for an Academy Award for best supporting actress.

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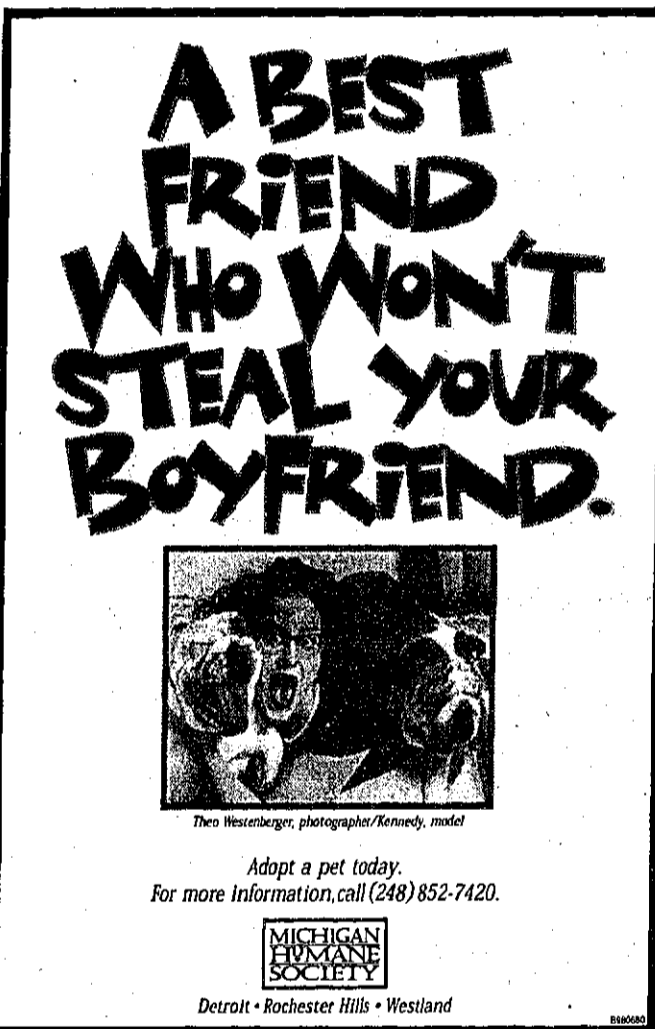
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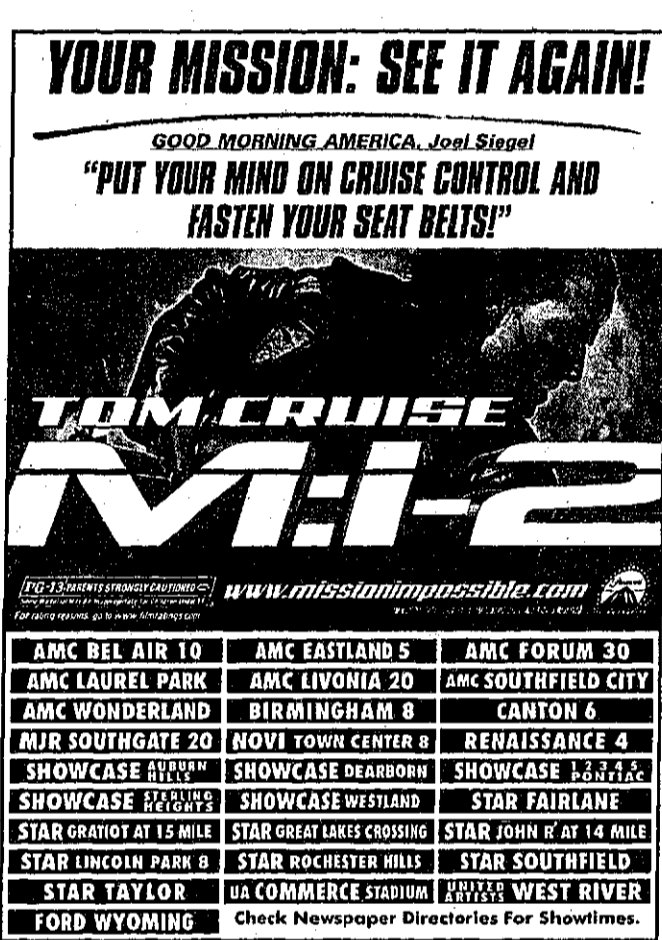
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## ALL-AREA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

## Goto, Toloff top our list

Not only did the Kensington Valley Conference produce some great individuals, but the teams that came out of the conference this year proved they could compete with anyone.

Novi showed that after knocking off three-time defending league champion Milford and winning their first KVC crown in nearly 10 years. The Wildcats went on to take third place at the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association state meet.

Individually, the league and area, had a plethora of top-notch talent. Leading the charge was Milford's Tom Greenless and Novi's Chris Toloff.

Greenless accomplished something no one else in the area could touch. The senior won the Class-A state title in the 800-meter run. He also took home three KVC titles among his other accomplishments.

Toloff's time of 4:10.7 in the mile run at the state meet was the third-fastest in state history and placed him second to national champion Dalhan Ritzenheim of Rockford. He also ran a career-best 9:15.3 in the two mile for a sixth-place finish.

Here is a list of the area's best times, distances and heights for 2000.

**Kyle Kollar, Milford**  
Discus (150-9)

Not surprisingly, Kollar was a state qualifier in the discus. He was also the KVC champion with a throw of 143'8".

**Justin Sterett, Novi**  
Long Jump (20-6 1/2)

Any one of three Wildcats could lead the team in any particular meet, but it was Sterett who cleared an area-best 20-6 1/2 at the Novi Relays back in mid April.

**Alex Haines, Northville**  
**Justin Morris, Northville**  
**John Tuttle, Milford**  
High Jump (6-4)

Haines and Morris provided the Mustangs with an almost-sure eight points each time out. Both cleared their best early on in the season, but Haines was the team's representative at the state meet after clearing 6-3 at regionals.

Tuttle cleared 6'4" in Milford's first dual meet of the season, against South Lyon.

**Kyle Kollar, Milford**

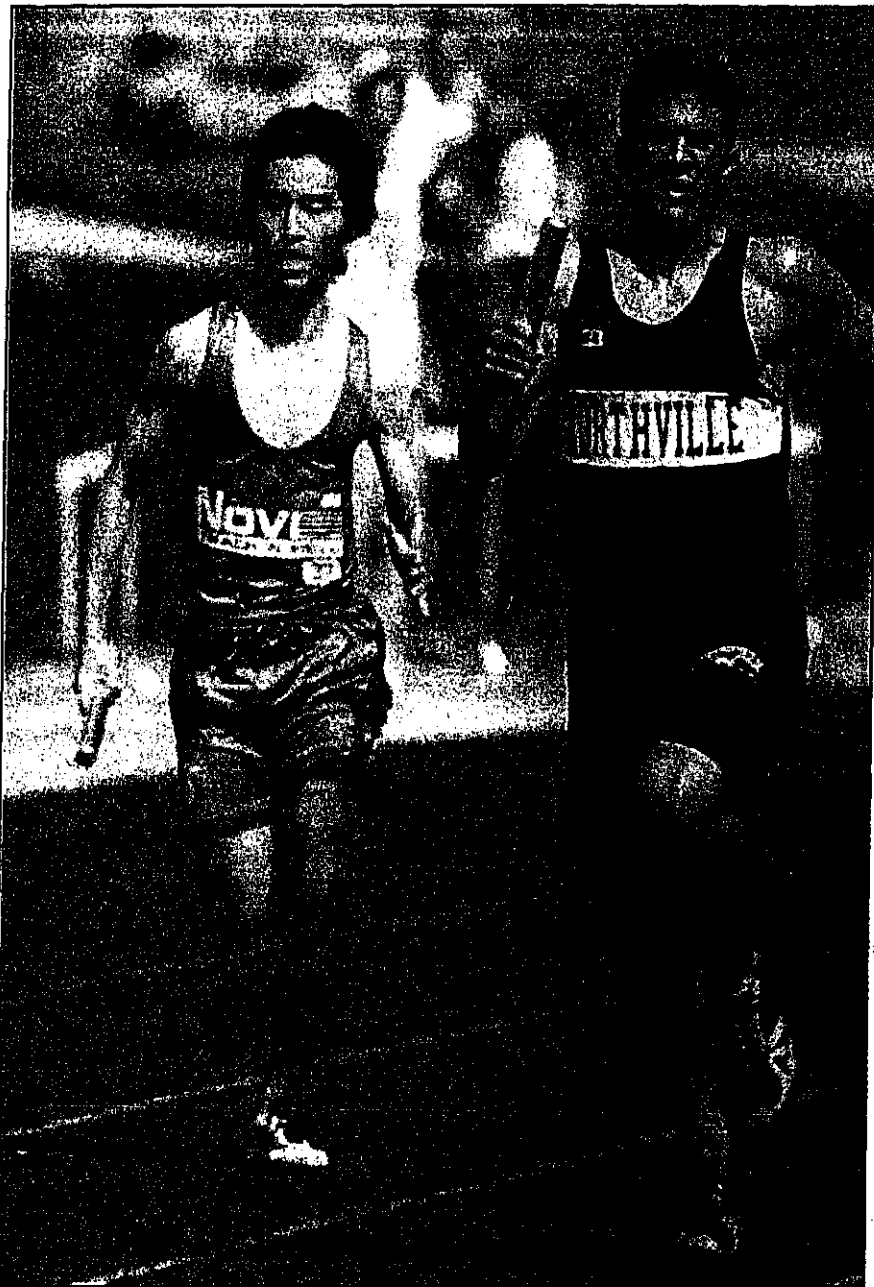


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Continued on 2. Yasuaki Goto (left) and Brandon Langston were the area's fastest in 2000.

## Rzepka tops area vaulters

Are the following number impressive? You ain't seen nothing yet. It's a good thing these girls can run so well, because many of them aren't old enough to drive. In the individual events, seven of our all-area honorees were ninth-graders. Freshmen Kate Maxwell of Lakeland and Katie Kramer of Milford both set school records. So did Milford's Connie Mallinson, but that's old news — she's a sophomore. Twin sisters Andrea and Jacquelyn Gaudreau from South Lyon were a revelation in the sprints, and were part of the school-record setting 400-meter relay team.

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**Jamie Kuzdek, South Lyon**  
Discus (127-0)

A repeat selection to the all-area team, Kuzdek made this throw — as usual, breaking her own school record — in the Meet of Champions, which prepares athletes for the state finals. At the Class A championships in Rockford, Kuzdek placed sixth. She was also the KVC titleist and second at the Oakland County meet.

**Kate Maxwell, Lakeland**  
Long Jump (16-5 1/4)

Maxwell set this mark in the dual season. She didn't break 16 feet again, but was good enough to place second at the regional (15'8 1/4") and fourth at the KVC meet (15'6").

**Mary McDougal, Novi**  
High Jump (5-2)

McDougal set her best mark early in the season, and was a mainstay in the event all year long for her team. Her best leap of 5-2 came against Lakeland, but was just one of a few 5-foot jumps she cleared this season.

**Stephanie Pridmore, Novi**  
Shot Put (35-6)

Unlike most throwers, Pridmore reached her peak (35-6) early on in the season. She then had a top-three finish at the league meet and won the regional title with a throw of 33-11.

**Mickie Rzepka, Novi**  
Pole Vault (10-0)

Over the past three seasons, Rzepka has been one of, if not the league's best, sprinter, winning KVC titles in both the 100 and 200. But she's found a home with pole vaulting, so much so that she reached 10 feet twice this season, the second time helping her to a fifth-place finish at the Class A state meet.

**Milford's 3,200 relay team**  
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Milford went into the regional figuring it had no shot of beating

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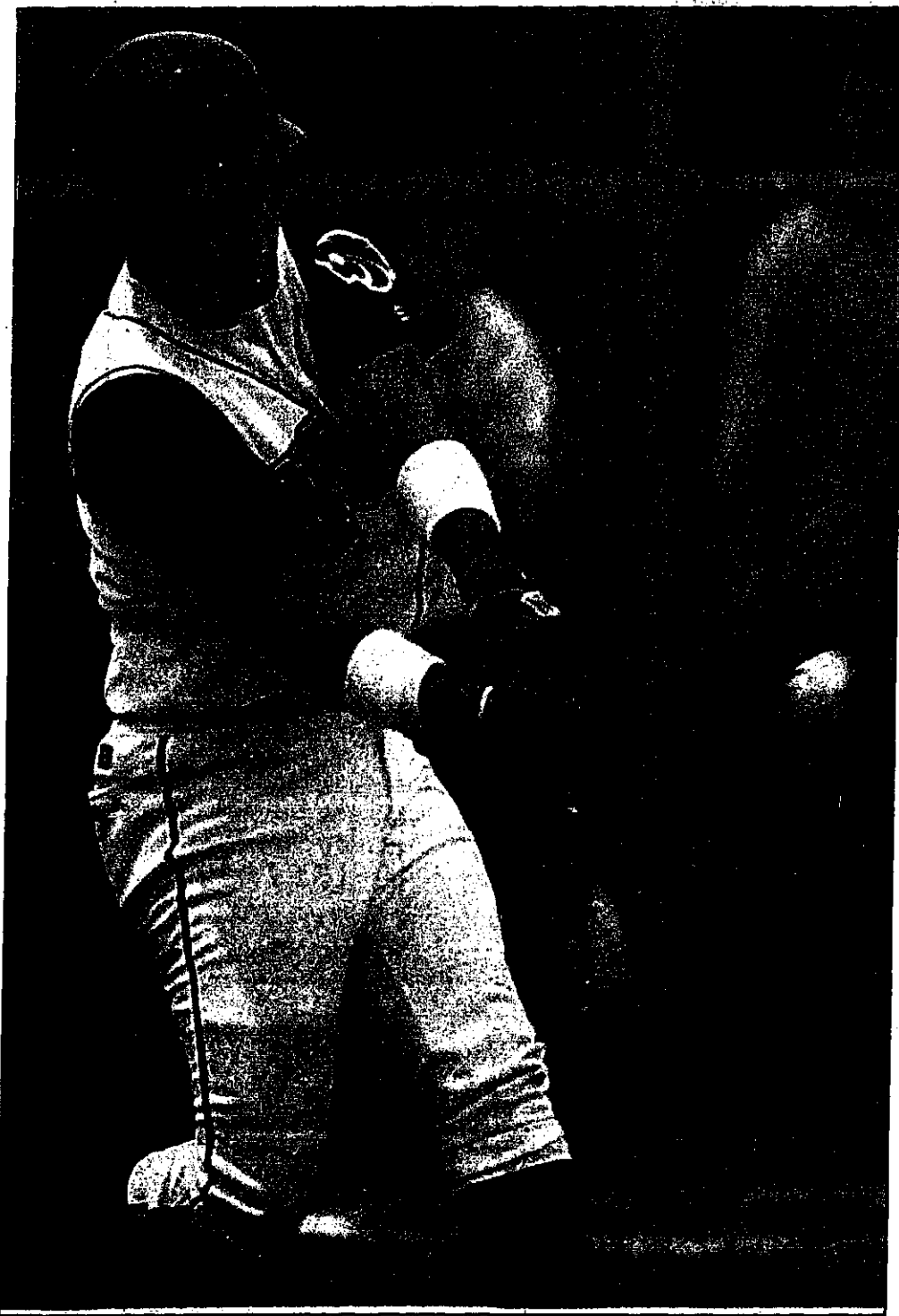


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Senior Brendan Hadley finished with what will be the state record for career batting average (.540).

## The numbers don't lie

## Hadley, Rowe take aim at state record books

By DAN KITTLE  
Special Writer

He already had one of the sweetest swings the state has ever seen. He already had an incredible eye at the plate; he already had one of the most fiery, competitive spirits ever seen; and he could already pound the ball with so much authority that the earth would shake. On top of that, he even had the biggest, toughest goatee in the state.

Now, Brendan Hadley also owns a prestigious state record. This past season, Hadley's .546 batting average vaulted his career mark to a scorching .540, giving him the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) record for career batting average. He surpassed Brighton's Drew Henson, one of the state's best ballplayers ever, who hit .527 in four years as a Bulldog.

"I just think the world of Brendan's hitting ability," said coach Rick Green. "He's one of the best hitters I've ever seen, especially at this level. I'm thrilled for him. It doesn't surprise me at all. His concentration is second to none."

The graduating senior led the Wildcats this season with 12 home runs and 41 RBI, while scoring 46 runs and stealing five bases. His .707 on-base percentage and .990 slugging percentage were two astounding figures as well.

## More Wildcats in the record books

With probably the best season Novi baseball has ever posted, the Wildcats claimed a few more spots in the state record books.

Jon Cervi's sizzling .504 career batting average placed him at fourth on the all-time list, while his 65 hits this season placed him in a tie for 12th in the books. The senior hit .489 this year with 19 extra-base hits, 57 runs scored, and a .625 on-base percentage. He also posted a slugging percentage of .767 and swiped ten bases.

A.J. Rowe fell one shutout short of the single season record, tossing six complete-game gems this year. His incredible 0.49 ERA would also place him second on the all-time list, but he fell three innings short of the minimum amount. His 20-strikeout performance against Brighton was also one away from a state record. He finished the year with 109 strikeouts (13.4 per game) and a record of 10-0, managing to hold opposing hitters to a .125 batting average.

Hadley's 30 home runs also tied him for fourth on the career list, while his 12 home runs this year tied him for 22nd. He also drew 75 walks, tying him for 10th all-time.

All the other seniors on the team contributed to the phenomenal season as well. Mitch Maier hit .375 with 19 extra-base hits, while driving in 32

runs. His solid defensive efforts were also a big part of the team's success.

Justin Shaw hit .344 with six home runs and 23 runs driven in. On the mound, the right hander posted a 1.53 ERA in 18-plus innings of work, finishing 2-0 on the season.

Mike Kossik, despite a midseason wrist injury that continued to hamper him all season long, still managed to hit .338 in 23 games played. He also swiped nine bases.

Brendan Watson secured himself a spot as one of the team's top starters, throwing 44-plus innings and posting a 3.29 ERA. He also struck out 45 (seven per game) and went the distance twice. At the plate, he hit .333 with a .577 on-base percentage in limited time, striking out only once.

Nick Lehnert went on an early-season tear that left him hitting .304 with three home runs and three doubles. He was one of the pleasant surprises on this year's ball club.

Josh Sabol finished with an outstanding 1.70 ERA in 45-plus innings, striking out 57 (nearly nine per game) and posting a win-loss record of 6-1. He also hit .298 at the plate.

Jeremy Plass hit .238 in limited time, collecting one of the team's only two hits against Catholic Central in the state quarterfinals.

On top of their KVC championship, their District championship, their Regional championship, and their appearance in the state quarterfinals, this team put up a few impressive numbers as well.

At the plate, they hit .383 as a team, while posting an on-base percentage of .546. They stole 62 bases in 69 attempts (.899), and hit 54 home runs. The team slugging percentage was a cool .615.

In 35 games, the team scored 325 runs, an average of nearly 10 per game, and they also collected 391 hits, averaging 11 per contest.

On the mound, the pitching staff held opposing hitters to a batting average of .206, posting a 2.24 Earned Run Average as a team. They also managed to hold hitters to a slugging percentage of .276. This 30-5 team was one that Novi will not soon forget. They gave us so many unforgettable moments, including thrilling come-from-behind wins against Brighton and Pinckney in the playoffs. They put Wildcat baseball on the map once again, earning a top-three state ranking and gaining the respect of the entire state of Michigan.

As these 10 seniors bid adieu to the Wildcat green and white, they have left a lasting impression on this school, this city, and even our great state. They will most certainly be missed.



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## Health Column

### Try some more resistance training

Warmer weather is here and the number one area of our bodies that become more visible to us and others in the summer are our arms. Short sleeve shirts, blouses and tank tops become the norm. Men want arms like Arnold Schwarzenegger, and women want arms like Jennifer Aniston and they want them in one week. Aesthetics are usually the motive, but a stronger more toned set of arms will contribute greatly to your summer quality of life, from golfing, gardening or swimming. So how do you get them?

This is another opportunity for me to plug the benefits of resistance training. This component is really the best way to achieve the goals for the arms mentioned earlier, or for any body part for that matter. Popularity for resistance training is at an all time high for both men and women of all ages. If you have not tried it, we have laid out a 10-15 minute program to be completed twice a week for the arms. We are using dumbbells and bands for our resistance. You can get these items for a minimal investment of \$20-\$40. Make sure you get your physician's clearance before starting any new exercise program, and seek out a fitness expert if needed to assure you are accomplishing the movements efficiently and safely.

**• Arm curls with tubing.** This movement concentrates on the bicep muscle and is located in front and above the elbow of the arms. Well developed bicep muscles will contribute greatly to the goal of great looking arms. To work this area, stand with tubes under your feet (see picture). While securing your upper arm and rotating your wrists outward (little finger up), slowly bend at the elbow then slowly, under control bring your elbow back to just before the joint locks straight. You should be able to count two to three slow counts in both directions to assure proper speed. Repeat this movement 12-15

times, rest one minute and repeat another 12-15 repetitions for a total of three times.

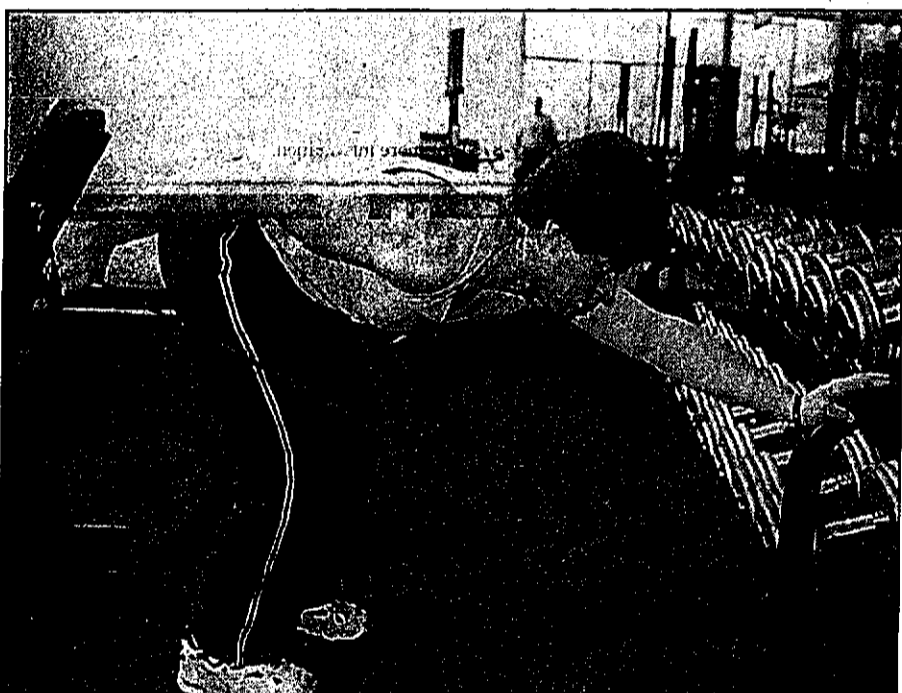
**• Arm curls with dumbbells.** You can work the biceps with a number of variations. We are demonstrating in our picture a biceps dumbbell curl done on a fitness ball. You follow the same mechanics as outlined in exercise one, only you are seated on a fitness ball. Sitting on this ball while completing the movement involves many other muscles to maintain stability during your movements. This helps improve your balance and overall strength. If you do not have a fitness ball, you can do the movement on a chair or standing. Again, complete the movement 12-15 times resting one minute and completing for three sets.

**• Arm kickbacks with tubing.** This movement concentrates on the tricep muscle and are the large muscle group located in the rear area of the arm above the elbow. Many of our clients are not happy with the way this area sags, or seems to get loose and flabby as we get a little older. This is mainly from lack of activity. The biceps get some amount of work in an active lifestyle. Working your triceps properly requires a little more complex body position so they are not so easily worked in an active lifestyle. To work them, you can try the kickback with tubing. Bend over in a back safe position, (knees bent, bracing yourself on a chair or your knee - see picture). Hold on to the tubing after it is wrapped around a table or heavy chair or pole. After securing upper arm against your body, slowly bend the elbow backwards until it is fully extended. Slowly and under control, bring your arm back to the starting position. Repeat 12-15 times resting one minute and completing three sets. You will have to rely on the picture for body position and movement.

**• Arm kickback with a dumbbell.** This is the same movement done with a dumbbell variation. Follow the same cues as number 3. Do three sets of 12-15 movements, with the same one minute resting period between sets.

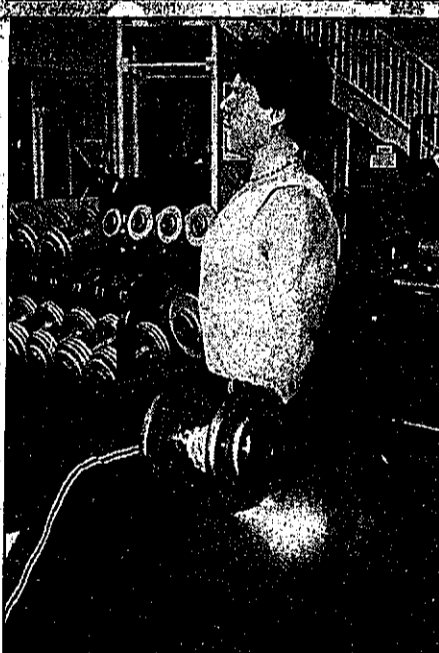
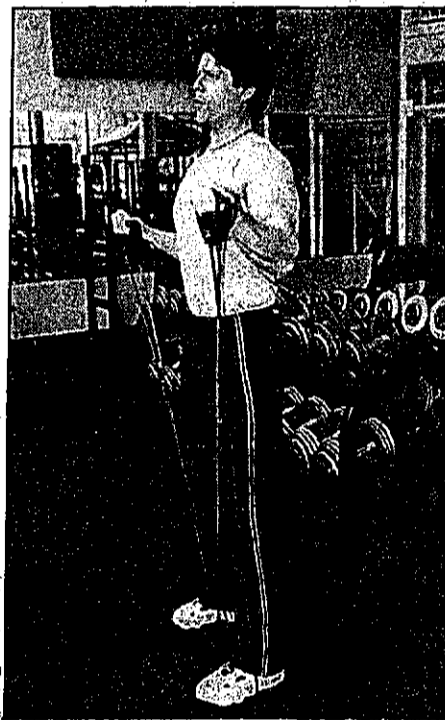
The tubes and dumbbells come with different weight and resistance levels. Get a resistance so by the 12th repetition you feel challenged. Increase as you feel stronger, always maintain good form. Never sacrifice form for more resistance. Complete these simple exercises twice a week for thirty days and while you may not have arms like Arnold or Jennifer, you will have stronger, more shapely, toned arms. Good luck.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and Synergy Fitness. Chris is also a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information, please call (248) 449-7634.



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Above, Water Wheel fitness instructor Robert Mincey demonstrates tricep kickbacks using exercise tubing. Top right, Mincey uses the tubing to perform curls while to the right he performs seated curls with dumbbells.



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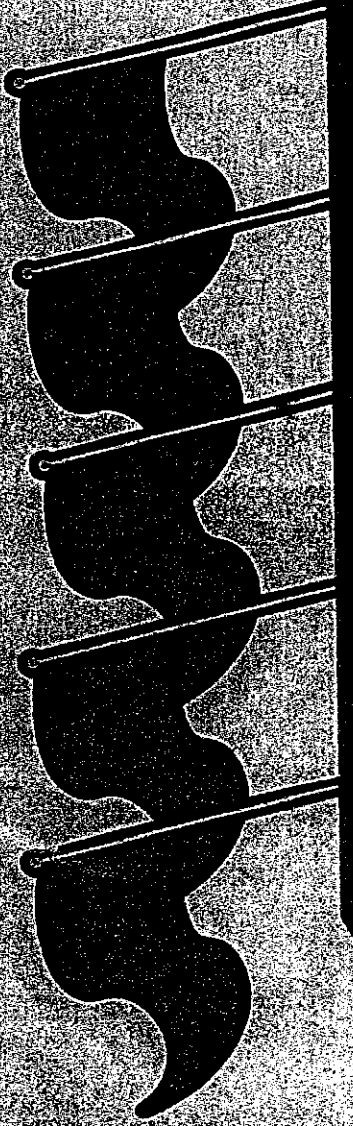


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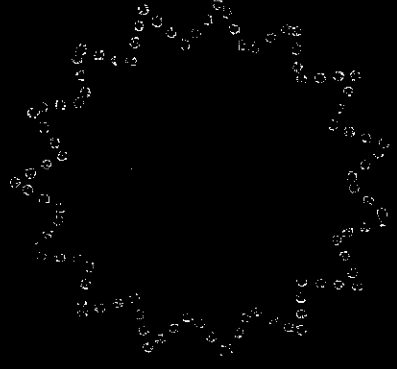
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## Lakeland: league title for hashers, football battles brutal schedule

**BASKETBALL** - Lakeland went 7-14, but was in a lot of games because of its hard work and experience. Working in the Eagles advantage was that this was a veteran team, with seniors Martha Digsby, Jaclyn Evenson, Jackie Shappee, Kristin Roubie, Britt Sommerfield, Lindsey Innes and Melissa Scheich. Digsby was a four-year varsity player and two-year captain, a first-team all-conference player as a senior after leading the team with a scoring average of 11 points per game. Evenson switched from the frontcourt to the backcourt as a senior, with no adverse affect — she was second-team all-conference and the team's second-leading scorer. Shappee and Roubie were both honorable mention All-KVC picks. Shappee led the team in assists with 4.3 per game.

Lakeland may have saved its best for last. Coach Brian Ives team put up a valiant effort against Milford in the districts, leading the Redskins 27-25 at the half before succumbing in the second half, 58-43.

The top player on next year's team may be Jenny Weiss, who saw quality playing time as a sophomore center.

**CROSS COUNTRY** - For the first time in 17 years, there was a boys' state finals held without Lakeland. At the regional, Milford came in third with 101 points. Lakeland was fourth with 103. Only the top three go on. It wasn't a fitting end to the nineties for the Eagles, state champions in 1996 and 1997.

"Without a doubt, Lakeland has been the state's team of the decade," Milford coach Brian Salyers said.

But the season wasn't a total wash. The highlight for the Eagles came in the KVC meet, which Lakeland won with 49 points, ahead of defending, and soon to be, state champ Novi's 61. It was something of a fluke, as coach Randy Wilkins said his team had been training through with its eyes on the regional, but who's to look a gift horse in the mouth? Junior Pat Klein and sophomore Brian Theut both earned first-team All-KVC accolades by finishing fourth and fifth, respectively, at the conference meet. C.J. Haddling finished ninth, making him a second-team all-league honoree.

Klein and Theut's seasons didn't end with the regional, however. Klein was third and Theut second, qualifying them for the state meet. At the Michigan Speedway, Klein was named all-state after placing fifth. Theut was 33rd, seven seconds off all-state.

While Lakeland's girls' team didn't qualify for the state meet, either, it came out of the regional pleased with its eighth-place finish.

"It was our best race of the year," Eagles coach John Kababik said. "The girls' effort was outstanding. They knew how important this race was, and did everything they could."

Junior Kristyn Kern finished eighth, qualifying for the state meet. Making her second state finals appearance in three years, she placed 40th. Of the 16 KVC runners at the Michigan Speedway, Kern was fourth.

Other than the regional, Lakeland's best showing may have come at the Oxford Invitational, where the Eagles placed fifth.

Other key runners for Lakeland over the course of the season were Rachel Stocker, Andrea Shiloff, Whitney Innes, Amy Stewart, Miriam Washburn and Kate Maxwell. The Eagles were 1-5 in KVC dual meets.

**EQUESTRIAN** - Lakeland set a team record by scoring 256 points on the season, and its B team finished fifth in the league standings. Lakeland's top point-earners were Jess Prime (69), Shannon Quinlan (58), Teresa Ball (40) and Melissa Davis (28). Other team members were Cheryl Agar, Sarah Baloga, Jessica Elliot, Megan Huich and Jessica Samples.

**FOOTBALL** - In football, scheduling isn't everything. But it counts for a lot. For the Eagles, an unproven program, the 1999 schedule was too much. The KVC schedule in and of itself was hard, with Brighton, Novi and South Lyon all good enough to make the playoffs. But it didn't get any easier for Lakeland in the non-conference season. One opponent, Farmington, was a playoff team. Another, Walled Lake Western, wasn't just a playoff team, but the Class AA state champion. Against that schedule, Lakeland went 0-6 in the conference and 0-9 overall.

Eagles coach Brian Howe said his team's biggest problem was its inability to generate consistent offense.

Lakeland graduated 10 seniors from the program — Chris Heikkuri, Russ Enfield, Greg

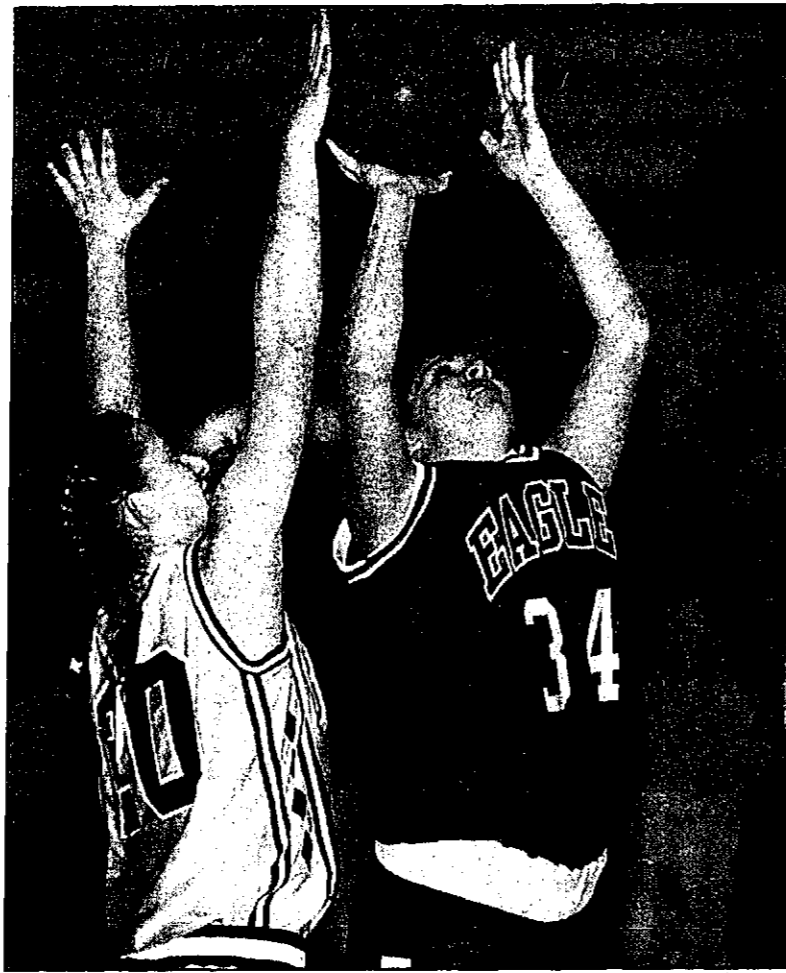


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Jaclyn Evenson was second-team All-KVC for the Eagles hoop squad.

Hill, Jay Fuhs, Dave Gayeski, Shaun Houck, Matt Jeske, Dan Mullen, Nick Vallier and Mike Reeves.

Tony Venditelli, the team's leading tackler, returns for the 2000 season.

**GOLF** - Lakeland must replace team captain Trevor Andrzejewski, the team's most consistent and best player in 1999, but has some talent on the roster. Other important players from last fall's team were Dan McGrath, Kyle Walton, Jim Shappee and Justin Boscarino. Coach Vaughn Smith said the key for 2000 will be to find four scorers every time out. The Eagles' base was finding a consistent fourth player.

**TENNIS** - Though Gerhard Schubert's team struggled in his first season as the head coach, going 2-9-1 in the KVC, there was a light at the end of the tunnel — a conference champion. Basically a .500 player during the regular season, Jessica Hunt peaked during the post season, winning the KVC title at fourth singles.

"She ended up being our best player by the time the end of the season rolled around," Schubert said.

Another key player was Nicole Dell, who played any singles spot from one to three. Rounding out the singles lineup for the Eagles were Jenny Dehart and Vanessa Herlinger.

averaged nine points a game. Scott Torosian — like King, honorable mention All-KVC — was one of the league's best defenders.

It was defense that was the team's calling card. Midway through the league schedule the Eagles began deploying fullcourt pressure, and they became as dangerous as any team in the league. Brighton coach Dan Christner said it was the toughest defensive pressure his team faced all year.

Those players leave a legacy, and the cupboard's not exactly bare. Forward Leann McAvoy, only a sophomore, was second-team all-conference after averaging 13 points and six boards a game. But if Lakeland's future players are to build on what the seniors established, it's going to take some work.

"We've got to get in the weight room," Bruggger said. "Too often, we went up against, not necessarily more talented, but stronger, players in the post, and it was no contest ... we need to get stronger, improve our footspeed, become better athletes."

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## Lakeland: runners excel to state level, golfers have best season

**BASEBALL** - The Eagles went 14-16 in coach Aaron Strand's second season. Lakeland lost to Walled Lake Central in the districts, 5-4.

The beginning of the season was marked by injury problems, the end by disciplinary concerns, but in the meantime Lakeland had its moments. Though they didn't have a dominant pitcher, Lakeland got solid performances on the mound from the likes of West Howland, J.D. Maxwell, Andrew Campbell and Kenny Gignac.

Howland and junior first baseman Chris Hardin were second-team All-KVC selections. Honorable mention all-conference were Maxwell, Campbell, Ryan Atherton and Tony Wiseman.

**GOLF** - Lakeland coach Tom Milkovich said his team was exceptionally dedicated in the off-season. It showed on the course.

The Eagles finished fifth in theregional, their best-ever post-season finish. During the dual season, yhe team set a school record for nine holes, shooting 184 against Brighton. And Lakeland should only get better, as top scorers Leslie Matthaei, Christie MacRitchie, Jenny Zelony, Julie Craig and Kari Bingham will all be back. Matthaei was a first-team All-KVC selection. MacRitchie was the team MVP.

**LACROSSE** - The Huron Valley Chiefs, the combined Milford and Lakeland team, won its second-consecutive Class C state championship.

The Chiefs defeated Rockford 11-8 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in the finals.

"It means more this year," Chiefs co-captain Dan O'Brien said. "We had to play our best in three-straight games to win it all."

This was deja vu for the Chiefs, which the night before in the semifinals had found themselves tied 5-5 with Rochester United. But in the end, the differential was the same. Huron Valley won that game, too, 11-8. The first game of the state tournament was no picnic, either, as it took three overtimes for Huron Valley to beat Utica Eisenhower.

**SOFTBALL** - A month after Kent Griffiths was inducted into the state softball Hall of Fame, Lakeland's season began under new coach Mike LaBar. Despite often having to shift the lineup because of injuries and using pitcher-by-committee (Beth Carr won five games, Emily LaBar won seven), Lakeland battled the entire season, going 17-20 and winning a district game.

Fittingly, one of the Eagles' best-pitched and defended games came in the state tournament, a 3-1 win against Walled Lake Central.

Emily LaBar, a junior, led the team in batting average and runs scored. Senior Melissa Brendel was second on the team and batting average and led the team in runs batted in.

**TENNIS** - Lakeland finished fifth in the KVC. The Eagles did produce a conference champion. The third doubles team of Cory Baker and Joe Scandy, who were stalwart for Lakeland all season, win the conference title by defeating Novi's Mike McKenna and Ryan Stater 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

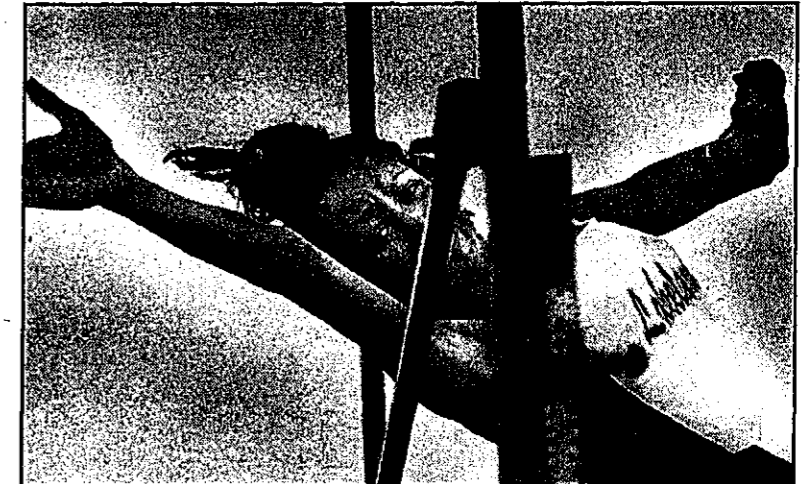


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Natasha Tagal getting points for the Eagles in the high jump.

**TRACK & FIELD** - Once again, Lakeland's boys' 3,200-meter relay teams was one of the best around, carrying on the Huron Valley tradition by placing eighth at the state meet.

Ryan Woodard was guaranteed points in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles. He was fifth at the regional in the 300, running a state-qualifying time. Pat Klein was one of the best mile runners in the area. He won the 1,600 at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

Strong in both the jumps were Tom Roberts and Rob Shastel.


Lakeland's girls' team had state qualifiers in five events: Kristyn Kern in the 800 meters, Shannon Quinlan in the pole vault and Kate Maxwell in the long jump, 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles. Only a freshman, Maxwell proved herself one of the KVC's truly outstanding athletes. She was the league champion in both hurdles races.

## Lakeland: state ski run, the rebirth of b-ball, state Bragging rights

**BASKETBALL** - Apparently Bob Bruggger learned well during his tenure as Milford's freshman coach. In Bruggger's first year leading the Lakeland varsity, the Eagles put together their most successful season in over a decade. Lakeland's final record was 12-9, the first time the school finished over .500 since 1989. The league record was 6-6, good for a third-place tie with Novi. But Bruggger deflects praise elsewhere.

"That's a tribute to the seniors," he said of the turnaround. "We got everything out of them that we could."

Of those seniors, 6'5" Geoff Zimmerman came out of seemingly nowhere and could legitimately have been considered one of the state's most improved players. He was a first team All-KVC pick after leading the team with 13.6 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, while shooting 55 percent from the floor. Guard Shaun Houck became the team leader Bruggger had envisioned, and was a second-team all-conference pick. Jarvis King, in his only season at Lakeland, was one of the league's best clutch performers, and



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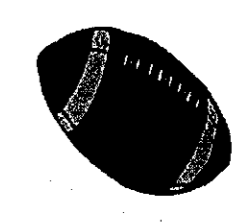
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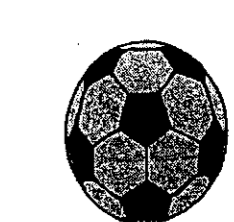




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## Milford: Schumacher and Greenless make names in fall seasons

**BASKETBALL** The Redskins went 17-5, 8-4 (third place) in the KVC. "It was a bittersweet season," coach Don Palmer said. "We had lots of wins, but no titles to show for it. We competed with good teams, but we didn't beat them." Within the league, Milford didn't have the depth to beat Howell, nor the size to beat Novi.

Milford's competitiveness was due to the presence of senior forward Christie Schumacher, who was the state of Michigan's leading scorer at 29.3 points per game and finished second in the voting for Miss Basketball. With Schumacher in the lineup, the Redskins garnered state-wide attention.

The team's dependence on Schumacher was no more apparent than in its Class A district semifinal game against Kettering, a 45-26 loss. The Redskins had nine field goals, Schumacher eight of those.

Without all the media attention, the Redskins should be pretty good next year. Guards Stephanie Anderson and Connie Mallinson showed potential as sophomores, and junior Annie Charles was never at full strength — when it appeared she had recovered from an ankle injury, she got hit in the eye.

**CROSS COUNTRY** Tom Greenless was the star of the boys' cross country team, but it was the consistent effort behind him from seniors Brett Barley and Mike Callahan and sophomore Nick Kopczyk that afforded the Redskins a successful season, one which included their first dual meet win over Lakeland in the decade of the 90s and ended with a seventh-place finish at the Class A state finals. Greenless was fourth at the state finals, while Kopczyk, Barley and Callahan all earned top 100 finishes.

"They were our foundation all year long," coach Brian Salyers said. Milford qualified for the finals with a third-place regional showing — edging out Lakeland by two points. Greenless was second at the regional, and Barley ran a strong race to finish 15th.

Greenless was the KVC champion, as he ran down Novi's Tim Moore over the last 600 meters to win the race.

After the season, Greenless went on to place seventh at the Footlocker Midwest regional, qualifying for the national finals.

In the dual meet with Lakeland, Greenless was first. Lakeland's Brian Theut and Pat Klein were then second and third. The Redskins won the meet by putting in eight runners ahead of Lakeland's fourth.

With Greenless, Barley, and Callahan graduating, next fall's squad will be led by Kopczyk and Casey Barnes and Tyler Van Acker, who were also key contributors as sophomores.

The girls' team, also coached by Salyers, finished 12th in the state. But behind the numbers, the real accomplishment there was beating perennial league power Brighton by one point, 346-347. Freshman Katie Kramer, the KVC Runner of the Year, was all-state with an eighth-place finish. Junior Stephanie Morrison, sophomore Colleen Johnson, junior Martha Smith and senior Julie Lehning all had their best times of the year at the Michigan Speedway. Salyers said Lehning ran the best race of her career, stepping up for the injured Katie Martilla.

At the regional, Morrison had a great performance, finishing 14th as Milford finished second to Brighton to qualify for the state finals.

"It was easily the best race of her career," Salyers said. Kramer placed second at the regional.

In KVC dual meets, Milford went 4-2.

"That was one of the better Milford teams I've seen," Lakeland coach John Kababik.



Photo by SCOTT BENEDICT

**Christie Schumacher was the leading scorer in the state of Michigan.**

**FOOTBALL** No one questioned the effort. But all season long, the Redskins' bane was turnovers. For instance, they played a strong, hard-hitting game against KVC co-champ Brighton, but two first-half turnovers equaled two Bulldogs' turnovers, which ultimately led to a 35-18 Brighton win.

In coach Mike Shearer's final season, Milford went 3-6. Shearer is replaced by Pat Fox, who comes to Milford from Ann Arbor Pioneer. He'll have a number of returning starters on hand. Fullback Mike Crowley was the team's leading rusher as a junior. He injured his anterior cruciate ligament during the basketball season, but has vowed to make it back for his final year on the gridiron. Quarterback Matt Eastwood will be a year wiser after being the Redskins' starting signal caller as a sophomore. Junior Ryan Mehal led the team with four interceptions. Key linemen returning include Pat Quiney and Ryan Morris.

And there's talent in the program. The freshman team went 6-2, winning a share of the KVC title, beating Brighton in the process.

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## Milford: hockey league champs, hoops strong per the usual

**BASKETBALL** — "It was so reminiscent of the girls' season," coach Don Palmer said. "We had lots of wins, but nothing to show for it. We went 9-3 in the league, and most years that would win it. This year it didn't. Credit South Lyon for that. This was a super group of seniors; good people. The longer you coach in the so-called modern era, the more you appreciate the yes sir, no sir kids. I never worried about their grades or anyone getting in trouble. I told the younger kids, you couldn't ask for a better example than these seniors."

Milford finished second in the league to South Lyon. The Redskins were the only team in the conference to beat South Lyon was Milford. The season took a turn for the worse when junior point guard Mike Crowley tore his anterior cruciate ligament.

The season was not without its moments. Milford beat Lakeland twice. The second one, at Lakeland, 59-52 ... in double overtime. Against North Farmington — along with Muskegon Heights, probably the most talented team the Redskins faced — senior center Mike Tobin made a five-foot baseline jumper with 1.5 seconds left to give Milford a 57-55 win.

Tobin had a breakout year for the Redskins. He led the team in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage, and was a first-team all-conference selection. Three-year starter Joe Kofahl was second-team all-conference as a senior.

Key players returning to next year's squad include Crowley, Pete Brown and Keith Plummer.

**HOCKEY** — Milford was one of the best teams in Michigan, ranked among the state's top 10 teams in Division I for most of the season. The Redskins' record was 17-5-5. With a league mark of 8-1-3, they tied Novi for the KVC championship. It was the third time in the last four seasons that Milford has at least claimed a share of the conference title, and the second in a row.

The most memorable game of the season came in the regional semifinals, against old nemesis Brighton. It was one for the ages, as Milford came back from down 2-0 to eventually win 4-3 ... in the third overtime. Matt Kramer scored the winning goal. Most assumed that game was for the regional championship. However, in the actual championship game Howell finally played to its potential, and upset the Redskins 5-4.

The regional semifinal wasn't the only big game Milford and Brighton played. In the final game of the KVC schedule the two tied 3-3, which put the Redskins in the first-place tie with Novi. The first time the teams met, Milford beat Brighton 3-2.

Milford placed three players — all seniors — on the All-KVC first team. Redskins coach Gary Johnson called Paul Schiebold the best all-around, offensive and defensive forward in the league. He was Milford's leading scorer and sixth in the KVC. The team's other captain, A.J. Perrault, was the KVC's top defender. Goalie Jason Mulligan oversaw five shutouts. His goals against average was 1.90 overall, 1.80 in conference play.

The strength of the 2000-01 team should again be defense. Goalie Brian Cervin has split time with Mulligan for the past two seasons. Defensemen Cam Kiesgen and Daren Terry are two of the best in the league. Offensively, Tom Riley looks to be the man. He's a natural goal scorer who had his moments as a sophomore.

**SKIING** — Two Redskins qualified for the state finals, one from the boys' team, one from the girls' team, thanks to their performances at the Alpine Valley regional. On the boys' side, senior Kerry Kramer was seventh in the slalom and eighth in the giant slalom. For the girls, junior Courtney Closey placed eighth in the slalom and ninth in the giant slalom.

At the Southeast Michigan Ski League Championships at Mt. Holly, Kramer claimed first place in the slalom. It was the first time that Milford has had a league champion in coach Marty Neighbors' 22 years.

**VOLLEYBALL** — Milford's final record was 26-12-1, 8-4 in the KVC. That league record left the Redskins in second place, their highest conference finish, ever. "It was a very successful season," Milford coach Jim Marszalek said. "I think we surprised a lot of people this year, especially some KVC teams that, in the past, had used



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**Two of the KVC's top defenders, Milford's Cam Kiesgen and A.J. Perrault, celebrate a goal.**

us as doormats. We're on our way to rebuilding the program. We have coaches at all levels who are dedicated to volleyball the whole year, not just November through March."

And that goes for some of the players, as well. Senior Jodie Nouhan put in work during the off season, and was the team's best all-around player. "Jodie grew up tremendously from last year," Marszalek said. "She was a great leader off the court, and during games."

Equally good at the net or on the back row, Nouhan had 197 kills and 300 digs. In her first season of varsity volleyball, senior Christie Schumacher made all-conference after tallying 155 blocks and 244 kills.

Next season, Milford's star player should be Erica May, who definitely had her moments as only a sophomore.

"There were points in some games where Erica just dominated," Marszalek said. May was the only tenth-grader named to the all-conference team.

Annie Charles should be the team's top outside hitter next year.

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## Lakeland: winter sports continued

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**HOCKEY** — Lakeland had a young, young team — only two of the 23-man roster were seniors — and struggled in a KVC which is becoming increasingly strong. The Eagles went 9-15 overall and were 3-9 in the KVC, tied for seventh with Howell. Lakeland lost to Northville in the regional, 3-0.

"Sometimes you're just out-talented," Lakeland coach Frank Zack said. But with that youth is the hope of a brighter future. Pat Klein was fifth in the KVC in scoring with 11 goals and 13 assists, and he'll be back for his senior year along with Josh Galloway, Ian Pegan-Naylor and Jason Sudden. Also back for his senior year will be goalie A.J. Peters. While he did allow five goals a game in KVC play, Peters did show his talent in the regional game against Northville, stopping 40 shots. Also returning is Josh Burkart, who was one of the team's better players by the end of the year despite being only a ninth-grader.

**SKIING** — Once again, Lakeland's boys proved that they have the preeminent team in lower Michigan. After finishing third in the state in 1999, at the 2000 Class A State Finals in Marquette Lakeland placed fourth, behind only Marquette, Traverse City West and Cadillac. Brad Smith was fifth in the state in the slalom. Teammate Kris Janssen was eighth in the giant slalom.

Lakeland qualified for the finals thanks to its second-place finish, to Redford Catholic Central, at the Alpine Valley regional. Nathaniel Harris was fourth at the regional in both the slalom and giant slalom.

Smith dominated at the Southeast Michigan Ski League championships held at Mt. Holly, where he placed first in the giant slalom and second in the slalom.

Janssen was named second-team Class A all-state. Harris was third-team Class A all-state.


**VOLLEYBALL** — In Amy Nardell's first year as the Eagles head coach, Lakeland went 2-10 in the KVC. But delve a little deeper, and you may see that Lakeland actually fielded one of its more competitive teams. Eight of the 12 matches went into a third game. 13 times the Eagles lost a game in league play by two points or less.

"It was a very promising season," Nardell said. Lakeland's best player was Allison Wise, a senior middle hitter. An all-conference pick, she led the team in kills and had a .293 hitting percentage.

"She was a solid, consistent leader," Nardell said.

**WRESTLING** — Coach Ernie Kovath, in his first year, admitted his program was in its embryonic stage. Lakeland didn't win a KVC dual match. But there was one Eagle embryo that was ready for the world. Tim Bragg, a junior wrestling at 112 pounds, made his third-consecutive appearance in the state finals. He was the only wrestler from either Lakeland or Milford to make it that far. He was named to the Division I all-state team thanks to his performance at Joe Louis where, despite having a torn rotator cuff, Bragg placed sixth. His record on the season was 33-11. He was also second in the KVC.

A healthy Bragg will be a legitimate state title contender in 2001. And if his teammates are up to the task, the more the merrier.



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## Milford: a state champ in track, unrivaled success on the links

**BASEBALL** - Anyone who followed the Atlanta Braves in the late eighties knows it was a terrible team. But that was the dusk before dawn. The reason? The pitchers were young.

Milford knows all about that. Three of the Redskins' top four pitchers were either freshmen — Ben Darga and Ryan O'Neill — or a sophomore — Jordan Delling. No matter the talent, pitching is a medium that favors experience. So watch out next year. Which isn't to say they didn't have their moments. In a game against Howell, for instance, O'Neill pitched a complete game, and Milford won 9-3.

Not only was Delling Milford's best pitcher, but he also led the team in batting average and home runs. Key seniors on the team were Matt David, Greg Geister, Jason Mulligan and Jason Kopczyk.

**GOLF** - Coach Larry Bittinger said the Redskins had the their best team in school history, going 5-1 in conference dual matches. Milford was second to Brighton in the KVC and placed fourth at the regional. When senior Molly Heyn shot 87 to finish fourth at the regional, she became the first player in Milford history to qualify for the state finals.

What made Milford so dangerous was that in addition to Heyn there were four other players all capable of shooting under 90, no problem — AnneMarie Jasieniecki, Erin Davis, Angela Sfredodo and Lisa Montroi.

**LACROSSE** - The Huron Valley Chiefs, the combined Milford and Lakeland team, won its second-consecutive Class C state championship. The Chiefs defeated Rockford 11-8 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in the finals. "It means more this year," Chiefs co-captain Dan O'Brien said. "We had to play our best in three-straight games to win it all."

This was *deja vu* for the Chiefs, which the night before in the semifinals had found themselves tied 5-5 with Rochester United. But in the end, the differential was the same. Huron Valley won that game, too, 11-8. The first game of the state tournament was no picnic, either, as it took three overtimes for Huron Valley to beat Utica Eisenhower.

**SOCCER** - The Redskins went 3-10. Unfortunately their final game, a district match with Walled Lake Central, was on the same night as graduation. Milford lost 7-1.

Key players for Milford this spring were Heidi Osborn, Sarah Schemanske, Ashley Orlor, Amy O'Neill and Al Bensek.

## Milford: fall sports continued

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**GOLF** — Milford played in the state finals, and, returning four of the top five players, could make a return trip next season.

"We learned a lot," coach Jim Sander said. "Fact number one, we saw just how competitive high school golf is. Fact number two, we realized we can play with the best of them."

The Redskins shot 334 on the first day of the state finals, nine off the cut. Junior Ryan Duff did make the cut. He shot 77 the first day, 80 the second.

Back on next year's team are Duff, Brian Cervin, Tim Adams and Kyle Sharpe.

**SOCCER** — The Redskins had a knack for playing down to, or up to, the level of their opposition. At no time did they play further up than in their district semifinal game with state-ranked Grand Blanc. Both teams were shut out for two halves, and two overtimes. Milford sophomore goalie Keith McCaffery made 15 saves. Milford connected on its five kicks in the shootout. Grand Blanc missed its fifth, and that was the upset.

## Milford: winter sports continued

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**WRESTLING** — The Redskins had three KVC champions and two regional qualifiers.

Winning conference titles were heavyweight Ryan Morris, Eric Texiera at 171 pounds and Justin Lambert at 160 pounds. Joe Petkus was the KVC runner-up at 140 pounds.

In the post season, Lambert — who was the district runner-up — and Texiera — who was third — both reached the regional level. An exchange student from Brazil, the season marked the first time Texiera had wrestled.

Lambert, meanwhile, had been going at it for years. He was the first wrestler in Milford history to win at least 30 matches in all four of his seasons. He won 147 matches in his career, a school record.

Milford proved itself to be an excellent tournament team. The Redskins placed sixth at the Oakland County meet, as Lambert was runner-up at 160, Tom Stanley runner-up

at 135. Reaching the semifinals were Petkus at 140 pounds and Ben Lawrence at 125 pounds.

Milford won its fourth-consecutive Waterford Mott Tournament. And its fourth-consecutive West Bloomfield Invitational. At the Lakeland Invitational the Redskins placed nine wrestlers in the finals and won the meet.

Lambert wasn't the only one breaking records. In fact, he had one of his broken. Matt Thome established a new school mark for victories by a freshman. He won 31 matches. Thome will be a key member of next year's team, as will Morris. The heavyweight will be a senior, and will enter the season coming off a summer which saw him represent the state of Michigan in USA Wrestling's Junior National Championship.

**TRACK & FIELD** - Milford's boys did not win a third-consecutive KVC championship, as Novi spoiled those dreams. However, the Redskins did have a state champion for the third-straight year, as Tom Greenless, in the 800 meters, followed in the spike steps of the 1999 3,200-meter relay team and Bill Nash in the 1998 high jump.

Greenless lived up to the considerable hype, as he set school records in both the 800 and 1,600 meters. He was the regional champ in the 800 and anchored the 3,200-meter team of Mike Callahan, John Breckenfeld and Pat Lombardo that won the regional, as well. Greenless was also the KVC champion in the 800 and mile, where he set a conference record, running 4:12.

But Milford didn't win five conference dual meets and send multiple athletes to the state finals in four events: Colleen Johnson, Martha Smith, Katie Kramer and Connie Mallinson in the 3,200-meter relay, those same four in the mile relay, Mallinson in the 400 meters and Kramer in the mile. At the state meet, Kramer ran 5:08.83, setting a school record and finishing in sixth place. The scary thing is, all these athletes will be back next year. Kramer was a freshman, Johnson and Mallinson sophomores and Smith a senior.

Kramer was a double conference champion, winning the mile and 3,200 meters. So was Mallinson, who won the 200 and 400 meters.

"Whatever may have been missing, our season was fulfilled," coach Dave Poniatowski said.

Poniatowski resigned as coach following Milford's 3-0 loss to Flint Carman-Ainsworth in the district final.

Senior forward Mark Poniatowski was the team's leading scorer for the second-straight season.

**TENNIS** — Milford had its most successful season in coach Rich Kynast's seven-year tenure, going 8-3-1 to finish third in the KVC.

AnneMarie Jasieniecki, though only a freshman, lost just two matches playing the entire year at third singles, where she was the KVC champion.

Milford was represented in three more KVC finals, by Molly Heyn at first singles, Meg Lowry at second singles and Steffanie Roose and Lacie Rudolph at first doubles.

## Northville: tough conference create tough times, promise for Mustangs

By JASON SCHMITT

Sports Editor

It may sound like the same thing year in and year out, but playing in the Western Lakes Activities Association clearly is no picnic.

The conference is a perennial powerhouse at the state level in several different sports. No other league in the state had two state football champions such as the WLAA (Harrison and Walled Lake Western). Each year the conference is well represented at each of the state meets.

So finding itself in a hole to begin with, Northville made the best of its difficult situation and fared well in several of the autumn sports. If the team's limited success this past fall seems bleak, then it has nothing to do with the promise each of the following programs has shown for a successful 2000 fall campaign.

**FOOTBALL** — The scores throughout the team's 4-5 season were indicative of the quality of competition the team was playing.

The team stumbled against Division 3 state champion Farmington Hills Harrison (38-7) and Division-I champion Walled Lake Western (26-15). The team's other losses came to playoff-bound Novi (21-17) and Brighton (31-3) along with a tough Homecoming falter against Canton (24-0).

The team's wins were in rather impressive fashion. The team drubbed North Farmington (45-14), Livonia Churchill (28-7), Livonia Franklin (42-8) and Walled Lake Central (33-0).

What made this season a special one was that it set the stage for what could be a very promising 2000 season. Led by dominating lineman Chris Lebeis, star running back Brandon Langston (946 yards, 16 touchdowns) and play-making wideout Aaron Redden, Northville should be a force to reckon with offensively.

**GIRL'S BASKETBALL** — After overcoming early-season offensive struggles, the Hasse-led Mustangs fought their way back to the district championship game, where they

lost to Plymouth Salem for the third time in the 1999 season. The 44-36 loss ended Northville's season with a 14-8 record, which included a 35-34 win over a 20-1 Novi squad in the district semifinals.

The Mustangs finished 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association regular season, which was good for second place. They then went on to take third in the conference tournament. Post season honors went to Janel Hasse earned all-conference and all-area first-team honors after averaging over 10 points and seven rebounds per game. Both Kate Hammond and Emily Carrott were all-division and all-area second team selections.

**GIRL'S SWIMMING** — Scoring 415 points at the WLAA meet, wasn't nearly enough, as the Mustangs settled for second place to conference champion Livonia Stevenson (691).

But along the way, three different Mustang individuals or teams won conference championships. Freshman Jenny Carr won the 50 freestyle while Stephanie Sabo was the 100 free champ. Jessica Hrivnak, Erin Schubert, Deirdre Schwiring and Carr teamed up to win the 200 free relay. Their time of 1:42.49 was good enough for All-American consideration. The Mustangs qualified in six different events at the state meet, however the team didn't advance anyone to the championship heats.

"It's unfortunate that we're in a sport that is an outcome-based sport, rather than a performance-based one," Northville coach Bill Dicks said. "We didn't score any points, but the girls swam real well."

**GIRL'S TENNIS** — Northville continued its dominance of the Western Lakes, winning seven of eight flights at the conference tournament and finishing with a perfect regular season. The team finished 11th at the Division II state tournament.

Four Northville flights won regional championships and two others reached the finals at their flights. The team finished the regular season undefeated and qualified for its third-consecutive state finals appearance and Kerry Woolfall reached the state semifinals at second singles, a year after she won the Division II state title at three singles.

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## Northville: three disappointed in state playoffs, gymnastics score high

By JASON SCHMITT

Sports Editor

The Mustang winter season saw the school produce some very accomplished teams. The gymnastics team was up to its usual tricks, placing high at the state meet. The wrestlers and hockey players were the unfortunate victims of tough post-season draws, as were the volleyball players. Outside of the immediate area, many of these teams may have advanced onto bigger and better things. But that's all speculation.

For now those teams will have to wait, and with the underclass participation and contributions to this year's teams, good things await all in the 2000-01 season.

**WRESTLING** — Coming off a pair of banner seasons which saw the team delve far into the state wrestling tournament, the Northville wrestling team knew the expectations the program has set itself up with.

Despite losing a large contingent of wrestlers to graduation, the 1999-2000 team performed brilliantly. The Mustangs won their third-straight Western Lakes championship, picking up four individual titles along the way. The team stumbled when it got to districts, however, losing to perennial arch rival Novi in the finals. The Wildcats, who went on to finish second in the state, defeated Northville 30-27 in Novi's second-closest match in all of the state tournament.

Individually it was another momentous year for a few Mustangs. Reggie Torrence reached the state championship match before falling to rival Ryan Churella of Novi. The senior was a three-time state placer in his high-school career and finished 43-4 this past season. Dan Scappaticci placed fourth at the state meet and was the lone member of his team to win conference, district and regional titles. Junior Chad Neumann placed seventh at the big dance and was a regional runnerup and conference and district champ.

**VOLLEYBALL** — Although tournament play was Northville's strongest point this season, the Mustangs could not overcome an extremely tough district field which included the likes of powerhouse programs such as Livonia Ladywood and Plymouth Salem.

Northville lost to Ladywood in the district semis, thus ending the careers of Janel and Meredith Hasse. The talented twosome led the way this past season for Northville, leading the team and area in several key statistics. The Mustangs finished their season at 30-9-6 overall, losing to Walled Lake Central in the conference tournament.

Meredith Hasse led the team with 354 kills and 163 blocks this season, and she also led the Mustangs with 41 service aces. She was one of just seven players selected to the all-conference team. Janel was an all-division selection on the WLAA team and both she and Meredith were named to HomeTown's all-area first team. Northville loses six seniors from this year's team, including both Hasses, Julie Bozyk, Jen Doktorcik, Gillis and Stephanie Myers.

**SWIMMING** — Led by senior captains Scott and David Whitbeck, Northville romped to a divisional title this past winter. Scott Whitbeck won the Western Lakes 500 meter freestyle championship and led the Mustangs to a fourth-place finish at the conference tourney. Both Whitbecks competed at the state finals on March 10-11, with Scott taking 12th place in the 500 with a career-best time of 4:48.81. Both swam in the prelims of the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Joining those two at the state meet were the 200 and 400 free relay team of John Moors, Kevin Stuart and the twins. Northville loses five seniors, including the Whitbecks, Stuart, Steve Yutzy and Valerian Jone.

**GYMNASTICS** — Two seasons ago the Northville/Novi gymnastics team was tops in the state, capturing the school's first-ever tumbling title. That team was loaded with senior talent, talent which left the program in a state of rebuilding.

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## Northville: soccer has a ball on the way to states, golf is par for the course

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

As usual, the spring sports season at Northville High School had its share of success stories, first and foremost were the accomplishments of the team's girl's soccer squad.

Having made their run to the Division II state semifinals, the Mustangs were among the state's hottest teams to finish the season.

The tennis team knocked off nearly all its foes en route to a state tourney berth and the baseball and softball squads were the unfortunate victims of running into hot opponents at the wrong times.

The lone league championship was won by the girl's golf team, which has provided the school with back-to-back regional titles and top seven finishes at the state meet as well.

**GOLF** — Northville was at its best at all the big meets this season, all the big meets except one.

The Mustangs came into the state meet on a roll, having secured a Western Lakes Activities Association championship along with their second-straight regional crown. But once there, the score cards read differently from what the team was used to. Northville finished with a team-total of 777, good for you guessed it, seventh place.

The good news for Northville was that two of its golfers, Kate MacDonald and Pam Mouradian, both finished in the individual top 10. MacDonald was ninth overall with a two-day total of 174. Mouradian tied three other girls for 10th place at 175.

**TENNIS** — In most other leagues, Northville would have breezed to a conference title. But with North Farmington closing up the WLA, Northville had to settle for another runnerup finish.

North Farmington cruised to a league title and then captured a regional championship. Both times Northville played second fiddle. But even a second-place finish at the regional meet was good enough to vault the Mustangs to the state tournament.

It was there that Northville played some of its best tennis, racking up 11 points en route to a sixth-place finish in Division II. Kyle Delme reached the state semifinals before bowing out to the eventual state champion from Okemos. Two weeks earlier Dan Drake (3rd singles) and Brian Arndt and Brian Wilson (3rd doubles) won regional championships.

**BASEBALL** — The team played its best ball late in the season, but unfortunately it played one of the hottest teams in the state and lost to Novi 10-0 in the district semifinals on June 3.

## Northville: winter sports continued

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This year's team set the stage for what could be another state power next year. The 1999-2000 squad was loaded with underclass talent which could translate into big things for the 2000-2001 team. The Mustangs had three girls place among the top 10 in six different events. Katie Braine, Megan Samhat and Monica Fink will head up a strong returning corps which will also include a healthy Lindsey Carlson. Northville/Novi finished second in their conference and won a regional title en route to their high finish at the state meet.

**HOCKEY** — It hasn't taken Mustang hockey coach Brad O'Neill long to build his program here in Northville. Just three years into the process, the coach has a regional championship under his belt and nearly won his second this past spring. Unfortunately, three unanswered goals by Novi in the final seven minutes of the championship game erased all hopes of another crown. The Mustangs finished their season 16-9-2 and finished third in the Western Lakes. Coach O'Neill earned coach of the year honors in voting by his WLA peers. Forward Rob Ryan was voted as one of the top three forwards in the league, and goalie Josh Block and defenseman Thom Snyder were voted to the all-division squad. Tim Hillebrand and Aaron Selwood were honorable-mention selections. The team returns a strong corps of players for what should be a promising



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Mustangs softball team went on a season-ending run which saw them win eight of its last 11, enabling Northville to close in on .500.

Northville finished third in its division this season, posting an overall conference record of 11-6. Northville catcher Tim Edick was named to the all Western Lakes Activities Association team, which includes the top 11 players in the league. Brian Boyes and Matt Hare earned all-division honors and Andy Doren, Tommy Hughes and Drew Herpich were honorable-mention selections.

**SOFTBALL** — The Northville softball team had its ups and downs in 2000, with the team overcoming an early-season slump to finish strong. At one point in the season, the 'Stangs were a dismal 1-6. But the team won 8 of its last 11 games to finish with a respectable 11-12 record.

Northville lost to Novi 11-2 in the district semifinals to conclude the season. For a second-straight season, Maureen Emaus led the team in wins, strikeouts and innings pitched. Makiko Kawamura and Natalie Wooderson were the teams top two hitters.

**TRACK & FIELD** — For most of the boys' team, the season ran by as quickly as Brandon Langston ran the 100-meter dash. But for Langston and fellow standouts Alex Haines and Brett Pawling, the 2000 track season will be one to remember. All three qualified for the state meet, the later of the two for the second time. Although none of the three placed in their respective events, each took home some added respect from their opponents. Pawling competed in the 300 intermediate hurdles after qualifying for the finals in a career-best time of 39.4 at the regional meet.

Haines cleared 6-3 at the regional meet, finishing second to Pinckney's Michael Weisnuh, who would later capture the state title in the event. His jump was an inch off his personal best (6-4), which both he and fellow Mustang Justin Morris cleared earlier in the season. Langston was one of seven sprinters to qualify for the state meet in the 100. His time of 11.1 at the regional meet was a career best.

For Northville girl's track coach Karin Nelson, the 2000 track season was definitely one to build on.

Her team improved considerably from last year's team, which had a hard time winning even one dual meet. This year, with the help of many underclassmen, the team won several meets and set a few school records in the process.

Junior Mary Tanski qualified for the state meet in the shot put, where she finished second at the regional competition. The defending regional champion was just two inches away from winning her second-straight title. At the state meet, Tanski improved on her regional performance, and finished 20th overall in the state.

But it wasn't just Tanski who helped the team all season long. Junior phenom Alyson Flohr and freshman sensation Nicole Cautillo traded school records in the distance events and scored valuable points all season long for their team.

2000-01 season.

**BASKETBALL** — The "still" youthful Mustang hoop squad matured this past season and with most of its intrical parts returning next year, the team should be a major player in the Western Lakes in 2000-01. In what was an up-and-down season for the cagers, Northville finished a mediocre 10-11. Baldwin's team looked its best in wins over Novi and Canton, but came back with bad losses to teams such as Farmington and North Farmington.

"We're a young team, so we can either be dominating or we can look terrible," Northville coach Scott Baldwin said. "We tend to panic at times." Northville sported a roster which included seven juniors, four sophomores and just two seniors. Four of its five starters were underclassmen. Travis Bliss and Alex Haines will be lost to graduation. The team's season came to an end in a 70-61 loss to Canton in the district semifinals.

Junior David Gregor earned all-division honors in the Western Lakes and was on HomeTown's all-area first team. Teammate Aaron Redden was a second-team selection for HomeTown.

## Novi: Boy's cross country earns state; three teams win conference crowns

By JASON SCHMITT  
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If you were to travel across the state and mention the name Novi, most people would know where it was. With several, and it's safe to say several, state championships under its belt in recent years, even the nickname "Wildcats" is recognizable from Traverse City to Monroe.

This past fall sports season at Novi only added to its identity, with yet another state championship (boy's cross country), three Kensington Valley Conference titles (basketball, boy's cross country and girl's tennis), a football playoff appearance and several individual appearances at state meets.

It would be hard to argue against the Wildcats having perhaps the most successful overall fall sports season in the league. Sorry Brighton, but the 'Cats had your number this past autumn.

**BASKETBALL** — The girl's team had their sights set high for the 1999 basketball season, and those sights landed the team in the school record books.

The Wildcats posted a 19-1 regular-season record, including a perfect 12-0 mark in the KVC. The conference title was the first in seven seasons and just the second in the team's 23 years of participation in league play. The team's season ended with a 35-34 loss to Northville in the district semifinals.

The loss to the Mustangs was just the second of the season for the 'Cats (20-2). "They had that motto that this was their year coming in and nothing was going to stop them," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said after clinching the conference title. He went on to say "We still came away with our heads held high. This was the best team, and I emphasize team, that we've ever had here."

**FOOTBALL** — Restoring Novi football to where it once was in the not-so-distant past, the 1999 Novi gridders completed the program's first trip to the state playoffs in 10 years.

Led by strong offensive and defensive corps, the Wildcats posted a 7-3 record, which included a 24-6 loss to Farmington in the first round of the state playoffs. The team finished 5-2 in the Kensington Valley Conference, which placed them third behind co-champs Brighton and South Lyon (both 6-1).

The season was highlighted by a fourth-down stop of South Lyon's Marcus Schultemeister on the Novi one-yard line. The play, which came in the waning moments of their September 10th matchup, gave Novi a 13-7 win over the Lions, their first in six years.

Mitch Maier led the team both offensively and defensively and was named HomeTown Newspapers player of the year for his achievements.

**BOY'S CROSS COUNTRY** — As if having highly successful football and basketball teams were not enough, the Novi boy's cross country team proceeded to bring home another state championship this past fall.

After having lost three of its top five runners from the 1998 state championship team, coach Bob Smith reloaded with a plethora of young talent to win the school's second-straight title.

Led by Tim Moore (3rd) and Chris Toloff (7th), the Wildcats overcame a hungry Rockford team which was the pre-meet favorites to win it all.

Novi collected just 68 points, which easily outdistanced Rockford (90) and the rest of the field. Saline was third (132), Clarkston fourth (133) and Grand Ledge fifth (160). The harriers hobbled through a regular season which included another KVC championship and a regional runnerup finish, but were able to muster up an elite performance when it counted most.

Individually, four 'Cats earned all-state honors. Moore and Toloff were joined by Mark Avenius (16th) and Eric Walle (22nd) on the all-state team. Moore won a regional championship and Toloff was runnerup. The team powered its way to a win at Gabriel Richard and a runnerup finish at the Oakland County meet. Moore and Toloff were fourth and fifth overall in the county.

**GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY** — Coach Norm Norgren's crew was snubbed from appearing at the state finals for the second-straight season. The team finished fourth at the regional meet. Only the top three teams can go onto states.

Freshman Nina Schmitt and veteran senior Kristin Echols did qualify as individuals, however. And Schmitt made the most of her opportunity once there. She finished 22nd overall to gain all-state honors. Norgren said his youngster performed beyond his expectations at her first state meet.

"Every little bit beyond them," Norgren said. "I didn't put any pressure on her. As a freshman, you want them to feel their way around. I watched her at the start, and she was smart. She got out with the lead group and held on."

Echols concluded a stellar career with a 129th-place finish at the meet. She was the individual KVC champion as a junior and finished 21st overall at the state meet last season.

The team finished runnerup at the Oakland County meet for the third-straight year and the fifth time in the last six seasons. The team also played second fiddle in the conference, as Brighton breezed to the conference championship.

**GIRL'S SWIMMING** — With as much talent as the school's ever seen in the pool, Novi placed eight times at the state meet and took 11th place when all was said and done.

The Wildcats fielded competitors in 11 of the 12 events at the Class A state finals.

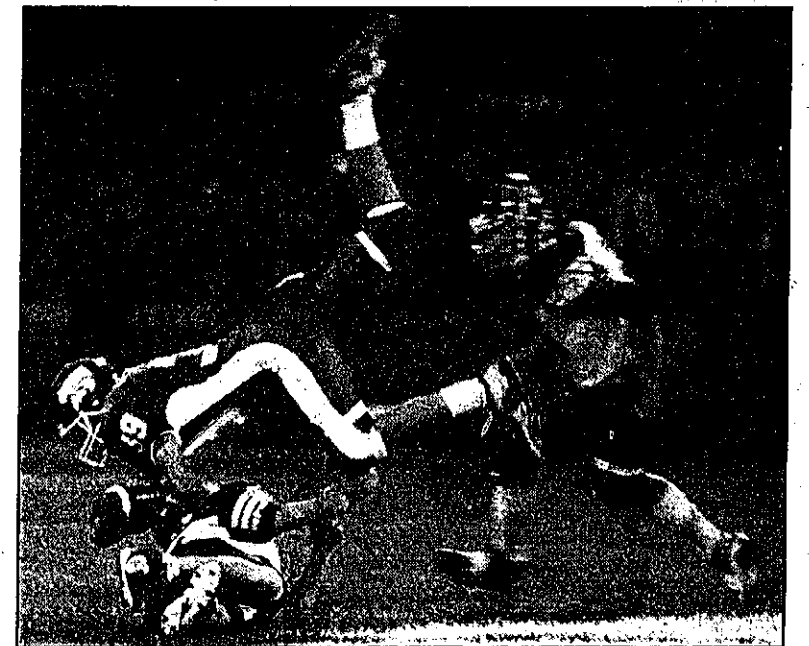


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Novi's football team made the playoffs in coach John Osborne's last season.

at Oakland University and scored 38 total points in the second day finals. Leading the way for Novi was senior Amy Hartland, whose third-place finish in the 100 butterfly was her highest ever and the best at the school since Gwen Rowlands had a runnerup finish in 1989. Her time of 58.35 seconds also set a school record in the event.

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## Novi: grapplers, gymnasts "state" their case, hoops up and down

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Following up a highly successful fall sports season wasn't easy for the kids of winter, but the results were as good or better in several instances. The Novi wrestling team turned in its finest season ever, finishing runnerup in Division I. The hockey team followed in stride, winning its first-ever regional championship before losing in the elite eight. Not wanting to be left out, the gymnastics squad garnered a top-five finish at the state finals, proving itself one of the top programs in the state year in and year out. Just looking at the talent base through two sports seasons leaves one to wonder — just how good will the spring sports teams be?

**WRESTLING** — There's really only one place to start when it comes to winter sports success at Novi High School. The grapplers asserted themselves as the best team to ever grace the mats at Novi High. As if a runnerup finish at the Division I state finals wasn't enough, five more Wildcats placed at the state individual tournament and two (senior Dan Jilg and junior Ryan Churella) came home with state championships.

Novi won its third-consecutive KVC championship, becoming the first team to ever win more than two in the 20-year league history. It was their second outright title in three seasons. The team went on to win district and regional championships before making their run for the state title. The 'Cats defeated Walled Lake Western in the state quarterfinals and then Rockford in the semis. Their loss to Davison (41-28) in the championship match capped off the most prolific wrestling season in school history. Oh yeah, they also captured the Oakland County Championship during their 29-4 season.

Individually, Jilg set school records for wins, falls and was a four-time state placer. Churella followed up last year's state runnerup finish with his first title. Fellow junior Nick Slovian fell in the state championship match and senior Adam Borashko (6th) and freshman Josh Churella (8th) also placed at the meet.

**GYMNASTICS** — Two seasons ago the Northville/Novi gymnastics team was tops in the state, capturing the school's first-ever tumbling title. That team was loaded with senior talent, talent which left the program in a state of rebuilding.

This year's team set the stage for what could be another state power next year. The 1999-2000 squad was loaded with underclass talent which could translate into big things for the 2000-2001 team. Northville/Novi returns all but two members from this year's squad which placed fourth at the team competition at Hartland High School. And each of the eight girls who competed in the team competition will be back.

The Mustangs (the gymnastics nickname) had three girls place among the top 10 in six different events. Katie Braine, Megan Santhar and Monica Fink will head up a strong returning corps which will also include a healthy Lindsey Carlson. Northville/Novi finished second in their conference and won a regional title en route to their high finish at the state meet.

**BASKETBALL** — The season was about as up and down as the new Millennium Force rollercoaster at Cedar Point.

Novi lost their first five games of the season, then put together a nine-game winning streak which put them in a short-lived battle with South Lyon for the Kensington Valley Conference title. After four more losses evened the teams record out at 9-9, the season leveled out for the Wildcats, who finished the season with an 11-11 overall record and a 6-6 mark in the KVC. The 6-6 finish tied them with Lakeland for third, although Novi picked up wins in both battles with the Eagles. Novi loses seven seniors to graduation, four of which started. Only sophomore point guard Brandon Davis returns as a starter next season. Fortunately for Schluter, the junior varsity team finished 18-2 this season, despite losing sophomores Davis and Matt Gorman to the varsity team.

"If you look at our team this season, only Chad (Nadolni) and (Brendan) Hadley played a lot last year," Schluter said. "Our other guys all stepped in and did a nice job this year. I felt we could have won 15 games this year, but we had a couple of key injuries." Senior Dan Nawrot was voted to the all-KVC first team as the fifth-highest vote getter. Chad Nadolni was one of seven players to earn second-team all-league honors.

**SWIMMING** — The team was young this year, and still managed to turn in yet another solid season under head coach Bill McCord. Like any young team, Novi got better and better as the season went on, and swam its best meet of the season at Schwartz Creek.

"I never would have foreseen what we did (at Schwartz Creek) at the beginning of the season," McCord said. "This was as good of a final meet as I've had in my six years here. Ninety-five percent of our swims were lifetime records and the ones that weren't were for good reasons."

Michael Bliss and Phil Suchyta led the team to the Invitational championship by winning two events each. Bliss went on to qualify for the state meet in the 100 backstroke. The junior did not qualify for the finals, but his 25th-place finish in a time of 56.2 seconds was faster than that of the 12th-place finisher in the final heat.

**HOCKEY** — Novi head coach Dan Phelps proved that it's not the age of a program that dictates a team's success, but rather the type of people involved with it.

The Wildcats made it all the way to the state quarterfinals before bowing out to Okemos 3-2. The loss came just five days after Novi defeated Northville for the school's first-ever regional championship. In that game Novi overcame its second straight third-period deficit to pull out a 3-1 win over the Mustangs. Perhaps bigger than any regional championship was Novi's sharing of the KVC title with Milford. Playing in one of the toughest hockey conferences in the state, Novi finished the season with an 8-1-3 league record. The team's



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi/Northville gymnastics team was brimming with young talent.

only loss in conference play came to Brighton, which finished third. Junior center Brad Zarem led the league in scoring (32 league points) while senior center Travis Malott was fourth with 25 points. For their efforts, each received all-league honors at the end of the season. Zarem was the top vote getter in all-league voting and Malott and fellow senior Jared Genso were named to the all-KVC second team.

**VOLLEYBALL** — Although their overall record hovered around .500 all season long, the Wildcats struggled to win close matches and had a less than desirable KVC season.

Novi finished just 3-9 in conference play and were ousted by perennial powerhouse Walled Lake Central in the opening round of district play. Coach Julie Fiset's team centered around middle blocker Kristen McGlinnen, who will attend Columbia University in the fall. She led the team in blocks (183), aces (65) and kills (207) on her way to being named to the all-conference and all-area squads. The team loses four seniors, including McGlinnen, Angie Herbst, Christina Parrish and Emily Major.

## Northville: fall sports continued

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**BOY'S GOLF** — After finishing a perfect 5-0 and earning a Western Divisional championship, Northville finished runnerup at the conference meet at the Links of Pinewood. In the overall standings, Northville (19) finished a point behind the Vikings (20). The Mustangs had several players step it up throughout the season. Dave Oljace earned all-conference honors while Brian Arndt and Tom Borda earned all-division honors.

Borda came back to earn all-area first-team praise while Oljace was on HomeTown's second team. Junior Dean Conway surprised a few people by turning in a 79 at the regional meet. That score made him the lone qualifier for the state meet at Mason. Once there Conway fired an 87 and miss the cut for the championship round.

**BOY'S SOCCER** — Playing along with the theme of Northville sports for the fall season, the soccer team posted a sub-par 8-9-1 record that may have been deceiving to the average fan. It gets old after a while, but it's hard to ignore the fact that the Mustangs played an extremely tough schedule in their conference. They also played the defending state champion Novi in a non-conference matchup.

Brandon Bethell completed a stellar career at Northville while Kelleher joined him on the Western Lakes all-conference team as two of the best 12 players in the 12 team conference. At season's end, Kelleher, Bethell and Erik Anderson earned praise on HomeTown's all-area first team.

**CROSS COUNTRY** — Having to run by himself at the state meet at Michigan International Speedway, junior Brian Bilyk found a way to finish in the top quarter of the 284 participants in the state's biggest boys' cross country meet. He finished 59th overall in a career-best time of 16:41. His teammates stayed home after finishing ninth at the regional meet a week earlier. The Mustangs finished sixth at the conference meet, with Bilyk leading the way with a sixth-place finish amongst the individuals. The team looks to have a promising future with runners like Bilyk, Ben Flood, Phil Santer, Joe Lunn and Nick Moroz leading the way.

The girls' team struggled to a 15th-place finish at the regional meet after having to hobble through several key injuries throughout the season. The team's best runner, Alyson Flohr, suffered a sprained ankle in the last mile of the regional. Senior Lorianne Blair stepped it up and nearly qualified for the state meet with her 30th-place finish. It was the first time in her three years competing in cross country that Flohr did not make the trip to Brooklyn for the state finals.

## Novi: trifecta of KVC titles for Novi, baseball goes deep in state

By JASON SCHMITT  
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Capping off what could only be recognized as one of the most successful athletic years in school history, Novi's spring sports teams recorded an incredible three Kensington Valley Conference titles, two more district championships, a regional crown and three more KVC runnerup finishes. The baseball and softball teams were the class of the league, and the boy's track team used a total team effort to place third at the team state championships back in May. The only way to truly recognize the brilliance the spring sports teams displayed this year is to break each sport down. So without further adieu, here they are.

**BASEBALL** — It would be hard to trace a more talented ball club than the one Novi skipper Rick Green produced this season. Having inherited a highly-skilled team from former coach Brian Howard, Green meshed his team into a championship club, capturing KVC, district and regional crowns before losing to Detroit Catholic Central in the state quarterfinals.

The Wildcats had tremendous depth off the bench. Novi had 12 hitters top the .300 mark and five players jacked at least six home runs in 2000. On the mound, Green threw seven guys, all of which had at least four games of experience.

**SOFTBALL** — Only a bit of luck, for Ann Arbor Pioneer, stopped Novi from going all the way this past spring. With the bases loaded, two outs, down a run in the bottom of the eighth inning, senior Katie Cameron's line shot deflected off the third-baseman's glove and into the glove of the Pioneer shortstop, whose glove was outstretched for the catch.

The Pioneer's luck marked the end of what could be Novi's greatest softball season ever. The 'Cats were 29-8 and captured their second-straight KVC championship. The team then went on to defeat South Lyon 18-2 in the district finals.

Senior Joelle Frantz finished the season 21-4 and capped off a stellar four-year career in a Wildcat uniform. Fellow senior four-year starters Katie Cameron and Sarah Bajorek will sorely be missed next season as well.

**TENNIS** — For the first time in six seasons, Novi failed to claim at least a share of the KVC title, finishing runnerup to eventual state qualifier Brighton. The netter did finish second though, thus keeping their name near the top of the league's most-dominating list. What could be considered a rebuilding season for the program (Novi had just one returning starter from last year), the team came just points away from qualifying for the state meet. Losing half of its lineup after this year, Novi should make another run towards the top of the league next year. This season, every player posted a winning record for the year, with the No. 1 doubles team of Ryan Bateman and Brian Dodds making the most noise at their flight. The duo raced to an undefeated KVC title.

**LACROSSE** — Although the season didn't end the way the coaches would have liked, Novi fought hard all year long before losing in the state quarterfinals to East Grand Rapids. At one point this season, Novi jumped out to an 8-1 record, its best start in school history. Among those first eight wins were a few firsts, including the team's first-ever wins over both Detroit Catholic Central and De La Salle. Senior Pat Muston led the team in scoring this season and was featured in <Sports Illustrated's> Faces in the Crowd section.

**GOLF** — It wasn't the best season in school history, but the strides the girl's team made towards the end of the season brought forth a promise of what the future may bring.

Led by senior standout Tara Stevens, the Wildcats finished with a league dual record of 3-3, after starting out a miserable 0-3. A fifth-place finish at the league meet ensured the team of that same finish in the final-league standings. All of that came after the team finished last at the pre-KVC meet back in April. Their performance at the post KVC meet (433) was more than 20 strokes better than their season-opening performance on the same Tyrone Hills course.

**TRACK & FIELD** — It's not difficult to see that the Novi boys have perhaps the best distance-running program in the state. Two straight state cross country titles will tell you that. But the track team proved this spring that its sprinters, throwers, vaulters and jumpers belong among the elite as well. Novi finished third at the team state championships just a week after winning the regional track title.

Junior Chris Toloff went on to break school records in both the 1,600 and 3,200 races at the individual state meet. His time of 4:10.77 in the mile was the third-fastest in state history and placed him behind Dathan Ritzenhein, widely considered the best distance runner in Michigan High School history. Toloff came back to place sixth in the two mile, one position ahead of sophomore teammate Tim Moore. The Wildcats ran away with the KVC title, dethroning three-time defending champion Milford (2nd). The team was undefeated in dual meets in 2000.

With little chance of knocking off defending KVC champion Brighton, Novi's girls' team proceeded to top every other league foe they faced this season.

The Wildcats were 5-1 in league duals and went on to take runnerup honors at the league championships on May 23. Junior Mickie Rzepka made continual progress all season long, and placed fifth in the pole vault competition at the Class A state championship meet. She also fared well at the Oakland County meet, where she placed second in the same event. She was joined by seniors Christina Terrell and Stephanie Primore at the state meet, where the two competed in the discus and shot put. Primore was the KVC champ in the shot.

**SOCCER** — Senior Kristi Arrington, concluded the most accomplished career in Novi history, a history which included a school-record 148 career goals and a pair of Kensington

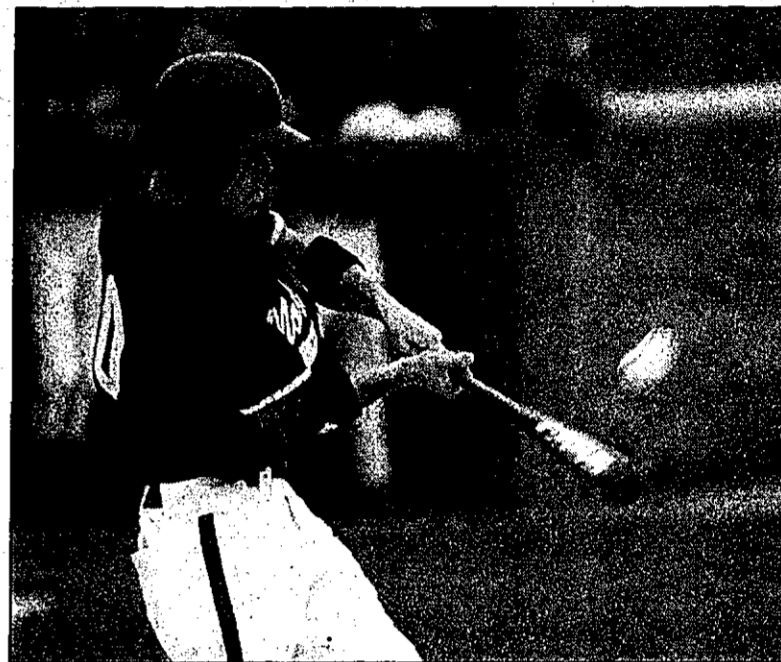


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Probably no team in the state could connect like Novi did in 2000.

Valley Conference championships. The senior scored a career-high 51 goals in 2000, leading Novi to a runnerup finish in the KVC. Each of the team's seven losses came to top-10 ranked teams, including five to Division I and II state semifinalists Brighton, Canton and Northville.

The team finished the season with a 13-7 overall record. Arrington led a barrage of five players to make the all-KVC first team. They were Arrington, Sarah Clark, Sarah Corless, Cooley and Ales. Kerri Timar and Karrie Smith were honorable-mention selections.

Arrington, Cooley and Clark were also named to the all-district team.

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## South Lyon: football team wins yet another conference title

By STEPHEN BELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BASKETBALL** - Coach Jim Brennan's debut season saw solid defensive play — only four times did the Lions give up more than 55 points. Defense kept this young team in many games. Milford coach Don Palmer said, though his team — which featured All-American Christie Schunacher — won its game at South Lyon, it was actually outplayed.

It was on the other end that South Lyon struggled. In nearly every game there were long, long stretches with no scoring. The result, a winless, last-place KVC campaign and a 1-21 overall record. The sole victory came against Walled Lake Central, 35-30.

"That was the first game where we actually scored as the game went on," Brennan said.

Unfortunately, more typical was the Lions' home game against Lakeland. South Lyon led 32-30 after three quarters, but didn't score for the final eight minutes and lost 37-32. South Lyon's season ended in the first round of the Class A districts, 56-16. Key contributors returning to next year's team include Dawn Mannerino, Alex Miseta, Lisa Partlow and Leah Kustamo. Leading rebounder Fran Hamilton graduated.

**CROSS COUNTRY** - Though they were not able to translate it into a repeat appearance at the state finals, the Lady Lions still concluded their season with a strong showing at the Class A regional at Springfield Oaks. They were sixth in the 18-team field. Senior Amanda Lee qualified for the state finals, and was one of four South Lyon runners to finish in the top 50, along with Nikole Aman, Trista Cannon and Michelle Hipple. Lee placed 44th at the state finals, 20 seconds off of all-state. At the Oakland County Meet — the largest non-state championship cross country race in the U.S. — South Lyon placed 10th, Lee 11th.

This fall without Lee, the Lions' top runner should be Aman, who will be a senior. She placed 13th at the KVC meet and 24th at the regional.

On the boys' side, South Lyon placed ninth at the brutal Springfield Oaks regional. Individually, senior Jason Prindmore was ninth as well, coming from way back to finish in 16:55. South Lyon coach Scott Smith said it was the best race of his career.

It took until the first KVC dual meet for the Lions to get a league win, but they more than made up for lost time in against Hartland. 17 of the 25 runners set PRs. South Lyon went 1-5 in KVC dual meets, and placed eighth at the conference meet.

**EQUESTRIAN** - In the B state meet at the State Fairgrounds, South Lyon scored 72 points to finish third overall behind Brighton and Fruitport. Senior co-captain Dawn Clisch was the team MVP. She was also the MVP win South Lyon won the regional championship, a venue where the team also claimed the sportsmanship award.

**FOOTBALL** - After starting the season 1-2, South Lyon regrouped to win its sixth KVC championship of the '90s. Though the Lions clinched the league in week eight at Hartland, the decisive game of the season came against Brighton. With 3:32 left in that game, Nick Younce kicked a 36-yard field goal to give the Lions a 22-21 win over a Bulldogs team which was ranked second in the state at the time. Younce provided South Lyon its first kicking threat in years. He made eight-of-10 field goals and didn't miss a PAT.

South Lyon finished the regular season 7-2, and qualified for the playoffs. The Lions lost in the first round to Walled Lake Western, 29-16. No shame there — Western went on to win the Division I state title. South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske said don't be surprised if those two meet again next November. Despite losing old standbys like top rusher Jim Mizze (918 yards, second-best in the KVC) and Brad Morris, who led the team in tackles with over 100 for three-straight years, the 2000 team could be even better, with four All-KVC players returning. South Lyon could have the strongest offensive line (the 1999 team rushed for over 2,000 yards) and best defensive backfield in the league.

Sophomore Jordan Robertson was a revelation at running back, rushing for six touchdowns and over 700 yards despite sharing carries with Mizze and another senior, Marcus Schulmeister. Robertson's breakout game came against Howell, where he ran for 175 yards and scored his first varsity touchdown. There may be a new starting quarterback — Jamie Gasparella, a junior varsity player up to this point.

**GOLF** - South Lyon's score of 314 at the Oak Pointe Golf Club regional in Brighton was good for third place. Unfortunately, only the top three teams advance to the state finals. Senior Brian Downing, however, did qualify for the finals as an individual after shooting 75. South Lyon placed seventh out of 24 teams at the Oakland County tournament. Downing's score of 75 was good for a ninth-place finish. At the Pre-KVC tournament he shot 73 to finish second. A three-time all-conference honoree, Downing's nine-hole average as a senior was 38.5.

Another senior, Justin Goyt, had a terrific season. He set two school records, for 18

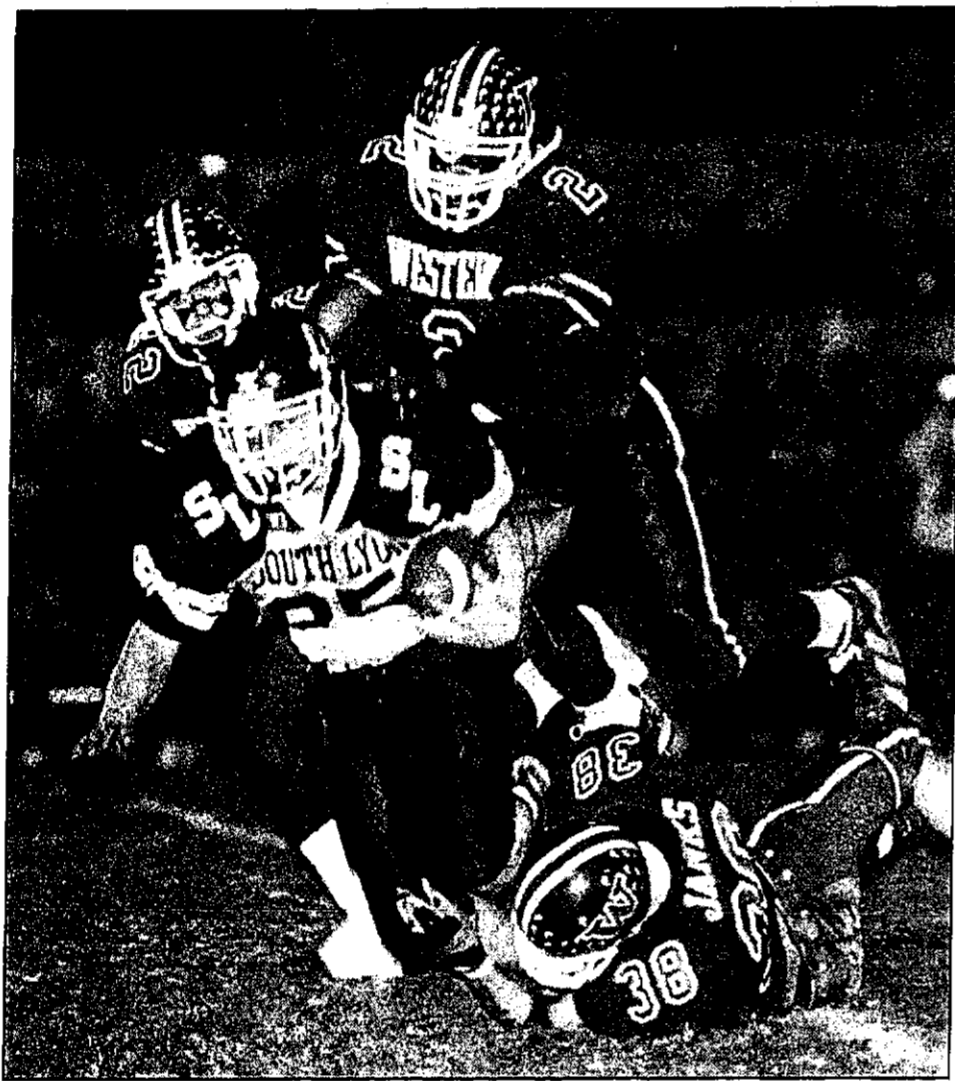


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Tony Kern and South Lyon could be looking at a playoff rematch with Walled Lake Western

holes — 71 — at the Farmington Invitational, and for nine holes — 33 — in a match with Redford Thurston at Salem Hills. Goyt's nine-hole average was 40.

The team's top returning golfer this fall should be Pat Kerekes, whose nine-hole average as a sophomore was 41.

It was the final season for coach Bill Thomas. He founded the program 31 years ago, and has been its only coach during that time.

**SOCCER** - Coach Bill Stevanovic's final season ended unfortunately, when an overtime penalty kick gave Walled Lake Western a 3-2 district victory. The Lions finished the season 4-12-1, 3-8-1 (fifth place) in the KVC.

Junior Jonathan Hernandez was South Lyon's leading scorer, with 11 goals and four assists.

**SWIMMING** - The first meet of new coach Kevin Hafner's tenure, against Westland John Glenn, saw South Lyon's 200 medley relay team set a new school mark. The records would continue to fall all season, all the way until the last meet of the year, the Ann Arbor Invitational, where Lisa Bann broke her own school record in the 100 backstroke (1:03.18) and Adrienne Stephen did the same in the 100 butterfly (1:03.08). In the Oakland County meet — the deepest assemblage of talent outside the state finals — South Lyon proved it was not out of place. Bann, a sophomore, was 10th in the 100 backstroke (1:04.33) and 12th in the 200 individual medley (2:21.15).

**TENNIS** - In what would prove to be coach Dimitri Demetral's final season, South Lyon fell short of his goal of climbing out from the KVC's basement. The Lions went 1-10-1 in the league. Coupled with their showing at the conference tournament, that left them in seventh place in the KVC.

"Our goal this season was to get out of last place," Demetral said. "But we didn't achieve that. The bottom line — we got one point at the league tournament [Georgia Hornbrook, 6-0, 6-0 in third singles against Howell] and were last in the KVC.

South Lyon won two matches at the Division I regional at Ann Arbor Pioneer, thanks to Katie Hipple at second singles and Georgia Hornbrook at third singles.

This fall, Demetral will be replaced by Don Valentine, who took over South Lyon's boys' team in the spring.

## South Lyon: Back to back hoop titles, hockey starts new tradition

By STEPHEN BELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BASKETBALL** - Some might have thought South Lyon's 1999 KVC title was a one-time thing. Incorrect. The Lions went an amazing 11-1 in the conference to claim back-to-back championships.

"We went 9-3 in the league, and most years that would win it," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "This year it didn't. Credit South Lyon for that."

"For being so short, we became a very good team," South Lyon coach Daren Clayton said. "We had some great comebacks, upsets, and we played some great teams. This year was sweeter than last year, because some may have thought the first one was a fluke. We played a much tougher schedule, and teams were gunning for us. I attribute our success to our character. First, we're like a family, we're friends off the court. Second, this team had a lot of heart. We gave up four-five-six inches a night inside, but we made up for it with hustle and hard work. It's a great honor to work with these guys."

Senior forward Randy Duncan was the team's leading scorer and rebounder, and was a unanimous selection by the league's coaches to the All-KVC team. Joining him as a first-team all-conference pick was senior guard Brian Downing.

There was no repeat of a district championship, however. Playing at Saline, South Lyon ran into a Jackson High team playing its best ball of the season, and lost 81-77 in overtime. That put the Lions' final record at 15-6. South Lyon appears to have gone beyond having merely good teams, and now has a good program.

"It's encouraging to see the excitement in the younger classes," Clayton said. "We have juniors and sophomores who are enthusiastic about carrying on the legacy of the last couple years. I think the program is at a point where we're going to be contenders year in and year out."

**WRESTLING** - The Lions wrestlers saved their best for last. Eight of them performed well enough at the district to qualify for the regional — Chris Barnes (125 pounds), Dave Edwards (130), Andy Golden (135), Mike Chandler (152), Matt Williams (171), Kirk Mulligan (189), Tim Zematits (215) and Josh Kabat (275).

From there, five got through regionals to make it to the state meet — Chandler (who was the regional champion), Williams, Mulligan, Zematits and Kabat. Chandler earned all-state honors for the second consecutive year. He placed fourth at the state finals, and ended up with a record of 43-3. South Lyon's success at the state level shouldn't have been a surprise. The talent was definitely evident at the KVC championships, where the Lions finished second. Golden, in the match of the day (a 3-2, double-overtime win), was conference champ at 135, as was Chandler at 152. Barnes, Edwards and Zematits were all second. During the regular season, South Lyon won 18 matches, tying the school record for dual meet wins.

**HOCKEY** - South Lyon's season — coach Marc Pouliot's first — (and perhaps its future) was best exemplified not in a KVC war, but a non-conference game with Plymouth Canton. Old habits die hard, but South Lyon turned the corner on the road to becoming a competitive, sportsmanlike team. In that game, Lions freshman Stephen Golaszewski scored the game-winner on a power play with 53 seconds left in the third period, to put it at 4-3. 30 seconds earlier, Canton had tied the score. There was a hard check on the play, and the Canton player dropped his gloves. His South Lyon counterpart, Trevor Hatch, didn't. Canton got a major and minor penalty, the Lions only a minor.

"In the past, that might have been reversed," Pouliot said. "Trevor keeping his composure led directly to the win. Slowly, the message got through."

Also getting through, often, was South Lyon's first line. Senior Rick Wosek and junior Dan Merritt were the most prolific scoring tandem in the KVC. The Lions went 3-8-1 (fifth place) in the KVC. Their overall record was 10-12-1.

"Coming in, I knew it would be difficult," Pouliot said, "and it was a lot tougher than I imagined. The program had been so down and the players had picked up some bad habits, through no fault of their own. We had to teach them what it takes to win. Some of them were receptive, with others it took more effort. There was attrition — we had to kick some kids off the team — but it was addition by subtraction. At the end of the year, after the big three — Milford, Brighton and Novi — I think we were the fourth-best team in the league. We've got to work on getting more and better players into the program. The biggest difference between us and Milford, Brighton and Novi is depth. Our first concern is upgrading our defense and depth at goalie."

Next season Merritt will be joined by Golaszewski and Kevin Johnson, a freshman forward who really turned it on as the season progressed. He ended up the team's leading scorer.

**SKIING** - 1999-2000 marked the first season in which skiing was a varsity sport, elevated from being merely a ski club through the hard work of the athletes themselves.

"Being the first year, we didn't know what to expect," coach John Thompson said. "The idea was to try our best and have as much fun as we could. We achieved that, and actually did better than I expected. With the kids we'll have back, and with some new kids, we'll have a pretty decent team next year. The ones that were inexperienced this year will go into it with the knowledge they didn't have this season. I know there are good skiers around here, and if they come out, the team will really start shining."

**SWIMMING** - In coach Kevin Hafner's first season, South Lyon showed that it may be a program on the rise. Perhaps the Lions' most significant accomplishment came at the Oakland County meet. No South Lyon team had ever recorded a single point there. This group scored six, and finished 17th in the county.

The 200 medley team of Kurt Servies, Brandon Baker, Mike Young and Brian Grinnell set a school record with its time of 1:50.14.



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Chris Fisher holds the KVC basketball championship trophy.

Baker was one of the best in the area in the 100 breaststroke, with a best time of 1:07.95.

**VOLLEYBALL** - South Lyon's record was 22-12-7, 8-4 in the KVC. Coach Ed Baldwin's system depends on a star player getting as many touches as possible. In 1999-2000, that player was senior Fran Hamilton. And justifiably so. She concluded her career with 860 kills, the second-most in school history behind only former teammate Kellie Kern. In a three-set loss to Milford, Hamilton set South Lyon's single-match record for kills, with 28. Her 399 kills on the year were only 10 off Kern's single-season record. She also led the team with 26 blocks and 37 aces.

If Hamilton wasn't doing damage, it was South Lyon's other senior hitter, Cassey Sutton. She had 192 kills, 26 blocks and 26 aces.

So who'll step up next year? Ellen Durkee showed flashes of potential as a junior. The thing was she was playing behind Hamilton and Sutton. But Durkee, and everyone else, will have the benefit of working with setter Beth Berry. The Lions found their game when Berry became the full-time setter. From there, South Lyon ended up tied with Milford for second in the KVC as Berry led the team in assists and was named to the all-conference team. Other key contributors returning will be Melissa Tavadian and Katie Wurster.

## South Lyon: girls burn up the track, tough districts on the diamond

**BASEBALL** — South Lyon went 14-17 and finished fourth in the KVC with an 8-10 record.

The Lions lost some close games throughout the year. But none were as hurtful as that last one-run ball game. South Lyon played Brighton in its district opener. Earlier in the season, the Bulldogs had rallied to win at South Lyon in the seventh. This time it took 10 innings before Brighton drove in the winning run in the bottom of inning, after being shut out since the first.

Junior lefty Kevin Hammer was South Lyon's best starter. He went 3-3 with a 3.58 ERA. Another junior, Tony Kern, was 5-5 with a 3.44 ERA.

It was on the other side that Kern did his real damage. Offensively, he led the Lions across the board with a .476 batting average, 39 RBI, five home runs, 14 doubles and 28 runs scored.

Some seniors had big years, as well. Jason Rohraff hit .407 with 21 RBI, Pat Flynn hit .390 and drove in 26 runs and Jason Adler hit .385 with three homers.

**GOLF** — South Lyon didn't have the depth necessary to defend its KVC championship. What it did have, though, were two of the league's best golfers in senior Amanda Gardner and sophomore Ashley Gardner.

Whenever she was playing at South Lyon's home course, Downing Farms, Ashley was a threat to break the school's nine-hole record. She did it a number of times, and it now stands at 36. She was a first-team All-KVC choice. She placed sixth at the Oakland County tournament.

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. She was once again a first-team All-KVC selection.

Next season, even without Amanda Gardner or coach Bill Thomas, South Lyon should be tough. Ashley Gardner's back, of course, and she'll have some help. By the end of the season, the Lions were getting consistent scores from Satomi Abe, Rebecca Berry and Meghan Palma, sophomore, sophomore and freshman, respectively.

**SOCCER** — In coach Gretchen Clatterback's first season, South Lyon placed fifth in the KVC. The Lions lost to Walled Lake Western in the state playoffs.

Clatterback said the team's problem too often during the season was its inability to put together consistently outstanding periods of play.

Key performers for the Lions were Jen Fagin, Rachel Sarkella and Chelsea Golightly.

## Novi: fall sports continued

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Hartland was not alone as Andrea Yocum, Lindsey Vermillion, Amanda Smith and Kristina Utley also scored at the state meet. Novi won nine of 12 events at the KVC swim meet, but Brighton used its superior depth to take home the championship. The Bulldogs and Farmington Mercy were the only two teams to knock off the Wildcats in dual meets.

**BOYS' SOCCER** — Following up a state championship season is a lot harder than it would seem, just ask the 1999 Novi soccer team.

The Wildcats were coming off the most successful season in school history, and despite having lost several key seniors from the year before, Novi made a strong run for a repeat performance.

Novi won the district championship 4-0 over West Bloomfield and then went on to defeat Dearborn in the regional semifinals. They then lost to Livonia Stevenson 3-0 in the state quarterfinals to end their season at 19-2-1, a season which included a runnerup finish to Brighton in the KVC standings.

**BOYS' GOLF** — Following a very similar path as the school's wrestling team, the Wildcat golfers were perhaps a year away from glory this past season.

Nevertheless, the team made tremendous strides in relaying the message that they'll be around for the next few seasons to come.

The team will be competing in the upper echelon of Oakland County teams this upcoming season, thanks to the squad's second-place finish in the lower-level tournament this past fall.

**SOFTBALL** — South Lyon had a young team. Of the 15 players on the roster, only three were seniors. This youthfulness manifested itself in two ways.

The first way, often early in the season, was with stretches of rough, unconcentrated play. The second way was with glimpses of what might be in the future.

One such glimpse, one that may leave a lasting impression, came in the state tournament, playing state-ranked Brighton in a district game. The game was scoreless until the tenth inning, when South Lyon scored three times, and won the game 3-0.

The Lions lost to Novi in the district championship, to end the season with a record of 10-23.

Melissa Tavidian, who knocked in the go-ahead run against Brighton, was South Lyon's best player as a junior. She was the winning pitcher in all 10 of their victories, and led the team in all offensive categories.

Other key players joining Tavidian on next year's team will be Tracey Vibber, Katie Wurster, Christina Tredinnick, Kasey Harmon and Jessi Harmon.

**TRACK & FIELD** — South Lyon's girls' team boasted the strongest group of sprinters in the KVC, with Jacquelyn Gaudreau, Andrea Gaudreau, Laurie Lee, Marquita Whitfield and Lindsay Hall. The Gaudreau's, Eccles and Whitfield qualified for the state finals in the 400-meter relay, and ran a school record 51.1 seconds. But they weren't the only ones. South Lyon had talent throughout the ranks.

Senior Amanda Lee had a fitting end to her fine career. At the regionals she placed second in the 3,200 meters and third in the 1,600 meters, qualifying for the state finals in both races. In Rockford, Lee was 10th in the mile, running a PR 5:12, and 11th in the 3,200.

Other state qualifiers from South Lyon were Jamie Kuzdek in the discus and Lynn Gasparella in the pole vault. Gasparella set a PR of 9'6" at the state meet. She was also the pole vault champion at the KVC meet. Kuzdek medaled at the state meet with a sixth-place throw of 120'0".

While not on the same relative level as the girls, South Lyon's boys' team definitely had some talent. But it was often a numbers game in the KVC, and the Lions didn't have the depth to compete with the likes of Milford and Novi. They went 1-5 in conference dual meets, beating Hartland.

Outside of the league the Lions were no slouches. They placed fourth in a strong field at the Ypsilanti Lincoln relays.

Junior Paul Bursick led the team in points earned, and he did it a number of ways. Bursick competed in the 110-meter hurdles, the 300-meter hurdles and the pole vault. He was one of the top hurdlers in the KVC. He ran a state qualifying time in the 300, only it came at the Meet of Champions and not the regional.

Senior Jim Mize was one of the league's best weight men. South Lyon showed some speed in its younger classes, led by freshman sprinter Mark Bowser.

The top two teams in the lower draw exchange places with the bottom two teams of the top draw each year.

Sophomores Matt Peurach and Pete Kobylarek will lead the team into the future with the help of Robbie Overfield. The sophomore trio will be joined by freshman Jack Tyler and senior-to-be Ryan Miller on a team that should contend for a conference championship. Kobylarek was a second-team all-KVC selection this year while Peurach placed third at the Oakland County tournament.

"They know now, it's time to make something happen," Novi coach Brad Huss said of next year's team. "I'm really looking forward to it."

**GIRLS' TENNIS** — It's almost a given that the Novi tennis team will win a conference championship. If it's not, then the program Jim Hanson has built is surely coming up big at the right times.

The Wildcats came back from regular-season losses to Brighton to take first at the conference tournament and claim a share of its fourth-consecutive KVC tennis title.

Three of four doubles flights won championships and the third doubles team finished runner-up to propel the team to the win.

"Brighton was the favorite. They had the top two players in the conference and a lot of depth back from last year. That's what makes this championship so sweet for the girls," Hanson said following the tournament victory.

The team could not carry their winning ways through the regional tournament, however. Novi finished third at the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional behind the host school and Huron.

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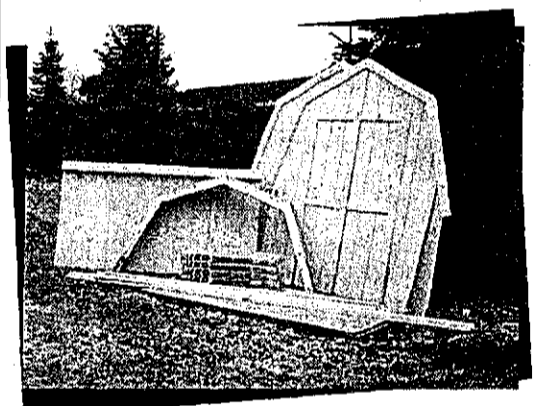
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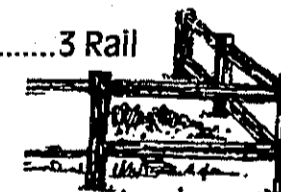
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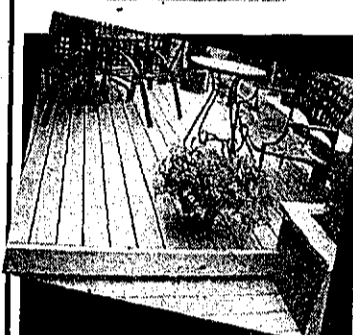
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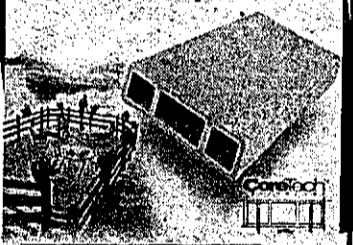
#### What is Nexwood?

**Unique Wood-Like Finish**  
Texture surface that provides an excellent traction with the look and feel of real wood.

**The Next Generation of Recycled Lumber Product**  
Resists rot, insects and moisture.

**Exclusive CoreTech Design**  
Allows Nexwood to span up to 24" on center giving it leading edge performance over alternative non-wood products.

Does everything that wood does except splinter, warp and rot!



#### Stock Sizes

2X6X12' .....  
2X6X16' .....  
2X6X20' .....  
**\$185** Lin.  
All Sizes

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