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**Police suspect this man robbed the Michigan National Bank on Pontiac Trail in Novi.**

# Bank robbed

## Novi gets hit by second robber in two months

BY RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

A suspect brandished a gun and demanded money from the Michigan National Bank on Pontiac Trail at West Road on April 10, at approximately 1 p.m.

"He said he wanted about \$4,000," Novi detective Dennis Jelley said. "Maybe he needed it to clear some debts."

The robbery call came in at approximately 1 p.m. when a bank clerk phoned the robbery in.

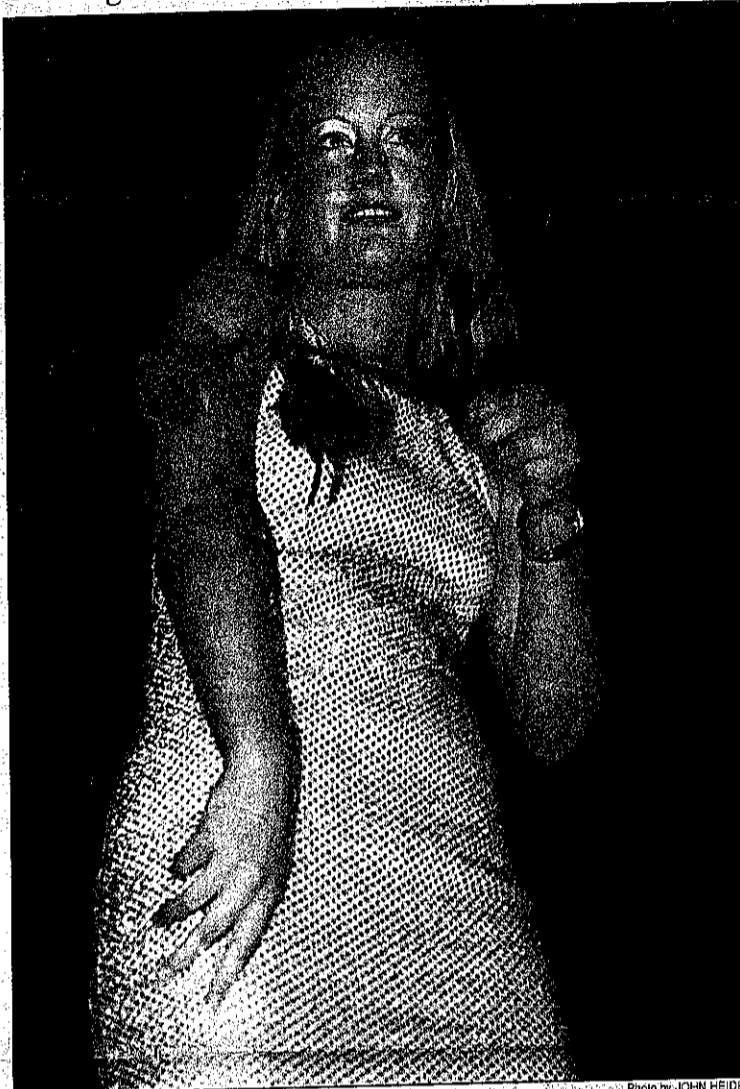
According to the report, a lone white male approached a 51-year-old teller and passed the teller a note. The suspect apparently indicated to the teller that he had a gun in his possession.

"He showed the teller the butt end of a gun or what looked like a gun, sticking out of his pants," Jelley said.

After the teller put an undisclosed amount of cash into an envelope, the suspect took the money and fled. After leaving the bank, the K-9 Unit tracked the suspect through the Novi Square Plaza, into an apart-

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## Shining star



Novi High student Ashley Burnside sports a silvery sleeveless dress during last week's Prom Fashion Show.

## Prom show highlights attire

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Fabulous style combined with fashionably chic teens made for a great combination at this year's Prom Fashion Show at Novi High School.

With 60 guys and gals working the runway better than Ru Paul, the high school auditorium was filled with all the sites and sounds of a New York catwalk on April 10.

From strapless and short to long and flowing, the

girls were dressed to kill and the guys were also looking quite suave in their tuxedos that ranged from all white to pin-striped.

"The outfits this season are beautiful," said Sarah Beth O'Connor, who hosted the event along with Heather Kline. "There are tons of different styles and colors. Every dress and tux is totally different."

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# School district will hold election on \$75 mil. bond

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Novi Community Schools superintendent Emmett Lippe said community support brought the Novi School District to where it is today, and that more is needed if it wishes to continue its eminent reputation.

Lippe is encouraging voters to get out on June 11 to decide the fate of three separate ballot proposals. Three the district is now calling the "KEYs to success:

Keeping Excellence for Years to come.

"This is one of the most significant elections we've had. It's essential for us," Lippe said. "Every student in every school is going to benefit. But it's really up to the community to determine the level of excellence they want to maintain in this school district."

The summer ticket will include the district's \$75 million bond proposal to address space and technology needs, as well as dedicated

site millage of 0.5 mills and a Headlee Amendment override.

Assistant superintendent of business and operations Jim Koster explained that the dedicated millage allows the district to set aside funds to cover the repair of newly developed buildings.

The dedicated millage would take care of maintenance and contracted repairs, therefore prolonging the lives of the buildings and keeping the district's assets in the best of shape," Koster said.

The Headlee override, he explained, is to restore the 18-mill levy as required by law in 1994. The 1994 school-finance reform legislation (Proposal A) replaced local property taxes with state level taxes. Although not its intent, the Headlee began dropping, causing school districts to lose money. Currently, the Headlee is at 17.6 and is expected to drop again next year.

Koster said the millage is important because it is used in the cal-

culating for state aid to school districts.

"The state will not make up this loss for the Headlee effect," he said. "So with the override, the millage would be restored to its original 18 mill levy, and more importantly, state aid to Novi would be as it was intended to be."

The Headlee override would only affect business and commercial taxes and not affect the taxes of

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Ryan Churella, in green, trailed in the first period by 6-2. He came back to win a national championship 9-7.

# Churella captures national wrestling title at 140 lbs

If it seems like Novi senior Ryan Churella keeps getting better and better each time he steps foot on the wrestling mat ... well that's because he is.

Following up an undefeated state championship season four weeks ago, Churella won the National High School Seniors Wrestling Championships 140-pound title April 7-9 in Newark, Del.

Churella defeated Dustin Manotti of Millinburg, Pa. 9-7 in overtime to take home the title. Trailing 6-2 after one period, Churella came back to ride Manotti the entire second period before scoring on a pair of takedowns in the third to send it to overtime.

The two-time Michigan state champion needed less than 45 seconds in the extra session to take Manotti down and win the championship.

"I kind of got off to a slow start

but I knew if I could make him work hard for every takedown I'd eventually wear him down," Churella said. "I just tried to keep my intensity up and work hard throughout the whole match."

Churella won six matches during the three-day tournament, which was held at the Bob Carpenter Center Friday through Sunday. There were 57 wrestlers competing in his bracket, all of whom were state champions or runners-up.

He edged R.J. Paterniti of Erie, Pa. 5-4 in the semifinals after soundly defeating Lakeville, Ohio's Mike Parsons 12-3 in the quarterfinals. Churella beat Lapeer West's James Kish 7-2 in the round of 16, handing Kish only his second loss of the year.

His coach and father, Mark Churella Sr., said the tournament was a culmination of Ryan's entire high school career.

"He wrestled with a lot of intensity throughout the entire tournament," his father said. "What we've worked on is the ability to make sure you're able to wrestle hard the entire time you're out there. The level of competition he wrestled was tremendous and it has really helped prepare him to wrestle in college."

Churella will wrestle at the University of Michigan next year. The event, hosted by the National High School Coaches Association of Easton, Pa., attracted 708 entries from 47 states. California, which led the field with 65 entries, scored 265.5 points to take home the state team trophy for the third straight year. New Jersey finished second with 228.5 points followed by Ohio (185.5), Pennsylvania (172), Kansas

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# Resident's couch becomes site of robbery

## Police News

A local woman may try utilizing a bank after a suspect broke into her house and stole money she kept stuffed in her couch. At 9 a.m. the woman's son left for work and returned around 6 p.m. to find the home had been broken into and the money gone on April 11.

The police report indicated that the back window had been forced open and a bedroom door broken.

The break-in occurred inside the Chateau Estates trailer park along Napier Road just south of Twelve Mile Road.

**BAG OF CONFUSION**  
After a man entered the Speedway gas station with a

paper bag over his head, a single white gym sock over his right hand and sporting sunglasses, the clerk became confused about the orders the man was barking out.

When the suspect entered the store at 3:04 a.m. on April 10, he first said that this was a robbery then told the clerk he was "just kidding." At one point, he told the clerk that it was "Halloween." He apparently changed his mind and announced, again, a robbery.

then - apparently changing his mind once again - grabbed a pack of cigarettes and fled the station.

The man may have fled the area in an older model Subaru with a loud exhaust system. The Subaru was last seen heading east bound along Eight Mile Road.

**LONG DISTANCE THREATS**  
A local woman who is suing her ex-husband for 50 percent of their business, has been

receiving threatening phone calls against her life and the life of her brother.

The latest call came on April 10, late in the evening.

According to the woman, her ex-husband resides in Bogota, Columbia and has threatened to kill her and her brother, who still resides in Bogota. The woman is fearful for her brother because "people die after death threats in Columbia."

**LAYING CARPET IS A DANGEROUS JOB**  
A Westland man told Novi police on April 12 that he was reportedly hit by garden stones after a resident did not like how the workers were doing their job.

The workers, who were laying carpet in an undetermined Novi residence, were apparently packing up their things around 6 p.m. when the woman said she did not know if she wanted carpeting on a certain stair case. The argument spilled out onto the driveway where, according to the carpet layers, a resident from the home started the incident by throwing stones.

But, according to police reports, the homeowners told police that the worker threatened them and not the other way around.

Police are continuing their investigation into the incident.

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Bailey Borycki, 3, at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 14.

# Here comes Peter Cottontail

## Children hunt for eggs, candy and even the Easter bunny

**By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer**

The lonely eggs hidden in the grass were soon united with smiling faces and happy cheers as the Novi Parks & Recreation Department presented their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 14.

Whether they were hunting for eggs, playing games, making crafts, petting farm animals, or jumping high in the moonwalk, the children of Novi spent an "egg-celent afternoon at the Civic Center."

Friends Tom Dixon and Joseph Rosenthal made out like a couple

of bandits in the hunt, as their baskets were filled with colored eggs, chocolate, jelly beans, and tiny toys.

"It's one thing I get for Easter this year, I hope it's lots of Tootsie-Rolls!" exclaimed Dixon, a 7-year-old student from Orchard Hills Elementary School.

Sponsored along with the Novi Community Credit Union, Discovery Toys, and the Novi Jaycees, the civic center proved to be the perfect day to spend the afternoon before the holiday.

With the center packed with a number of carnival games, the kids were wildly entertained playing soccer, pucker-o-score, and skee roll.

The event also offered face painting and refreshments, as well as a chocolate bunny and jelly bean raffle.

And what would a Easter egg hunt be without the Easter bunny?

"If it's one thing I get for Easter this year, I hope it's lots of Tootsie-Rolls."

Tom Dixon  
7-year-old Novi resident

The main rabbit was also there wishing the children to enjoy their holiday and advising them not to eat too much candy for fear they would get tummy aches.

Aside from eating and collecting candy, the children were also looking forward to spending Easter Sunday with their families.

Fourth grader Alex Zabinski from Novi Woods was going to spend the holiday at his aunt's home, while Dixon and Rosenthal were planning a trip to Maybury Park.

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Dr. Michael P. Burk

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**Monday, April 9**  
Medical, Lot 138 South lake, 8:42 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 31145 Wellington, 10:10 a.m., Squad 2.  
Fire alarm, 45500 Grand River, 10:29 a.m., Engines 4, 1.  
Service, 50926 Vermont, 10:51 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 42260 Fountain Park, 12:45 p.m., Squad 1.  
Kitchen fire, 27198 Novi Road, 1:23 p.m., Engine 1.  
Personal injury accident, Haggerty and Village Wood, 2:42 p.m., Squad 3.  
Kitchen fire, 23393 Windsor, 5:15 p.m., Engine 3.  
Service, 21353 Haggerty, 10:32 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 27750 Novi Road, 11:27 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 7:57 a.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 21111 Haggerty, 12:31 p.m., Engines 3, 1.  
Medical, 39774 Wedgewood, 6:29 p.m., Squad 3.  
Trash fire, Thirteen Mile and Paramount, 7:27 p.m., Engine 2.  
Fire alarm, 20934 Dundee, 11:14 p.m., Engine 3.

**Wednesday, April 11**  
Medical, 309 Bubank, 5:28 a.m., Squad 2.  
Fire alarm, Eleven Mile and Taft Road, 9:59 a.m., Engines 4, 1.  
Medical, 43293 Citation, 10:27 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 43055 Crescent, 3:59 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, Eleven Mile and Taft Road, 6:36 p.m., Squad 4.  
Trash fire, Novi and Linhart, 7:21 p.m., Engine 2.  
Personal injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 10:56 p.m., Squad 1.

**Thursday, April 12**  
Fire alarm, 41326 Scarborough, 9:19 a.m., Engine 1.  
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 12:03 p.m., Squad 1.  
Wires down, Ten Mile and Beck, 12:28 p.m., Engine 4.  
Medical, 23511 Broken Stone, 1:24 p.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, M-5 and Thirteen Mile, 1:47 p.m., Engines 2, 1.  
Medical, 42990 Grand River, 2 p.m., Squad 1.  
Wires down, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 2:23 p.m., Engine 1.

**Friday, April 13**  
Wires down, Ten Mile and LeBost, 6:48 a.m., Engine 3.  
Personal injury accident, Beck and Grand River, 6:56 a.m., Squad 4.  
Fire alarm, 45182 W. Park, 7:56 a.m., Engines 1, 2, 4.  
Medical, 24010 Meadowbrook, 9:07 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 39750 Grand River, 9:12 a.m., Squad 1.

**Saturday, April 14**  
Brush fire, 1-96 and Beck Road, 4:52 a.m., Engine 4.  
Medical, 40254 Ladene, 3:07 p.m., Squad 3.  
Sunday, April 15  
Service, 44490 Eleven Mile Road, 12:57 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 5:19 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 25997 Rousseau, 6:12 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 41172 Park Forest, 7:30 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, Novi and Thirteen Mile Road, 10:34 a.m., Squad 2.  
Personal injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 12:30 p.m., Squad 1.  
Personal injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 1:08 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 42102 Fountain Park, 2:49 p.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, 43840 Algonquin, 6:33 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 47991 Andover, 6:47 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 42102 Fountain Park, 8:27 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22443 Eaton Court, 9:49 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 231 Linhart, 10:41 p.m., Squad 2.

### Novi Briefs

**Novi Parks & Recreation Announces Final Choices for New Park Name**

The Novi Parks & Recreation Commission and the Novi Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the children at Deerfield Elementary and the community with their help in coming up with three final name choices for the new park at 11 Mile and Wixom Road.

They are:

1. Exploration Park
2. Friendship Park
3. Wildlife Woods Park

The department is enlisting the children at Deerfield Elementary, as well as the entire community to vote on the final name. Everyone in the community is encouraged to vote for one of the three choices at the Parks & Recreation office, located in the Novi Civic Center. The final name selection voting deadline will be Friday, April 27 at 5 p.m. The park name and winners will be announced during the May Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

**No New Nominees for Open School Board**

Looks as if incumbents John Strei and John Balagna will go unopposed for this year's annual Novi school board election.

The terms of the current incumbent school board members expired this year and no few candidate nominations were turned in for the two open four year positions. Nominations were to be turned in by April 9.

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**Obituaries**

**FRED J. ANDREW**  
Fred J. Andrew, 85, died April 12 in Providence Hospital, Novi. He was born in 1908.  
Mr. Andrew worked for Chrysler Corp. and retired 35 years ago.  
He is survived by two sisters, Lillian Perouse and Lucille Proudfoot; and four nieces and two nephews.  
Mr. Andrew was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy.  
A memorial service will be held at a later date.  
Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.  
Memorial to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite No. 100, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

**JOHN W. WEED**  
John W. Weed of Novi died on April 14 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. He was 80.  
Mr. Weed is survived by his wife, Mildred; children Susan (Mike) Dillon and Bill (Sandra) Weed; grandchildren Nancy, Kristin, Amy, Jennifer, Michael and Nicole; and great-grandchildren Samantha and Noah.  
Visitation and services were held at the O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.  
Memorial to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation would be appreciated.

**VIOLET WALSH**  
Violet Walsh died on April 14 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 80.  
Mrs. Walsh is survived by her husband, Earl John Walsh, Jr.; children June (Tony) Pursy; grandchildren Caroline (Al) Hayden, Jeff Pursy and Heather (Nigel) White; great-grandchildren David, Ryan, Rupert and Barnaby and brother Frank (Betty) Pursy.  
A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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**Vendors pass test with flying colors; no minors served**

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer  
If you're under 21 - don't expect to purchase alcohol in Novi.  
In a recent undercover sting operation with the Novi Police Department, one hundred percent of local vendors complied with the mandatory liquor laws.  
On April 12, the Novi Community That Cares Coalition helped both celebrate and congratulate these local vendors on a job well done in keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. Community members and local officials like Rep. Joe Krollenberg (R-Bloomfield Hills) joined the coalition in recognizing those businesses in an awards presentation and breakfast held at the Oakland County Technical Center.  
"Today we are here to honor the Novi businesses who have helped keep our kids safe and it gives me great honor to say that every one of our vendors passed," said Beth Belter, director of the Novi Community That Cares Coalition.  
In the recent sting, a decoy between the ages of 13 to 17, went into area restaurants and convenience stores attempting to purchase alcohol.  
"We made no attempt to disguise the teen," said Novi Police Chief Doug Sheffer.  
"He had no facial hair or other physical attributes to conceal his age. He simply went in each establishment and attempted to buy alcohol."  
"With one hundred percent compliance, Shaeffer said he was proud to find that no one in Novi was selling to minors."  
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The Coalition would like to thank the following businesses for their efforts on safeguarding against serving liquor to minors:  
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Parkview celebrates science with fair

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

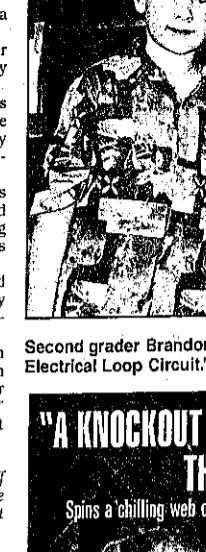
Parkview Elementary was exploding with creativity April 6, as the students presented their annual science fair.

The hallways were packed with young scientists who were dazzling parents and friends who came to see the amazing projects.

With projects ranging from "How Crystals are Formed" to the "Metamorphosis of Caterpillars," Parkview's students proved that science is a world full of interest and excitement.

filling the school, it was obvious the students not only learned something, but had fun doing it too.

Just ask nine-year-old Garrett Babinech who did his science fair project on optical illusions.



Second grader Brandon Hogle with "Demonstration of an Electrical Loop Circuit."

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LOCAL CONCERN/STATE WIDE

Road workers could be better protected by bill

BY RANDAL YAKY
Most drivers will spend time stuck in a construction zone this summer, however, this year it is important to remember to slow down.
A bill has now been introduced in the senate that will increase the penalties for anyone who has an accident and injures a road worker in a construction zone.

According to the new bill, any driver that injures a road worker in a construction zone would face fines of \$1,000 and one year in prison. The penalty would rise to \$7,500 and 15 years if a road worker is killed in a construction zone.
Any driver found to be drunk and kills a road worker could face a mandatory 20 years in prison.
'We want to get this done before the construction season starts,' Bullard said. 'State police statistics show that the incidents with workers are increasing.'

Builders Association (MBRA) who have been concerned with the lack of prosecution by judges and prosecutors in cases involving road accidents.
The proposal comes on the heels of a number of road safety laws including the most recent law mandating that drivers move over one lane when passing a police officer and emergency worker making traffic stops or assisting motorists on freeways.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address ryaky@nl.hometown.com can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

CCW permits now go mainly to retired police officers

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Ninety-eight percent of current holders of general permits to carry concealed weapons in Michigan are retired police officers.
'I'm very comfortable with a police officer, who has served 20-25 years, carrying a gun on or off duty,' said Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan. 'I think that's a good thing. I think 98 percent of those getting a general permit should be connected to law enforcement. I think that's right. He wants to change because he thinks that system is wrong. That's the crux of the argument.'

CCW law, was a member of the legislative conference committee that wrote the final version of the bill before it was passed in December. The two explained their positions in the meeting with HomeTown editors.
'Some of us feel that since it is a right to own a weapon - it's in our Constitution and it's in the federal Constitution - that certain people are able to carry weapons in certain public places if they feel they need to for their own safety,' Bullard said.
'I believe you have an absolute right to own a gun for your own protection,' Duggan said, 'and that you ought to keep it at your house and keep it out of the park and away from my kid.'

that gun boards show 'clear and convincing evidence' that the applicant would be a danger to himself or others to be issued. Duggan said there would be a number of questionable applicants for which gun boards could not produce such evidence.
'The worst part is, if we don't have clear and convincing evidence in 30 days to turn it down, we have to issue it,' Duggan said. 'Every other state has 60 to 90 days to do background checks. In Texas, they have 180 days to do the background check... We are going to put 200,000 guns in the country, with less review than any state in the country.'

Southeast Michigan residents give transportation a low score

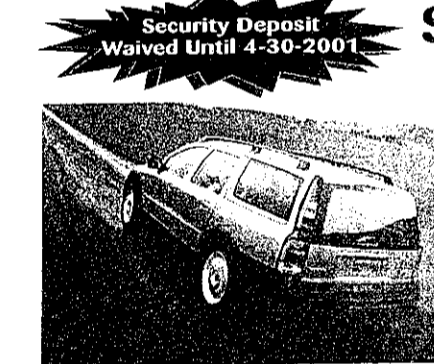
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The survey will be used to help create a regional transit vision in the 2025 Transportation Plan this October.

According to Paul Tait, SEMCOG Executive Director, this October. Responses will be taken through June 1, according to SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait.

Preliminary results show that support for additional funding for public transit is highest where residents are least satisfied with the current network.
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Hamburg man removes interview claimed to be a hoax

By MIKE MALOTT
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A Hamburg Township man has removed from the Internet transcripts of an interview after State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland Township, proclaimed the document to be a hoax.
Bullard, supposedly the subject of the interview, said the question-and-answer session never occurred.
David Fitch, Hamburg resident and administrator of www.PoliticalThoughts.com, would neither confirm nor deny the accuracy of interviews posted on the website when contacted by telephone Monday. He said that he'd received the supposed Bullard interview by email from another user of the "GM Intranet" or "Truck and Bus" and had simply "cleaned it up" before posting it on the site.
Asked if he had an obligation to check the accuracy of interviews posted there, Fitch said that "that's insignificant."

many people would read and believe in the media.
Fitch said he would have removed the transcript from the website, Tuesday, April 10, and two other questionable interviews were gone from the site.
'As a public official, I have limited recourse against lies and falsehoods,' Bullard said. 'Now with the Internet, lies and falsehoods can be spread more widely... I guess I'm going to have to trust in the public, trust that they will not take as true things that are clearly ridiculous and that I would not possibly have said.'

The interview, supposedly done by the "Free of John Simon" with Bullard on the topic of mandatory seatbelt use and a recent bill making a violation a primary offense and adding two points to a driver's record.
The Detroit Free Press is often referred to as the Freep, and it uses the term on its own website.
But Free Press editor John X. Miller says there is no reporter at the newspaper named John Simon.
In the supposed interview, Bullard was quoted as saying, "With advice from the insurance lobby, the bill was drafted so as to be innocuous at first. The first amendment was to make violation of this act a primary offense, the second amendment is now in

front of us... The facts of life are clear. The insurance industry is one of the biggest lobbies in the State of Michigan. Campaign contributions from the insurance lobby far outweigh those of people. While it is true that it is the people who actually vote us into office, it is the insurance monies that pay for the exposure that candidates need.'

Two other interviews posted on PoliticalThoughts.com were also removed Tuesday. One purported to be a transcript of a Talk of the Nation show in which Congressman Dan Rostenkowski was questioned about medical marijuana. Barr's office said the interview was "entirely bogus."

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-013. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT All Seasons Spas, Fireplace & More is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a sale tent for portable hot tubs, gas grills and patio furniture in the 12 Oaks Mall Parking Lot from May 1 through May 7, 2001.

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-015. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Pipe Systems, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer in the Fountain Walk Project from April 25, 2001 through April 25, 2002.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider SUMMERLIN OF NOVI, SP (11-1), located on the east side of West Park Drive between Pontiac Trail and South Lake Drive, to consider PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLAND PERMIT approval. The applicant is proposing a 37-unit site condominium development.

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TO: Novi Road Corridor Visioning Session
WHEN: Tuesday, April 24th, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room A, B & C
WHY: To participate in planning for the Novi Road Corridor (Main Street to Eight Mile Rd.)

You are cordially invited to participate in an important public input session to develop an action plan for Novi Road.
OVERVIEW
The purpose of this study is to identify improvements and possible land use recommendations for the Novi Road Corridor. Corridor planning is a tool that permits the City to closely examine an area that is in need of a more intense planning focus. Novi has successfully used this technique in the past for several major corridors, including Twelve Mile Road.
Novi Road is a major north-south arterial road, linking 8 Mile Road to I-96 and beyond. It has an interchange with I-96 in the commercial center of the City. Much attention has been focused in the past on the regional shopping center and Main Street areas. The focus of this corridor study is from Main Street south to the City's southern limits.
This corridor is unique because of several factors:
1) Novi Road is budgeted for widening to 5 lanes from Ten Mile Road north to Grand River by 2003, including a grade-separated crossing over the railroad.
2) The segment of Novi Road, north of Ten Mile to the City's southern limits, is the heart of the City. Drivers exiting I-96 and driving south to residential areas, the Novi Civic Center, the Novi Ice Arena, Powers Park or other destinations pass through this important road segment.
3) The segment from Ten Mile Road south to the City limits includes a wide range of land uses including commercial, single- and multi-family residential, industrial and office. For specific recommendations visit the City's web site at www.ci.novi.mi.us
4) The Novi/Ten Mile and Novi/Nine Mile intersections are important and visible nodes in the community that deserve special attention from a design and land use perspective.
Copies of preliminary study information and existing conditions will be available for viewing at the City of Novi Planning and Community Development Department and the City Library after April 12th. Study information will also be available online at www.ci.novi.mi.us/noviroad (4-19-01 NR/NN 1041266)

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# Commerce board gives woman 60 days to clean house

By ERIN JOHNSON Staff Writer

At their April 10 meeting, Commerce Township Board members voted to give Edna Wilson 60 days to clean up her house and make it safe to live in.

The controversy over Wilson's house, located in Commerce Township on South Commerce Road, began in January when several neighbors complained of numerous cats in the area, which Wilson was apparently feeding, and an unpleasant odor.

The township obtained a search warrant to look through Wilson's house and discovered piles of garbage and debris, along with empty cat food cans and bags of cat litter.

In March, the board gave Wilson until April 10 to clean up her house or the township would seek a court order which would allow them to clean the home. A group of volunteers have offered to help the 73-year-old Wilson make her home livable again. The clean up efforts had been progressing, and Building and Zoning Administrator Ken Campbell had suggested the board extend the deadline until May 15.

Christy Yee, a neighbor of Wilson's, was at the most recent meeting and strongly urged the board not to give Wilson more than two more weeks to get her house cleaned.

She was worried that one of her young children may be bitten by or catch an illness from one of the cats around the property. She also fears that with summer months approaching, the smell of cat urine may become stronger in the heat.

Yee also feels Wilson is stalling clean up efforts by the volunteers because she will not let them in her home when she is not present.

Township Supervisor Tom Zoner said Wilson hasn't been home much because she is busy preparing taxes, which she does part time. Zoner believes once tax season is over, Wilson will be home more and the clean up will progress quickly.

"I think the main goal and objective is to get it cleaned up as quickly as possible," he said.

Wilson was not present, but she has 60 days to respond to the board's decision.

In other business, the board approved a resolution which will allow the residents of South Commerce Lake to apply for a permit from the Department of Natural Resources to capture and relocate Canadian geese.

Residents said the population of geese is on the rise in the area, and they would like to contact a company which will relocate the geese to another area and possibly out of state.

# State is compiling database of records on every student in Michigan

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service mmalott@hometownnews.net

"We are spending \$13 billion on our education system and we don't know very much about it. We don't know much about how the money is being spent; we don't know how well it is performing. This is an attempt to make that more transparent," said Madhu Anderson, Director of Michigan's new Center for Education Performance and Information.

CEPI, created by executive order last year by the governor, is assigned to the task of setting up a massive new computer system capable of holding a "data warehouse" of information on schools and students.

It is all made possible, Anderson explained, by new technology. Advances in computer technology — the creation of "relational databases" along with increased information storage capacity — allowed for the creation of such a system. What the computer will be able to hold is a record of every student in the state and how he or she has progressed year to year. That database is known as the Single Record Student Database.

Additionally, the computer will be able to hold several other databases, containing records on each teacher and on each building. Other databases will contain information about testing, finances, and crime and safety.

"It is a way to look at best practices," Anderson explained. "An educator, for instance, might look at another district and see that it is spending this much and its performance is X. He might say, 'I'm spending this as good.' Hopefully then, that educator would pick up the phone and call the other district to see what it is doing differently."

The system is also giving some local school districts fits.

Administrators complained recently to the House Education Committee that converting their records into the form needed by CEPI was burning up many staff hours. Mason schools, for instance, estimated its time at 1,000 hours.

Likewise, districts have complained the format keeps changing. With CEPI requiring 120 "fields" of data needed on each student, it requires a lot of work when the format changes, they say. And the format has changed five times.

Districts are concerned about the system, considering it is expected to go online this fall. The system is intended to allow for research about education in Michigan schools and to generate the various reports now issued about education in the state.

Eventually, Anderson said, her CEPI office will produce additional studies for the public on the status of the public schools. She sees her office and the computer system as a reporting agency.

Established by an executive order last year, CEPI is a temporary agency with two years to do its work. When fully staffed, the complement will come to about 30, Anderson estimates.

Some form of permanent administration of the system will be needed, and whether CEPI is continued or replaced with a new department, she said, she believes the computer system will need a crew of about 30 for operation into the future.

## Novi Briefs

**The WILDCAT ROAR Wins The Coveted Spartan Award**  
Novi High School's Wildcat Roar received the coveted Spartan Award at the MIPA conference on April 10. The "Spary," as it's affectionately called, is the highest honor a high school newspaper can win in the state.

The award process is decided by judges who rate the newspaper on all aspects of its coverage, design, photography, ad design and overall writing. Individual winners at the conference were Novi High School students: Lauren Angesk, Bianca Meth, Chris Sandburg, Phil Horschaw, and Sarah Beth O'Connor.



Team F.A.T.E. at a competition at Eastern Michigan University.

**Team F.A.T.E. Rates at Robotics Competition in Florida**  
Congratulations to Novi High School's Robotics Team for an excellent showing at the 10th annual F.I.R.S.T. Robotics competition in Orlando, Florida the weekend of April 6.

The team of talented young men and women received awards from Rookie-All Star to innovative web design and infrastructure to most effective/unique name. F.A.T.E. stands for Finding Achievement Through Education.

Best Delegate awards were won by Matt Haugen, partners Lauren Tuckey and Cody Surles, and partners Karl Eggers and Bidish Sarma in their respective committees. Nick Kowalezyk garnered an honorable mention for Best Delegation by representing the United States in different United Nations committees.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2001.

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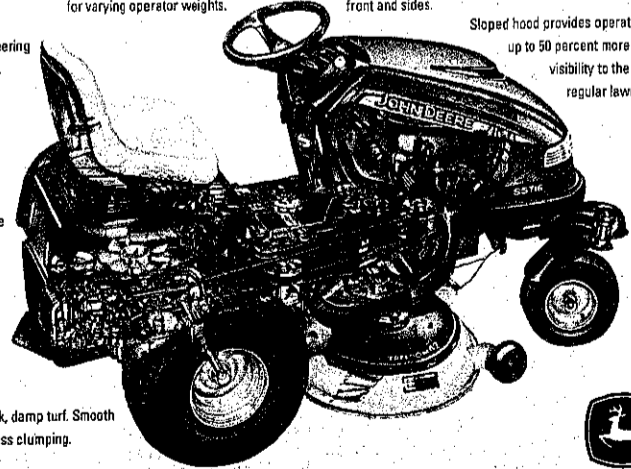
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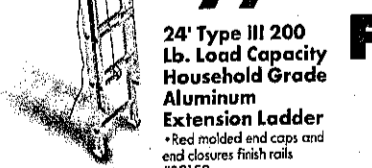
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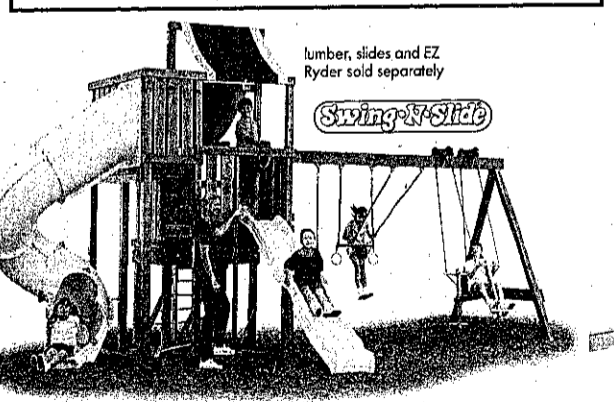
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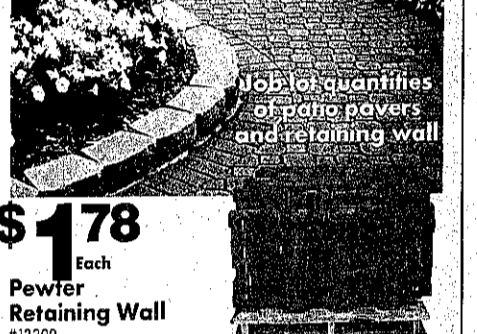
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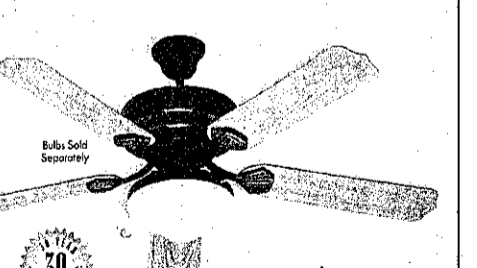
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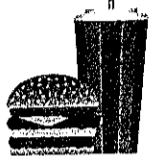
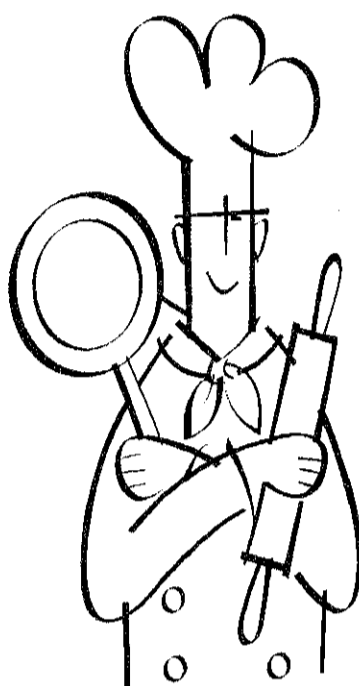
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# Family is reunited after 50 years of searching

By JENNIFER NORRIS  
Staff Writer

The Thamm family is going to need to buy bigger photo albums. After searching for almost 50 years, the Thamm family has finally located their two missing sisters.

A partial family reunion was held Tuesday at the Commerce Township home of Ann Atkins, one of the missing sisters. Ann was reunited with two of her brothers, David and Harry Thamm.

The night before the long-awaited reunion was slated to take place, David Thamm said he could barely sleep because he was so eager to see his sister.

"I kept wondering 'What does Ann look like?'" said David, a resident of Birch Run, Mich.

As the reunion day dawned, anticipation levels were running high.

"I was too nervous to eat breakfast," he said. "I couldn't sleep at night."

After meeting his sister, David said his sister was as he remembered her.

"She looks the same," he said. "She's got that same smile. She looks a little like my mom."

Ann, a 1959 Northville High School graduate, will not likely forget the moment two of her brothers walked into her home and open arms.

"It's like putting a puzzle together," said Ann. "But it's your life."

The reunited siblings spent much of the day becoming reacquainted and sharing stories and tears.

Ann, David and Harry are three of 11 siblings that became separated during the 1940s. Currently, seven of the children are alive today.

The children became separated due largely to a tragic accident and the result of a court hearing decided many years ago.

During the 1940s the Thamm family consisted of Otto and Anna Thamm, the parents of the 11 children. The children were named Eleanor, Erna, Jerry,

Archie, Otto, Harry, Jimmy, David, Barbara, Cathy and Ann.

According to Mary Thamm, David's wife, the father of the 11 children died in 1946 after spraying chemicals on his orchard. The children were then placed into the mother's custody. However, shortly afterward a court hearing resulted in the separation of the family.

Early attempts to locate the two sisters, Cathy and Ann, were done with the help of the Internet.

Mary said while her son and daughter-in-law were searching on the Internet, they found a

woman named Beth Thamm who lived in Garden City. Beth turned out to be the daughter of Otto, one of the brothers. A visit was arranged in July and David met his brothers Otto and Archie. In August, David was able to reunite with his brother Harry.

However, the whereabouts of two sisters was still unknown.

After a story on the family's search appeared in the March 29 edition of the *Northville Record*, some readers instantly recognized Ann and promptly informed family members.

When Ann discovered her siblings were looking for her, she

was shocked.

"I was like 'Oh, my God,'" she said. "After all these years, you think you're the only one out there. I used to look in telephone books for the [Thamm] name, but I never found it."

From Ann, the family also found out that the other missing sister, Cathy, was living in Florida. Both Ann and Cathy had grown up together and had been able to keep in contact with each other.

Until a full-scale family reunion can be arranged, Mary said the phone lines are going to be buzzing with activity.

"Everybody's just so happy," she said.

Mary also shared in the excitement as she met her sister-in-law, Ann, for the first time April 16.

A complete family reunion is being planned for later this year.

Mary said it has been a relief locating the last two sisters.

"Now [David] has family," she said. "It's like hitting the lottery."

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# Warriors win battle of the Lake

## Sowers outduels Trailer, and drives in three runs in Western's 5-1 victory

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Editor

The cool, damp and windy conditions were perfect. Perfect for Walled Lake Western's John Sowers that is.

The sophomore right-hander hit a three-run triple in the sixth and outdueled Central's Ryan Trailer as the Warriors downed the Vikings 5-1 on April 11.

"John did it all for us and was the obvious difference in the game. He kept their hitters off balance and got the big hit when the game was close in the sixth," said Western head coach Ken Connor.

Trailer got some help from the field in the top of the first. After hitting Western's leadoff man, Ryan Beech with his first pitch, the southpaw walked number two batter Bryan Rosbury. After getting the number three batter to pop out and inducing a force out from the cleanup man, Trailer walked the Warrior's Mike Pisha to load the bases. The next batter smacked a grounder back up the middle but the thick wet grass turned what could have been a sure run-scoring single into an easy ground-out.

"We got a little frustrated in the early going not getting the big hit we needed," Connor said.

At the bottom of the frame, Central's leadoff man Matt Piccinato walked and moved to third on an error throw to second. The Vikings got on the board a few batters later when Piccinato scored on a fielder's choice.

In the second, Western again got some early baserunners, and was able to tie the score when



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Viking Matt Piccinato slides into second as Western infielders Paul Price and Brian Rosbury scramble for a wild throw from their catcher. Piccinato would go to third on the play, and later score the team's only run of the game.

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Ken Connor  
Western head coach

Rosbury got the RBI on his sacrifice fly.

"Central-Western is a pretty big rivalry and I think Ryan was a little too excited to get out there.

He pitched great against Western the first time around and if we can get him to harness that energy, he already has the aggressive attitude and desire to be a real special player," said Central coach Mark Kowalczyk.

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Mark Kowalczyk  
Central head coach

To fly out deep to center to end the inning.

After an error and singles by Aaron Brewer and Ryan Beech to

start the sixth, Sowers helped himself by hitting a clearing triple into center field.

The hit gave the Warriors a 5-1 advantage and Sowers made the lead stand, as he continued to throttle the Central attack by allowing only doubles to Jarluis Baird and Eric Wilcox in the final two innings. In seven innings of work, Sowers struck out eight walked three and allowed only three hits. Trailer struck out four and walked five in his six innings of work for the Vikings.

Connor pointed to Western's infield defense as a big factor in the tight game.

"Our defense was real good. Besides for that one crazy infield hop, we were just about perfect," Connor said.

Kowalczyk remains concerned with his team's lack of production at the plate and in the field. In five games this season, the team hit a .286 clip with only 25 hits. Several defensive errors have cost the team in close games and haven't been a big help to a young pitching staff.

"We have to get better at the defensive fundamentals and work on cutting down on errors. Hopefully with some of the guys we have here, we can get some hitting work in during the break

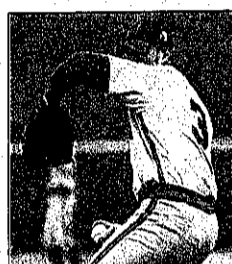


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Western's John Sowers fires a pitch to homeplate.

as well," Kowalczyk said.

Western upped their overall record to 4-2 and took a 2-1 lead over their cross-town rival Vikings in the season series. Central's record dropped to 1-4 on the year.

The Vikings will travel to North Farmington and the Warriors will visit Livonia Franklin in their first post-break games on April 23.

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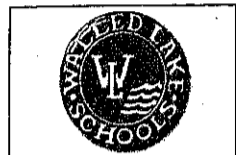


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Central's Ryan Trailer tosses a curveball toward home.

# Offensive surge not enough for struggling 'Cats

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Editor

The bats finally sprung to life, but the defense continued to struggle.

Scoring a season high seven runs wasn't enough, as the Wildcats softball team fell to 1-7 after an eight-inning 8-7 loss to Harland (8-1, 5-1) on April 11.

"We had one of our better hitting games, but it was the same story on defense. Once again, we had trouble keeping the ball in our gloves and we had this game, but basically gave it away," said coach Sunny Littoral.

The Eagles scrounged up a run in the top of the first, and the Wildcats took the lead 2-1 after an RBI single by Victoria Kaiser in the bottom of the third. Harland plated three in the fourth and two in the fifth to regain the lead, 6-2. In the bottom of the fifth, the 'Cats roared back, getting run scoring hits from shortstop Kendall Hobart, first baseman Megan Colligan, and second baseman Sharon Shrader to tie the game a 6-6.

Harland put a run on the board in the sixth to take a 7-6 lead, but in the 'Cats final at-bat in the bottom of the

seventh, Colligan lined drive scoring double to tie the game at 7-7 and send the two teams into extra innings.

The Eagles were able to get a run across in the top of the eighth and hold off Novi in the bottom of the frame, to escape with the 8-7 win. On the afternoon, Colligan had two doubles, with Kaiser and Shrader getting two hits apiece.

The second game of the double header was canceled due to field conditions and will be made up at a later date.

The 'Cats limp into the break with an unfamiliar winless record in the KVC. "It's the perfect time for a break," Littoral said. "It gives the girls a chance to get away from softball for a little bit and get the 1-7 record off their minds. Hopefully we can come back re-energized and be ready to go."

In their first game after the break, Novi will travel to Millford to take on the Redskins on April 24, at 4 p.m.

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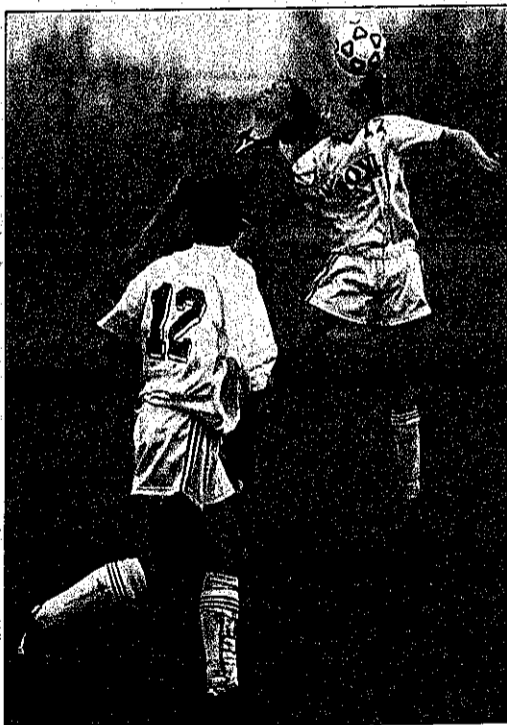


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Nina Schmitt (17) gets up in the air to contest a header, as teammate Tina Fennelly (12) looks on.

# 'Cats falter late, lose to Brighton, 7-1

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Editor

For 55 minutes they showed how far they have come, but for the final 25 minutes, it was clear they still have very far to go.

On April 11, the Lady Wildcats' soccer team let Brighton turn a close game into a blowout, as they fell to 2-3 on the season with a 7-1 loss to the Bulldogs.

"The score sounds bad, but believe it or not, I was pleased with the majority of our play. They are a very good team, one that lost in last year's semi-finals and have three returning all-state players," said coach Brian O'Leary.

Novi was down only 2-0 at the half and cut that lead to 2-1 early in the second half when Nikki Hermann scored on an assist from Maureen Pawlak.

"At that point we were playing very well," O'Leary said.

Brighton went up 3-1 a few minutes later and that seemed to crumble the young 'Cats resolve,

as the 'Dogs would tack on four more goals before the end of the game.

"We panicked or ran out of gas or whatever you want to call it," O'Leary said. "We began reverting to our old style of play, which is flock to the ball when you are near it. This never works against good teams."

"The first 60 minutes of the game we played man to man defense and did very well. The last 20 minutes the players panicked and went back to the old style and it cost us. We are young and need to learn these kind of lessons. The more close games we are in, the better off we will be in the future," O'Leary said.

Novi will travel to South Lyon on April 25 in search of their second KVC win of the year.

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# Wildcats rely on distance runners against Bulldogs

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Editor

Once again, it was Novi's bread and butter events that were the difference in a meet. The Wildcats swept both the 1600m and 3200m runs to secure the 72-65 win over Brighton on April 10.

"It's tough having to call on the [distance] kids time and time again, but they are used to it," said Novi coach Bob Smith.

The Bulldogs presented the 'Cats with their biggest challenge of the season.

"It seems as the weeks go by the

meets get tougher and tougher. Brighton is right at the top, and we always look forward to playing them," Smith said.

Novi relied on some big field event wins and places most of the afternoon. A throw of 131'2" by Dan St. Clair was one of the important early wins for the Wildcats.

"We had an important win in the discus because it kept us from falling too far behind," said Smith.

Coming up with another big win was sophomore Matt Emmenecker, who repeated his 6' effort in the high jump from a

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week ago.

"Emmenecker had a real nice win again in the high jump and proved that last week's meet was no fluke," Smith said.

Other individual 'Cat winners

were Tristan LaChance, who edged out teammate Scott Kortiant in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.19; Blake Meyer (52.09) in the 400m dash; Chris Toloff (2:00.1) in the 800m run;

Ken Delgreco (11'0") in the pole vault; and Tim Moore who won both the 3200 and 1600m runs. The 3200m relay team also captured a pivotal win with a time of 8:26.47.

Novi can expect wins from its distance runners, but for the most part, how the Wildcats fair in the field events will make the difference. Something that doesn't seem to concern coach Smith as much as it might have at the start of the year.

"We are getting better in better in field events and I'm really amazed with their performance so

far this year," he said.

### NOVI RELAYS

Seven teams may have been there, but they may as well have gone on vacation, as the Wildcats cruised through the Novi Relays on April 14 with a score of 108. Second place Walled Lake Western finished 48 points behind with a score of 62.

"With the way the relays are scored, we had a great opportunity to show our team depth," said coach Smith.

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# Boys' track rolls in Novi Relays

And show their depth is what they did. The Wildcats won nine of the 14 events, placed second in two more, and third in another. St. Clair, Jamie Schram and Matt Hopson made up the winning discus team. St. Clair was also part of a winning long jump team that also included Carl Yui and Todd Paron. Other winning teams were Adam Noble and Matt Sliih (high jump), Moore, Mark Avenius, Todd Paron, and Tim Kava (4x100), LaChance, Kortlandt, Steve O'Keefe, and Michael Wang (hurdles), O'Keefe, Toloff, Yui, and Derek BuWaldia (sprint medley), Moore, Foren, Aventus, and Eric Waite (4x800), Foren, O'Keefe, Kava, and Moore (distance medley) and finally Toloff, Waite, BuWaldia and Macdonald in the 4x400.

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On a weekend when most teams had decimated rosters because of holiday vacations, Novi was in full force and it showed. "The dedication level of this team is the best I've ever had," said Smith. "It's great to see everyone take pride in what they do."

The undefeated Wildcats will look to continue their winning ways when they travel to South Lyon on April 26, at 4 p.m.

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## TENNIS RESULTS

### Brighton 5 Novi 2 (April 9th)

Singles: Jason Harris d. Matt Peurach (N) 6-2, 6-0. Joe Lynch (N) d. Ryan Steeh 6-4, 6-3. Ben Nalepa d. Andrew Laskowski (N) 6-2, 6-1. Suraj Ramachandran (N) d. Gary Ismet 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. Doubles: Jason Lisicki and Jacob Kistner d. Mike McKenna and Ryan Slater (N) 6-2, 6-3. Anthony Lvorine and Chris Frego d. Eric Liao and AJ Sanson (N) 6-3, 6-2. Jon Greene and Greg Rentz d. Josh Christopherson and Jon Bateman (N) 6-3, 6-3. Adam Giombetti and Scott Campbell d. Drew Doster and Jeff Whalen (N) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1.

### Northville 8 Novi 0 (April 10th)

Singles: Dean Conway d. Matt Peurach (N) 6-0, 6-1. Marc Thomson d. Joe Lynch (N) 6-4, 6-2. Kyle Deane d. Andrew Laskowski (N) 6-2, 6-2. Stephen Mills d. Suraj Ramachandran (N) 7-5, 6-2. Doubles: Chris Gerlicka and Scott Eler d. Mike McKenna and Ryan Slater (N) 6-1, 6-0. Nathan Guoritz and Kyle Wargo d. AJ Sanson and Asim Kagzi (N) 6-4, 6-4. Adam O'Donnell and Marc Corbin d. Jon Bateman and Josh Christopherson (N) 6-3, 4-6, 6-0. Mike Miller and Tyler Sedam d. Vinay Arora and Eric Liao (N) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6.

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## Battalion storm though youth season

With hockey being so popular in Michigan, any boy would be thrilled to play a hockey game at the Joe Louis Arena. 16 area boys and their coaches got the opportunity to do so on March 25th.

The squad came together last summer and have skated together ever since. The team, consisting of mostly eight-year olds, earned the right to play at the famed Hockeytown Arena by never suffering a defeat during the Little Censars Amateur Hockey season.

"We had to beat a tough Lansing Capitals team in the quarterfinals, and an even tougher Plymouth Stingray team to get to the finals," said coach Todd Gardiner.

March 25 saw the Battalion facing Garden City. City beat

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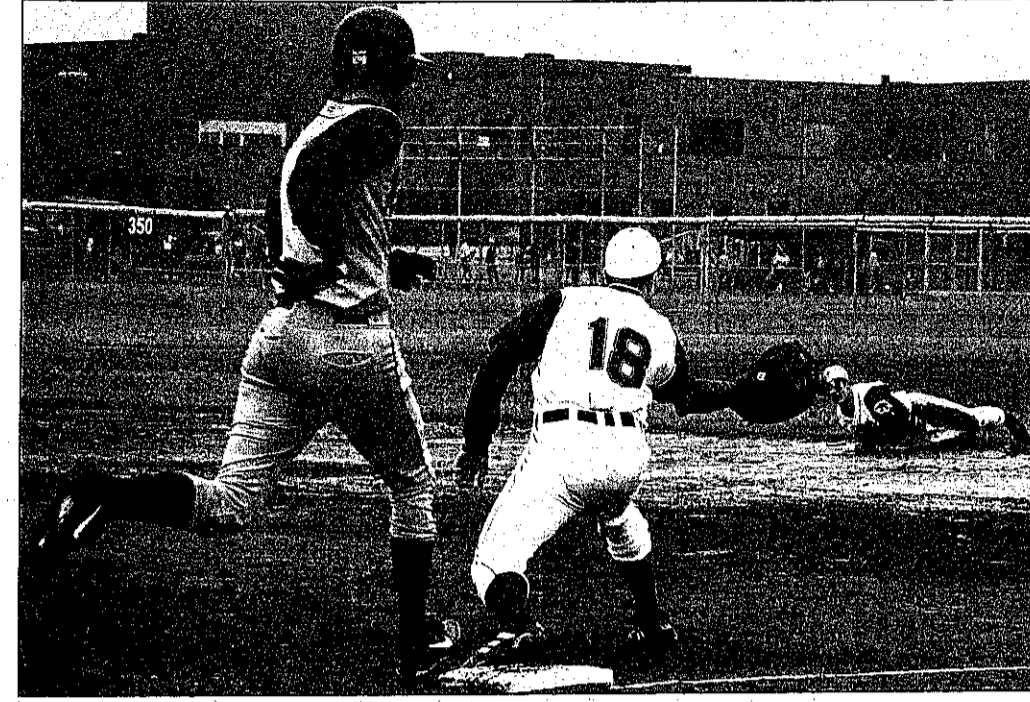
Farmington Hills to earn their spot at the Joe.

"We never played Garden City during the regular season, so we weren't really sure what to expect," said coach Dan Mohr.

The game got underway at 11:30 a.m. The first goal was scored by Tyler Manning of the Battalion just under two minutes into the period. Less than five minutes later Garden City came back with a rebound goal. City broke a 1-1 tie in the second

and supportive parenting. The team usually practiced three times a week with a game added in. When you add the drive time to Compuware Arena, the time to get kids dressed and undressed, and add in the away games, and tournaments, hockey becomes a huge commitment," said goalie mom Robin Farler.

Pictured above from left to right: Row 3-Coaches Gary Matych, Derek Szajner, Todd Gardiner, Dino Szajner, and Dan Mohr. Row 2-Frank Dreslinski, Brendan Fitzgerald, Tyler Perlich, Alex Brewin, Seven Hensley, Andrew Bozinowski, Zach Mohr, Brett Szajner, Row 1-Nolan Halloran, Joey Ferriss, Jake Pichie, Tyler Gardiner, Kyle Tarter, Zach Szajner, Tyler Burnett, and Tyler Manning.



Hartland's Paul Gagacki is thrown out at first after a diving stop by the Wildcats' second baseman. Despite their best efforts Hartland was able to shut down the 'Cats' offense and win 4-0.

## Going gets tough for 'Cats on the diamond

Novi has been shutout twice and has struggled at the plate this season, but has been solid on the mound. A fact that coach Green hadn't expected.

"I really thought it would be the other way around. I thought we might struggle with our pitching and that our hitting would be solid. But right now hitting is a concern. We have yet to face great pitching, yet we have been shut out twice in five games," Green said.

Novi will attempt that turnaround when they play host to Detroit Country Day for a double header on Saturday at 11 a.m. and then host back to back games against Fraser and Millard on April 24 and 25.

Eric Zorda pitched a complete game, but the 'Cats lost 4-3 when Canton homered with two-outs in the bottom of the seventh. In the second game, they squeaked by the Chiefs in nine innings when Matt Kolch set the stage for a double in the top of the ninth with a pinch hit.

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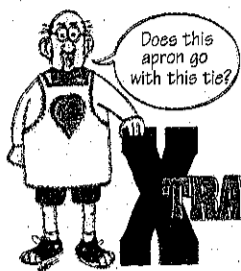




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# HOMETOWN LIFE

Thursday, April 19, 2001



## It's Martha Mania!

By CHRIS DAVIS  
XTRA CORRESPONDENT

Her image has been burned in to television screens across the country. Homeowners have made her the patron saint of domestic fashion. And yet how many times has Martha Stewart actually done anything with the crap you've got in your house? Here are some of the things we envision the Magical Martha would say if she was forced to do her television show from your living room:

*"A junk drawer can be a goldmine for creative inspiration. I've taken this chewed-up pencil, a spare key that opens nothing, pizza coupons from 1987 and a few stale McDonald's ketchup packets to make this wonderful centerpiece."*

*"There are so many great dishes you can make with just a half a jar of mustard and some curdled milk. Yummy!"*

*"Too many hangers in your closet? Try bending one of them to help unclog that stopped-up toilet."*

*"Using a razor blade and a few hours of time, I've scraped away the soap scum from my the sliding glass doors to make an ornate pattern in my shower."*

*"You can use the roadmaps of states you've never visited — you know, the ones you picked up at the visitor center in Davenport, Iowa, for no apparent reason — for a great, one-of-a-kind wallpaper."*

### Chart Toppers

You may not know it, but Ms Stewart is also in the recording studio working with America's best rock acts. Here's a smidgen sampling of the bands and the songs from this surefire platinum chart-topper:

AC/DC: "Cooked Me All Night Long"

Guns N' Roses: "Sweet Julia Childs O' Mine"

Van Halen: "Poundcake"

Led Zeppelin: "Misty Mountain Topper"

U2: "Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For...But I'll Make Due With This Orange Juice Can And Some Crusty Cornflakes"

### Useless World Records

The longest known traffic jam stretched 109 miles from Lyor towards Paris, France, on Feb. 16 1980.

Kare Walkhart of Kumala Sweden, holds the world record for the loudest snore — 93 decibels — while being treated for his sleep apnea at Orebro Regional Hospital in Sweden. To put it in perspective a jet plane gives off 100 decibels at takeoff.

— Guinness Book of World Records

# When bad things happen to good furniture

Scratches. Nicks. Gouges. We've all seen them. They're the most common signs of use that appear on our furniture. Whether furniture is located in a commercial facility or in a home, eventually everyday activities will begin to take their toll on chairs, tables, benches and even cabinetry.

While those signs of abuse can be unsightly and may tempt you to toss those items of furniture out with the garbage, there is a way to save your favorite pieces and your hard-earned cash. If your furniture shows the signs of constant use and abuse, or wear and tear, it may find relief in the hands of a local furniture repair specialist.

Ken Nettl, owner of Furniture Medic in Northville, works in repairing furniture and restoring new life into broken, scratched or dented pieces. If your home or business furnishings need repairing or simply a new look, Furniture Medic can help. The company offers clients on-site repair and can also provide a wide array of other furniture treatments. Such furniture therapies include refinishing services, kitchen refacing, chair regluing, and special equipment can even help smooth ugly scratches and scrapes.

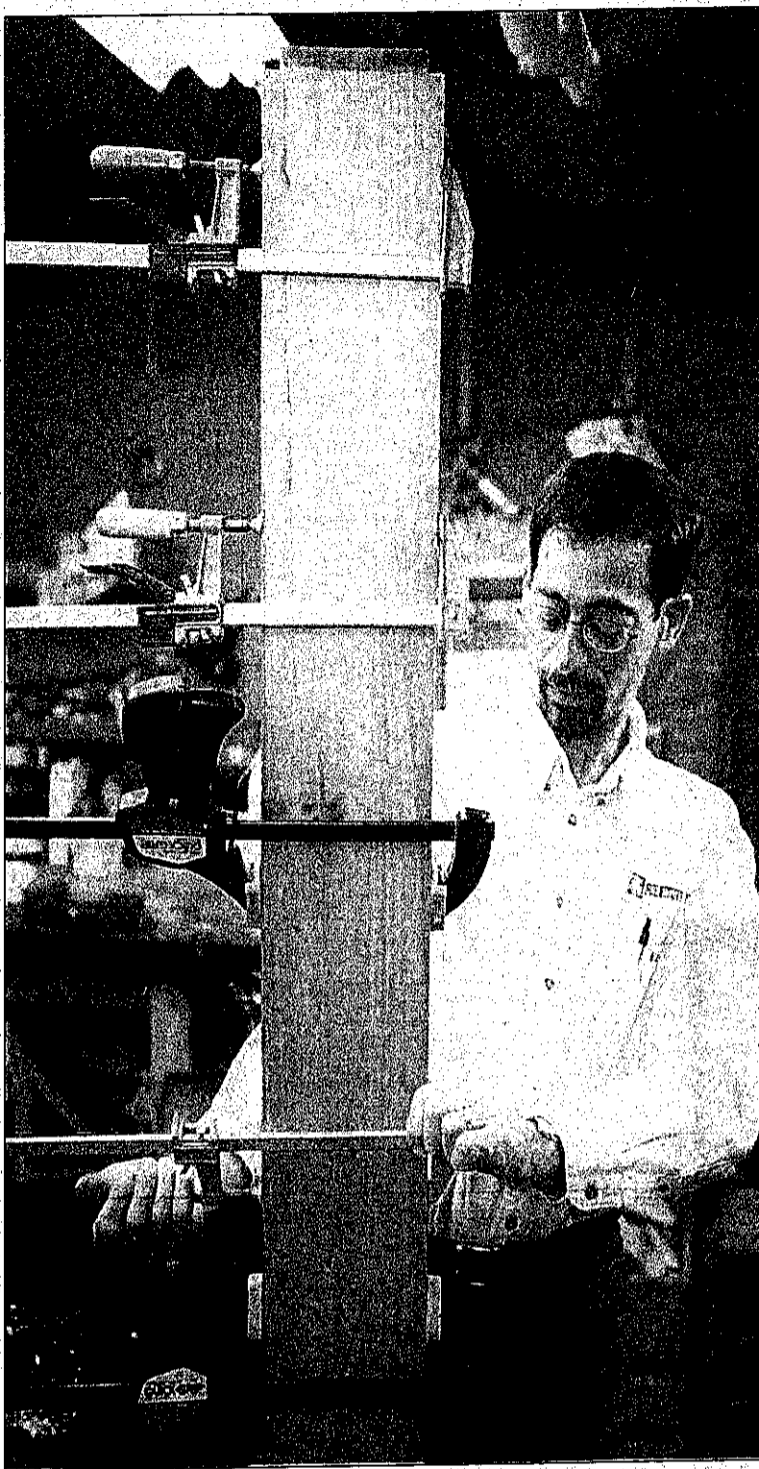
According to Nettl, meeting customer's expectations with quality service and workmanship are a high priority. And such services will help ensure that your favorite furniture pieces stay looking great for generations to come. "I enjoy it," he said. "We try to go with what a customer wants." Nettl also said that he is able to make furniture house calls to clients throughout the Wayne County area. Whether it's an antique table, an elegant china cabinet, or simple wooden chairs, furniture plays an important role in both the visual and utilitarian aspects of any room. As you enter any commercial or residential home, one of the first elements the eye notices is the style and layout of the furniture. Replacing furniture as it becomes worn can be very costly, but professional service by Furniture Medic may be able to spare the expense of purchasing brand-new items. For example, instead of buying expensive new cabinetry, Furniture Medic can help spruce up your kitchen with refacing



Using a high-speed router, Ken Nettl works on repairing an armchair from Dearborn's Hyatt Regency Hotel. Nettl has clients from all over the Detroit metro area.

"Our alternative is to try to save the customer money instead of throwing [furniture] out and having it replaced."

Ken Nettl  
Furniture Medic



Ken Nettl repairs a pine bed rail that split down its center, using glue and a host of clamps.

## Caring for your furniture

Furniture has the ability to transform a room into a work of art or a place of leisure. But whether you're entertaining friends, lounging on the weekends or reading the morning paper at the kitchen table, your household furniture likely bears the typical signs of frequent use.

- When it comes to preserving and caring for furniture, Northville's Furniture Medic has a few tips for making sure your favorite pieces stay looking great for years to come.
- Clean your furniture regularly with a mild soap that has been diluted.
- Avoid using a household cleaner, which contains ammonia. Use a quality polish that does not contain silicone or alcohol to polish your furniture once a week.
- When serving plates and dishes that are hot, use a tablecloth to prevent heat marks.
- To prevent water rings from occurring, use wooden coasters.
- Minor scratches can often be disguised by using a scratch cover product available in most supermarkets.



Tony Jablonski and his daughter Cristen visit Nettl's shop on a Friday afternoon with a wooden headboard that needs some professional attention.



Ken Nettl works in his Seven Mile Road shop.

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