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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

For their study of the rainforest for this week's Earth Day, Children's Ark pre-schoolers Alri Kimura and Austin Smith make some iguanas out of paper. The students also learned about the values of the eco-system and by bringing in returnables have saved some land in the rainforest to development by way of the Land Conservancy Foundation.

Earth conscious

Kids learn about jungles and Mother Nature

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

In connection with Earth Day and their love for mother nature, the tots at Children's Ark Childcare in Novi pursued an interesting study of the rainforest by turning the center into a jungle-like paradise.

Tropical plants, hanging vines, and enormous tree trunks draped the walls and ceilings, introducing the earth-savvy children to a world inhabited by baboons, iguanas and toucans.

"We wanted to take the 'reduce,



reuse, and recycle' a step further and make the children aware of what is happening in the rainforests," said Children's Ark director Diane Miller. "Not only has it

been educational for them, but the kids have had fun doing it as well." As part of the project, the children constructed a number of rainforest plants and animals, while learning about what each animal eats, as well as where they live. They even wrote a rainforest song.

Five-year-old Jeremy Ryan Charette said his favorite rainforest creature, the red eye tree frog, settles its hunger by eating moths and lives high in the tree tops.

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Population gain adds licenses

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

As Novi gained 14,388 new residents in ten years, the possibility for new liquor licenses is there.

According to chief operating officer for Novi, Craig Klaver, the city is not going to be handing out liquor licenses just because they are available.

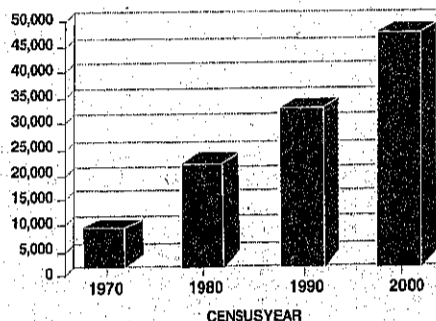
"Our council's philosophy, under the liquor ordinances, is that there has to be a special reason for giving out a license. Like something in the new downtown. It has to be something special," he said.

In the last thirty years, Novi has had an estimated 37,698 people resettle in the city limits. In the past ten years, the population has jumped from 32,998 to 47,386, according to Novi census reports.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) issues one license for communities with populations under 2,250. The MLCC will give an additional liquor license for an population increase of 1,500. However, cities with declining populations will not lose their liquor

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City of Novi Population Trends



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

No surprise

Population in Novi grew 44 percent in ten years

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Novi is growing. The phrase is starting to sound like a broken record.

According to the 2000 Census figures recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, results show the city of Novi is booming with nearly 50,000 residents.

With the largest population gain in Oakland County, Novi saw an increase of 44 percent in the last ten years.

Climbing from a population of 32,998 in 1990 to 47,386 in 2000, Novi drew 14,388 new residents.

Novi Township also grew from 150 residents in 1990 to 193 residents in 2000, an increase of 29 percent.

City officials are attributing the increase in population to its top flight schools, attractive location,

and diverse retail, entertainment and dining facilities.

Quality housing, environmental protections and ample recreation opportunities also made the list as attractive resources.

"(The growth) is attributable to a number of things, but the number one factor, without a doubt, is our school district," said Mayor Richard Clark. "Our city has an outstanding reputation and our schools are really what started that."

Clark also credited Novi's excellent neighborhoods, which offer "a wide range of housing choices" as well as the city's locality.

"We have been blessed in that we are strategically located to all the major freeways; I-96, I-275... we're also only 20 minutes from Detroit

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HomeGoods serves Novi residents' home needs

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With warm weather finally on the horizon, why not do a little spring cleaning or redecoration this year.

Whether it's a small face-lift, like that bathroom toothbrush holder that's making you cringe or something a bit more drastic like a complete bedroom makeover, chances are Novi's new HomeGoods store will have the tools you need to get to work.

"HomeGoods is one-stop shopping for the home at its best - featuring a wide selection of brand name merchandise,"

explained Jerry Rossi, president of HomeGoods.

The new home retail shop, located in the West Oaks Shopping Center, carries everything from bath towels to cookware, bedspreads to floor lamps.

HomeGoods is a division of The TJX Companies, Inc., which also owns TJ Maxx and Marshalls.

Like its counterparts, HomeGoods offers many name brand products without the name brand prices, said Novi's HomeGoods spokeswoman Sharyn Frankel.

"What we do is offer a large

selection of quality merchandise, at a much lower cost than department and specialty stores," she said. "Customers can find the same quality home fashions at 60 percent less, so it won't put a damper in your wallet."

Frankel said even though HomeGoods sits in the same plaza of stores like Art Van, Bed Bath & Beyond and Value City Furniture, the company is confident that its lower prices will set itself apart.

"The shoppers in Novi understand the off-price concept, and

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Home Goods' Kara Sullivan folds a few towels in the West Oaks new home furnishings store.

Novi drop boxes used to swindle coins from dealers

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Who is Ron Parker and where is he hiding?

A lot of people would like to know. Especially members of the Novi, Farmington Hills and Ferndale Police Departments, as well as the FBI and the United States Secret Service.

According to FBI special agent James Hoppe, Parker has set up 'drop boxes' in Novi and Farmington Hills to pick up gold coins he paid for with fraudulent cashier's checks. Parker used a California drivers license to rent the mailboxes at 42705 Grand River in

Novi and at 33045 Hamilton Drive in Farmington Hills.

According to the FBI, Parker fabricated checks drawn with the name Ferndale Trust & Loan printed on the front. The checks would then be sent as payment for the coins and a phone number was set up for coin dealers to verify that the check was good. When the dealers called the phony bank, a voice would confirm the checks were good and the dealers would send the coins out. Unfortunately for most of the coin dealers, they were not able to retrieve the coins after they had been sent through the

"The kicker is that he drew them on an account with Ferndale Trust and Loan. It doesn't exist."

James Hoppe
FBI special agent

The kicker is that he drew them on (an account with) Ferndale Trust and Loan," Hoppe said. "It doesn't exist. There is no such institution.

Not only that, he had the telephone number printed on the checks and people could call in and they'd hear 'Yeah, the check just cleared this afternoon'."

Assuming that the checks were good, unknowing victims sent the coins to the Novi and Farmington Hills addresses.

Novi-based International Business Centers management reported that they received an order for approximately \$8,600. Management of the business, located 42705 Grand River, told police they were able to stop the shipment before the gold went out but

did suffer a loss of about a \$1,000 because they had to sell the gold back to the supplier.

Hoppe said 'Parker', who was scamming dealers from all over the country, may have been doing this for sometime before being caught. The FBI also notes that the name 'Parker' may be an alias. Novi police are reporting that the name 'John Davenport' may also have been used in the scams.

"He would use telephonic requests for bullion coins like Kuggerands, Chinese coins,

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Two teens caught with marijuana

Two Commerce Township and Northville teens were arrested after police found them in the parking lot of the Novi Bowl, smoking marijuana on April 14 around 10:22 p.m.

Police, in a fully marked squad car, came up to the car and noticed that the vehicle was "full of smoke".
The teens rolled down the window and when they did a large cloud of smoke exited the vehicle. When the police officer asked if they were smoking pot, the teens said yes. "There is a pipe under the front seat and a joint under the front seat," the Commerce teen told police.
The two were arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and cigarettes. The case will continue to be investigated.

Police News

A Novi resident claims he was a victim of assault after another man struck him in the face after an altercation at the Denny's Restaurant at 27750 Novi Road on April 16.
According to the report, the two men got into an argument at just after midnight and "stepped outside" to discuss the incident.
Witnesses at the scene said they saw the two men "wrestling on the ground," according to police. When the fight was over, the unidentified suspect fled the scene in a 1995 Green Dodge Neon.
The victim said he was not hit hard and did not need any medical attention at the scene. The

victim did tell the police he wanted to press charges.
FRAUDULENT CHECKS LEAD TO DETROIT WOMAN
Commerce Bank officials told Novi Police that a Detroit woman cashed a counterfeit check at the Ten Mile branch on April 2.
The ongoing investigation involved fraudulent checks cashed at banks in Northville, Farmington Hills, Ann Arbor, Westland, Taylor and Southfield. The female suspect told police that her purse had been stolen and she had reported it to the 10th Precinct in Detroit.
Police may have captured a picture of the woman during a sim-

ilar incident reported out of Canton.
In the Novi incident, the woman used the same Michigan driver's license to complete the transaction. Police continue to investigate the incidents.

DEER ACCIDENT
After well over twenty deer accidents last fall, it seems the deer are out there running early.
On April 20, around 1:50 a.m., a 35-year-old Novi man struck a deer as the animal walked out onto Ten Mile Road. According to accident reports, the man was traveling west bound when the deer stepped out onto the street. The man was unable to swerve around the deer and struck the animal broadside.
"There was minimal damage to the man's car and he did not need medical treatment."

Novi Briefs

Beautification Commission to offer Begonias
The Novi Beautification Commission is hosting its second annual Begonia Giveaway. The event will be open to all Novi homeowners associations and businesses along main thoroughfares.
The commission invites you to come and receive up to four flats of easy-care, red-leaf, red begonias (like Novi city flower) for planting at your subdivision or business entrance.
The Giveaway will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center parking lot. All flats must be retrieved by the cut-off time or your reservation will be forfeited.
Note: Flowers must be planted along main thoroughfares.
Please contact Jack Lewis at the Parks and Recreation Department of the Novi Civic Center to reserve your flats. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. All order forms must be received by May 10. A confirmation will be returned to you which must be presented when your flowers are picked up.
If you have any questions, contact Jack Lewis at (248) 347-0400.

Novi Concert Band
The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick, will present its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Community Center, Ten Mile Road west of Novi Road.
Featured will be a variety of fine band music, from the classics to classical. There will be no charge for this event.

FIGHT NIGHT

Obituaries

MERVIN A. FREE
Mervin Alexander Free, 76, died April 22 at his residence in Novi. He was born in 1924.
Mr. Free is survived by his wife, Gertrude; daughters, Deborah (Fery) Lynch, Diane (North) Paszko, and Pam Free; one brother, Victor; sisters, Edith Free, Eunice Free, and Barbara Banick; and four grandchildren, David and Katie Lynch, and Lauren and Lindsay Paszko.
Mr. Free was preceded in death by two sons, Richard and Norman and

brother, Maurice.
A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 25 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.
FRANCES J. JONES
Frances Jane Jones, 77, of Novi died April 19 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. She was born May 29, 1923, in Detroit. Mrs. Jones was a former resident of

Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac. She was a housekeeper for 25 years at the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills. Mrs. Jones was a member of numerous dental and hearing impaired service groups.
She is survived by a nephew and niece, Bruce Jones of Florida, and Dixie Ellison of Novi.
Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Brooks Jones in December 1998.
Services were conducted on Thursday, April 19 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home of Farmington. The Rev.

Del Granger of the Lighthouse Chapel of the Deaf, was the officiant.
Interment followed in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.
Memorials to be used in accordance with the family wishes.
CATHERINE B. KIDD
Catherine B. (Schaeffer) Kidd, 85, of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills, died April 19 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was born March 16, 1916, in Pleasant Ridge.
Mrs. Kidd was a homemaker. She

attended Wayne State University and enrolled in various business courses.
Mrs. Kidd is survived by her son, Ben (Mark) of Novi; daughter, Sara Jane (Doronic) Ventura of Farmington Hills; and three grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, William in September 1998, and a son, James William.
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Home treatments for athlete's foot may bring short-term, temporary relief, but medical answers are your best bet for the long-term. If you have questions about today's column, or any questions about footcare, your own or a loved one's, please feel comfortable calling NOVI FOOTCARE ASSOCIATES, 248-476-1500. Our aim is to prevent, not just repair. Don't wait for skin conditions, fungal infections, corns and calluses, and aches and pains to disappear like magic, because they won't. Call us instead for prompt, personal attention at 39555 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 307.

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Frustration mounts with no parks money in budget

By RANDAL YAKAY Staff Writer

With council discussing millions of dollars in budget funding some departments and commissions are seeing the pinch.
The Parks and Recreation Commission is one department seeing a budget crunch.
Parks and Recreation member Bob Shaw spoke about the problems in funding for parks and recreation and how funding has been dwindling in the past four years.
"None of our capital programs have been funded for this year," Shaw said, "and we think these are important issues."
Shaw said that North Novi Park, situated behind Shawwood Lake and adjacent to Lakeshore Park, is a major concern to park commission members.
"Our number one frustration is that we received no funding last year for doing anything [in] North Novi Park. Fifty thousand dollars was asked for last year and that was denied."
Shaw said the commission has been "twiddling its thumbs" waiting for funding for North Novi Park. He said the commission is asking for last year and that was denied.
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down the tubes and by the wayside past the money was there," Shaw said. "We asked questions about the park proposal but it has been sitting in the wings now for a while. We are very concerned that nothing is being done on this project. We've asked council on direction for development on the park [but] have received no answer," Shaw continued.
Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo said the reason that North Novi Park has not been given major consideration is due to "priorities" in other areas.
"Public safety comes first," Lorenzo said. "Police, fire, replacing tornado sirens. That has to be a top priority."
Lorenzo also argues the point that the council has set aside money to "finish" projects that were "half done" in other places such as Rotary and Lakeshore Parks.
"There is a suspicion that property not being master planned is planning to be swapped or sold to settle the Sandstone litigation suit. It is also being talked about in construction circles around the area," Shaw said.
Lorenzo said that there is no deal to sell off park land to Novi as a trade to settle the Sandstone lawsuit.
"There is no deal," Lorenzo said. "We own that land and it is going to be developed but it is not a priority right now."

The Sandstone development, called the Vista of Novi, is located along Novi Road between 12 1/2 Mile and 13 Mile Roads in the northeastern end of the city. Former Oakland County Circuit Judge Barry Howard ruled that the city breached their contract with Sandstone when they failed to complete the Decker Road expansion within a reasonable two year span. The city also barricaded the road, failed to build a \$3 million special assessment district on land donated by the developers and blocked off the entrance to the subdivision causing irreparable harm to the project. The case is currently under appeal.
Lorenzo said that because of the Sandstone lawsuit council needs to be aware of potential monetary payouts.
"All budget time everything is on the table," Mayor Richard Clark said. "We try to cut the pie as delicately as we can."
Clark has vowed to do what is in the best interest in the city and said that all variables would be taken into consideration when voting on the new budget.
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Planning member wants more money for pedestrian paths

By RANDAL YAKAY Staff Writer

With budget meetings underway, residents and members of commissions are asking for their share of the pie.
One such pie has to do with pedestrian walkways.
According to Novi Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch, city council has possibly one significant project in the current budget for pedestrian walkways and bike paths. To Mutch, it's not enough.
"Most of the [walkway] projects that were approved were done some years ago," Mutch said. "I asked them if there would be setting aside funds this year for bike paths and sidewalks to connect the system. They essentially said 'Nope.'"
Mutch said the council and administration talked publicly that they are in support of walkways and bike paths. However, when it comes down to doing something about putting more in the community, they shy away from funding.
"If you don't spend the money,

"If you don't spend the money, it's just a lot of talk."
Andrew Mutch
Planning Commissioner

knocked out. We have two more [people] to the fire department. We are an expanding community with fiscal restraints. We can't do everything at once."
Clark said that analogies Mutch used to other cities across Michigan, such as Portage and Midland, where bike paths were given priority were not accurate. "They are not comparable," Clark said. "If it wasn't for Dow Chemical in Midland, they wouldn't have them [bike paths]."
Clark said in those committees there is not the enormous amount of pressure to infrastructure within the city.
Clark did say there was a new bike path planned for Old Novi Road and repairs to the bike path on Taft Road.
"We have to do what our parents and grandparents did," Clark said. "We are going to have to live within our means."
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CEO of The TJX Companies

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with the great success we've had here with TJ Maxx and Marshalls, the next step was to open HomeGoods," she said. "I think customers will find that even with other stores in the area to choose from, our selection and prices is what will keep them coming back."

Ted English, CEO of The TJX Companies, Inc., said HomeGoods is unique because their store is able to offer the products that shoppers would have to travel to many stores to find. So not only do they save money, but time as well.

HomeGoods has met with tremendous response from shoppers in our existing stores because the retail strategy is so unique. We've combined a series of specialty shops under one roof with a vast selection of brand name kitchen, bath and home fashions," he said.

With a grand opening on April

Novi could add liquor licenses

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licenses. Liquor license owners can sell their licenses from \$7,000 up to \$300,000, according to the MLC.

Novi currently has 27 liquor licenses, Klayser said. According to economic development coordinator Greg Capote, the additional liquor licenses could be used to bring unique businesses to the new downtown.

"It's a real positive for the town," Klayser said. "They can be used to bring in new restaurants or a banquet hall. It is definitely a positive for the city."

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Earth Day has kids eco-friendly

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hence, the name.

Charette said he also rates the iguana high on his list, because the lizard "looks funny."

Miller and her team of teachers encouraged students to learn about their own environment and at the same time created strategies for improving the environmental health of a rainforest in Bolivia, by establishing a miniature recycling center.

Each morning the children arrived and placed their plastic containers, returnables, and paper products in bins, as part of the "Adopt an Acre" program from the Nature Conservancy Organization.

"By collecting returnables — to help adopt the protection and care of a rainforest in Bolivia — the children see that they can actually make a difference," Miller said.

Five-year-old Shelby Rile, who was busy with the rest of her classmates coloring in a rainforest mural, said the rainforest project was a lot of fun and that she will continue to recycle even at home.

Miller said she was glad to see that the children really took to the concept.

"It's important to start them young, so not only do they get increased awareness about the importance of rainforests, but it helps them become motivated to be responsible stewards of the earth," she said.

For 18 years, Children's Ark has been providing child care in Novi, for ages 2 - 7. The center is located in the Path Community Presbyterian Church, and is open year round. Children's Ark hours run from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Kathleen and daughter Shannon Karvovsky, 7, work on finishing a colorful ceramic puppy last Tuesday afternoon at Novi's Ready Set Paint! The do-it-yourself shop hosted a Novi Community Education spring break program for parents and their children.

Population rise no surprise in Novi

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Metro Airport," he said.

Clark believed the population influx in the city was also facilitated with the arrival of the city's OST corridor industries, like HUSKY and MAGNA and the number of other businesses coming into the area.

"The census numbers just confirm what everyone's been seeing," said Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson.

"The bottom line is that Novi is a very attractive place to live and do business in. We're glad, its great position to be in."

For the moment Clark said the city is studying the census numbers and implications to see what long-term effects it may have.

"Obviously, there are some challenges when you expand that rapidly, so we'll be looking at the needs to prepare for the next five to seven

years," Clark said.

Currently those needs are being addressed as the city develops the 2001/2002 budget, Pearson said.

"A big part [in developing the city budget] is focused on improving basic city services like public safety and roads, as well as looking at planning and engineering," he said.

"This city has always done a good job planning ahead and we are committed to ensuring that we continue to stay on top."

The city of Novi has grown immensely in past few decades, increasing 10,473 residents from 1980 to 1990, and 12,837 residents from 1970 to 1990. In 1970, the city population was just 9,693.

Oakland County as a whole was up 10 percent in the last ten years, rising 110,565 people from 1,083,592 residents in 1990 to 1,194,156 in 2000.

Beautiful Novi

The Novi Beautification Commission is hosting its second annual Begonia Giveaway. The event will be open to all Novi homeowners associations and businesses along main thoroughfares.

The commission invites you to come and receive up to four flats of easy-care, red-leaf, red begonias (the Novi city flower) for planting at your subdivision or business entrance.

The Giveaway will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center parking lot. All flats must be received by the cut-off time or your reservation will be forfeited. Note: Flats must be planted along main thoroughfares.

Please contact Jack Lewis at the Parks and Recreation Department of the Novi Civic Center to reserve your flats. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. All order forms must be received by May 10. A confirmation will be returned to you which must be presented when your flowers are picked up. If you have any questions, contact Jack Lewis at (248) 347-0400.

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Agents on look out for Parker

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U.S. Mint coins," Hoppe said.

"We intercepted a lot of coins and it is really hard to tell how many more were sent."

According to the FBI, there may have been over \$100,000 recovered in stolen coins during the raids of both drop boxes.

Hoppe also wanted it to be known that the drop spots were legitimately run businesses that had no idea their business sites were being used for illegal activity.

The FBI and Secret Service agencies are involved because of laws concerning fraud across state lines and for using the mail service for illegal gains.

The FBI believes that the suspect may still be in the Oakland County area. Anyone with information on the crime or if they recognize the individual in the photograph, they are asked to call the FBI office in Troy at 878-6090 or the Novi police at 348-7100.

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Novi clerk named best in business

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Novi city clerk Maryanne Cornelli was named the Michigan Municipal Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Municipal Clerk's Association (MMCA).

Cornelli, who had been the Walled Lake city clerk for ten years before coming to Novi last year, has been a "tireless" worker for the benefit of municipal clerks, according to the clerk's association.

"I should know what a great job she does," Troy city clerk Toni Bartholomew said. "I've worked with her and I'm the one who nominated her."

Bartholomew, who resigned as Novi city clerk to become a clerk in Troy in order to be closer to her family, said Cornelli was instrumental in the merger between the Michigan Association of Township Clerks and the association that represents city and village clerks.

"She was definitely instrumental in bringing the two associations together," Bartholomew said. "She's done everything for the clerks association and making things better for clerks."

Cornelli is the immediate past president of the MMCA and was cited for her work with the Michigan Municipal League entitled "Roles and Responsibilities of the Municipal Clerk." Cornelli had led panels on elections as well as planning education's sessions

for the annual clerks conference at Crystal Mountain and Grand Rapids.

"I definitely miss her," said her former employer Phil Vawter, city manager of Walled Lake.

But Cornelli said her job is made easier by the staff she surrounds herself with. Cornelli said she thought she was given the award for her long service to the clerks association.

"I thought it was because of the six years I've given to the clerks organization," Cornelli said, on receiving the award, "in promoting the development of city, townships and village clerks."

Cornelli, who also is a wife and mother, resides in Milford Township. She is currently awaiting the arrival of her second grandchild.

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Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelli, right, takes a look at some documents from a City Council meeting with her deputy clerk Nancy Reuter.

Fire Log

Monday, April 16
Medical, 26053 Town Center, 10:57 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22360 Lodge, 11:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks-Crescent, 12:35 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 25022 Davenport, 4:24 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 9:14 p.m., Squad 3.

Tuesday, April 17
Personal injury accident: Novi and Flint, 8:49 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41189 Vincenti, 9:08 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 11:18 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43635 W. Oaks, 11:36 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, Novi and Expo Drive, 12:03 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 50395 Ten Mile Road, 12:42 p.m., Squad 4.
Personal injury accident: Novi and Grand River, 1:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 1760 Paramount, 7:11 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 7:41 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23731 Pheasant Run, 7:57 p.m., Squad 3.

Wednesday, April 18
Medical, 39554 Ardel, 6:05 a.m., Squad 1.
Truck fire, Fountain Park, 7:45 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 7:51 a.m., Squad 3.

Thursday, April 19
Personal injury accident: 86 and Novi Road, 12:38 p.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 20804 Veranda, 1:26 p.m., Engine 3.
Car fire, I-96 and Novi Road, 4:23 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 22351 Connemara, 4:41 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22478 Autumn Park, 4:44 p.m., Squad 4.
Trash fire, 44260 Eleven Mile Road, 4:56 p.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 41326 Scarborough, 7:01 p.m., Engine 1.
Service, 40042 Crosswinds, 5:09 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 30245 Rousseau, 6:07 p.m., Squad 2.

Friday, April 20
Medical, 23006 Brook Forest, 1:11 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 25750 Novi Road, 1:20 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 27000 Sheraton, 8:21 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Gas leak, 31146 Novi Road, 11:30 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 3:48 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 30945 Winding, 4:12 p.m., Squad 2.
Pole fire, Eleven Mile and Novi Road, 4:12 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 21050 Haggerty, 10:51 p.m., Squad 3.

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This two week class will be held at Novi High School in Room 129 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays, May 7-14. Cost is \$17 and \$15 for seniors.

Walk for Fitness & Stretching
 Exercise programming, body fat analysis, stretching, cardiovascular training, and motivational support are included to help you improve your overall health and achieve your fitness goals. Wear workout clothes and athletic shoes. Bring a towel, mat and water.

This seven week class will be held at Novi High School Indoor Track

from 6:30-7:30 p.m. from April 26 through June 7. Cost is \$56.

Weight Training
 Get the benefits of working with a certified personal trainer for a fraction of the regular price. Free weights will be used. Bring hand weights/resistance bands, if you have them. Abdominal exercises and stretching will be included to improve overall health and well being and achieve your fitness goals. Wear workout clothes and athletic shoes. Bring a towel, mat and water. Exercise mats will be available for purchase at \$15.

Angela Klekar has over 16 years experience in fitness and nutrition. She is a personal trainer and group fitness instructor for people of all fitness levels.

This seven week class will be held at Novi High School Multipurpose Room from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays April 26 through June 7. Cost is \$66.

Are You Ready for Retirement?
 Most people have retirement plans, but many have no idea which investment to use at the right stage in their professional lives. This class

will teach the methods of assets within their retirement plan. The instructor for this course, Anthony Mona, is a financial advisor with Morgan, Stanley & Dean Witter.

Class will be held at Novi High School in Room 129 from 7-9 p.m., May 21. Cost is \$17 and \$15 for seniors.

Builder's License Seminar
 Prepare for the State Builder's License Exam. This course includes 18-20 hours of instruction and nine hours of simulated exam questions. A two-hour seminar covering the Construction Lien Law will be held off-site.

This class is approved by the Michigan State Assessors Board for 6 hours of recertification for Level 3 & 4 assessors. Registrations are accepted at the first class. Additional information may be obtained at www.gelco Builders.com. A \$30 material fee is payable to the instructor at the class.

Class will be held at Novi High School in Room 146 from 5:30-9 p.m. Monday & Wednesday April 30 through May 16. Cost is \$165.

Decorating with Conversation Pieces
 Do you feel overwhelmed in the

scrap book aisle of your local store? Come join this "hands-on" class and learn step-by-step the quick and easy way to preserve your family memories in theme albums, ABC books and more.

Bring scissors and 8-10 recent photos to practice page layout, cropping, use of color and a variety of safe mounting options. Additional materials will be available for purchase.

Lynn Breuer, the instructor, is a Creative Memories consultant. This two week class will be held at Novi Middle School in Room 314 from 7-9 p.m., May 3-10. Cost is \$19 and \$17 for seniors.

Faux Finish
 Come out for a night of fun learning all about the art of "faux finishing" Class includes demonstrations on sponge painting, rag rolling, color wash, and other decorating techniques. Wear old clothes and bring plastic gloves. You will complete sample boards. A \$12 material fee is payable to the instructor, Tracey Vanhook of Painted Preferences. www.paintedpreferences.com.

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2. Yvonne Healy, Chautauqua Training Team. Appeared most recently at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Spun her first tale at age four in an Appalachian library. A professional actress/comic improviser and teacher, Yvonne has performed for all ages, from Michigan to New York. She will be one of three leaders for Chautauqua Storyteller Training Team.
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Special education hearing set in Novi

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

From school vouchers to special education, the debate over school reform is a hot topic that's now on its way to Novi.

Local families will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on the future of special education in Michigan at a number of public hearings to be held next month.

Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Flint) has scheduled public hearings on the issue on May 2 at the Novi DoubleTree Hotel, 2700 Sheraton Drive in Novi from 7-9 p.m. and on May 3 at the Hillon Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi from 7-9 p.m.

State Education officials are reworking Michigan's policies regarding special education and I highly encourage every concerned parent to attend these meetings," Bullard said. "The

state is far ahead of national special education standards, but we must ensure the proposed changes will be beneficial and not detrimental."

Among the proposed changes, the state is requiring each of the 57 intermediate school districts to establish their own special education policies. That means each district will have varying degrees of class size requirements, student-to-teacher ratios, teacher certification requirements, transportation services and a host of other policies impacting the quality of education in each individual district.

According to Bullard, there have already been a number of special education hearings but the need to get the word out on special education reform was needed to allow for more public input. Bullard recently asked Michigan School

Superintendent Arthur Ellis to extend the time for public review. Ingham County Judge Lawrence Glazer recently ruled that the public hearing process should be extended through June 15.

"I commend Superintendent Ellis for his patience in this very important matter and commend our education officials for extending the period for public review," Bullard said. "We must ensure every child in Michigan has a fair opportunity to obtain a quality education regardless of special circumstances or needs."

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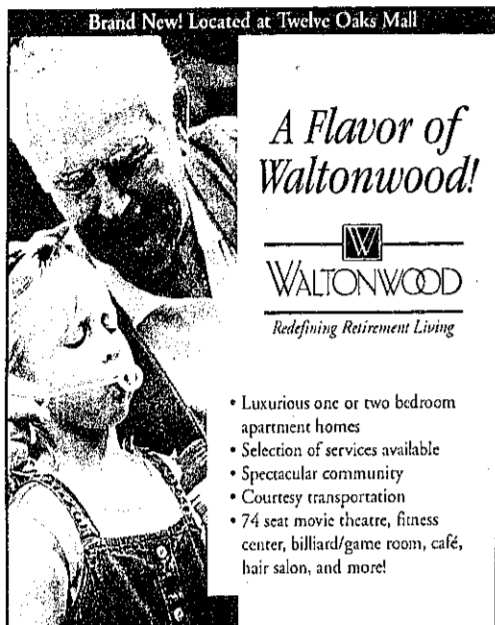
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Medical, 43460 Algonquin, 5:41 p.m., Squad 3.

Sunday, April 22
Medical, 1517 Paramount, 5:40 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks-Crescent, 10:20 a.m., Squad 1.
Trash fire, 25915 Clark St., 10:59 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 25885 Sierra, 11:29 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 27760 Novi Road, 12:44 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42100 La Rol, 1:55 p.m., Squad 2.
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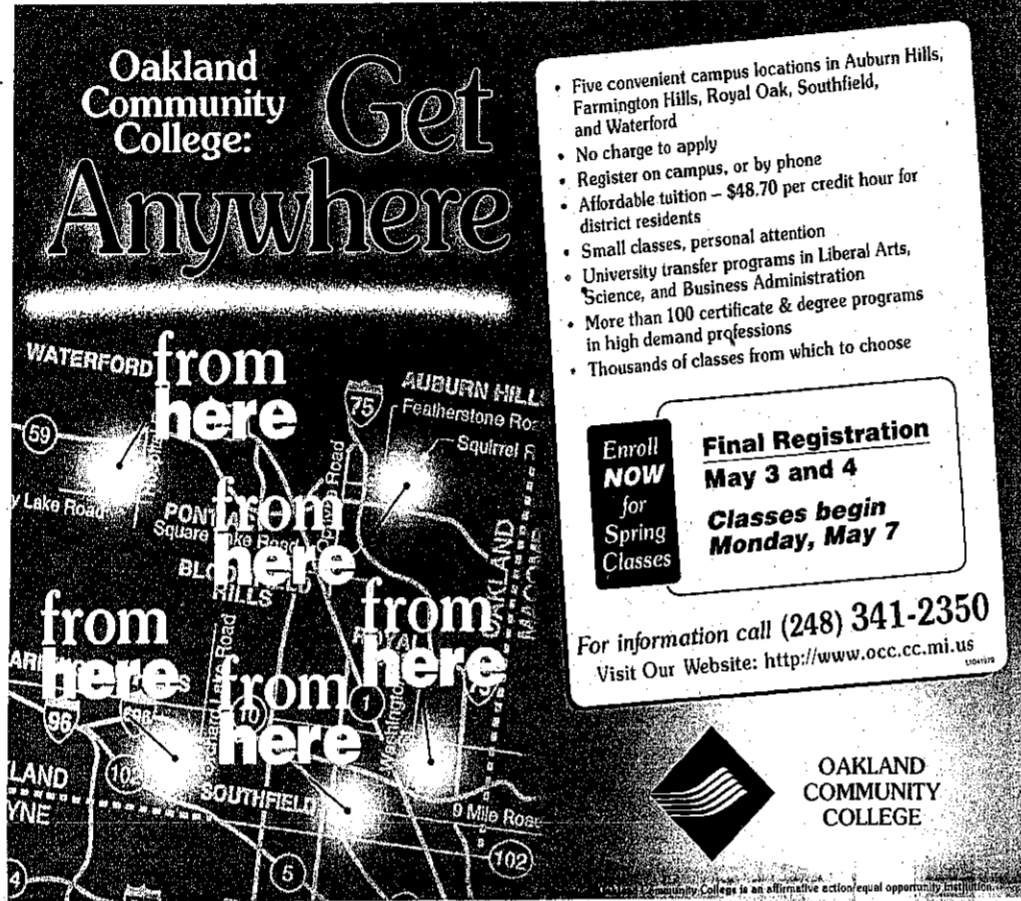
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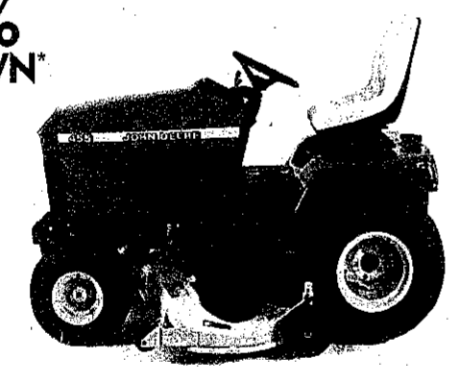
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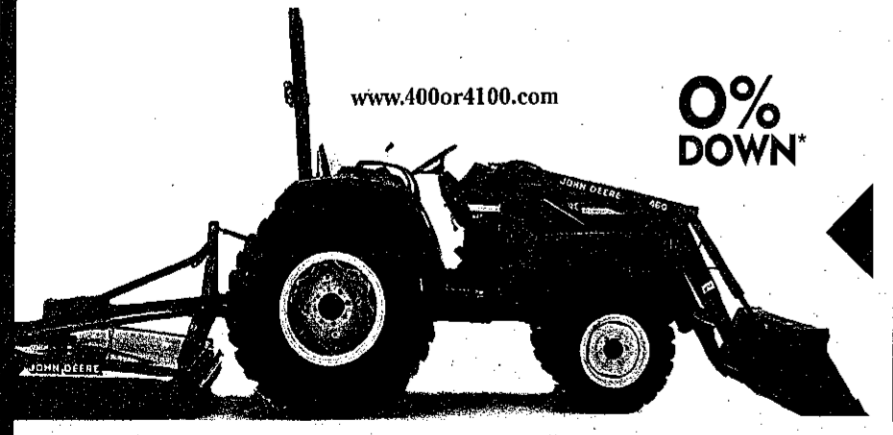
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Novi Briefs

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Rehearsals begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Parks & Recreation Department in the civic center. Registration fee is \$50.

Information on solo/duet auditions and dance rehearsals will be given out at the first rehearsal.

Novi Concert Band's Spring Concert
The Novi Concert Band presents its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. The concert, directed by Jack Kopnick will be held at the civic center and is free of charge.

Parkview School Fair
Round up the family and join Parkview Elementary for a night of fun on Friday, May 11.

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4:00 p.m. — Buddies Game Show
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Rhythm Method
6:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner
7:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Al Stokes
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: The Ecumenical Institute
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk with Sandy Dupuy: Horses Haven
9:00 p.m. — Meet the Abortion Providers
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup: Lowell Lunn
Friday, May 4
10:00 a.m. — Lumen Christi
10:30 a.m. — The Jesus Center
11:30 a.m. — Consumer Corner
11:30 a.m. — Building Scene: Janet Compo
12:00 p.m. — Book Talk
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. — Broe Tabernacle Therapeutic Choir
9:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
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Monday:
8:45-10:00.....Hatha Yoga with Brian
12:00-1:00.....Hatha Yoga with Mimi
5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela
7:30-9:00.....Hatha Yoga with Mike W.

Tuesday:
8:45-10:00.....Ashtanga with Michael R.
10:30-11:45.....Hatha Yoga with Mike W.
5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela
7:30-9:00.....Benefits the Back with Kitty

Wednesday:
8:45-10:00.....Hatha Yoga with Pamela
12:00-1:00.....Hatha Yoga with Mimi
5:30-7:00.....Intro to Ashtanga with Pamela
7:30-9:00.....Hatha Yoga with Brian

Thursday:
8:45-10:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela
10:30-11:45.....Hatha Yoga with Mike W.
2:15-3:30.....Gentle Yoga with Betty (Pre-Registration Required)
4:00-5:00.....Yoga Flow with Betty
5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Lyle
7:30-9:00.....Hatha Yoga with Lyle

Friday:
8:45-10:00.....Hatha Yoga with Brian
5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela

Saturday:
8:45-10:15.....Full Series Ashtanga with Pamela
10:30-11:45.....Hatha Yoga with Pamela
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Choralaires will 'effect' crowds

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Get ready music lovers. The Novi Choralaires have brewed up another spectacular concert event that is sure to wipe away those winter blues and ring in the spirit of spring. The harmonious group of singers have been preparing for months and are now ready to present "The Choralaires Effect," on May 12. Novi Choralaire Lynn Nichols said this year's concert will follow the group's annual tradition of good music and fun, along with some new surprises as well. "It's going to be a great show," she said. "This year we broke the concert into three sections; with some poetry numbers, some relaxing melodies, and then what we call, 'Song-foolery,' to end the night with some real fun, light hearted tunes." Nichols credits the concert's director Jan Wasiliak, who she says, "always seems to provide a wonderful song selection."

year. She's great," Nichols said. Now celebrating its 28th anniversary, the show's 45 members will take the stage in the Fuert Auditorium at Novi High School. "This is a wonderful chance for the community to sit, relax, and enjoy a wide variety of musical entertainment," Nichols said. Over 15 songs will be performed including "Happy Days Are Here Again," "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," "Magic of Love," and even a selection from Riverdance.

While Nichols said they won't be dancing like Michael Flatley, there will be some minor choreography during the concert performance. One piece in the "Song-foolery" section that Nichols is particularly looking forward to is called, "After Beeps," in which the group does some answering machine spoofs. "It's real cute. I think the audience will get a kick out of it," she said. Organized in 1975, the Choralaires have entertained all over the community at church functions.

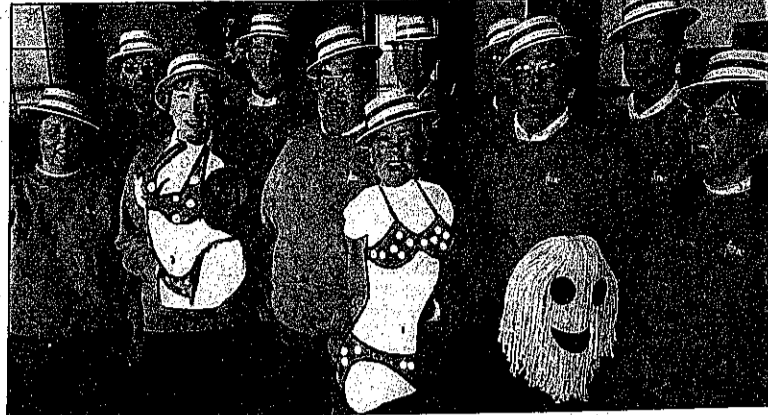
civic events, service clubs and nursing homes.

The group comprised of both men and women from the Novi and Northville areas, is primarily self-supporting but is assisted operationally by the Novi Parks & Recreation Department.

Choralatre Diane Miller, who has been singing with the group for ten years, said the concert is sure to deliver something for everyone of all ages.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 12. Free carnations will even be distributed to all the ladies for Mother's Day. Tickets may be purchased from the Novi Parks & Recreation Department. Novi Choralaires members, and will also be available at the door. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



From left: Gail LeVan, Patricia Brown, Lee Liston, Kari Miller, Jason Richardson, Dale Darkowski, Karen Darkowski, Art Spafford, Dick Bayer, Larry Molloy, and Lynn Nichols.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Audio Visual Equipment-Fire Department according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

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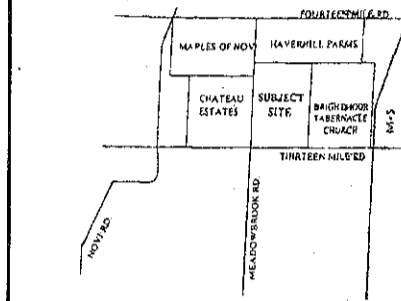
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ERICSON RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES SP 00-58A, located north of Thirteen Mile Road and northeast of Meadowbrook Road, to consider PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH PD-1 OPTION SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND WETLAND PERMIT approvals. The applicant is proposing a senior citizen retirement community campus, including independent congregational units, assisted living units and skilled nursing convalescent units.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the 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, May 2, 2001.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2520 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE MORE EXTENSIVE FENCE REVIEW STANDARDS AND CRITERIA.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

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Golfer's guide gives insight to local courses

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

Did you know that to avoid problems, it's best if you avoid the cornfield on the left on the 12th hole at the Salem Hills golf course in Northville?

Or that the west first hole at the Links of Novi course is a monster par four with a nice little goose pond positioned to the right?

If you had a copy of the "Bogey Golfer's Guide to Public Courses in Michigan," you would know these and thousands of other facts about courses throughout the state.

Originally printed in 1995, and currently in its fourth edition, the book is the brainchild of local resident Sam Zeppa, and his two close friends, Richard Hyrb and Greg Morris. Six years ago, the trio finally became frustrated enough with the lack of a good Michigan golf course resource book, so they forged ahead and created one of their own.

"We looked at other [books] but they just didn't have that great information. We are pretty avid golfers so we got together and talked about making one of our own. We played some courses, and

gathered information over the course of two years, and eventually came up with our original edition in 1995," said Zeppa.

The book isn't designed for the seasoned pro, but rather Zeppa and partners feel it's targeted for the average weekend golfer that is looking for a new place to play that fits their style and preferences.

"Our target audience is the casual weekend golfer or bogey golfer. We are trying to gather correct information, and slowly build ourselves a little niche," Zeppa said.

The state of Michigan has the most public golf courses of any

state in the U.S., and each has their own unique feel and style. A simple flip through the pages will result in course descriptions on a hole by hole basis, and a general overview on the feel or make-up of the course design. Bogey Golfer's Guide includes detailed information on over 250 courses throughout the state of Michigan. There are course rankings, scorecards, hole-by-hole commentary, and location maps for all the listed courses. Each author, and several of their friends have played the courses and provided their scores for readers to get a good idea of the difficulty of each

hole. The book is a huge help for golfers who want to find out about a course before playing it. Even Zeppa finds the ability to preview a course tremendously helpful.

"I love elevation changes, so a friend thinks that Shepherd's Hollow, and Moose Ridge would be great for me," Zeppa said.

With more and more courses coming on line yearly, with the Arnold Palmer designed Northville Hills being one prominent one, the guide has seen the need for new editions every two years. A fifth edition is set to debut later this fall.

"We are working on a fifth edition

right now," said Zeppa. "We have already played some of the new courses and gathered lots of information."

The current edition is available and can be purchased at Pro Golf, Las Vegas Golf, Carl's Golf Land, Gorman's, Golf Mart, and various other local golf retailers. The guide can also be found at several of the golf courses listed in the book.

Colby Cavaliere is the sports editor of the Novi News and can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104, or at ccavaliere@ht.homecomm.net.

Focus is on road ahead

"I think the next two weeks will be key."

Brian O'Leary
Novi head coach

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

"We play teams that are either much better than us or much worse than us," said Novi girls' soccer coach Brian O'Leary about his schedule before the season began.

After starting the season 2-3, with losses to state level teams from Northville, Canton, and Brighton, and wins over teams from Lakeland and Walled Lake Western, it seems that statement couldn't have been more accurate.

The young squad has shown promise in the losses and O'Leary is pleased with the progress the team has made, especially the defense.

"They are still not where they need to be, but their progress is good. Same with my forwards. It has been difficult with the midfield because two starters have been injured. Kerri Timar has played sparingly and Kelly McMann has yet to play because of the pins that were put into her broken arm. This has hurt us the most because the midfield has to do a little bit of everything (attack and defend)," O'Leary said.

"Right now our midfield can do one or the other but not both. But they have shown progress because in the beginning of the season, our mids were poor at marking. Since the first game, this has improved greatly. But now if we start losing a game and need to attack with our mids, the result is that the other team just scores more goals. The Brighton game is a great example, the score was 2-1 with 25 minutes left and then when they scored to make it 3-1, we tried to generate more offense and it backfired."

With their toughest games in the rearview mirror, the Wildcats can now settle into the conference season. O'Leary feels the next two weeks will be key in determining if his team can make a run at the conference title.

"I think the next two weeks will be key. For one, Timar will return, and if her back stays healthy and she can adjust to our new marking system, we will be a much better team. Also, McMann gets the pins out of her arm next week and can resume playing. How quick she can adjust and get into game shape will determine how we will do against Brighton next



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

On a potential bunt play, Novi's Adam Haberman charges the plate. The Wildcats hoped to start strong after the break against Detroit Country Day last Saturday, but the rain caused the cancellation of the double header.

Return halted by rain

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

They had hoped to come back from a week-long layoff and get off to a positive note, but mother nature had other plans.

After limping into the break with a 2-3 record, the Novi baseball team had its scheduled dou-

ble header against a very beatable 1-3 Detroit Country Day team washed out. No exact date has been set for a make-up.

The Wildcats played games against this week against Fraser on Tuesday and Milford on Wednesday, and are set to host Pinckney tomorrow at 4 p.m. The

'Cats busy week will conclude with two games on Saturday, a scheduled contest against Walled Lake Central at home at 11 a.m. and a game at South Lyon to make up a rainout from April 6.

The five games in four days will do much to determine the team's course for the second half of the

season. A winning week could get them right back in the KVC hunt, but a losing week could severely damage hopes for a repeat title.

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Win streak hits three

Lacrosse

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

A sour start has turned sweet for the Novi lacrosse team.

After starting the season with a 22-3 loss to three-time defending state champion Brother Rice on March 29, the Wildcats dropped a disappointing 10-6 match to Waverly on April 5.

"We anticipated losing to Rice, but didn't really expect to lose against Waverly. Unforced errors and mental mistakes really cost us in those first two games," said assistant coach Dave Wilson.

It was a tough start, but the talented young 'Cats have rebounded. They won 10-5 against St. Mary's on April 7, 10-4 against Catholic Central on April 10, and most recently, beat Liggett on April 19, 6-4, to move past the .500 mark.

Co-captain Aaron Marlon who leads the team with 10 goals and six assists, tallied three scores in the win over Liggett. Drew Doll, second on the team with eight goals, had two against Liggett. Shawn Dicken is the team's third leading goal scorer with seven goals. Wilson has also been impressed with the defensive play of senior Co-captain Courtney Bryon and goalie Kelley DeNeen.

With about half the season in the history books, Wilson is able to clearly define the team's biggest strengths and weaknesses.

"Right now, our biggest weakness is our lack of mastering the fundamentals. We really shoot ourselves in the foot with those mistakes. But on the positive side we are a very young team that is going out and working hard to improve, and those mistakes are being corrected. We are hoping to rip off a few wins in a row during the next few weeks and look forward to our game against East Grand Rapids; the team that beat us in the playoffs last year," Wilson said.

Before the revenge game against Rapids on May 3, the Wildcats will face off against U of D Jesuit High School this afternoon at 6 p.m. and host their first two home games of the season against Troy Athens on Saturday at 1 p.m., and Troy on May 1 at 7 p.m.

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Why are Walled Lake athletics covered in the Novi News?

Have no fear, Novi sports is here to stay. We have received a few phone calls asking why Walled Lake Schools' sports are on the front page of the sports section.

The answer is this: we have two new high schools to cover for the Lake Area Times and the sports section is shared.

However, Novi sports will still be covered. The front page will be shared each week with Walled Lake and Novi each getting its turn to be in the limelight.

While it may seem that there is less sports, that isn't the case. It's just a matter of squeezing more in.

In relative terms, you're getting more bang for the buck. Now Novi and Walled Lake can see how their rivals are performing and how they fared against each

other. We ask that you be patient while we iron out the kinks and feel free to call us with any questions or concerns at (248) 349-1700.

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WILDCATS SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE APRIL 26-APRIL 30

Thursday 4/26			Saturday 4/28		
Varsity Tennis	vs Saline	4 p.m.	Varsity Tennis	@ Saline	TBA
Boys and Girls Track	@ S.Lyon	5 p.m.	Varsity Baseball	vs W.L.C.	11 a.m.
Girls' Golf	@ S.Lyon	3 p.m.	Lacrosse	vs Athens	1 p.m.
Friday 4/27			Monday 4/30		
Varsity Softball	vs Pinckney	4 p.m.	Girls' Golf	@ Pre-KVC	3 p.m.
Varsity Baseball	vs Pinckney	4 p.m.	Varsity Tennis	@ Brighton	4 p.m.
Varsity Tennis	vs Lakeland	4 p.m.	Varsity Soccer	@ Milford	6:30
Girls' Soccer	vs Hartland	6:30 p.m.			
Boys' and Girls' Track	@ F.Harrison	3:20 p.m.			

KVC not out of 'Cats' reach

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"...O'Leary said. Despite a 7-1 loss in their first meeting on April 11, O'Leary doesn't think catching Brighton will be impossible.

"I think we can compete with Brighton depending on two factors. If the players that have been playing thus far continue to develop and if the two coming back from injury progress quickly in terms of our new madding system and getting into game shape.

"It's been a hot and cold start to the 2001 season, but O'Leary is enthusiastic about what has transpired so far, and what the remainder of the season holds in store.

"Overall I am pleased. Their attitude is great, they only want to get better as a team and they realize that our time frame is unique. We are targeting next season to start to come about winning and leading. Right now, we are only concerned with improving," he said.

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Practicing their baton hand-offs for the 4x200 meter relay are Anna McDougal, left, and Jayme Westfall. Novi won six of the 14 events to take first place.

Wildcats take first place in Novi Relays

Girls' Track

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

After being beaten badly by a superior Brighton team only four days before, the Novi girls track team showed tremendous heart in winning the Novi Relays with a score of 104 on April 14.

The Wildcats won six of the 14 events and placed second or third in six others as they cruised to a 20 point win over second place South Lyon. Walled Lake Western followed close behind in third with a score of 72.

Second place teams were: high jump (Cross, and Anna McDougal); shuttle hurdles (Reid, Christina Thompson, Kiley Elfring, and Jessica Harbin); sprint medley (Keller in the 400m, J. Thompson in the 800m, Jenn Mehl in the 200m, and Amanda Smith in the 200m).

After their first taste of victory in 2001, the Cats will look for their first KVC win of the year this afternoon when they travel to South Lyon at 4 p.m.

Michelle Burke, Autumn Wallace, and Amy Olivera made up with winning shot put team with a total distance of 891 3/4'. Burke and Olivera joined Jessica Britsin to win the discus event. Britsin, Wallace, Burke, and Olivera also earned themselves a second in the 4 x 100 throwers.

Other winning teams were the 4 x

1600 relay (Tae Kono, Vidya Mahadevan, Laine Williams, Jenny Thompson); 4 x 800 relay (Williams, Emily Cross, Angie Boucard, Margo Wolowick); distance medley (Keller in the 1600m, Thompson in the 1200m, Vanessa Beard in the 800m, and Jessica Schell in the 400m); and 4 x 400 relay (Wolowick, Mahadevan, Erin Reid, and Samantha Kelley) with a time of 4:29.

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MHSAA sets Sudanese refugee eligibility

In a historic, progressive move, the executive committee of the Michigan High School Athletic Association adopted guidelines to allow hundreds of Sudanese refugee students being placed in communities around the state the opportunity to play interscholastic athletics, some as early as this spring sports season.

"Since December, young people from the Sudan have been arriving in Michigan, being placed in homes by social service agencies and enrolled in public and private MHSAA member schools," said MHSAA executive director John E. Roberts. "These students are arriving without academic records, their academic abilities and preparation vary greatly and they are being placed by schools in grades six through 12. They are being given dates of birth by immigration authorities which are approximations at best.

"Shortly after these students began arriving, member schools began to inquire about how to provide athletic participation opportunities for them," Roberts added. "Since schools have an interest in serving and mainstreaming as many of these displaced students as possible, and at the same time preserving a level playing field for interscholastic athletics, the executive committee needed to take a keener, yet cautious approach."

At its monthly meeting last week, the Executive Committee adopted a six-point approach to providing eligibility for these refugees:

1. A Sudanese refugee is not eligible for interscholastic competition until he or she has been in attendance at one or more MHSAA member schools for 45 school days and is passing the equivalent of 20 credit hours of course work.
2. If after 45 school days the

student is eligible under school and MHSAA regulations in all respects except that the student's age is only approximately determined, the student's date of birth will be deemed to be that indicated on the student's Immigration and Naturalization Service I-94 form and the minimum and maximum age eligibility standards will be applied accordingly.

3. INS I-94 forms must be on file with the student-athlete's required physical examination statement

that is where the refugee is enrolled.

5. Local school districts determine for themselves if a student may participate in practices prior to gaining or after exhausting eligibility for competition.
6. The executive committee will review these matters further if it receives evidence (a) of transfer irregularities, (b) that one or more individuals are participating far in excess of their 19th birthday, or (c) that the participation of one or more of these students has upset the competitive balance in regular season or MHSAA post-season competition.

Roberts said that these determinations apply to Sudanese refugees placed in foster homes in Michigan since December 2000. "Refugees of other places and times may require separate consideration."

John E. Roberts
MHSAA Executive Director



Novi well represented

The undefeated 8th grade volleyball team took first place in the Livingston-Oakland volleyball tournament championship for the second year in a row. Pictured above: Coach Gordon Seiler, Jessica Westfall, Julie Longo, Dana Frenz, Kelly Herbert, Amanda Toffoli, Beth Mallo, Katie Shannon, Ji Kim, Laura Clark, Stephanie Wainwright, Sarah Bielski, Sarah Schmitt, Andrea Alfors, Kim Herbst, Liz Clark, Jessica Haggerly, Julie Johnson, Nicole Barndt, Becky Reichel, and Laura Brunner.

Novi pair attend Nike Football Camp at U of M

Novi High School juniors Jake Ray and Matt Gorman recently attended the Nike Football Training Camp held at the University of Michigan. This exclusive one-day camp is by invitation only for the top high school football players in America who have the potential and desire to play at the college level. Each player received maximum one-on-one training from some of the nation's finest coaches as well

as National Football League and college players. The Nike camp held at U of M was attended by approximately 125 elite high school junior football players from nine states. Two campers traveled all the way from California to attend. Past Nike Camp attendees include T.J. Duckett and Jeff Smoker, current players at Michigan State University. About

one of every three Nike Camp attendees received football scholarships from Division I colleges last year. Along with position specific drills, players learned work-out techniques to help improve their football specific speed, agility, and quickness. Camp attendees were also video taped and evaluated in the 40-yard dash, 20-yard shuttle run, vertical leap, and bench press.

Zarem participates for Team Michigan in Chicago tourney

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

Novi senior forward Brad Zarem was one of 40 senior high school hockey players from across the state to participate in this year's Team Michigan Selection Camp held at Michigan State University on April 1. From those original 40, 20 players were selected to represent Team Michigan at the annual Chicago Showcase National High School Hockey Tournament held on April 18 throughout the 21. This tournament featured some of the best high school talent in the country, and provided an opportunity for the elite high school players from Michigan to be scouted by junior and college teams.



Zarem is the second WildCat to make Team Michigan.

another notation Zarem can add to his long list of accolades during his career at Novi. The 5'11", 165-pound scoring machine was the top scorer in the KVC this season as well as the conference's MVP. His 30 goals and 44 assists earned him a place on the all-state team, as well as a slot on the Michigan High School Coaches' Association "Dream Team." Zarem's two season point total of 144 points is a school record.

Zarem follows in the footsteps of former teammate Travis Majors, as a member of Team Michigan. Majors was selected to the team last year.

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Play it safe: prevent and avoid spring sports injuries

As spring and warm weather approach, school athletic tryouts begin and kids head for the playgrounds and parks to play their favorite sports. But with 2.6 million children in hospitals each year due to sports-related injuries, parents may want to sideline their kids for a pre-game safety talk before letting them take the field.

"Many of these injuries can be very serious for children..."

Dr. Germaine Fritz
Botsford General Hospital

Even though sports injuries are the number one cause for emergency room visits among kids, two-thirds of those injuries can be prevented by playing by the rules and using the right protective gear. Most sports-related hospital visits are due to musculoskeletal injuries to the arms and legs, such as sprains and fractures.

"In the spring, I see patients with sports-related injuries from cycling, in-line skating, basketball, football, and baseball," says Germaine Fritz, orthopedic surgeon at Botsford General Hospital.

Fritz is the only Botsford physician to have received an added qualification in hand surgery certification from the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

"Many of these injuries can be very serious for children and

require immediate treatment." According to Fritz and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the following tips should help parents and children avoid sports-related injuries this spring:

- Get a physical exam before taking up any sport
- Wear all required safety gear
- Warm up and stretch before playing
- Don't play through pain: see a doctor immediately if injured
- Have a first aid kit handy at all games and practices
- Make sure your child's coach enforces rules and encourages safety
- Keep sports fun so that kids don't feel they have to push hard and risk injury to win.

Sports Briefs

GRIS TRAVEL SOFTBALL TRY-OUTS for the Northville Broncos age 16 and under girls fast pitch travel softball team will be held on May 4th at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and May 5th at 2 p.m. Tryouts will take place at the softball diamond at Hillside Middle School, located between the hardwood diamond and the high school football field. A total of three tryouts will be held.

Interested girls must attend all three sessions. Girls born in 1984 or 1985 qualify. Rain out dates will be May 11 and 12.

For more information, call (248) 349-0373.

Northville-Novi Colts Youth Football

The Northville-Novi Colts Youth Football Organization is holding registration for the 2001 season on May 5th, at 9 am at the Novi Civic Center. The registration will be for openings on the cheerleading and football squads.

Registration is on a first come basis. The registration fee is \$260. If

Due to the large number of returning players, the only Football squads accepting registrations are: **Pushman Football** (Varsity Football) 8-8-8 years old 11 yrs old 125-150 lbs. Max. 105 lbs. 12-13 yrs old Max. 150 lbs.

The Cheerleading has openings on all squads: **Freshman Cheer** (8 & 9 yrs old), **JV Cheer** (10-11 yrs old), **Varsity Cheer** (12-13 yrs old)

For more information, call (248) 349-0373.

you have any questions before the registration, please call: **Calby Thomas/Football** 248-348-4282, **Freshman Cheer** 248-348-4282, **JV Cheer** 248-348-4282, **Varsity Cheer** 248-348-4282.

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Community Events

The Northville Historical Society will be hosting a rain-or-shine **plant swap** at Mill Race Village on April 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. Excess plants may be traded with other gardeners, as can perennials, annuals, wild flowers, shrubs and trees. The Northville Department of Public Works will have composted yard mulch available, as well. Attendees should bring their own containers to transport acquired materials. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild, which performs at Watertower Theater on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, will present "Vaudeville: A Play With Music" on May 4, beginning at 8 p.m. The show will also run on May 5, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19. Tickets start at \$7 and may be purchased at Gardenview in Northville. For more information, call (734) 455-2466.

The Zonta Club of Novi-Farmington will be hosting an evening of private shopping at Parisian, located in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia on May 20. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Restaurants and caterers will be serving food during the event, which costs \$25 in advance as a tax-deductible donation. Parisian will extend a 15 percent discount on all non-designer purchases made during the evening. Tickets are \$30 at the

door. For more information, call (248) 349-6246.

The Northville Post Office will be conducting a "letter carriers' food drive" on May 12. Non-perishable foodstuffs should be left by residents' mailboxes. Donated items will then be transported to a community food bank or pantry. For more information, call (248) 349-0300.

The Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation dinner auction will be held at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Building. Tickets are \$50. Proceeds from the auction go toward park improvement in Northville Township and Northville. For more information, call (248) 348-7866.

The Novi Chorales annual spring concert will be held May 12 at Novi High School's Forest Auditorium. The show, entitled "The Chorales Effect," starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 348-0400.

The Michigan Mature Driver Retraining Workshop will be held May 1 and May 4 at 9 a.m. at the Northville Senior Center. Certified instructors will measure a driver's brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception and

other elements important to safe driving. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

David Boyd, an Edward Jones Investment representative in Northville will host a **brochure for individual investors** May 1 at 6 p.m. The broadcast will be a live, interactive program to Edward Jones branch office across the country, via the company's private satellite network. To reserve a seat for the free showing, call (248) 348-4610.

The Northville Community Foundation is seeking **volunteers to help with the Northville Independence Day Parade**. A team of parade coordinators will be meeting on May 3, May 24, June 14 and June 28 at 7 p.m. in Northville City Hall to organize the event.

The Foundation is also beginning a **pledge drive** to match nearly \$11,000 received by the organization as a result of the state of Michigan tobacco settlement. The drive will begin April 20. For more information on either event, call (248) 374-0200.

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is seeking **host families for high school exchange students** travel-

ing from other countries. The students will be traveling to the U.S. during the 2001-2002 school year and will be between the ages of 15 and 18 years old. The students speak English, will have their own spending money and will have their own medical insurance. Host families are asked to provide housing, food and a family atmosphere for a student. For more information, call (888) 247-3872.

The Northrop Sassafras Funeral Home is sponsoring a **free grief support workshop** for adults faced with the death of a loved one. The support meetings will begin April 26 at the Northville Senior Center and will help people who have normal grief responses, using education and an opportunity for people to share with others in the group. The series, sponsored by New Hope Center for Grief Support, will meet for six consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

The Student Fine Arts Show will be held April 28 through May 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Various types of art will be on display from Northville school students of all grade levels. Admission is free to the public. Show hours vary by day. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

A **free home-buyers' seminar** will be held May 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

at the Northville District Library. Hosted by mortgage representative Mark Bowers and real estate agent Juliette Bowman, the seminar will discuss the pros and cons of using answer many commonly-asked questions regarding home purchases. Registration is required. For more information, call (734) 425-4520 or (734) 779-9977.

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The Northville Genealogical Society will be meeting May 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Northville District Library. A 1:30 p.m. class on family research will precede the meeting, which will be held at the Northville District Library. For more information, call (248) 374-0738.

On Campus

Brian P. Horn Jr., a junior at Hillsdale College, was recognized for his academic achievement and named to the Dean's List for fall semester.

He is majoring in biology.

Horn is the son of Peter J. and Pamela Horn of Northville and a 1998 graduate of Northville High School.

Walsh College in Troy recently announced the academic achievements of Northville and Novi students. Students who achieved a grade point average of 3.75 or better were placed on the President's Honor Roll; students with a GPA between 3.74 and 3.5 were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

President's Honor Roll - Undergraduate
Northville
Beth Boginski, Michelle Dingman, and Leslie Schaefer.
Novi
Barbara Sobotta.

President's Honor Roll - Graduate
Northville
Lynn Belecki, Mark Byal, Christine Gambino, Wayne Grubaugh, William Huggins Jr., Debbie Lueker, Kaita Moraes, and Sean O'Keefe.
Novi
Dorinda Baustert, Laurel Berry, Lisa Conifer, Robert Erwin, Bhavani Koneer, Simona Koneer, Michael Koneer, Linda Mertz, Stephen Nienhaus, Wendy Robinson, and Neelan Varshey.

Dean's List - Graduate
Northville
David Bahak, Jodi Denning, and Lori Schneider.
Novi
John Duneske, James Duprey, Anna Liparoso, Manish Mathur, Deborah Paladino, Lisa Soloy, Michael Strazgoski, Liping Sun, Kimberly Thomas, Denise Tiso, and Todd Vandevord.

Melody Bryan, a sophomore majoring in nursing at Harding University, was a participant in the

university's Spring Sing gala held two weeks ago. She appeared in the production, "The Odyssey: Journey into Myth and Legend."

Spring Sing was started over 25 years ago by students as a small-scale musical showcase for campus guests. Shows are judged for originality, costume, choreography and music, with cash awards and plaques given to those selected.

About 12,000 guests were expected to attend this year's four Spring Sing productions.

Bryan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larnie Bryan of Novi. Harding University is located in Searcy, Ark.

Graduating from Grand Valley State University were Mary A. Brunwell of Northville and Chaitae E. Carlson and Dale Parris, both from Walled Lake.

Brunwell received a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Carlson and Parris both received a bachelor of science degree.

Bryan Shields was named to the Dean's List for winter term at Kalamazoo College. He was recently employed with Kalamazoo Public Schools as a second grade teacher.

Shields is a sophomore majoring in psychology and is currently on a study-abroad program in Madrid, Spain. After his return to late June, he plans to examine the possibilities of doing an internship in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center.

Shields is the son of Dennis and Peggy Shields of Northville.

F. Daniel Myers IV will graduate in June from Northville High School. He has enrolled for fall admission at Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology and will major in mechanical engineering technology.

Myers is the son of Erika and F. Daniel Myers III of Northville.

Religion

The Northville Community Foundation's **prayer breakfast** will be held May 16 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The breakfast, set to begin at 7:15 a.m., will feature keynote speaker and former Detroit Tiger pitcher Frank Tanana. Tickets are \$17 per person and may be purchased through Northville and Northville Township churches. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

An evening of **classical and sacred songs** will be presented at **Northville Christian Assembly** on April 29 at 7 p.m. Guest artists will include Gayle Royko Heuser from Laguna Niguel, Calif., and Patti Maori-Fletcher, principal harpist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The concert will benefit the building fund of Northville Christian Assembly. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

The Calvin College Alumni Choir will be performing a free concert April 27 at **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church** in Northville Township. The show will feature American-style songs of Aaron Copland, Moses Hogan, Robert Shaw and other U.S. artists. The show begins at 8 p.m. For more information, call (616) 937-6800.

A seminar on **anger management** will be held April 28 at **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Those attending will have the chance to learn about chronic, generational and cultural anger, and to help identify and deal with signs of anger. Registration for the course is due by April 21. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Also at Ward — a **six-week divorce recovery program for all children** in grades kinder-garten through 12 will begin April 26. The program divides children into similar age groups, then offers a chance for the children to talk with an adult about their parents' divorces. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Commerce United Methodist Church will be hosting a rummage and baked goods sale on April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (248) 363-3935.

Members of First United Methodist Church of Northville are seeking **unused working or non-working cell phones** (including charging units and adapters) which can be reconditioned and donated to domestic violence shelters. Phones are totally reconditioned, so those donating will incur no airtime charges. A tax receipt will be mailed to those who include their name, address and telephone number. For more information, call (248) 347-3807.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville offer the following weekend activities:
Saturday: "Walk in the Park" every Saturday at 10 a.m. Heritage Park, between Ten and Eleven Mile roads on Farmington Road.
Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m. First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, 200 E. Main St., Northville Branch, 12:30 p.m. Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road. Ask for Special Place.
May 17-June 21: Divorce Recovery II workshop, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the church. Registration is \$40.
For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

The Women's Service Club of **Headbrook Congregational Church** will hold a rummage sale on April 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and again April 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (248) 348-7757.

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Engagements

Thomas and Ann Jones of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marie, to David D. Goforth, the son of Barbara and Ronald Goforth of Rochester Hills.

The bride-elect graduated in 1992 from Novi High School. She is a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Laura is currently employed with Kalamazoo Public Schools as a second grade teacher.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Birmingham's Seaholm High School, and a 1997 graduate of the Marine Mechanics Institute in Orlando, Fla. He is employed as a motive technician at Leaders Marine of Kalamazoo.

A July wedding will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi.

Weddings

Colin and Doreen Earl of Northville, announce the marriage of their son, USMC Sgt. Stuart Craig, to Tammie Mechelle Stephens, the daughter of Johnnie and Joan Stephens of Aiken, S.C.

The couple was married Oct. 21, 2000, in Aiken, S.C., with pastor John DeVenter officiating; the bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The bride is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is currently teaching in the Ryder Elementary Charter Schools-USA in Miami, Fla.

At the wedding, the bride was Stephanie Blodgett. Serving as bridesmaids were Tracie Earl, Heidi, Natalie Saul, Julie Campbell, and Karen Wade.

The groom attended Holy Ford Community College and is currently stationed in Miami with the United States Marine Corps.

Louis Alfinito of Northville was best man. The attending groomsmen were Chris Stephens and Matt colleagues, Rob Saul, Rick Knowles, and Craig Babich.

The newlyweds went to Key West for their honeymoon.

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Judged one of the best lifestyle sections in Michigan

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The Meeping of Life

Live in Michigan very long, and you'll discover that there are a few things you can come to expect: potholes, orange barrels, and a state-mandated test that keeps morphing into something else the next year.

MATHEMATICS
1. Lisa enters an area shopping mall and wants to buy a new shirt, which costs \$15. She hands the cashier a \$20 bill. How much change does Lisa get back?
a) \$2
b) \$3
c) \$5
d) None

READING
2. Read the following passage: Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown and Jill came tumbling after.
A good title for this story would be:
a) "Subservience No More: Liberating Jills of the New Millennium"
b) "Jack v. People of State of Michigan"
c) "Hey, Stupid — We've Got Running Water, You Know!"
d) "The Story of Jack and Jill!"

SCIENCE
3. The chemical compound made up of two atoms of hydrogen and one oxygen is commonly known as:
a) Water
b) Perrier
c) Slush
d) Money

SOCIAL STUDIES
4. Complete this famous phrase uttered by President Abraham Lincoln: "Four score and seven years ago..."
a) "...we were paying out the nose for a stinkin' cup of tea."
b) "...some helmet-headed British general thought wearing red and marching in a straight line was brilliant military strategy."
c) "...let's see...that's twenty, carry the five...hey, does anyone have a calculator?"
d) "...I got these great tickets to the Ford Theatre, but Mary Todd bailed out on me. Anyone else wanna tag along?"

ANSWERS
1. D — Because Lisa looked suspicious — you know, two earrings in one ear and a Tommy Hilfinger backpack — mall security flexed its muscle and kicked her out before she could buy anything.
2. D — But we've got to admit that A, B and C are pretty good, too.
3. A — Technically speaking, this answer is correct. But in Grosse Pointe, it could be B. In Escanaba, it could be C. And if that water dips below 32 degrees and some chump in an SUV highballs it on I-275 and crashes into a ditch, some insurance company will make it D.
4. C — Even Honest Abe would have trouble with today's rugged academic landscape.

How does your GARDEN show?



Brickscape offers pre-potted flowers, like these tulips or bulbs for the gardener to plant.

It's springtime. For some, that means pulling the lawn mower out of the garage or shed or raking away those fall leaves that never really left. But for a reasonable majority, it's planting or designing a garden. Digging in the dirt and planting those tulips, daisies, pansies and begonias can be a stress reliever and an honest hobby. However, the gardening hobby has expanded in the last few years to become a vast empire for garden shops across the country and right here in the area.



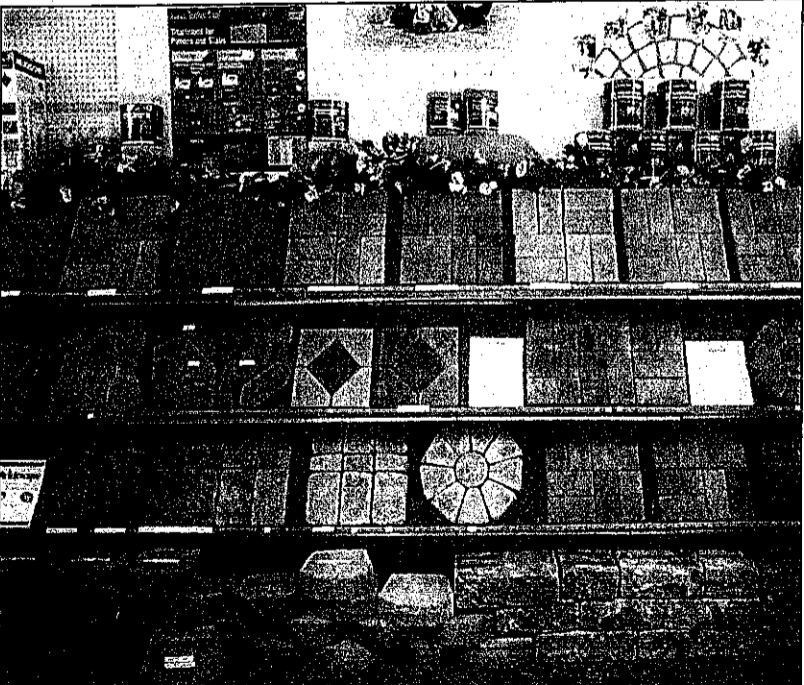
Garden accessories, like this gazing globe and these copper butterflies, have gained popularity among green thumbs.

What used to be a small four by four plot of flowers and a few vegetables has now become small havens with furniture and decorations to escape from everyday worries and responsibilities. Leading the way to supplying those haven accessories are shops including Glenda's Garden Center, Anglin Landscape Supply, Dinsers and Backyard Birds in Novi; Brickscape, Mexico Direct and Gardenviews in Northville; and The Greenery at Brainer's in Wixom. From gazing globes and benches, trellises and fountains, these items create a sanctuary right inside your own backyard. A big trend for garden decorations in 2001 is copper. From the rusty metal look to shiny wire baskets, this metal has begun to crop up in grass and shady spots all over the area. "Copper is very popular this year in terms of trellises, wire baskets that give a Betina age look," said Greg Brainer, co-owner of The Greenery at Brainer's. Another hot item is garden benches. Everything from wooden decorations to potting and utility benches are becoming the trend, Brainer said. Of course, there is always those crazy glass globes that have been spotted for a few years now. "Not just the reflective globe is popular now. We also have blown glass globes from Poland and mosaic globes a local artist makes with bowling balls," said buyer and designer for Gardenviews, Lori Jermont. "They (gazing globes) are a throw back to the Victorian gardens." While these decorative pieces fit nicely in a garden, truly appreciating a garden escape requires a little bit of water. Fountains are another main seller for garden stores and the traditional fountain has given way to a more natural approach. "We have a lot of natural looking rocks to create little waterfalls that look like sides of mountains but are

actually made out of foam, so you can leave it out in the winter," Jermont said. While these garden escapes have sprung up, the themed or planned look of them has gone south. Today's gardens are a wonderful mix of this and that, all rolled into one. "It's more of an eclectic look and mixing of a lot of different styles. They are taking old doors, removing the glass and growing ivy up them and then placing a beautiful statue beside it. It's a traditional English garden with fun accessories," Brainer said. Jermont agreed. "People are really getting creative with their gardens instead of the run of the mill stuff. They are taking more pride in them," she said. Pride and time. Today's garden is a full time venture for some. "Baby Boomers are retiring and spending more time as a hobby in their gardens. As the economy slows and gas and travel prices go up, a lot more people will create small vacation paradises in their garden because they are unable to travel due to the cost," Brainer said. While the hobby may be labor intensive, the joy and relaxation benefits afterward make the effort seem worthwhile. Kelli Cooley is the editor of the Novi News. Her e-mail address is kcooley@ht.homecomm.net.



Brickscape's Jennifer Brodzik does a little tamping near the Novi shop's demonstration area.



Novi's Brickscape has large displays of brick types for their shopper to choose from.

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