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Green Sheet



# Memorial parade scheduled for Monday

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#### **Memorial Day** parade route

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

On May 28, Novi and other communities around the nation will com-memorate the veteran men and

women who have served our country.

women who have served our country. Continuing in its remembrance tradition will be the city's arunual Memorial Day Farade and Ceremony. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a Veterans Memorial Service led by Rev. Leslie Harding at Oakland Hills on Twelve Mile Road.

The community will then show its decoration day colors in a 1.8 mile parade along Novi Road and Ten Mile beginning at 10 a.m.

"It's going to be a great event, there's been lots of preparation and I think its something the community will throughly enjoy," said Novi

Community Relations Director Maureen Malone. Sine Mortanti of city hall said many clubs and organizations will be a part of the festivities, including the Novi High School and Middle School marching bands as well as the Novi Jaycees, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Lady Bugs Baton Team, and Community EMS.

Members from other groups like the Novi Dare Program and Novi Theatres will also be present.

Representing the day in true honor however, will be veteran groups such

however, will be veteran groups such as the VFW 1519.
Local officials who are set to be present include Rep. Nancy Cassis (R.Novi): Novi City Council members Lou Csordas, Craig DeRoche, Victor Cassis, and Ed Kramer; and Oakland

Commissioner

Staging for the parade will take place in front of Borders Book Store located in the Novi Town Center between 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Following registration, marchers, specialty vehicles and parade floats

will head south on Novi Road and ille into the historic Novi Cemetery, where a wreath will be placed at the flag pole.

The route will continue down Novi Road to Ten Mile Road, heading west towards the civic center where the parade will conclude. There, a memorial service will take place.

The parade will take place rain or shine, unless conditions are unsafe for parade participation. Call the hotine at (248) 347-0473 between 7-8:30 a.m. the day of the parade, if in doubt.

Stephanie Fordyce ts a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

# Citizens leery of

# group

By RANDAL YAKEY

A house in a shady courtyard has a group of neighbors up in arms about a potential group home on Jason Court.

home on Jason Court.

Neighbors in the area have asked to city to look into the viability of a group home being set up in their neighborhood near Ten Mile and Haggerty Road. But the owner of the home insists that it will be a quiet, peaceful place where people in need will be cared for.

We would home the neighbors.

we would hope the neighbors we would inderstand what we are doing, homeowner Frank Vitals said. There will be seniors here. It'll, be a place where people can come visit their mother or father. We don't make any noise and we have been fixing up the place." Vitale said the neighbors are just not "informed" on what he is trying to do.

trying to do. According to the Michigan Bureau of Regulatory Services, there are ten group homes cur-rently within the city of Novi that have adults with disabilities living there. In all the times the homes have been in existence in Novi, there never have been any major problems with the resi-

"The Michigan legislature, in its wisdom, has determined its best to have (the) handicapped in a facility designed to care for six or less people, which would be con-sidered a single family resi-dence." Novi city attorney Gerald Fisher sald. "It's permissible without council approval."

When an application for a group home is made to the state, the state them provides notice to

the state then provides notice to the local communities and all residents within 1,500 feet. "There is one (group home) at the end of Burton Street, two-

tenths of a mile away," Jason Court resident Barbara Thomas said, "It is licensed for six people

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#### Science power



With the help of Novi Middle School science teacher Maggie Sheeran, student Georgia Katopodis recently won a number of science fair contests and Katopodis took Sheran to a Detroit Water Board contest that she entered.

# Metro Detroit honors five local kids

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Five science savvy middle school students took top honors recently, at the 44th Annual Science & Engineering Fair of Matro Detroit

Metro Detroit. Competing among more than 1,000 students from over 27 triGeorgia Katapodis, Michelle, Buelow, Bhavana Shivakumar, Wendy Ying, and Lauren Marchioni placed across the board in the junior division at the competition held at Cobo Hall.

"We are just thrilled," said Novi Middle School science teacher

dents bring home awards is phe-

nomena.

With projects like "Why do apples turn brown?" and "Well water, tap water or absopure: we put them to the test; the school walked away with one first place award, two second place awards

As a first place winner, seventh grader Bhavana Shiyakumar daz-zled Judges with her project that tested heat retention. Using four different cups: Styrofoam, hard plastic, paper.

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#### Kite flyin' fun



Orchard Hills Elementary School student Lance Engels, far left, tries to get his during last Thursday's annual Kite Night. Low surface winds made for some difficulty getting the crafts airborne.

## Council approves fund that could be illegal

Novi City Council voted to approve a fund which would allow corporate donations or infrastructure funding and tax abatements that could cause a rift between the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

and the city.

According to Novi City Council member Craig DeRoche, the fund will allow companies who are good citizens to donate moriey to the city. The city could then use the funds to allevi-ate the burden brought on by the need for tax abatements or infrastructure

funding.
"What the state is doing is taking away the city's ability to negotiate its own plabatements on its own terms. Riche said. Our rights are being to empted by the state. All we for the state and the state are the state and the state are state are state and the state are sta

origing the door for (busi-chainmeling the process." tung to DeRoche, the city has make sacrifices in the last i process and that sacrifices

"What the state is doing is taking away the city's ability to negotiate its own tax abatements on its own terms."

Craig DeFloche Novi City Council member

had to be made.

"The fund exists for our corporate citizens who want to come into this town, realizing the constraints we have with our tax base, DeRoche said. "We are a donor city to a donor county and the state of Michigan turns around and tells us what to do with our own corporate citizens and our own tax base and its unnecessary for them to force this on us."

DeRoche also said with the potential

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# Planning chair criticizes Novi city attorney

Jerry Fisher's work ethic crystal clear at the May
21 city council meeting after Piccinini declared Fisher should be replaced.

Piccinini said the long time Oakland County altorney was "unprofessional and is not deserving of the efforts of the planning commission." "If he doesn't get his (act) together, I think he should be replaced." Piccinini said.

Piccinini said she had attempted to contact Fisher about the Erickson Retirement Village site. ocated on north Thirteen Mile on the west side of M-5 (Haggerty Connector.) She said Fisher refused to respond to her calls concerning the issue. Piccinini said it was essential that Fisher review all the recommendations brought to the commission

the recommendations brought to the commission so they can be acted on promptly.

"When I said to Mr. Fisher, 'you need to have all your data Just like the consultants.' He told me that was my opinion. I am the chairperson of the commission. That isn't my opinion, that is the process," Piccinini said. "You have a lot of new people and David Evancoe is good, but if it weren't for Rod. (Arroyo) where would we have been. In another lawsuit?"

According to Piccinini, if there is significant amount of delay in gelling a project started, the city could become liable—as they were in the Sandstone Vistas case where a developer charged that the city delay had cost them millions of dol lars. The Sandstone Vistas case is currently await-

ing a hearing in United State Appeals Court.

"He refers to the ordinances and he doesn't even

Novi Planning Commission Chair Karen Piccinini "If he doesn't get his (act) together, I

Karen Piccinini on city altorney Jerry Fisher

know them," Piccinini sald, "That was the how issue behind the (Sandstone) lawsuit was - delay, delay, I talked to Clay (Pearson), I talked to Rick

(Helwig:) they said if it didn't get better, he'd (Fisher) would be gone."

Novi clly manager Richard Helwig said he is "very pleased" with Jerry Fisher's performance. Helwig also said Fisher is being "spread thin" but there are a number of issues Fisher is working on for the

down," Helwig said, who did not wish to speak on the issue of dismissing Fisher. Fisher said the issues between Piccinini and himself are one of miscommunication and that he expects that his office and the planning commission will be able to better work together in the

"I have to work harder to help Ms. Plecinini to understand that all the actions I am taking are in the Interest of the city." Fisher said.

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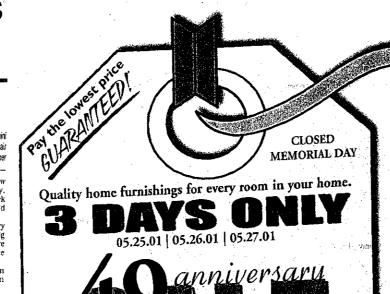
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In what police admit was a scary situation for a local woman, ended in an arrest of one teen and a

search for another on May 21 around 9:30 a.m. According to the initial police response, two white males, report-

ed to be in their teens, entered a home on Cedarville in the Echo Valley subdivision west of Beck Road and south of Ten Mile. The intruders entered the home while a female resident was still arrived at the scene while the suspect were attempting to flee out a second floor window. One suspect was arrested at the scene and

The only description, at this time, is that the teen was wearing a black baseball cap. Police believe they know who the suspect is.

UNANNOUNCED COMPANY Valley break-in, a Wellington Drive home was broken into on May 16

At approximately 2:46 a.m., the room floor, he saw a male suspect noticed that his car was swerving

and the suspect exited through the screen door. Police believe the suspect entered the apartment standing between 5'10" and 6 foot with a medium build wearing a

Another week, another break-in at the Spring Lake Apartment com-

In the past month, the apartment complex has been averaging at least one break-in per-week according to Novi police reports. On May 14, burglars again used 

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A 20-year-old, two 19-year-olds, a 16-year-old and a 15-year-old were arrested for consuming alcohol under the age of 21. A 21-yearing to the delinquency of minors. The 20-year-old had a Blood Alcohol Count (BAC) of .07, the 15year-old's BAC was 186, the 16-year-old's was .04, and one of the 19-year-old's BAC was .286.

n a similar incident to the Echo burglarized home were notified. At

A Wailed Lake resident driving a gold Mercury Lynx was stopped May 17 near E. West Maple Road and Pontiac Trail when police

between two lanes.

The patrol officer noticed that the man's eyes were blood shot. He was asked to recite the alphabet. He recited the alphabet as A,B,C,D,S,T. He then told police that he had only been in the coun-HUNGRY FOR ARBY'S try from Norway for three years alvzer test showed a reading of

(.10) for alcohol and his blood alcohol count was 21.

He was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

184, which is above the legal limit

SAFE AT HOME? A 28-year-old Walled Lake woman called police when she woke up May 11 and found her passenger window of her car bropassenger window of her car bro-ken in her driveway at the 600 block of Ridge Road and The destruction had to have

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Police have not said if all the interested in a box of speakers in

plex were related. The investigation

A South Lake Drive resident went to drop their child off at school and returned to find their home burglarized and over \$10,000 worth of items taken from

before 9 a.m. and returned around 11: 30 a.m. to find the kitchen another was tracked by the novi cantre tint but was able to avoid detection. Police assume the rain the tracking of the sushrough the screened window.

According to the report, there was approximately \$10,000 in Jewelry that was taken as well as a number of CDs and a laptop com-Parents of the minors were con

the time of the burglary, the family dog was chained up in the yard.

May 12 by Walled Lake police for Ranger under the influence of alco

hol at 12:20 p.m. Police noticed that his eyes were He failed tests that were administered to him. His breathalyze

test was .108 and his blood alcohol He had a prior operating under the influence of alcohol in 1997.

tacted and they were jailed in the

A 27-year-old man was arrested at Pontlac Trail and Ladd Road on

The case is still being investigat-

On Sunday, May 20 around 8:45 m., two armed men robbed the Two black males entered the restaurant through the rear door, as an employee took out the trash.
One man reportedly had a hand-

gun and the other a baseball bat. The suspects left with an



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Wixom officers, with the help of Novi's K-9 unit, tracked the grounds and found a black handgun and two baseball caps behind evidence.

Interviews with gas station
employees revealed that the suspect vehicle may have been recorded by Shell's Video Security ANOTHER TAKER FOR FREE-

On the evening of Saturday, May

got into a purple Saturn driven by a black female, which was waiting for them at the Shell Cas Station.

Suspects were last seen east-bound on I-96 from S. Wixom Road;

Downing Street was burglarized, Two Nobilis computers with mon-itors and keyboards were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry. Several other valuable item: computers valued at approxima \$4,500. in the business were not taken. The

VEHICLE THEFT

On the evening of Friday, May 18 vehicle on Hedigham Street was Stolen was a Dell laptop com puter, camera, electronic personal organizer, garage door opener, and

sunglasses.
It appeared that the thief used the garage opener to raise the garage door but it did not appear that entry was made into the

VEHICLE STOLEN On Friday, May 18 a vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a

Forest Bay Court resident. The vehicle, a '94 white GMC Jimmy was locked and last seen at Numerous items including a lap

Police are investigating.



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# Fund would set aside money for city

fall, the city must prepare for a possible pay out or settlement.
"It is very difficult for us to do every-thing we want to do. Roads, infra-

structure, parks, telecommunications. A lot of these (business) people come in and they realize our constraints and they want to be our corporate partaccommodate these folks and now we

MEDC CEO and president Doug Rothwell said the fund was not con ducive to Intent of awarding tax abate ments and that the fund was illegal.

"It is against state law," Rothwell said, "Communities have asked for playground equipment or something of that nature.

A "qukl-pro-quo", or money for off-setting tax abatements, is "illegal" under Public Act 198 and any such arrangement for donations from a business would be suspect especially if it is in direct action to a tax abate ment application.

According to Wixom city manager Michael Dornan, he was sent a copy of a department of treasury memoran-dum that specifies that a local official and a representative of the applicant must sign an affidavit that says no fee was paid to the municipality for the required abatement. Meaning, the city could not set up a fund that could set aside money to offset the abatement and use those funds for infrastructure unding or be deposited into the gen-

and the state said 'you can't do that," Dornan said. 'You can't have any side bars and you can't have any contribu-

Just whose job is it to fix broken schools? That's the question now pending before the Michigan state

If proposed legislation is passed, it will become the job of a new five-

member Education Improvement

Board, which will take its cues from evaluation teams sent to dis-

tricts that fall in the bottom 5 percent on a number of criteria, including test scores, reading levels and attendance.

Senate Bills 473-476 — spon-

sored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-

Canton, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, and Robert Emerson, D-Flint —

call for the lowest performing school districts in the state to be

umber of possible actions, from simply making a few recommenda-tions for improvement to ordering the local school board to make

changes to initiating a takeover by the local Intermediate School

a series of hearings held earlier this spring by the Senate Education

Committee, is generally receiving positive reviews, but has elicited some concern over the details.

The State Board of Education,

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service

State looks at who

can monitor schools

UUNECH INACHET WAS THE BEST

Novi Middle School science fair winners: Wendy Ying, Bhavana Shivakumar, Georgia Katopodis, Lauren Marchioni and Michelle

# Science Fair winners receive top honors

how quickly heated water decreased in temperature. Her experiment found that the Styrofoam cup and the hard plas-

tic cup retained the most heat.

Wendy Ying's project, which
tested the density of an egg in different forms of liquids, won sec-ond place for her experiment. Placing a raw egg in tap water, salt water, soda pop, lemon juice and baking soda mixed with water. "We were trying to set that (fund) up Ying concluded that the lemon Juice and soda pop allowed the egg

to float the longest.
"The eggs quickly sank in the

mation that the state board and

serve the same purpose as the education improvement board, she said, and warned that state educa-tion policy should not head off in

The proposals drew some other

gets the bottom 5 percent of school

districts. McNeilly noted that the

forming schools. It may stigmatize the poor. The MCC also objects to tax credits for donations to public schools, because that could be

unfair to those who donate to

two different directions,

she said.

she said.

Ying added that the egg in the soda pop sank only after the carbonation went flat.

Over 100 judges participated in the competition, including engineers, doctors, chemists and other scientists.

Judges looked at scientific Water and Sewerage Department.

method, research, how well the students followed through, findings, and presentation.

The students said the event was not only fun, but a great learning of water, carned her a \$300 sav-

for a while until the acid in the lemon juice dissolved the shell." In wise, to see what we could improve on." said Lauren she said. Marchlont, who modeled the

Judges looked at scientific Water and Sewerage Department ed at the fair.

experience as well.

"It was cool to see what other students worked on and it also gave us the opportunity, presenta-

Sheeran said she was very proud of all the students and was glad to see their research reward-

the hard work the students do," she said. "It's wonderful." be reached by phone at 1-(248)-Stephante Forduce is a staff 349-1700 ext. 105.

"It's an incredible pay off for all

observation, Katapodis said it's really space-related studies that fascinate her. The seventh grader just recently came back from the U.S. Space & Rocket Center to which she earned a scholarship.

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don't see the need for another-foster care home so close if they can fill up that one. That would be a matter of concern." Thomas continued, "he has had

residents

building supplies on his front is the city ever going to have some type of general rules or reg-ulations for AFC, assisted living omes, half way houses, or drug

Local resident Dennis Cline said that the city should keep tabulations on adult foster care (AFC) in the city, just in case Vitale did not apply for group

home status through the state have some kind of assisted living. who controls it?" resident Dennis handleapped accessible? Is he putting people in the basement where they can't get out? I'm con-cerned about what he can do later on. Can he turn it into a halfway house and bring in pris oners and drug addicts? Who is going to control this?"

# **Comic Craze**



Brian Parys of Warren's "Cornerstone Comics" sorts hundreds of comic book magazines Friday afternoon at the Novi Expo

#### Districts that fall in the bottom 5 schools," On Jan. 1, pupil attendance rates, teacher attendance rates and college entrance test scores would be added to the list.

Michigan Education Association spokesman Al Short made a similar point to the committee last veek when he told the senators the school districts, which go so far as Then, districts in the bottom 5 perallow the state Board of cent on five criteria get the "priori-Education to close schools that are

That was passed in 1990, and it has not been implemented," Johnson responded, "That's the member from the local district or local Intermediate School District would assess the district, it would then make recommendato implement it, they don't imple-

#### Lawmakers could soon have "code of ethics" y school label. Three person evaluation teams — set up by the Department of Education and including one By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service

to implement it, they don't implement, in they don't implement. This is not a new problem," he said. What has the state Board of Education done in the last 10 to the five-member officers could soon have to operations to the five-member officers could soon have to operations to the five-member officers could soon have to operations to the five-member officers could soon have to operations to the five-member officers could soon have to operations to make not operate by the would include the state superintendent, two members appointed by the governor, and one each named by the House and Senate majority leaders. The transmitted of the five-member officers could soon have to operations to make to operate under a "code of ethics" if a billiproposed by state Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, wins approval.

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For instance, senators are function improvement Board, which would include the state superintendent, two members appointed by the House and Senate majority leaders. This is not a new problem," he said. What has the board done to recommendations to the five-member officers could soon have to operate under a "code of ethics" if a billiproposed by state Rep. Mike bishop. R-Rochester, wins approval.

Education done in the last 10 reversely. Which would include personal relationships or "cool address it?"

What the board and the State | SD. | If taken over, voters in the district would get a chance to vote, according to spokesperson according to spokesperson according to process that has been in place for years. Despite that, she said, much of the infor-

including the governor, lieu-tenant governor, attorney general and secretary of state, would be

covered as well. Further, the bill would prohibit elected officials from "using their public positions" to gain "any-thing of value" for themselves or

another person. Lawmakers would also be barred from lobbying before the branch of government in which they served for three months

actual conflict.

Statewide elected officers, voic.

Rep. Jim Howell, R-St. Charles, without to the hills ments to the plan before it gets a tions. Because the constitution

said there is nothing in the bills to adjust dollar upward for inflation in the future. For example, the bill specifically allows unso-licited tokens worth up to \$150. Bishop said he would consider an adjustment clause a "friendly common Cause supports the the bill specifically allows ups

constitution, Bishop assured her the legislation would be adjusted.

The act establishes a seven-

assigns the duties of disciplining members to each chamber of the mittee for a final conclusion. Civil violations could carry fines up to

"It is not my intent to rewrite the constitution," he said.

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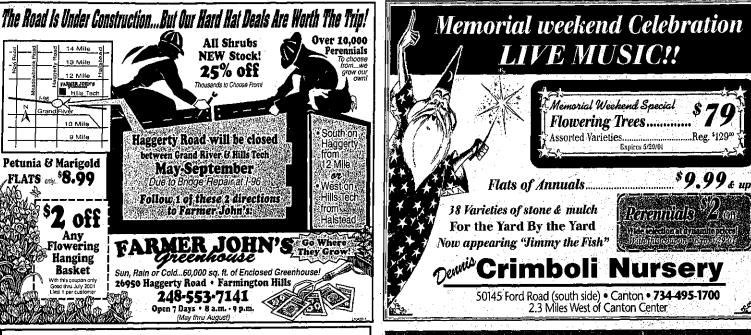


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#### **NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOND ISSUE 2001**

# Technology portion will update schools' aging equipment

ials, technology is no longer a lool, but an educational necessity In order to keep up with current advances, the district is request-ing \$15.5 million of their \$75 milon bond issue be used to

upgrade technology district wide. "With technology now an inte-gral part of educational learning. t is no longer a luxury, but a equirement," said school board

resident Carol Elfring.
According to the district, the ast time technology was purhased was in 1993.

"A large percentage of our com-outers are now five to nine years lid, so its age is showing and that's something we need to be concerned with," said director of technology for Novi Community School District, Jim Fry. Fry explained that because the

dated, its capacity is limited. unning new applications and it's

supports

Driving home the message that Novi Community Schools will become overcrowded, crumbled and educa-tionally inferior, a citizens committee

is launching a campaign to win sup-

Excellence in Education (CEE), has been working diligently to support the passage of the school bond; post-ing lawn signs, plating buttons and

'We're prepared to begin a success-

According to the committee, these

ballot issues are critical for the ongo-ing and future success of the Novi Community School District.

"For parents of students in the dis

trict, the consistent quality of educa-tion is a primary reason why we choose to live in here Novi," said CEE

committee co-chairman Steve

Schram, "It is the reason our local

group, Citizens for Excellence in Education, strongly encourages a yes' vote on all three of these ballot

oposals." Schram added that whether community members have school-aged children in their home or not, they

still benefit from the long-standing

putation of the school district.
"Even if voters don't have children

in the schools, they value the way their property values have increased

over the years and hopefully they will

ecognize the Novi Community School District is the driving force

Committee member Mary Muller

cess of the entire city.

"A strong school district means

able place to live," she said. "High property values are a nice side-effect of investing in the education of our

The committee members represent a cross section of Novi, ranging in location and age. Many members served on previous citizen commit-tees, researching school district needs, a process which has been

"Every school in this district will benefit from passage of these propos-als," said committee member Ben

Wright. Wright previously served on the Blue Ribbon Task Force, which

T was extremely impressed with the discipline exercised by the task force. Sensitivity on behalf of the taxpayer was always the foremost thought. The committee members and all the sensitivity of the taxpayer was always the foremost thought.

committee members are all taxpayers

Schram explained that the dedical

ed millage would take care of contract-ed repairs to keep the district's assets in the best of shape and prolong the

in the best of snape and protong the lives of buildings.

We felt it was very important, with all the new infrastructure we've built in recent years, knowing that it will continue to age, he said.

As the committee continues campaigning, two scheduled informational meetings are set for May 31 at 7 p.m.

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in the Village Oaks subdivision Chibhouse and another for June 6 at

made final bond recor

oehind that," he sald.

Group

bond

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

ty is also becoming a problem.

"There is simply less access with more students," he said.

With the bond money, Fry said received a state honor as

dents.
School board member Bruce
Bagdady said in today's society
where computers and the use of
technology are dominant factors
in the lob market. where computes and the tase of technology are dominant factors how we can enhance the instructional side, and give that same to be taught how to use it effectively the computer of the instructional side, and give that same to be taught how to use it effectively.

tively.
"I don't know of that many jobs today that don't use some sort of technology," he said. "If we want our students to be successful,

they are going to have to be famil-iar with the latest advancements."

If approved, the bond would introduce a number of technological enhancements including a repair of newly developed build-variety of new applications and programs, wireless and portable provide relief for the district's devices, and various types of new operating fund will also be on the networking opportunities.

Fry said the new technology will not only expand the resources for district's current network is out-

student learning and research, becoming increasingly difficult to keep up with internet growth, "he said. "When we started this, the internet didn't really exist for the

the bond proposal and \$50 for the dedicated millage). Stephanic Forduce is a stal interact with a class in France, so As the district continues to add in average of 200 new students a laboration with experts and nay be reached al schools across the country but sfordyce@ldt.homecomm.net

them move ahead and effectively

The \$75 million bond proposa

is one of three ballot issues the district will put before voters on

. A dedicated site millage for

The district projects the total cost of these proposals for

homeowner living in a \$200,000

home is \$200 annually (\$150 for

work with that technolog because it's really a new way

teaching," he said.

ticket next month.

June 11.

# **Novi Woods Elementary** could receive face-lift

Novi Woods Elementary will receive a complete make-over, if vot-ers elect to pass the district's upcoming school bond next month. Built in 1976, the elementary the last of the city's K-4 schools to have had any type of expansion or

renovation.
"Since it was built in 1976, the classrooms are considerably small," said Assistant Superintendent of some of the things we have today

accommodate instructional uses like technology, the district plans to recreate the interior of the entire building.

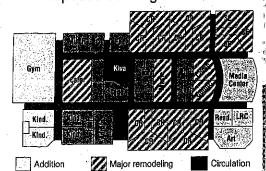
"This will make the rooms more

friendly to the students and more conducive to learning," Koster said.

Along with the inside renovation, expansion to both the north and south of the building is also set to The expansion would allow for additional classrooms, as well as a

new gymnasium, art room and The new renovation and expan-sion is not intended to accommodate more students, only to provide more space for its current population capacity of around 500. School fig-

ures show that the average number of students at Woods for the next five years is around 450. If approved by voters next month, the \$5.3 million project could begin **Novi Woods Elementary** Proposed building renovation



expansion is part of the district's \$75 million bond issue that will go before voter on June 11. The entire bond would allow the district to expand and renovate school buildings throughout the community, as well as upgrade tech-nology, provide more space for transportation and maintenance, and pay for the purchase of the Bosco property on 11 Mile and Beck Pands

Aside from the bond, voters will see two other ballot proposals: a dedicated site miliage for repair of newly developed buildings and a Headlee override to provide relief for the district's operating fund. newly developed buildings and a theadlee override to provide relief for the Bottot operating fund.

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millage to 18 mils, would only remove the Headlee rollback from business and commercial taxes and not affect the taxes of homeowner would take care of contracted repair to protect the district's assets an

prolong the lives of buildings.

The district projects the total cost of these proposals for a homeowner living in a \$200,000 home is \$200 annually (\$150 for the bond propos age).

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# **CHEVY'S MAKING SOME NOISE**



# Consulting engineers plan on hold by city council

Novi City Council passed the 2001-2002 budget on Monday, with one exception - the section

meeting on May 21.

"In my career, I've had one council member vote against a budget," Helwig said, who was clearly "disappointed" in coun-

adding the two engineers.

We have very dedicated staff and we are not a bureaucracy and I'm not interested in doing Cassis. Lou Casordas and Craig with one exception - the section concerning engineering consult ants.

ants. and I'm not interested in doing concerning engineering consult and the served the community very well. But for the last year, we list for the last year. All the departments that work with JCK gave them good marks, Cassis said. "Other the year of the two engineers. And the issue with last year year.

ants) in-house have not found it

ing? With more bureaucracy is more responsibility and more risk. Let's not sacrifice good and

hall, where they could be more accessible than consultants that are across town.

But council members Victor Cassis, Lou Csordas and Craig DeRoche voted against bring in against a budget."

sound economics on the alter of to handle projects that would change for change sake." to handle projects that would otherwise be outsourced. change for change sake."

At the meeting in support of keeping the consultants on therwise be outsourced.

Council could not agree on hirting three civil engineers and set-

wanted to hire an extra two civil engineers that he said would save the city approximately \$60,000 in the coming fiscal year and \$274,927 in \$4,175,237 was dedicated to consulting firms' fees in the last fiscal year alone. As a result, Helwig has proposed to hire three civil engineers in house to handle projects "

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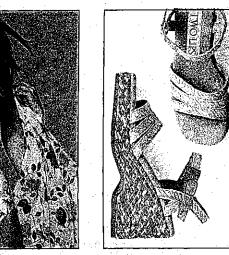
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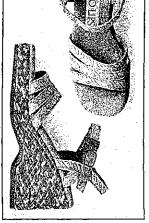
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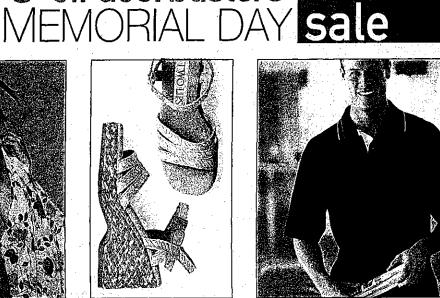
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Michigan's economy. Cassis also Introduced legis-

named 2001 Business Advocate of the Year by the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

The awards is given to the legislator that show "exemplary leadership" in dealing with business issues during the past two months. Cassis, who is chair of the House Tax Policy Compilities the legislator to eliminate the SBT as fast as the current phase out time. The bills carry safeguards in the case of a budget shortfall to protect vital services and hold schools harmless by not affecting school revenue.

rate cut and eliminating the tive sessions, has led the com-nititee in the many tax cuts including phasing out the Single Business Tax (SBT). It is truly an honor to be recognized for helping improve the economic climate for Michigan amiltes and businesses," cuts that are fair and broadbased. They will lessen the burden on hard-working families and fortify Michigan businesses."

Cassis said. "Initiatives like of the Michigan Economic phasing out the SBT will create Development Corporation jobs and boost income for all (MEDC) which last week residents, and help insulate announced more than \$1.2 milllion in job training grants for more than 15 companies in

Michigan.
Cassis was chosen by the
MMA's Government Affairs Advisory Committee. The MMA represents 4,000 businesses throughout the state, which collectively employ 90-percent Michigan's industrial

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address ryakey@ht.homecomm.net. He can be reached by phone at 1-(248)-349-1700 ext. 105.

Monday, May 14 Medical, 24156 Westmont, 11:47 a.m., Squad 4. Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:45 p.m., Squad 1, Medical, 41268 Llewelyn Court, 1:57 p.m., Squad 3. Trailer fire, 29725 Sheri, 10:48

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2:42 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 43500 Gen-Mar, o.m., Engine 2. Tuesday, May 15 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 7:58 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 22515 Heslip, 8:35 p.m., Squad 1 Medical. 43393 Thirteen Road, 11:40 p.m., Squad 2.

p.m., Squad 3. Fire alarm, 24250 Hemstead, 11:34 p.m., Engines 4, 1. Wednesday, May 16 Service, 42171 Roscommon, 8:28

Medical, 45182 W. Park a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 1127 South Lake, 10:26

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Medical, 31124 Arlington, 8:43 9:02 a.m., Squad 1. Personal injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi, 1 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 45182 W. Park, 11:11 Personal Injury accident, Eight Mile and Beck, 3:23 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 39705 Village Wood, 3:48 p.m. Squad 2

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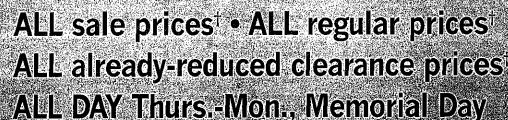
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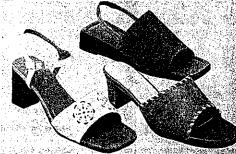
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Phone: (248) 349-2835 BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

When: Every Wednesday from 7-8:30

and 1-96
When: Every Friday from 7-8:30 a.m. Contact: BNI regional office Phone: (810) 323-3800

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COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLUB What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and

When: Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon nd 6:30-8:30 p.m.; the first two Thursd from 9 a.m. to noon; and the last two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon Phone: (248) 349-8553

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duty. They also assist and help all needy vet Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi When: Second Monday of every month at

7:30 p.m. Phone: (734) 421-8298

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NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What: To discover, collect, observe advance and disseminate knopwledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mili

> Contact: Pat Schimme NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB

NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS

What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community

When: Once a month, September through May, Meeting dates vary. Social interest groups meet once or twice a

Phone: (248) 735-0192 NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Phone: (248) 349-0203 NORTHVILLE RAINBOWS NO. 29

NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB

NORTHVILLE SENIOR\_CITIZENS\_CEN-Contact: Suc Kotvula

NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB Contact: Vinginia Martin Phone: (248) 349-3064

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE Contact: Mary Ellen King Phone: (248) 344-1618

NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

teur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The club also provides parade control in Northville on July 4 and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the

When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-4064 Where: Novi High School or Novi Middle Phone: (248) 932-9244

Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi

NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

also the purpose of the society to establish ical museum in Nevi.

What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities alliliat-

When: First Thursday of every month at

8 p.m. Phone: (248) 348-6684

What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physi-cally and mentally challenged children and to help find cures for preventable blindness. Lionesses work with the Lions Club

grams
Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant. Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE What: The chamber of commerce is an inization which coordinates the talents

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo When: Membership meeting: third Tuesday of every month at noon and board of directors meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday Phone: (248) 349-3743

NOVI CHESS CLUB Phone: (248) 344-9833

a knowledge of their common heritage; fosters the collection and preservation of records and objects; and loans historical material to other historical societies or edu-

cational institutions have a curator. It is

NOVI JAYCEES ed with the Jaycees
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten

NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES

but also host their own projects and pro-

When: Lions: every second and fourth Phone: Lions: [248] 348-0531; Lioness:

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

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fund raisers to aid the Novi community When: Once a month, Septemb through May. Social interest groups med

well as, current residents who would like t

NOVI REBEKAHS LODGE 482 When: Second and fourth Thursday

NOVI ROTARY CLUB of business and professional people withli the community. The Rotarians hold a var ety of fund raising events every year

Where: Novi United Methodist Chur

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Vhat: Prevention program that relies o local citizens who volunteer their time an skills toward the goal of preventing tu delinquency. They are alded by a profes-sional staff person in implementing pro-groms such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abu

Where: Novi Community Office, 25345 Taft Road, Novi When: Committees meet every four

ORDER OF ALAHAMBRA

stated goal is to promote and encourage preservation of historic buildings in Nov for example, restoration of the Fuerst Far where: Annual meeting is in the sec

uarter and open to all int Contact: Kathy Mutch

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Pirate Pete
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sry 4:00 p.m. – We're Making Things Happen 6:00 p.m. - Harvest Ministries 6:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal 4:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal 7:00 p.m. — Potpourri 7:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner 5:30 p.m. - Capitol Report 8:00 p.m. - The Cutting Roon

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9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open

9:30 p.m. — (con't)

6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles oday - 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk 7:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection 7:30 p.m. — Backstage with the Farmington Players 8:00 p.m. — Krystal's Motortown

8:30 p.m. - Good News for Healthy Living 9:00 p.m. -- Life Talk Video 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

Tuesday, May 22 10:00 a.m. — Bercan Baptist 10:30 a.m. -- (con't) 11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center

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8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight 8:30 p.m. — Krystal's Motortown 9:00 p.m. - The Todd L. Levitt 5:00 p.m. -- The Way, The Truth, 9:30 p.nt. - (con't) Thursday, May 24

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1:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal 1:30 p.m. — Abundant Life Wednesday, May 23 10:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministrie 10:30 a.m. — The Elegant Life 2:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight 11:00 a.m. — In The Green 2:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. — Novi Alumni Hockey Game 1:30 a.m. — [con't) 12:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen 12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today

4:30 p.m. — America Up In Arms 5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture 1:30 p.m. — Stady in Scripton 1:30 p.m. — AMVETs 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now 2:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal 5:30 p.m. — (con't) 6:00 p.m. — (con't) Cutting Room Floor Special 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and 3:00 p.m. - The Hobby Corner

4:30 p.m. - We're Making 5:00 p.m. - Berean Baptist

Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben 9:30 p.m. — (con't) Friday, May 25 10:00 a.m. — Lumen Christi 10:30 a.m. -- The Jesus Center 11:00 a.m. - Consumer Corner 11:30 a.m. - Bagels and Talk

The first award recipient was Connie Holmes who was named Outstanding Citizen for 2001. Holmes 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. — American Up In is currently chairperson of the plan

1:30 p.m. — (con't) 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Novi Ice I'd still be here, I probably would have said no," she said.

Holmes was a teacher at Commerce Revue 2001 3:30 p.m. — Backstage with the Farmington Players Elementary for 34 years before serv-4:00 p.m. - The Cutting Room ing on numerous boards and committees. She has also participated in var-ious fundraisers and has served as

5:30 p.m. — (con't) 6:00 p.m. - In the Studio with 6:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner 7:00 p.m. — Cosby and

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CITY OF NOVI

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO SERVE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission on Monday, June 11, 2001 beginning a 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. II you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at <a href="https://www.cl.nowi.mi.us">www.cl.nowi.mi.us</a> to print out an application. Please submit your application by Tuesday June 5, 2001 to allow time

Outstanding Contributor for 2001. Lynch operates the Lynch Funeral Home and has lived in Commerce Township for 27 years. Presenter Jane Edson said there are many

"She's been a really busy person,"

election inspector since 1985.

Annual Commerce

Community Breakfast.

areas throughout

Commerce Township citizens and

officials gathered Tuesday morning to honor some of their own at the 18th every year.

Tim, like Santa, does this just Lynch thanked everyone for honor-Awards were given to several com-munity members who have given their time and effort in a variety of ing him with the award.

Commerce honors

outstanding citizens

"I'm a very lucky person," he said.
"Thank you for this kind award."
Denny Behen of Bogie Lake Gold Club was named Business Person of Roben has managed the place to play golf for many charitable organizations as well as everyday cus-

Outstanding Service Award went to Rodney "Pete" Lesner, Lesner has "Had you asked me 40 years ago if been a Commerce Township resident since 1991 and gives his time to youth through coaching football and wrestling. He is also working to build a non-profit stadium. Lesner said he was honored to be

"It's certainly a very humble experi

said Tom Zoner, township supervisor ence," lesner said.

The Historic Preservation Award went to the Barritt-Weborg house located on Pontiac Trail near Welch Road. The award was presented to the current owner, who has lived in the house since 1946. Mary Weborg and things Lynch does for the community her daughter, Anna Fraser.

#### NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT O'Brien Waterford Construction is request ng a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at 40015 trand River Avenue for the Brateman Medical Building from May 31, 2001 through ebruary 1, 2002.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on May 30, 2001, at the Novi Civil Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 30, 2001.

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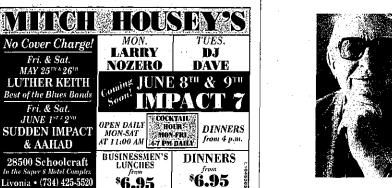
Under the new legislation, teachers, bus drivers or any school employee who learns about any threats of harm directed at any student, former student, teacher or any school employee are required to notify a principal or administrator under the bill Principals and/or administra-tors must then notify the poten-tial victim or their parent or guardian as well as the appropri

te law enforcement official upon "Incidents of school violence such as the Columbine tragedy

neled to the right people," Cassis, a former school psychologist, said, "Common sense preventive measures must be taken to ensure the safety of our children. The Cassis bill is similar to sonnel to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect

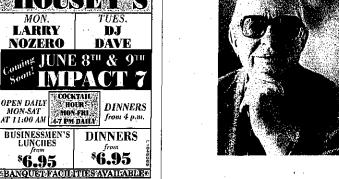
involving students. "The education of our children must be our highest priority," Cassis said. "We must do all in our power to continue raising the bar in education. Michigan has long been a leader in education reform, and we intend to remain

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or by e-mailing



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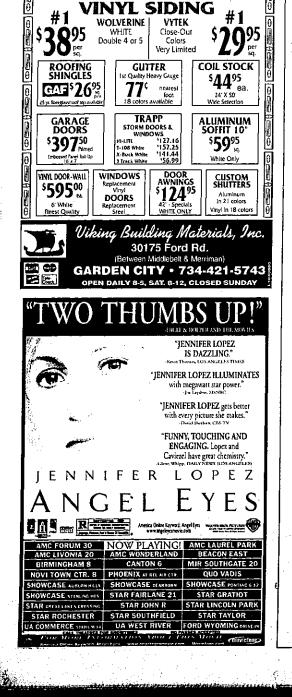
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year old cerebral palsy patient ravis Walker will be held at Genitti's Hole In The way senting fravis to Poland, where a unique form of cerebral palsy therapy is practiced. Event organizers are seeking donations and welcoming riders to join in the event. Por of goods and services for the auction. Admission to the 7 p.m. 348-3360.

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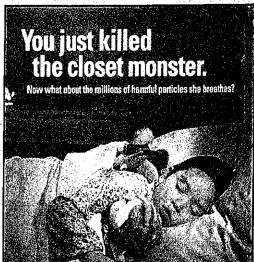
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# One city engineer is enough

engineer staffers.

who had hoped to beef-up the city's can also keep tabs to make sure the and cut back on the use of consult- retainers for their experience and not ants, was disappointed when council just because the city will pay them. members decided to cut back on his engineering recommendations.

heavily on consulting engineers not. The city is looking to eliminate those solely loval to the

rural community on the edge of an ty on the edge of an indusindustrial town, we tral town, we are inside the way of the third doorway of the third most most economically economically viable county viable county in the country - Oakland. in the country - Oakland.

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And it is time that And it is time that we start acting like it.

in-house staff of, at least one engineer, and, in the future may need consulting versus using independent more. And that is the price of growing up. To those who say it is not necessary to have so many in house per sonnel, we say 'hold on'. Nobody is and Wayne Counties is to use indesaying do away with all the consulting engineers that have served this city over the years. What we recommended is a blended use of in-house and out-sourced consultants that can work together.

But what we would like to see, when using consultants not on the city payroll, is a more varied group of lon projects. We expected that the time comes, there will be less emphaengineers putting down bids on projlects should be chosen by how much maintenance. What council and the knowledge they know about the proj-'ect and the city. And we expect that that when we reach buildout, we the three major players in city con-Rod Arrovo and overhead we cannot afford. Associates and Linda Lemke and Associates, should be given a first new engineer is needed. But when it look when dealing with the city. But, comes to hiring new employees, let's by no means, should the city put all tread lightly and count the pennies its apple in one basket. By having an wisely

Novi City Council on Monday voted in-house engineer, the city can allow to approve a new 'chief engineer and that person to directly out-source voted not approve funds for two other consultants and be a monitor for the work done by independent contrac-Novi city manager Richard Helwig, tors. Hopefully the in-house engineer ability to do in-house engineering out-sourced firms are charging

Currently, of the three consulting firms, JCK receives \$52,000 annual-We agree that the city has been ly for a retainer and Birchler-Arroyo behind on beefing-up its in-house receives an \$92,808. Linda Lenike & engineering. There is no need for a Associates, who specialize in wood city the size of Novi to be relying so land and wetlands, receives \$74,240.

fees. We applaud city. No longer a No longer a rural communi- the administration's ability to look for ways to save money. We would hope that for more ways of cutting back on

We would also

prehensive plan of money would be spent on in-house contractors to do consulting or behalf of the city.

The trend in Oakland, Macomb pendent contractors. It saves money. When times are slow, they can be easily told that there is no business available. But once the city hires new personnel, they are here to stay. And, Engineers are expensive.

There is no crystal ball as to the future of Novi. But one thing is for sure. There will come a time when ltants coming in to make bids the city reaches build-out. When that sis on construction and more don't want to be over-burdened with

The city has a tight budget. The

#### GOVERNMENT

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# LETTERS

#### Briarwood Village kids come through

I would like to commend the Briarwood Village Subdivision children for an excel-lent job in cleaning up the Ten Mile and Beck Road areas on April 28. These children organized a group effort and collect-

ed many bags of garbage over several hours of hard work. But I was thoroughly disgusted at not just the volume of trash collected, but the tems which included political signs from the last election. These included signs for Young, Crawford, Schmid, Kuhn, Gore, Vote Yes" that were purposely discarded into the woods at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck. These politicians gav a poor example of environmental resp sibility to our neighborhood children.

Also, I would like to comment on the volume of trash generated but not picked up by the strip mall at this corner. Surely something can be done to limit this eye-

In closing, I would like to thank the Novi police and sanitation workers for up this area. Again, thanks to the children of our subdivision for their excellent example and display of pride in their

Dr. Tracey Arbour

#### Kathy Crawford does her job well

I don't know exactly who Sharon Larson is, but it is obvious she has a roblem with me. I don't have a problem with her or Kathy Crawford. I would hope this is the last letter I feel compelled to write regarding Kathy Crawford.

Again, I repeat, because obviously Ms. Larson just doesn't "get it" that I am not, I have not and I will not chastise Mrs. Crawford. You and they who are their best friends take them as a pair or a couin this city do not take them together as a "two-fer." They are separate individuals and even though their lives may be together, they are completely separate entitles within the city. And, again, I state: I don't ever remember anyone chastising or even scrutinizing Kathy,

Your letter, Ms. Larson, states "...this is not a job to Kathy - it is a life's work." Wouldn't it be nice if all of us could be paid \$43,000 for what we love to do. That's what the city pays for her job posi-tion, plus - of course - Insurance and other benefits to which she is entitled.

Please don't get me wrong. The woman does a fine job for the city. But ... it is her job. Just in case you question the authority from which I speak, the job classification for senior citizens coordinator was lastly revised Oct. 27, 1999. Let formed are given:

To promote and interpret recreation

for senior citizens, organizing and leading groups in various activities.

mum use of facilities for various senior Recruit and supervise instructors volunteers, and other assistants for vari-

 Maintain accurate program budgets and other reports as required.

• Plan, organize and supervise various

tours and trips for senior citizens. · Assist in preparing public relations materials regarding senior citizen pro-

for citizen programs. · Coordinate senior activities and pro-

I guess the interesting statement at this point in time is: Does Kathy Crawford specifically fit the tob description or did we make the job description to fit the wonderful coordinator we know Kathy to be. If you think somebody in simple questions: another community doing exactly what she is doing here, the woman would be senile not to take that job. So here again, I'm right. We pay her nicely for a job well

Whatever your problem is with me should not bring undue embarrassment to any city employee who appears to be doing her best. Now, let's see how this letter gets taken out of context and missing its personally services.

Tou will be the first to know if and when I run for council. Only after I have cleared it with you will I put it in print to the editor. Did anyone ask you to pay for endorsement of Hugh Crawford?

Hugh Crawford.

James E. Korte

■ Give a gift cer-

#### tificate

I am a retired teacher and I wouldever have said anything about this when was teaching, but I have a suggestion or parents who may want to buy teacher gifts. If your child's teacher has taught for more than one year, odds are good that he or she has all the mugs, candleholders, pens, paperweights, etc. that they can use. If you want to give a gift (and teachers certainly do not expecgifts), please think about giving a gift cer-tificate from the class. It is much cheaper than buying an individual gift and a dollar or two per student can really add up. It just takes one person to organize it. Hope this helps.

M.J. Kramer

# ■ Vote "Yes" on

Monday, June 11 which contains elements that are critical to maintaining the one knows, there has been tremendous population growth in Novl over the last 10 years. With this growth, the school district has had to expand in order to accommodate the increasing number of school kids. We have had a new middle school, a new elementary school and major renovations to Novi Meadows [fifth and sixth grade]. The time has come to make changes and additions at the high school level. The bond election on June

ings and a land purchase.

There will also be two additional ballot proposals related to school needs. The first is for one-half mill to be used for facility repairs and contracted services to al to return the non-residential millage to 18 mills. The Headlee proposal will not; month. increase costs to residential property owners. The total costs for all three pro-I be \$200 annually for owners posals will be \$200 annually for owners of a \$200,000 home. There are parts of the bond proposal

neglected to address any issues that I grams with community groups and thought that Crawford should tackle for organizations.

• Provide personnel and program evaluations at the completion of senior activations at the completion of senior activations at the completion of senior activations.

the commissioner's visibility in Novi and

1960 was making this kind of money, what world were you living in. Ms. Crawford could earn over \$125,000 in 1960 kind (2014) the country tax money?" and. Crawford could earn over \$125,000 in 2014 in Cr What are his plans to help the

flog the city council members for not ask-ing the following questions about what County Commissioner Crawford . . . 1. has personally done for our city

money?
Furthermore, in my second letter I did make the following bold and really significant statement that was directed at Crawford, "Commissioner Crawford needs to come back to the city council table with corne wild focts and board." table with some solid facts and hard

axes.

When a politician is feeding at the public trough and spending our tax

school level. The both electron of buther that it is asking for \$75.6 million with the majority of the money going to an expansion and renovation to our high school. Based on current enrollment projections, we will outgrow the current high school by the 2002-2003 school year. Also, 20 percent of the proposed bond will go to updating technology and based on my experience in my elementary school, this update has been needed for awhile. The rest of the money will go to expansions

that I wish were different and I even considered voting against it. However, no proposal would be agreeable to 100 percent of the people and the effects of not voting for it would be devastating to Novi's school kids. Many people move to Novi (and keep our property values on the rise) because of our excellent education

#### Questions need to be answered

Ms. Larson, your letter read like it was fashioned by some shameless and crafty local news in a 100 page newspaper. politician. You tossed in a lot of accusations, allegations, unconfirmed facts, and plenty of meaningless phases in order to keep us from focusing on the Pontiac
Prince on his shaky pedestal. You criticized me with both barrels of your politicized me with your politicized me with your politicized me with your pol

cal position shotgun.

Claims were made in your letter that l think that our Pontiac Rascal should take

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Perhaps my first three letters regarding

Novi and his work results were too mild. In my very first letter I merely asked two dreadfully

and content.

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You will be the first to know if and when I run for council. Only after I have property owners send an awful let of Northville, MI 48167

You also asked why I have this aggressive, hard-hitting, in-the-face, etc., atti-tude with regards to elected officials. In

we need and expect a fair day's work for the pay and appropriate public accounta-bility. Anything less is unacceptable and Joseph G. Toth

#### Resident supports continous letter writers

I will raise my voice to join that of Mr. Foth and defend him and Mr. Korte's right to bring objections, dissentions attention, or just plain gripe about what might or might not seem to be inequities here in the Novi government. How many years have you been here in

Novi, Mr. Bass? I've been here for the bet ter part of the last 30 years and if I nber this is still America and the people deserve to be heard.
I was living here when Novi was a nice

place to live and the taxes were reason able and we didn't rate 113th of 150 of development and my taxes constantly being raised to take care of the new peo ple and build them roads, and build them new schools and build them new fire houses and listen to proposals for new sidewalks for their side of town which on my side of town have 3 feet between them and the cars racing 40 miles an sewers are undersized with the rainwater blowing out the top of drain grills rather than going down and my kids going to 40-year-old schools. Heck no, we shouldn't let the rest of the

and renovations at several existing build- city know our feelings in a town newspastupid of the paper to include some real views of the people of the city, whether you agree with them or not.

I'm not worried about a rebuttal from you Mr. Bass, for if the paper listens to your suggestion, your next turn to sound off on anything won't happen to another From the sounds of your letter, you

could just let the world go by and believe that there is nothing wrong with govern-ment. That is your prerogative, and I'll tell you what. I support your right to your opinion and the paper bringing it to my attention, as much as I support Mr.

You might not pay attention to the pol-ities of this city and the sometimes funny way things come about, or not come about, as many of us have seen in the last 30 years. Personally, I've thought rise) because of our excellent equication programs. In order to keep that premier level, I would urge everyone to get out on June 11 and vote "Yes" for Novi schools.

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Novi and the everyone to get out on June 11 and vote "Yes" for Novi schools.

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Novi have the experience or perspective as someone like Mr. Toth. With this being America, you would have the choice of reading or not reading the column Personally, with a paper called the Novi News, it would be refreshing to pay my expect local news and opinion in a sup posed local newspaper. But it's their paper and I support their right to print

John Sherwood

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#### Share your opinions

We welcome your letters to the editor. You must include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or our city to recoup those taxes.

But in my second letter, I did publicly less. We may edit for clarity, space

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# OTHER OPINIONS

# We need visionaries like Geiger

They used to call him "baby blue-eyes" when he was campaigning, climbing the teachers union ladder from the Livonia local to the Michigan organization and, eventually, to president of the whole shebang, the National

Keith Geiger still has those baby blues. At 60 - "my wife would kill me if I ate that

> still has that easy way of a practiced Livonia to qualify potential," he responded, "This doesn't mean for post-retire-ment health ben-

pleasure it is to **Phil Power** come back to the love to finish my career in the profession i

I met Keith back in 1972, when I was the Livonia Education Association. The union had struck over issues ildn't seem so monumental. The strike had on far too long — something like three recognize national standards are the only way — and teachers, administrators, parents to go. It looks to me as though both the Bush that didn't seem so monumental. The strike had

computer-craze age, since most people have at least one computer in their home and often

more than one. However, I was really pleased

I've been using computers for years for my by however, I was never really able to play

the Internet and

side with his dad

a nap, l have

to get our first home computer

I asked Gelger and Ron Upton, the Livonia superintendent, to come in to my office and shut the door. "Please explain to me just why you can't get this strike settled," I said. They both started talking at once, but I listened carefully. After about half an hour, I still heads. I figured it was the obligation of the publisher of the local paper to give them a lit

of these days.

"If you guys don't get this thing settled in a couple of days," I told them, "you'll wish you had ... once you read what I'm going to put into the next edition of the paper

They settled.

When Geiger and I got to visiting, of course we had a big laugh about that, the way old members the nation's largest professional friends do. Now that he's retiring from education politics after nearly 30 years, I asked him what stands out most. "The basic thing is to be sure we educate

every kid will or ought to go to college. There are lots of great alternative careers for young people ell you what a who are not interested in college - vocational schools, charter schools, cooperative work-

> ful? There was more. "The fact of the matter is that we've got to have a single national system of assessing what kids learn. You cannot manage what you cannot or do not measure. And as a nation we're never going to make the kind of progress

is an old friend, and I've liked and admired him for years. But I've got to say he sounds like the kind of visionary I wish we had more

I'm probably biased. Keith Geiger

its own standard." Well, well. The former president of the National Education Association, with 2.4 million organization and labor union, who thinks we have to have national standards. But the best

was yet to come.
"Sooner or later, the teachers are going to every child to achieve his or her maximum have to face the issue of teacher acc bility. If we don't get serious about it and put our own proposals on the table, the other side's going to jam it down our throats. And I think until we get that issue settled, it's going to be tough to make as much progress as we should—for all the kids."
I'm probably blased. Keith Geiger is an old study programs."

Himmon. A national teachers union president who thinks charter schools are OK, Indeed useyears. But I've got to say he sounds like the kind of visionary I wish we had more of these

> Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company

Internet introduces new neighbors

We just got a home computer in December courtesy of Ford Motor Company.

I know I'm a little behind the times in this

The following weekend I was playing around The following weekend I was playing around with the internet again. I discovered a link, which led me to Classmates.com. I put in my sponding with people long dise-mail address so I would be able to view its tance or from long ago. But it contents. I was escorted into the past via the really has started me thinking job, however, I was never really able to play around with it and discover all of the wonders of the Internet. Since we got it, I feel like a long time looking at the biographies of the

I have been quite amazed that I

people I used to see every day in school. I even found a friend, who was my best friend in ele-mentary school. We attended different highschools but we kept in touch until she moved almost afraid of to Arizona in 11th grade.

The last cou-ries of fun times we shared flooded back to me. There were also some memories that weren't so fun but my friend was there for me

World-Wide-Web

ther outh his dad et taking the data spoke ed taking to each other. I decided to get into touch with the playing out the turns her life has taken. I haven't couple of weekends ago I discovered what the whole chat room experience was like. Of the course I'm not interested in meeting strangers Classmates.com, I got an e-mail from a

Dreamer and SnowDonkey. When I looked up their profiles, I discovered they certainly didn't live in my neck of the woods. Instead, they who I thought she should contact. lived in places like California, Scotland, Italy I have been quite amazed that I now have

now have the capability of correabout why I can do these things but I don't really know my closest

neighbor's home and knocked on the door for stepping on her porch. I told her nicely and slammed the door in my face

So I went in as a "guest" and just read what everyone was writing. I even wrote "Hi out there" just to see it go out on the web. I couldn't believe it - I received at least five greetings from people with peculiar aliases like badman, Dreamer and SnowDonkey Whan I balance.

woman who I wasn't really even friends with in high school. I don't know why we weren't in the same click and clicks seem to be everything in high school. Waybe I'm the one who is unfriendly. After all, I never asked her to come over just to chat. I was too busy looking up chat rooms.

She informed me about how well her life.

Diane Demosey Deel is a staff writer for the

to Arizona in 11th grade.

We got back into touch with each other where the work were the beautiful of the saw her name, my childhood memories of fun times we shared flooded back to me. There were also some memories that weren't so fun but my friend was there for me even in the difficult times growing up.

to want to make a move. So I went to my around with it. A received a response from her yet. I guess she about her cow and she grumbled something

Maybe I should bring her over a good of

Wow, it was amazing! I couldn't believe it.

Wow, it was amazing! I couldn't believe it.

My message was being greeted by people that live in places where I will probably never traviation of the pro

## GUEST COLUMN Music and Motorfest announces lineup

Some might call this year's Music and Motorfest entertainment line-up an eccentric mix. Perhaps even unusual by comparison. The range of music goes from Parrot Heads

Thursday, July 26's show is sure to be a classic with admission only \$5.

The retro revolution comes to town on The range of music goes from Parrot Heads

The retro revolution comes to town on Friday so get out your best Saturday Night o Disco Duck and hits everything in Live dancing shoes and boogle with Sister



torms his classic first, seeing take a rude and "Deuli with a Blue Dress," the house is rockin. Also on stage Thursday is Rare Earth another hometown favorite with such classic hits as "Losing You," 'Hey Big Brother and "I Just Want to Celebrate." a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during our car show on the Music and Motorfest.

between. One thing is for sure, you will def-initely find it incredibly entertaining.

We open on Wednesday night, July 25 with

We are Family, Sister Living Soul and the Pearl Drivers, one of the Sledge has become one of the world's most dthe Pearl Drivers, one of the ning musical comedy hands in the Midwest.

With their hit song, "I'm in love with an Astronomer." Astronomer." This group is a take-off on the take-off on the country of popular tour over 200 dates a year all over North

Jimmy Buffet

America. Featuring Gerry 'Rocky' Seader on style of music and Dave Parker on lead guitar, and even fea
Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival feature the unique acappella s

Jimmy Buffet style of music and even fear tures "Fingers" Taylor and Peter Mayer, former Buffet band members.

We stroll into Thursday and rock to Detroit's own Mitch Ryder and Rare Earth. It's classic rock - Motown style. When Mitch performs, his fans know that something special is going to happen. And by the time he performs his classic bits, "Jenny Take a Ride" and "Devil with a Blue Dress," the house is rockin." Also on stage Thursday is Rare Carth. America. Featuring Gerry Rookry Seader on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar. Rocke hold in trums and Dave Parker on lead guitar

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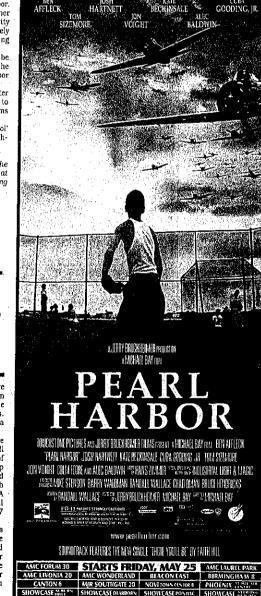
#### Correction

writer David Downey is from

In the May 17 Issue of the Novi Oxford/Novi, not specifically Novi News/Lake Area Times, the letter We apologize for any inconvience









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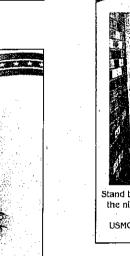


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# Walled Lake Police get new laser gun for cycles

y DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL

Staff Writer

Walled Lake Police are discovering new technology by implementing a laser gun for speed detection, to use in conjunction with their and at the end of each shift.

motoreycle program.
The police department currently uses radar, which is highly precise at catching speeders but the laser gun was designed for one particular feature in traffic enforcement. Sergeant Douglas Santiago said he reason why the department urchased the \$4,000 speed detec-

tor was for officers on motorcycles. The laser gun, Lidar - which uses UltraLyte technology, has two signals on the front panel. The lens on top transmits infrared laser sig-nals and the lens on the bottom receives signals back from the car or other object and then feeds signal information to the interior

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Lidar has been utilized for several years by select departments throughout the country. However, Santlago is pleased to

However, Santlago is pleased to be able to use it in combination with the motorcycles.

"Officers can be more concealed during traffic enforcement." Santlago said and added that it is also useful in congested traffic conditions. "The reason why is that it transfers a single traffic beam that the officer can target only whelled it chooses." target any vehicle it chooses."

Jerry Walker, director of public safety, said he is pleased with the new Lidar speed tracking

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"What it does is shoot out a signal information to the interior decrease."

The motorcycles are great public relations because they can be used in parks and parades, walker said. But now they can be used to promote safe driving with the new laser gun.

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new Lidar gun is not necessarily better than the radar detectors that are used on the patrol cars, however, they are just as accu-

"it is certainly easy to operate,"
Santiago said. "It's just point
and click."
Officers must be standing still when they use the device, he

said. They can track a speeding car even at night, since the dis-play is LED-illuminated. Four officers were trained in a one-day state orchestrated course to use the Lidar, he said. "I do like it," Santiago said. "I

think it's a great complement to traffic enforcement but I don't think it's a replacement for tra-

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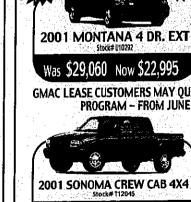
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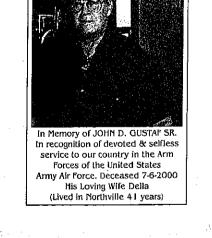
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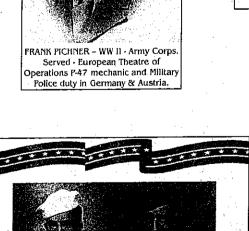
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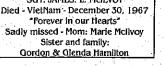
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# Attorney General finds no evidence of gas price fixing

Michigan Attorney General, participating in an investigation with the Federal Trade Commission into the spikes in gasoline prices this year and last summer, has

The FTC specifically found no direct evidence' of collusion. and 'insufficient evidence of illegal conduct to support an infer-ence of collusion," Attorney General Jennifer Granholm stated in a letter addressed to Oakland County members of the state House of Representatives.

Ity to look into unfair competition or price discrimination, she said.

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level.
Granholm also asked for leg-

islative approval to investigate alleged violations of all state and federal law regarding consumer protection and anti-trust statutes. At present, she said, she only has authority to investigate unfair pricing, monopolization and restraint of trade. She does not now have authori-

But there many be action law- gation asked Granholm for a

makers can take to affect those prices. she said, including requiring more storage of gas in have ricen chereby in recent weeks of the company were company we company were compan the state to avoid "supply dislo- have risen sharply in recent weeks at the same cations" and giving retailers to supplies to spur further competition at the retail falling slightly."

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review of recent gas price hikes.

in a fetter to Atty. General Jennifer Granholm

year's spike appeared, indeed, to be the result of refinery accidents and pipeline problems.

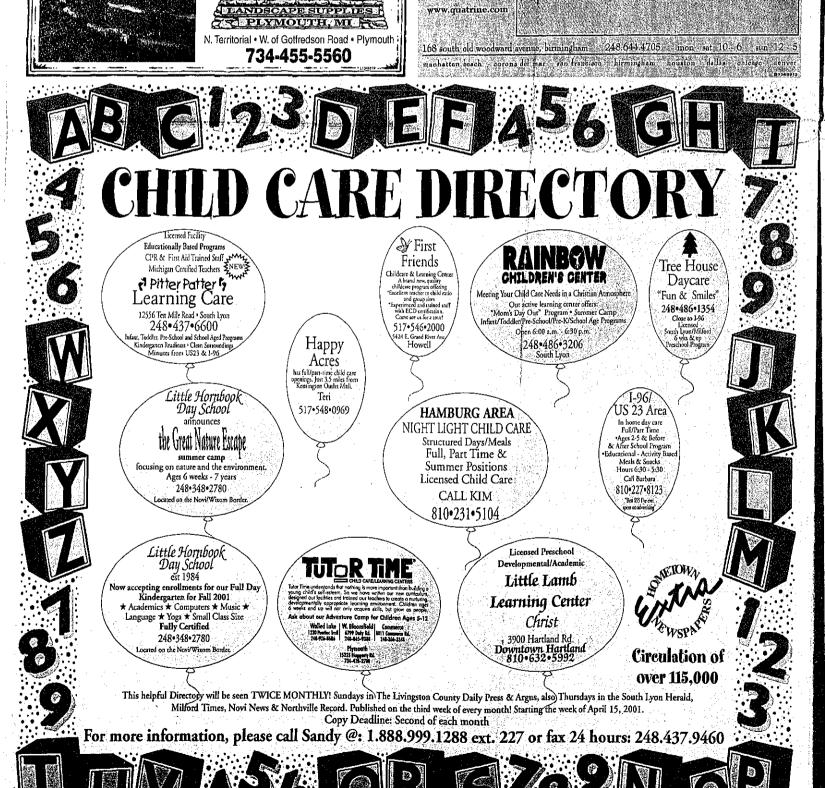
"The petroleum industry, like Michigan other industries, is adopting ust-in-time' distribution pracices. While such production delivery regimens can theoretically bring costs savings to the consumer, they also subject the

tors which also affect prices. Yet none of these factors seems to be present in this current price increase."

Granholm explained that last two years, the Alma Refinery in Alma and the Premoor Blue Island refinery in likest appeared indeed.

Although five companies control 80 percent of the supply in Michigan, Marathon being the largest with 28.3 per cent of the market, Granholm said that should be sufficient to keep the







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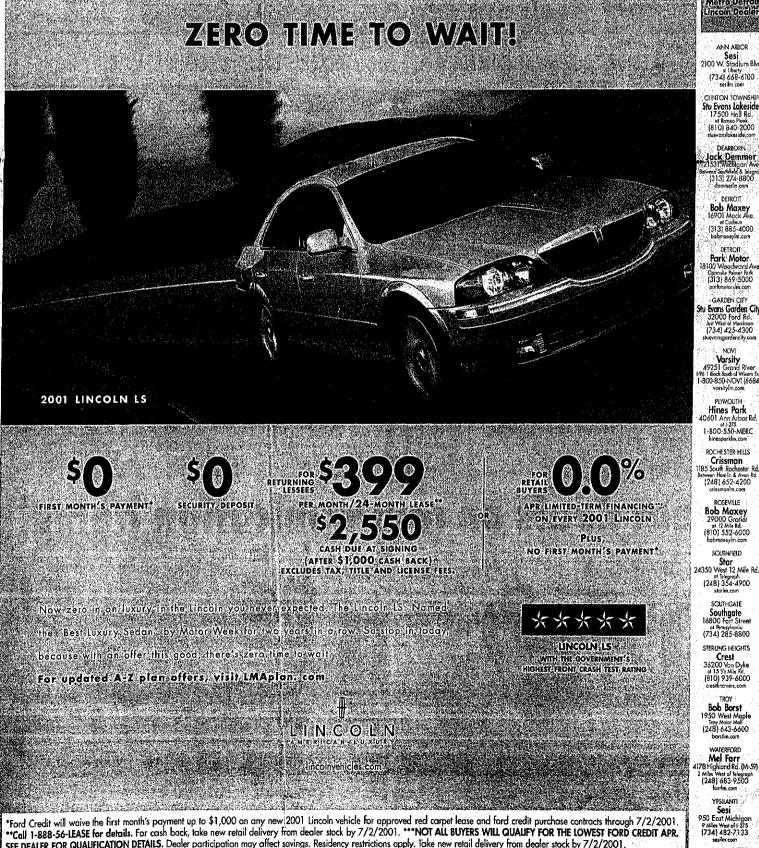
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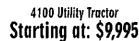
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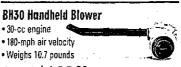
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#### displayed in special section

I am livid! I see a picture in your Home and Garden section of the May 17 issue of the Novi News. On page 18 of this section is a photo of a man on a riding mower/tractor with a baby in some sort of a holder on the man's back. This is the most imour in this regient and complete studies in this regient and complete studies. nower/tractor with a baby in some sort of a holder on the man's back. This is the most ignoant display of an unsafe practice hat I have seen in a long time.

May God keep the children safe!

ige on or near a mower of any and. Please place a warning on ever ride or mow with a child attached or near a mower. Your article "Spring Things" warns the public, "do not nick the trunks of trees and shrubs with the string of a trimmer, because

this is the way many trees are killed," Yet, you show the public that It is proper to have a baby on mower/tractor! Another

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#### Unbelievable! Shall we worry about our trunks of trees and not our children? I am horrified! Children should never be near string trimmers or any power tool while in "Yes" for the Novi school

While there is understanding and support for the upcoming bond proposal that will provide much needed space and technology upgrades for the district, the half mill increase for "Dedicated Use" and the Headlee Override are less understood. less understood.

The Dedicated Use proposal

ing this neglect and complete stu-The Dedicated Use proposal allows the district to only use the money generated from the half mill for contracted work for the upkeep and repair of facilities. Currently, money is used from the operating account for such needs, leaving less money for programs. The half mill equates to an increase of \$50 a year on a Your newspaper certainly won't. Dolores Vedro Novi Garden issue addressed in the increase of \$50 a year on a

above letter was a special section insert in all HomeTown Newspapers for May 17. The arti-The Headlee Override affects the commercial and business owners milage rate, not homeowners. In 1994, voters approved cles and pictures were used with permission from Copley News Service, a national news wire serva change allowing school districts to assess 18 mills against busi-

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generates is added to money from the state to reach the pre-deter-mined amount of state aid set for each district. When Headlee goes into effect and anything less than 18 mills is collected, the state does not make up the difference. In 2000-01 only 17.6 mills was collected. A loss of .4 mills may not seem like a lot, but when multiplied by the 5.700 students in the district, the lost money starts to affect kids and programs. By restoring the 18 mills, we will again receive full funding from the state of Michigan, as was intended by our earlier 1994 vote Voting yes on the Headlee Override does not affect home-

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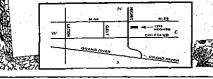


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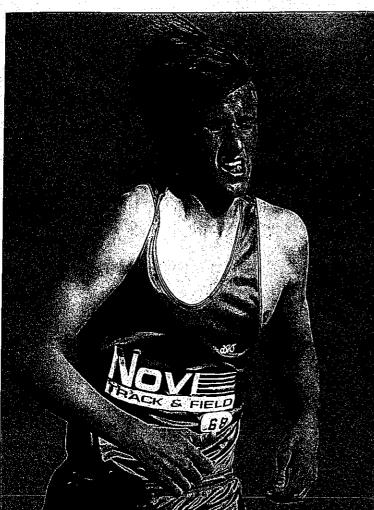
# **SPORTS**

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Hoops team tops in classroom B3

#### Thursday, May 24, 2001

# Stars shine at Milford Regionals



was just another day on the track for Novi's Tim Moore. Moore won handliy in the 1600m run, 3200m run, and wad part of the winning 3200m relay team

#### Moore and Rzepka spur Novi, while Western's Gordon and Central girls vaulters make some noise

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

It started in the early afternoon and nearly ended the next day, but finally all the events were complet-

At a little after 1 p.m. on a muggy Friday afternoon at Milford High School, male and female athletes from 15 different schools confrom 15 different schools con-verged for the Division I, Region 8 track and field competition. Some of the finest athletes in the area got a chance to showcase their skills, with a select few earning the right to compete in the state finals in Rockford on June 2.

All season Pinckney, Milford and Novi battled for supremacy in the KVC, and the regional competition was no different, as the three schools finished 1-2-3, with the Pirates winning it all with a score of 84. Novi was third with 60 points, and Western Lakes teams, Walled Lake Central (39), Walled Lake Western (38) and Northville (24) finished sixth, seventh and tenth

respectively.
"We had the potential to win the whole thing, but everything needed to be perfect. Despite how things finally turned out, I was very pleased with our overall performance," said Novi coach Bob Smith.

Like rain in the spring, the Wildcats were forecasted to dominate in the distance events, and the Cats made right on those pre-dictions with several victories. Junior Tim Moore headlined the day, with wins in the 1600m run (4:16.50), and 3200m run (9:13.60.). Nearly forgotten was senior Chris Toloff. Having not competed in several weeks because of a leg injury, Toloff returned in glorious fashion as he won the 800m with a time of 1:56. Earlier in the week Chris came

to me and told me he was done for the year," said Smith. "But he worked hard to rehab his injury, and showed what kind of competi-

"We had the potential to win the whole thing, but we needed to be perfect."

Novi Boys' Track Coach

tor he is by winning the 800."

Eric Walle was another Wildcat who had a great day, as he placed third in the 1600m run with a time of 4:23.80, and joined Moore, Dan Stevens, and Mark Avenius on the

winning 4x800m relay team.

All in all, Novi will send athletes to compete in five events, one more than the terrific 2000 team.

"All our guys have legit chances of scoring and winning. They are a year older and wiser, and I expect to do better at the state meet than

we did last year," Smith said.
Western's Kyle Gordon was simply a one-man army. The junior won the 200m dash with a time of 22.70, placed second in the long jump with a distance of 21'-4", and placed second in the 100m dash with a time of 10.90. Not too far behind was freshman teammate Neal Naughton. The fabulous frosh placed fourth in hotly contested 1600m run with a time of 4:34:50, and placed fifth in 3200m run. Both performances allowed Naughton to advance to the state competition. While Naughton and Gordon were turning heads, Steven Tommina took third in the 400m dash with a time of 51sec-

Gordon and Naughton will particinate in a total of five events, as

ticipate in a total of five events, as they try and earn the Warriors some points at Rockford.

The Vikings snuck by their cross-town Warriors by one point to take stath in the 15-team competition. Senior Jason Kittle got Centical's Jone win, "as the took the" July by wide with a time of 14.70. 110m hurdles with a time of 14.70. Kittle wasn't the only one scoring



Novi's Bethany Kittle runs in an early season meet. Kittle finished fourth in the 800m

at the Regionals.
points for his team as Douglas

and in the discus with a throw of 141'-6", and Chris Haney took third in the vault with a height of 13'-2". The Vikings also got solid performances from their 800m relay team (third place) an 400m relay team (fourth place). Also scoring for Central was Ryan Droplweski who placed fifth in the 300m hurdles

In total, Central will be repre-sented by four athletes at the state competition; Ducat in the discus, Haney and Aaron Lacero in the pole vault, and Kittle in the 110m

Despite having an abundance of Continued on 3

# GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD STATE QUALIFIERS

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Sarah Chrzanowski	Pole Vault
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Whitney Simbeck	Pole Vault
Jacqueline Becker	Shot Put
Lauren Foukes	Long Jump
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Northville Maggie Ossola Nicole Cauzillo Devon Rupley Shannon Hogan Heather Moehle

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300m Hurdles

# BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE QUALIFIERS ROCKFORD H.S., JUNE 2

Walled Lake Central Douglas Ducat Chris Haney Aaron Lucero Jason Kittle

Novi Tim Moore Eric Walle

Northville

Chris Toloff 1600m & 3200m Relay Teams

Brandon Langston Walled Lake Western

Kyle Gordon

Neal Naughton

Event Pole Vault. Pole Vault 110m Hurdles

1600m Run & 3200m Run 1600m Run 800m Run

100m Dash & 400m Dash

Long Jump, 100m Dash & 200m Dash 1600m Run & 3200m Run



Walled Lake Western's Kyle Gordon was a one-man army, as he scored in three different events for the Warriors.

Novi's Pete Kobylarek tags out a Milford baserunner who was proced out with two outs during an attempted hit and run.

# As end nears, still no clear-cut KVC leader

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE SPORTS WRITER

All these double-header splits aren't helping to clear anything up at the top of the Kensington Valley Conference.

Valley Conference.

Against Milford on May 18, the
Wildcats had a chance to take
over the top spot in the KVC, but
more importantly win the season
series with the Redskins.

Unfortunately for the 'Cats nei-

ther happened.
The first game belonged to Brandon Davis and the Wildcats, as Novi cruised to a 7-0 win. The junior has quickly developed into the team's number one hurler and he showed why in his game one gem. He went the distance and used a Novi attack that got him seven runs in the first three innings. The big hit of that barinnings. The big hit of that bar-rage came on Trey Simpson's 3-

run blast, his fifth of the season. Adam Haberman and Eric Zorza also had themselves a fine day at the plate, as each had two hits in the 7-0 win.

Brandon had great control of

his curveball and good velocity with his fastball, said Novi coach Rick Green. He has really come into his own on the mound and has developed as our clear number one starter."

number one starter."
With the win, the 'Cats took sole position of first in the KVC, but it didn't last very long, as they dropped game two 4-2. Dan Treharne had a shaky start on the mound for the 'Cats, as he surrendered three first inning runs. Milford sophomore Ryan O'Neil was able to handcuif all the North Hitters, with the event. the Novi hitters with the excep

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#### THREE HORSE RACE

Going into the last week of the KVC season it seems to be a race for first between the Redskins, Wildcats, and Eagles, Lakeland and Milford play a double-header tomorrow that could very well

deciede the leage champ.

\*Milford \*Novi \*Lakeland 9-5

as of 5/22

# WEEK.....

■ A recap of the boys tennis regionals

■ A look at how the Novi and Walled Lake girls golf teams (ared at their Regional compe-titions)

■ As the districts oom ahead next week for the baseball/ sottball, and societ teams, we will take a in-depth look at the will take a in-deptit look at the potential match-ups, and invit figure out what team has the best chance to arvance to the regionals.

The track and field s. Regionals may be in the history books, but league meets have their their past tuesday attentions. How successful

dards by giving those athletes the

opportunity to run for the fastest times of their season and maybe

their lives," said Novi coach Sue Tomanek.

Despite only one state qualifier,

Tomanek felt her team had many other champions. Jennifer Mehl vaulted a personal best 7'-9", Anise

Hayes ran a personal best 13.3 in

the final heat of the 100m dash,

and Erin Reid, Bethany Kittle, and

"Our girls are young and being part of this meet will only give them experience that will make them bet-ter for the future of our program."

They may not have had the talent

to score big points this year, but the

edige of what it takes to be successful in bit competitions. Melissa Loomans, the learn's lone state qualifier earned fifth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 48.20. Carly

Wilson was the other Western poin

It was a long, grueling competi-

tion that spanned nearly 11 hours

as one of the top conferences in the

state for track and field in both

attention to Tuesday's KVC meet.

For the other teams and their ath-

letes, the focus will shift to the potential glory of the Division 1

Tomanek said.

# Lacrosse team struggles through tough season

Preseason promise turns into harsh reality, as Wildcats lose seven games in a row to close out the regular season

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

At this point in the season, the Novi lacrosse coaching staff expected to be riding the wave of winning streak into the state

The Wildeats suffered one of their toughest losses when they fell 12-11 to Birmingham Seaholm on May 10. With only a since Rapids ousled them from the playoffs a year ago, the 'Cats when they scored four goals in the final moments. Aaron Marion, the teams leading scorer the May 3 loss Shown District Country Day 15

tion of Adam Haberman.

runs and ended the day 3-3.

HARTLAND 12, NOVI 4

NOVI 7. HARTLAND 6

their two games on May 16.

Novi was dominated in the first

game, as Hartland took advan-tage of several miscues and a wild Dan Treharne to get the 12-

Game two was a lot like game one for six innings, as Hartland led 6-0 going into the Wildeats'

last at-bat. But the team that

had struggled for 13 innings van-

ished in the blink of an eye, as Brandon Davis started a 7-run

rally with a two-run double. Novi

was able to load the bases for

Adam Haberman and the first baseman quickly erased the four-run-deficit with a monster

grand slam homer. A few batters

later. Novi was able to plate the

winning run and escape a sure sweep with a 7-6 win.

They showed a lot of guts and

courage in that second game. We could have easily folded it up and

NOVI 10, WALLED LAKE

Yup, you guessed it - double-header split.

third straight double-header as

they beat the Warriors 10-4 in

game one, then fell 11-4 in game two on May 19.

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In the first game, Novi broke ccavallere@ht.homecomm.net.

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Wildcats don't

control their own

destiny in the KVC

Brad Zarem, Drew Doll, Kirk Safford, Shawn Dicken and "We are a young team, and [because of] that lack of

playoffs. Instead they are caught a little bit more left in the tank in the doldrums of a five-game at the end of the game, said losing streak and a 4-8 overall Novi assistant coach Dave

led the way with three goals and an assist.

Brad Zarem added two goals of his own and Ryan Shoembach added another.

In a tight game from start to flnish, Aaron Marion scored two goals and notched two assists, always play us tough, but they

Warrior pitchers for 18 hits. Trey Simpson dealt the biggest blow

with his two-run homer. Brandon

Davis collected three hits, while Matt Gorman went 2-5, Jake Ray 3-3, Eric Zorza 3-3 (two runs),

and Pete Kobylarck 3-4 with

In the second came, Green shifted his lineup to get some playing time for several of his

bench players. Nov! was in con-trol with a lead after four

innings, but eventually Western was able to break through and tack on seven runs to win 11-4.

Jake Ray went 2-3 and finished

the double-header 5-6 from the

plate. Adam Haberman (2-3) launched several balls to deep

center, but none could find their

Milford controls their own des-

tiny in the KVC, but if Novi can keep winning and Milford falters.

the 'Cats could claw their way

Novi continued the double-

at Pinckney yesterday. Friday, they will travel to Howell to take

on the Pirates in two games

but we are going to need to win

at least four or five of these next

It was also announced that

games if we want to have a sho

Novi will host Northville in a pre-

district game on May 29 at 4

way over the fence.

into the top spot.

three RBIs. Dan Treharne rebounded from a shaky outing against Milford to pitch six solid

innings for the win.

Ryan Shoembach each had a goal of their own.

"It was close all the way throughout, but they [Troyl had]

ones."

Novi Assistant Coach

sive chances are plaguing his

don't have the ball on offense

RAPIDS 21 just had it and we didn't. Safford adding a score of their NOVI 6 Wilson said. We came out real lat in the first period and dug Wilson said not enough offen-

"We played better despite the score. They are real tough and they have one of the top players in the state," Wilson said after behind and have to struggle to the loss. Drew Doll led the scoring with two goals with Shawn time it's too late," Wilson said. Perhaps the most heartbreak-ing loss of the season came against Delasalle on May 17. The young 'Cats hung in strong

for regulation and well into the overtime periods, but eventually yielded the winning goal. Aaron Marion led the way with four goals and three assists. "We are getting better, and bugher," said coach Dave

East Grand Rapids 11 Novi 7 Even though the rematch ended in the same result, the face-offs and because of that, we Wildcats were much more comthat much. We sit back and play defense and rarely mount attacks. Eventually, we fall way petitive this time around on May 18. They played much more organized on defense, holding

overail record.
 "We played better and smarter

In this one. We are a young team, and with that lack of expe-rience we have a tough time win-ning the close ones. The guys need to relax more, and control their energy, and learn to har-ness it better," said Wilson. Novi played against St. Mary's

Tuesday afternoon, and earned the right to face off against state power Brother Rice in the first human effort to continue their season, but anything is possible for the young, but talented

Rapids to 10 less goals than their earlier meeting. But in the end the 'Cats couldn't muster enough offense. The loss ended coavallere@ht.homecomm.net

# From Wildcat to Rocket, Maier continues torid play

sights on Mid-America Conference. Former Novi baseball player Mitch Maier was recently named Freshman of the Year in the Mid-American Conference for the University of Toledo. The former Wildcat, who was also named to the First-Team Ali-Mac squad, became the first Rocket in school history to be named Freshman of

Major set a school record this season with a .444 average, smashing the only record of .426 that had been in place since 1979.

Last year he was tearing up the league to tie with Bali State's Paul KVC, this year he turned his sights on Mid-America Maier also had the second most

> ry. In 44 games, the frosh had 15 of five bases to rank third on the

In high school he was named allhe hit .400, had eight home-runs, and 32 RBIs. He earned all-academic honors as a sophomore, junior and senior and was a fiveletter winner. Currently Maler is a pre-management major at Toledo

#### **Novi JV Results**

NOVI JV LACROSSE ...

Novi's Junior Varsity Lacrosse team, coached by John Ludwig, closed out its regular season with a 10-5 thumping of East Grand Rapids. Brad Steele led the Wildcats with a strong four-goal, twoassist performance. Mait Kurnick scored three goals, and Mike Ward added two. Brandon Pratt scored one goal, and had one assist, while Ryan Goodman registered three assists. Ray Kennedy played a strong game in goal.

The Wildcats opened the week with a 9-2 win over Warren DeLaSalle. Ryan Goodman led the way with three goals. Brad Stelle had two goals and two assists. Mike Ward and Matt Kurnick each had one goal and one assist. Brad Hunt scored a goal, and Dan Wainright had one assist.

Novi JV split two games a week before. The Wildcats defeated Cranbrook, 5-4 on Tuesday, May 8. Novi JV then lost an 8-7 heart-breajer in overtime to Birmlingham Seaholm on May 10. Against Cranbrook, five different Wildcats scored goals - Brad Steele, Ryan Goodman, Mike Ward, Brandon Pratt and Sean McClinchey. Steele also had two assists, and Goodman added one assist. Against Seaholm, Steele scored three goals, and Pratt added two. Matt

HOMETOWN



win against Howell on May 16. In that match Sarah Ehlers writer of the Novi News. He car be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104, or at Sarah has played well this year, and been very consis-

The 'Cats will participate in the KVC tournament today.



#### Novi downs Highlanders

The Lady Wildcats ended their dual season with a 204-209 ent..she is just doing great," said Novi coach Deb Harris



#### Novi Jaguars win Midland Tourney

The Novi Jaguars U-11 Girls soccer club came from behind to win 3-1 at the 19th Annual Midland Tournament on May 13. outscored their opponents 12-1. Pictured: Ashley Coloyos, Katie Cranmer,

Haleigh Hoffman, Kelsey Laux, Lindsey Lowe, Amanda Marquardt, Elizabeth Miller, Hayley Miller, Sarah Reichel, Melissa Schmidt, Amanda Stanek, Lindsey Steffen, Jodi Stratton, Carly Topper, Aubrey Valleau Coach George Gatt, and Assistant Coach

# Basketball team's GPA is tops among all division one teams

lete is succeeding in the class-room as well as on the playing field. No other team in Michigan Glass A sports has done a better good kids both athletically and expectations with their 12-9 lob of that than the Novi boys'

academically."

[Class D, 3.74]. The youthful 'Cats, made up o

overall record this year. Asketball team.

Other winners were: Lansing The abig positive to the end of Coach Pat Schulter's team Catholic Central (Class B, 3.65 a good overall season, Schluter ame in first place out of over GPA), Bronson (Class C, 3.60 sald.

#### **Sports Briefs**

ALL-STAR GYMNASTICS

The gymnasts at Ali Star Gymnastics have fin-ished a successful competitive season. At the recent State Meets Calleigh Deacon was the only 8-year-old to qualify for the Level 6 State Meet in Michigan. She was grouped with the 9-year olds and placed fourth on vault and 11th Ali-Around in the older age group. Emily LaFontaine, also in the nine-year-old age group, placed third on bars and sixth All-Around. Alyssa Gonzales placed sixth on vault and 13th All-Around.

Mathew Jylkka and Jonathan Schlessman both scored a 55.5 All-Around and tied for third place

as Class 7s. Jvikka was third on floor and vault and Schlessman was second on pommel horse and third on high bar. As Class 6's, Michael Baskins was first on high bar, second on parallel bars and seventh All-Around. John Thomas was first on yault and high bar, second on horse and

third on rings.

As Level 5s, Julie Sheeran was second on bars and sixth on floor, Hilläry Butterworth was second on beam and sixth on bars. Cortney Paul was third on floor, fourth on yoult and sixth on the

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# Versatile Central girls take fourth with 62 pts.

to earn third. Whitney Simbeck was

Central was no slouch on the track either, as Erica Elliott ran a 59.30 in the 400m dash to take

second, Amanda Hnot's 2:23.10 in

didn't have enough big guns to match up with the other teams this talent in many of the events, only year.
All day and night Central jockthe best of the best are found in a competition like the regionals. So while the Mustangs had only one eyed for position with Milford and Lakeland for second. The Lady headliner, he was clearly one of Vikings leaned on their field events for points, and those athletes didn't disappoint. In the pole vault, Sarah. Chranowski vaulted a 10-3" to take Langston showed why he is one of the best sprinters around, as he won both the 100m dash (10.80), and 400m dash second, and Jaclyn Finn an 8'-9" to take third. Jacqueline Becker's

throw of 34'-10" in the shot put earned her a win, and in the long (49.90.). With his two wins, Langston became joined Novi's Tim Moore as the only multiple jump Lauren Flukes leaped 16'-10' individual event winners. the third Central vaulier to score points, as she finished sixth. Torya
McCarty took fifth in the long jump
McCarty took fifth in the lon

na to run all those races," said Northville coach Cunningham. "He gave us the answer becoming the Regional Champ, just mssing our school record by one tenth of a secon with a 49.9."

the 800m run was good for third, and the 1600m relay team took third. Also scoring on the track Also scoring for the Stangs were Bill Dalton (sixth, 800m run), Brian Billyk (sixth, 3200m run), and the were Breanna Turscanyi (fifth, fifth place 400m relay team 1600m run), and the 800m, 400m,

and 1600m relay teams. Not far behind the Vikings were the Northville Lady Mustangs. The see Bill qualify. It was a tough moment for him as an athlete and Stangs racked up 43.5 points on the day, on the strength of several great performances. Heather Moehle won the 3200m relay with for myself as a coach. He worked so hard for that moment. Bill being the great athlete that he is, was disappointed, but vowed to beat the competition at Conferences," said Cunningham." her 11:41.6 time, soccer player Maggie Ossola took second in the long jump with a 17-1" leap, and Nicole Cauzillo ran a 5:17.30, which was good for second in the going into the meet that he was a long shot to make the state cut. 1600m run. Devon Rupley earned a We set a goal to break 10 minutes in the two mile for him, a feat he had not accomplished in his four years here at Northville. Brian ran third in the 400m dash with her 59.60 time, and high jumper Emily Ott joined the 3200m relay team as fourth place winners. Also racking a gritty race and sprinted across the finish line in a 9:56. He was six seconds off the state cut, but up points for Northville were Emily Needham (fifth, high jump), Shannon Hogan (sixth, 400m dash), and the sixth place 800m was very happy with his performance as we were as coaches.

The region was owned by Brighton, plain and simple. The Bulldogs finished with an astounding 97 points, 23.5 points ahead second place Milford. Lakeland rounded out the KVC trifecta as Wildcat points as she took fourth in they finished in third with 62.5 . Western Lakes foes Walled respectively. The young squads from Novi (11th) and Walled Lake

relay team.

Novi only scored 14 points, but they were earned by two of the team's best. The sky was dark when Mickle Rzepka broke her own school record with a 10-7" first Colby Cavaliere is the sports writer for the Novi News, Northville Record, and Lake Area Times. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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#### Weddings

ane Heckaman were married Nov 18. 2000 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth, with the Rev Richard Elmer, alumnus director of Catholic Central High School, performing the double ring ceremony Kent Heckaman provided the music The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Heckaman of Nappanee, Ind. She is a 1999 graduate of the University of Findlay, Obio,

and is employed as a fitness trainer tonor. The bridesmalds were sister of the bride, Michelle Trenshaw and colfriends, Tami Eichelberger inda Watts, and Trisha McDaniel

Taitlyn Trenshaw served as flower

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barbara of Northville. A 1993 graduate of Catholic Central High School, Christopher graduated 1997 from the University of Findlay, with a bachelor's degree is tions. He is employed at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., Morgantown, W. Va., s territorial and marketing manager. Jon Barbara served as best man. Attending as groomsmen were Chris Fryzel, Jeff Sexton and college room-



Barbara-Heckaman

John Raasch and Garreti Carter. Brad Trenshaw, Travis Bellman, Randy Roberts, and Robert Carter served as ushers. The couple went to Sandals Royal Bahama Resort for their honeymoor and have made their home in

Morgantown.

oon were married May 2 at the Clock" on Main Street in thville. As the hour struck Joinson officiated the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her mother. A celebration luncheon llowed

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Williamson of Northville and the late Daniel Williamson She is employed at Northville Watch & Clock and is also owner of Flyers-in-A-Flash. Laurie Kort attended the bride.

The ankle length bridal dress was of cream lace trimmed with a -neck collar. The bridal bouquet of ses, white flowers and beads was created by Jean MacKay.

The groom is the son of Sandra Anderson of Dearborn and James Coon of Livonia.

Danny Korl served as best man.

Joseph is also an employee at forthville Watch & Clock, where he ind his bride met. The couple went to northern



Coon-Williamson

Jennifer Lynn Doyle and Brandon Michael Dalziel were married Nov. 18, 2000, at Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church in Royal Oak. Monsignor William Easton offi-ciated the ceremony; the bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride is the daughter of Susan

and Lawrence Doyle of Royal Oak. She is a kindergarten teacher at Pierce Elementary School in the Birmingham School District. Attending as maid of honor was Kathryn Dozeman. Serving as bridesmaids were Carolyn Dalziel, Meghan Dalziel, Elise Lubaway. Carrie Schrems, and Courtney Swanson. Lauren Hallman and Teague Simoncic attended as junior oridesmaids and Jenna Pomeroy

served as flower girl.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dalziel of Northville. He s a 1993 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School Brandon received his his master's degree in medical science from Wayne State University in December 2000. He has been accepted into Vayne State University Law School and will enter in the fall of this year. Craig Dalziel served as best man.



Dalziel-Doyle

Ryan Doyle, Michael Dorrington, Jamie Fitzgerald, and Kevin Jakubowski. Dan Farley and Sean O'Reilly were the attending usher and Evan Pomeroy was the ring

The couple went to San Francisco.

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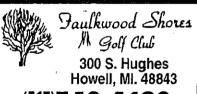
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#### **On Campus**

ship in Phi Beta Kappa, the most prestigious scholastic honorary society in the country. The announcement of new numbers was made at Alma's Honors Day Convocation in April.

Selection is based on academic achievement in the arts, sciences and humanities. Eligibility requires at least a 3.75 grade point average for a junior and a 3.50 GPA for a senior in liberal subjects and studies. Weston is a graduate of Novi High

Robert Popovczak was recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Michigan Technological only to students with the highest academic standing

Popovezak is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering. He is a mem-ber of Tau Beta Pi Honor Society and has achieved placement on the univer

Adrienne Popovezak of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School. In March, the Madonna University

College of Science and Mathematics installed the Beta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Zeta, a national science and local area students qualified and were inducted into the honor society.

Northville: Philip Sutherland. Novt Shayna Adair and Kelly

Dominick.

Walled Lake: Amy Flowers and Wixom: Allison West

Maria Schimizzi made the Dean's List at Brenau Academy in recognition of achieving an average 93 for last semester. Her college plans are to attend Adrian College. Brenau Academy is located in Georgia. Schimizzi is the daughter of Mary

thville's Single Place offers sev-weekend activities, including

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at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, and Sunday morning worship and brunch at Northville Crossing.

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Religion

Jeffrey D. Anderson graduated
May 13 from Hampden-Sydney
College in Virginia, with a bachelor's
degree in history.
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Light Control Wile has bee
Dean's List at St. Edwa

Junior-Senior High School in Falls Church, Va., he is the son of Robert D. Anderson of Northville. Laura Kay Berry of Northville grad-

uated this month from Carson-Newman College, with a bachelor of arts degree in English and religion. Carson-Newman College is located in Jefferson City, Tenn.

graduates recently received their bachelor's degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.: Northville

Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, kinesi-ology; Jennifer Lynn Kluska, busi-ness; Scott Gordon McKay, public affairs; and Scott M. Scheich, busi-

John Christian Gohde, biology.

ent of the non-traditional student fund scholarship. This award was present ed for 2001-2002 at the College of Human Ecology "Celebration of Excellence" on May 6. Scholarships were given based on scholarship, leadership, and/or service. She is majoring in consumer and textile sciences, with special emphasis in consumer

Silverman is the daughter of Kleban graduated May 6 from Hope **Kelly S. Goist**, a senior at Northville the second in Spanish.

High School, was awarded a University Challenge Grant and a Discover Capital Grant from Capital University. These grants are awarded to incoming freshman and transfer students on the basis of standardized test scores Goist; who plans to major in public

A rummage sale will be held June 1

through the date of the sale from 9 a.m.

to noon. Proceeds from the sale will go toward purchase of new tables for the

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again June 2
from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Church of the
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for the fall semester. She was recog earning at least a 3.5 grade point aver-St. Edward's University is located in

daughters of Michael and Terri Clark of Novi are recipients of a \$1,000 Meltssa were among the 105 students selected from 203 applicants to receive

the scholarship. Sarah is a 2000 Novi High School College majoring in psychology. Besides her curriculum, she is involved in many extracurricular Melissa will graduate this year from

Syracuse University this fall majoring in broadcast journalism. She also has Andrew Noel Griffith Borda, a

sophomore at Washington and Lee University, has earned honor roll status by achieving at least a 3.75 or bet-Walter J. Borda of Northville. Janet

College with two bachelor's degrees, one in business administration and

Kleban is the daughter of Walter

In March, the Madonna University College of Science and Mathematics installed the Beta Omicron Chapter of

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walker. Donations are raised by each

walker. Event luminaries will be avail-

able for purchase following the church's

relations, lives with legal guardians ty, which recognizes scholastic schievement, accepted the following local area students

Tracey E. Ford, a 1993 Novi high

Northville: Philip Sutherland Novi: Shayna Adair and Kelly Walled Lake: Amy Flowers and

> art Academy for the Summer 2001. This select music program is located in the heart of Sal ed to sing the roles of "Erste Dame" in Mozart's Die Zouberflote as well as

Die Kronungs Messe.

Novi High School and will attend Nelson Cheryl Nelso of Northville.

Local area Amanda Nelson

the Dean's Honor List for winter, spring and summer terms at the University of Winter Term 2000

Northville Maureen Ruth Vermeulen, Matthe Michael Kowalski, Patrick James Hunt, Beth Anne Handley, Keitl David Droz, Amity Heckem ver, Stephen Robert Traicoff Signa Zeta, a national science and John Eric Swartson; Sven M. and mathematics honor society. The socie-

day care facility at First United is in

seeking groups to volunteer to adopt a flower bed at the church

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Lauren Anne Parkins, Michael Louis Burns, Janette Marie Nunn, Steven Chang, Rosabel Chang, Colleen Marie Doyle, James Joseph Karlavage, Nicholas John Angeloco Crystal Jasmine Kornak, Richard Donald Kowalczyk, Tomas V. Sirgedas, Hanfel Mark Shen, Abhik Deepak Shah, Megan Elizabeth Lehman, and Elizabeth Dawn

Langham. Spring Term 2000 Jennifer Neale

Jason Holden and Michael Burns. David M. Anderson, a College of

at the University of Michigan, was honored with the prestigious Avery and Jule Hopwood Award in Creative

Anderson received \$2,000 from the Undergraduate Dramatic Writing for "Passing Shots."

Michigan State University veteri-nary student Colleen Porter was awarded the Moxley Award for Excellence in Equine Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine's annual Honors Banquet held in April. Porter was presented a \$1,000 award in recognition of her excellence in equine medicine and her eagerness to continue her professional training to continue her professional training. She is the daughter of Edward and Marie McNeely of Northville and a luate of Mercy High School in

Novi resident. Marlanne M Simancek, a graduate student at Madonna University, was recently inducted into the university's Kappa lota Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau, from students and nursing leaders in Proposed of the graduate of the community who have demonstrated should be category and the community who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, leadership, Elleen Newman Writing Prize in creativity and support of professional

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Ben Hayden and Dan Podczervinski roll out on their small fleet

When the grass gets long and the sun gets hot Northville and Novi residents turn to people like the Haydens to give their yards the weekly

By LON HUHMAN Steff Writer

soft breeze blows over the freshly cut grass while the Northwest lawn crew jumps into their work truck on to the next

The homeowner walks out to inspect the newly cut lawn only to look down to see the brick path, which was another job well done by Northwest Lawn and

Landscaping Service of Northville Township. "I love the outdoors," Northwest co-owner Ben Hayden said of his reason for leaving the hotel man-agement business for outdoor landscaping and lawn mainte-nance work back in 1987. Hayden and his wife Sharon

Hayden and his wife Sharon established the company in 1985, to see if it had potential and in 1987, they officially started the company. Now 16 years later, the company is busy as ever running around the Northville, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Plymouth/Canton and Rhombled Hills, communities. Bloomfield Hills communities

mowing lawns and doing land-scaping work. Ben oversees the landscaping part of the company while Sharon is in charge of the lawn service. The Haydens picked the name Northwest as a tribute to their original home "I'm from Washington and

Sharon is originally from Oregon," Ben said "So by naming our company Northwest, we

ing our company Northwest, we are paying homage to our original home area of the country."

Ben said the services offered by Northwest include tree removal, brick paving, seeding, sodding and in his own words, "just about anything that can be done to a yard." He said the lawn service operates just like a barber. "We arrive at an account and cut.

'We arrive at an account and cut, trim and blow," Ben said.
"Trimming is essential because if it's not done or done correctly, a

lawn will not look good." Northwest operates year around. In the fall, they do clean-ups and in the winter months, they get the snowplows and shovels out.

For the Haydens, the outdoor service began as a weekend job to earn extra money. According to

the Northwest lawn crew consisted of just himself, a tractor hind mower. Despite just

side, there were other benefits as well. So the Haydens increased

well. So the nayders increased their service load and capabilities. "Our crew level is at four or five people now, but we had up to 12 people in the past." Ben said. "It was hard to manage that many people, so we reduced to a level we can manage and prosper with." can manage and prosper with.

At most, the lawn crew consists of three people mowing with Dixle Choppers. According to Ben, the Dixle Choppers were the first of the zero turn lawn mowing machines. The Dixie mowers first came out on a wide basis in 1980 and were revolutionary because they allowed commercial lawn care operators to move quicker and cut just as efficient. Zero turn means the mower can spin in

"We use two Dixe Choppers and a couple of walk-behinds." Ben said. The Choppers are great because they allow us to cut a lawn very quickly, but at the same time because of how efficient it is an expensive venture to



Sharon Hayden, Ben Hayden, Bryan Ondercin, Dan Podczervinski, Marie Hayden and Genette Hayden take a breather to enjoy the spring sunshine before attending to their lawn maintenance duties

cuts, our rate of speed is not much of a concern. The walk-behinds are used for areas the riders can't reach, such as gated-in areas.

There is one unique aspect to Northwest and that is it's a family business. Both Ben and Sharon work on each crew, but their daughters Susan. Genette and Marie have worked in the summer

Marie have worked in the summer cutting lawns as well.

They've grown up around the business, so it's kind of natural for them," Sharon said. 'Our youngest is still in training. I work on the lawn or the lawn o

6:30 a.m. and ends around 7 "It's hard work, and besides that, it's an expenside is definitely a sive venture to undertake." sun up to sun down job. One daily thing the Haydens have to

Northwest Lawn and Landscaping

keep an eye on is the weather. "Our television is usually turned to the Weather Channel the night before or in the morning, so we can know if we are going to work or not," Sharon said. Ben and Sharon said Northwest

averages about 40 lawns a day, but it can be lower on a day when they have to do their larger accounts such as the commons area at Brookstone subdivision. Sharon said the lawn crew probably cuts slightly over 100 lawns

"There are several places that can take up to two hours to complete and there are residential yards that take only fifteen min-utes," Ben said. "We have one cusin his backyard and we cut the fairway for him. That's a fun job to do."

undertake." Ben said. "We arrive at a home with at least \$50,000 in equipment and this includes the truck, mowers, trimmers and other materials. A new Dixie Chopper runs around \$10,000, so

this business is not cheap."

According to Ben's estimates,
Northwest uses 15,000 to 18,000 gallons of fuel a year. He said the recent increase in gas prices makes the job of managing time and expenses that more impor-

tant. However, quality and effi-ciency is still the main priority. "We're dependable and we have a good rapport with our customers," Ben said. "We get no complaints because we do our work the way we would want it done for our

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Marie Hayden makes quick work of dandellons in a Northville-area yard.



Dan Podczervinski shovels dirt along a decorative retaining wall in a Northville-area yard.