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Bond issue will be decided on Monday

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

On Monday, voters of the Novi Community School District will decide the fate of three ballot issues: two millage proposals and a \$75 million bond for building renovations, technology and land.

A majority of the \$75 million bond would pay for construction to alleviate overcrowding and accommodate growth.

School officials report that each year, the district continues to add an average of 200 new students.

The high school poses the highest risk, looking to exceed its capacity of

1,800 by the 2002-2003 school year. By that time there will be 1,859 students and will continue to rise. By 2004-2005, the district projects a high school population of 1,954 and in 2004-2005, 2,011 students.

"In the year 2004-2005 we're going to have 2,000 kids in our high school. At that time we will have 200 more students than what we currently have space for," said Novi Schools superintendent Emmett Lippe. "If this passes we'll be lucky to get this (expansion) built by 2004."

Funding from the bond would expand the high school to an enrollment capacity of 2,400. Current

enrollment at the high school is 1,696 and will climb to 1,775 next fall.

"If we are going to add 600 more students (by 2004-2005) — that's almost 50 percent — where are we going to put them?" Lippe asked.

"What do people expect us to do with these kids? Do they want them to have temporary units or do we want to have the facility ready and prepared for high school students when they come there? The space needs are not going to go away. The kids are coming. It's not something we can put under a rug and hope it disappears."

The \$75 million bond will also cover the expansion of three elementary

schools, upgrade technology, fund additional athletic facilities at the middle school, expand the district's maintenance and transportation warehouse, pay for the purchase of 74 acres of property, and make other building improvements.

While the 74 acres of land, purchased by the school board in November for \$8.5 million, does not serve an immediate purpose, Lippe said it will secure space for the district's growing population.

"It was wise for the board to purchase that land because we don't know what the future holds 10-15 years down the road," he said.

"Land is only going to become more scarce and more expensive so it's only prudent that the district plans ahead to make sure we have adequate space while it's still available."

The bond will be enacted for 20 years if passed and will add to the school bond tax starting with the 2002 tax bill. The bond for a homeowner living in a \$200,000 home would cost \$150 a year, levying 2.45 mills. However, the district will erase an existing debt millage of 0.95 mills this year, bringing the total down to 1.5 mills. The district notes that the millage will continue to drop, as they

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Erickson approved to build senior project

By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

Novi City Council approved a zoning change that will allow the Erickson Retirement Communities to begin final approval for a \$350 million project slated for Thirteen Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road area.

The project, to be called Fox Run, must go before the planning commission for final site plan approval. Erickson, who also constructed Dearborn's Henry Ford Village, is expected to erect 18 buildings on the 103-acre site. Council also approved wetland and woodland approval for the site.

Novi Mayor Richard Clark, who toured the Henry Ford village last year, was impressed by the project and gave it a ringing endorsement.

"When we went through that facility, I have never seen as many services anywhere," Clark said. "They have a beauty shop, a barber shop and a woodshop. And this is a substantial increase in our tax base. This is a plus-plus situation for our community."

But not everyone was so enthused as Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo, who cast the only no vote (5-1) in the new zoning approval, said she was not "comfortable" with approving the zoning change and considered the "impact it will have on city services."

"There were forty-six objections at the planning commission level," Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo said. "This is a major deviation from the master plan. They are adding 1,375 additional dwelling units over the projected capacity for the area. We have a low police ratio per-person. Fire response is not consistent where

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Brotherly love



Brothers Travis, 5, and David Spalling listen to the 30th anniversary celebration of Village Oaks Elementary School last Tuesday night. Their mother is a teacher at the

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

It was a birthday celebration that brought memories of the past and an outlook into the future, as Village Oaks Elementary turned 30 last

week.

On May 29, students, staff members, administrators, and alumni came to celebrate the school's anniversary, with a special tree ceremony and ice-cream social.

"There is a lot of history at this school and it was a wonderful opportunity for several generations to get together and share with one another the experiences they had at here."

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Village Oaks celebrates 30 years

Learning economics cinch with mini-society

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Elle Robinson and Laura Tollis' tiny soaps were selling like hot cakes.

Using plastic molds and a microwave, the girls transformed ordinary bars into dazzling flowers and butterflies — and customers couldn't wait to get their hands on them.

Unique items like this and more could be found thanks to Novi Woods Elementary students and their annual "mini-society."

Shoppers young and old found all sorts of gifts ideas ranging from jewelry to baked goods — and the children couldn't sell them fast enough.

But according to students, mini-society isn't about "shopping," it's about old-fashioned economics.

"We learn about supply and demand, inflation, and marketing," said nine-year-old Ian Young, who opened up "Comic Universe" with his business partner Kevin Slawinski.

With a credit limit, the students name and create a product, figure out what to charge and how much to produce. They even pay rent, hire accountants, and buy advertising.

Teacher Dawn Wagner explained that mini-society brings real world experiences into the classroom, by teaching students how to manage money and make business decisions.

"It's a great lesson for the kids, because they are able to apply what they've learned," she said.

Fourth graders Lisa MacDonough, Carly Rouston and Kristen Moran, who opened up "A Bit of Everything," said mini-society was a fun, educational experience.

"It teaches you about working with others, creating new ideas and how to manage money," MacDonough said.

Students Shane McCusker, Nathan Van Nortwick and Ryan

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At their "small mall" Laura Tollis, right, and Elle Robinson sell soaps and decorative pens during last Friday's Mini Society expo at Novi Woods.

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Walled Lake Central Prom 2001



Walter Gerds straightens up after dinner before a night of dancing.



Walled Lake students raise a glass at their dinner table.



Maria Yakovenko puts down a mouthful of said during her dinner at Walled Lake Central's prom.



Couples swing and sway to the strains of music during a slow dance at prom.



Four friends take a moment for a snapshot in the middle of an evening of dancing and good times.



Dinner is served for partygoers at the prom.

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Above, Michelle Lewin dances with her date, Nathan Bruce. Below, Logan Boggs, Alexis Lushla and Eric Scarneagle pile out of a stretch Navigator.



Two vehicles stolen from Novi residential driveways

Police News

On June 1, Novi police spend time filling out reports on at least two stolen vehicle reports in the city.

According to Novi police, the first incident occurred sometime between 8:30 p.m., May 31 and 9:55 a.m., June 1 in the 45,000 block of Lakeview.

The owner said that he saw his vehicle parked in front of his residence the night before but when he came out the next morning it was gone.

The vehicle is described as a Red GMC Sonoma with two Arctic Cat stickers on the back window. No evidence was found at the scene.

In a similar incident, a Fireside Street resident emerged from his apartment on the same morning to find his 1994 Honda Accord had been stolen.

The vehicle was stolen from the 22,000 block of Fireside between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and approximately 10 a.m.

Unfortunately for the victim, there were a number of valuable items inside the vehicle at the time it was stolen. Listed as stolen were a cell phone, at least five credit cards, personal identification and the victim's wallet. Reports indicate that neighbors did not see anything or heard anything at the time the vehicle was stolen.

Police said both victims told them that they had not missed payments on the car and they believe the vehicles were not repossessed.

Police continue to investigate both incidents.

WINDOW SHOPPING
Police arrested a Southgate man, 35, after he allegedly went behind the counter of a register in K-Mart and began stuffing cartons of cigarettes in his clothing.

On June 1 around 4 p.m., the suspect "nonchalantly" wandering behind the counter and began rifling through the cigarette case. A store employee, who notice that usually only employees are back there, called security to check out

the alleged thief.

Security stopped the man, and after a brief resistance, the man gave up and admitted to the theft.

According to police reports, the man said that he was "homeless" and he "did it to get money."

The man was taken into custody and charged with retail fraud.

DRINKING AND DRIVING THE NIGHT AWAY
After nearly causing two accidents on city roads, a Garden City man drove swerved his way out onto I-95 where Novi police finally put his hazards on to an end on June 1 at around 11 p.m.

The man apparently had been driving at 90 mph when police eventually caught up to him. According to police reports, the man had apparently had to slam on his breaks to avoid hitting another vehicle.

When police pulled the man over, he "gave up" on the field sobriety tests and admitted he had too much to drink.

"Okay," the man said. "Enough of this. I have been drinking and I can't do this."

WALLED LAKE OOPS
A 47-year-old woman was arrested June 4 when she stopped at the Walled Lake Police Department to pick up her impounded car.

She was wanted in White Lake for embezzlement. She was placed under arrest, booked and released on bond. Her license was confiscated.

UNDERAGE AT LABOOM
A patrol officer approached three men parked in the rear parking lot at Laboom sitting in a 1988 Dodge Shadow.

He noticed a 17-year-old man reaching for something in the back

seat. He later discovered it was a bottle of Cognac, which was a quarter full. He asked the man what they were doing and they said they were waiting for a friend.

The officer could smell alcohol on their breath.

The 17-year-old had a breathalyzer test, which measured 0.75. He was patrolled down, handcuffed and arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. He was taken to the police station in the city lock-up.

The 16-year-old was transported to the station after registering 0.15 percent on the breathalyzer test. A 21-year-old was released at the scene.

WIXOM BOY SCOUT TRAILER RECOVERED
The stolen trailer of Novi Boy Scout Troop of 407 was recovered last week, when an assistant scoutmaster of the troop observed the vehicle parked in the front yard of a residence on Beck Road in Wixom.

The trailer was stolen back in March.

On May 30, the scoutmaster saw a vehicle similar to the one stolen, pulled over and called the Wixom police.

Upon the officer's arrival, the men pulled into the driveway and examined the trailer. The complainant showed the officer damage on the front of the right trailer, the same as the right trailer. He also pointed out a new crank handle on the trailer tongue, which the scout leader had replaced himself. He also showed the officer where benches the troop had installed had been removed inside.

The officer went up to the residence where he spoke with a 19-year-old female, advising them why they were there. The girl stated that the trailer belonged to someone that worked with her father in the landscaping business.

The officer instructed the girl to try and contact her dad.

Upon further inspection, a license plate check showed that the plate belonged on a 1994 mini tilt trailer.

The Wixom officer then contacted

a Novi officer to bring to the scene who had taken the original report on the stolen trailer and

The man was placed under arrest and is pending bond or arraignment.

The girl advised the men that her dad had the owner on the phone.

Upon talking to the owner, the officer found out that the man had bought the trailer several weeks prior from an out-of-state friend.

When questioned about the faulty plate, the owner admitted it belonged to a different trailer he owned.

After examining the trailer again, the officers were satisfied that this was the stolen trailer out of Novi.

The \$10,000 of camping equipment located inside the trailer was gone. When the wife arrived at the residence, she allowed the officers to search the property for the stolen equipment. Nothing belonging to the Boy Scout Troop was found.

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION MATCH
A vehicle matching the description in last week's armed robbery at Arby's was pulled over on May 28 for obstructed plates.

The male driver was arrested for three warrants in Wixom, Farmington Hills, and Livonia totaling \$1,050. He was also driving on

a suspended license.

The man was placed under arrest and is pending bond or arraignment.

When questioned if he was driving the car on May 20 (the night of the robbery), the man stated, "no."

CHANGE BANDIT
More loose change was stolen from Village Apartments last week.

On May 28, a resident reported that someone had taken a large glass coke bottle bank containing more than \$200 in change.

The 25-year-old man stated that there were no signs of forced entry and that the door was locked when he returned home.

FLIPPIN' DRUNK
A man was arrested for drunk driving after he overturned his Ford Explorer in the woods near Beck Road and Library Street last week.

When officers asked the man what happened, the 35-year-old said he had been drinking. The man blew a 20 and was arrested. Upon inspection of the vehicle, empty cans of Budweiser, totaling a case were found inside.

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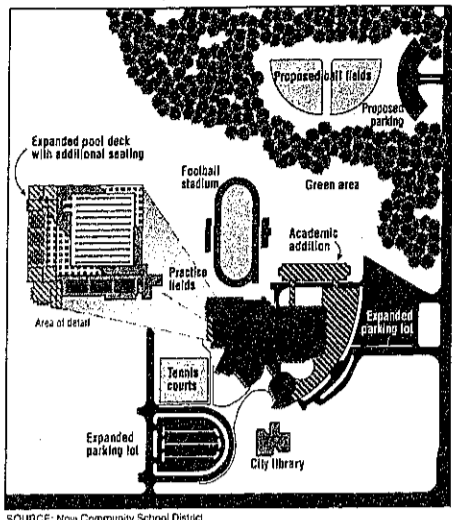
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Voters will go to polls on bond issue next week

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Renovations proposed for High School



SOURCE: Novi Community School District

Proposal A, passed by Michigan voters in 1993 as a way to lower property taxes and even out school spending across the state, limits schools to an 18-mill tax levy on these properties.

But the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution, adopted in 1978, rolls back that amount when inflation rises, to keep taxes from increasing more than 3 percent a year.

As a result, districts, including Novi, are losing money. Schools depend on property tax revenues from businesses to pay for their day-to-day operating expenses. The override would allow for the restoration of the full 18-mill levy.

According to the district's finance director Jim Koster, since the Headlee provisions kicked in, Novi schools' share of business and commercial property taxes have dropped from 18 mills to 17.6 mills, and will continue to decline.

Koster said this year, the district lost \$270,000 in state aid funding due to the cut and will continue to lose more.

Restoring the full 18 mills would raise an estimated \$300,000 a year for the district. It would not affect private homeowners — only businesses and non-homeowner properties.

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSALS FOR JUNE 11

- \$75 million bond to provide building space, technology upgrades, and 74 acres of land.
- A dedicated building and site millage of 0.5 mills to address repairs and maintenance of school facilities.
- A Headlee override to restore local business and commercial taxes lost to state funding regulations. The override would allow for the restoration of the full 18-mill levy and not affect homeowners.
- Total cost of all three proposals is for a homeowner living in a \$200,000 home is \$200 (\$150 for the bond proposal and \$50 for the dedicated millage).

SCHOOL POPULATION IN NOVI

- From 1990 to 2000, student population in Novi Community Schools rose from 3,764 to 5,837.
- In 2005, projected student enrollment will increase to 7,084.
- By the 2003, the high school will exceed its capacity of 1,800. At that time, there will be 1,859 students and by 2005, there will be 2,011 students.

While the three proposals are separate, Lippe said each one will greatly impact the district.

"We've got to have space, we've got money to take care of assets and we have to have our programs in tact if we want to maintain the quality of education this community is used to," Lippe said.

Total cost of these proposals for a homeowner living in a \$200,000 home is \$200 (\$150 for the bond proposal and \$50 for the dedicated millage).

Lippe said while the proposals

Village Oaks turns 30 with week-long celebration

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Photo by JOHN HEDDER

said the school's PTO vice-president Sherrie Konkus, who helped coordinate the event.

As the district's second oldest school, Village Oaks officially opened its doors in the fall of 1971.

What was then a K-6 school housing 174 students is now a K-4 elementary with 400 students.

In 30 years, Village Oaks has seen new students and teachers, but what does remain is the same friendly face of school principal David Brown.

"Over those years, the kids have gotten smarter, the teachers kinder and the parents more caring," he said.

Brown said one memory he'll never forget is the day the school opened. A student jumped out a window, ran up a tree and fell out," he said. "I thought my first day as principal was going to be my last."

The birthday celebration lasted all week, with the kids participating in a number of theme days like 70s day, green and white day, and party hat day.

The activities concluded Friday with cupcakes and a soulful "Happy Birthday" performance by Brown and fellow staff members.

Students Sarah Miller, 7, Steven Li, 10, said they are glad to be attending Village Oaks Elementary as well as school board members, and especially like their principal and "cool" field trips.

Fourth grader Gautam Muthusamy said his only beef is that he'll have to move to Novi Meadows next year.

"I like my teacher so much, I



Photo by JOHN HEDDER
Katy Williams, 8, front, and Lindsey Fungfeld, 9, play on the jungle-gym of Novi's Village Oaks Elementary School last Tuesday night after the school celebrated its 30th year of operation.

Updated hospital in sights for Novi

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ing St. John Hospital and St. John Health Care Systems reported last week that if they were unable to meet revenue requirements that it would consider closing St. John Riverview.

"We do need more revenue to offset our missionary care facilities in the city of Detroit," he added.

In 1988, Providence filed a certificate-of-need to build in Novi but the state rejected that request. They gave up on a lawsuit in 1995. Casalou said he expects things to be different this time.

"This time, we have the demographics to back us up," Casalou said. "Novi is the center of that demographics."

Providence also filed a certificate-of-need for the Brighton area as a back-up contingency.

"Our main goal is Novi," Casalou said. "But we had to have a back-up plan and Livingston County has been experiencing enormous growth."

St. John Health Systems provide primary care and treatment programs with approximately 3,200 physicians and more than 125 outpatient centers and ten hospitals all over North America.

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Mini Society helps students learn about economics

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Pollard even learned a lesson in location and friendly competition.

"We had to reduce the price of our freezer pops because the business across from us was selling them cheaper," McCusker said.

Ryan Dougherty, Katie Gasaway, Andrea Sinar and Jennifer Watson said mini-society made them realize that being an entrepreneur wasn't as easy as they thought.

"When you are a business owner, you have to pay for everything," Dougherty said.

With two days to sell, the students quickly found out on the first day what items to add to the inventory and how to improve sales.

For Takuya Uehara and Nick Borto, it meant luring in customers with a card trick for 50 percent off.

"It's tough to stay afloat," Borto admitted.

Jennifer Felcher and Mikki Fujimori were too busy to talk, as they saw the money pour in over their crystal-beaded earrings

Senior community given thumbs up by city council

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It should be. Traffic is a concern and the more people you add, the more traffic on the roads. Is this a need? Yes. Is it an immediate need? No.

But Mayor Clark said traffic will not be a concern after the structures are in place. Clark said that the senior community would most likely rely on shuttles provided by the facility.

"Traffic? Once they find transportation is provided to them, they often use their cars less and less and ultimately end up selling their cars because they don't need them. And police? If this place is as quiet as Ford Village, our police won't have much to do."

Clark said he "respectfully" disagrees with Lorenzo on the need for such facilities.

"Is there a crisis? No," Clark said. "But you don't want to wait till the crisis is at the doorstep."

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Photo by JOHN HEDDER
At last Friday's Novi Woods Mini-society, Jasmine Lurdy does the nails of a client for 20 "moon dollars".

Obituaries

RICK D. BREVIK
Rick D. Brevik, 51, of Northville died May 30 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. He was born in Highland Park Aug. 17, 1949, to Signor Svardstrom and Florence Irene (Wade) Brevik.

Mr. Brevik worked for Ford Motor Co. at the Wayne Assembly Plant for 30 years and retired in 1989 as an engineer. He was a member of Newburgh United Methodist Church of Livonia.

Mr. Brevik is survived by his wife, Cheryl (Edmonds); three sons, Todd of Redford, Craig of Wixom, and Scott of Redford; mother and father-in-law, Ted and Peggy Edmonds; brothers-in-law, Michael (Debbie) Edmonds of Wixom and Gary (Rusty) Edmonds of Livonia; sister-in-law, Lesly (Don) Wisch of North Carolina; nieces and nephews, Kim Wisch, Kelly (Keith) Krmarczyk, Valerie Wisch, Nathan Wisch, Darold and Andrew Edmonds, Bradley, Ryan, and Tyler Edmonds, and Kyle and Kate Krmarczyk.

Mr. Brevik was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald in 1999.

Services were held on Monday, June 4 at Caserline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. The Rev. Thomas G. Badley of Newburgh United Methodist Church of Livonia officiated.

Interment followed at Rural Hill Cemetery.

Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

KENNETH W. GIPP
Kenneth W. Gipp, 88, died June 2 in Southfield. He was born in 1913.

Mr. Gipp was a real estate broker for 50 years. He was a member of Monaghan Knights of Columbus No. 2690 and an avid golfer.

He is survived by a daughter, Carol Keir; two grandchildren, Darin and Brett (Felicia) Keir; two great-grandchildren, Tino and Tony; and cousins and friends.

Mr. Gipp was preceded in death by his wife, Frances and brothers, John and Bob.

A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 9 at Holy Family Church.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, Attn: Memorial Department, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider: **RECYCLE HOME TOWN** located on the west side of Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, to consider: **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVALS**. The applicant is proposing a 12 unit site condominium.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48075 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2001.

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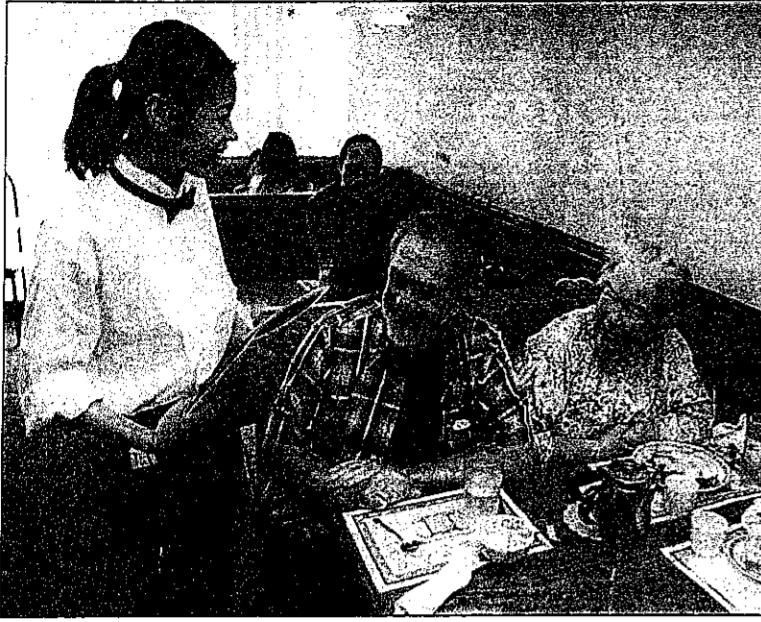
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Debbie Lin of Walled Lake's China Queen greets regular customers Paul and Christine Gonlea during a recent lunch-hour.

New Chinese restaurant tantalizes the tastebuds

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Chinese food lovers will find a wide variety to choose from at the new China Queen restaurant in Walled Lake.

The restaurant, 1130 E. West Maple Road in the Maple Plaza Shopping Center, offers Szechuan, Mandarin, Hunan and Cantonese fare. It made its debut in the city on May 19.

The restaurant is an opportunity for people to dine on Chinese cuisine but it's also an opportunity for the family who owns the business, to work together.

"My family used to work at restaurants for years," said manager Debbie Lin. "Five of my family members worked at different restaurants, so this is the best way to get everyone together to work at the same restaurant."

Her father, Cheng Wang Lin, moved from mainland China 12 years ago, and has been a chef for the past 10 years in Farmington and Livonia. He

is the owner and chef at the restaurant.

Lin said when she left China five years ago to join her father, she didn't know how to speak English. However, she took classes at Walled Lake Western High School in English as a Second Language program and attributes her successful adaptation to the country, from her teachers Jerri and Rheloud Mett.

Lin said learning the language was rather difficult. However, Lin has mastered English so well that she is now the family's spokesperson and helped with their endeavor to open the business.

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Lin agreed that there is a need for the business.

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Chicken and pineapple crispy shrimp. Hungry diners can also enjoy soup and appetizers before their meal arrives.

Lunch customers can choose their course from the menu or sample delicacies such as sushi and sesame chicken from the lunch buffet, which includes about 80 items. The all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 11:30 to 3 p.m. on weekends.

Downtown Development Authority chairman Casey Ambrose was pleased to have the new business in the city.

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Borsa violates probation; held in jail on bond

By RANDAL YAKAY
Staff Writer

She said she is innocent of allegedly burring her child in scalding water, but due to violations of her restricted bond, Marisa Borsa will continue to sit in the Oakland County Jail.

Marisa Borsa, 22, was arrested on Dec. 22 after police claimed that she held her 2 1/2-year-old child in scalding bath water for up to three minutes. Such an exposure could have produced second or third-degree burns on the child, according to the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

Borsa, who was sent to a halfway house in Pontiac, violated her bond restrictions by engaging in sexual activity with another halfway house resident and came into court smelling of alcohol.

"She has denied ever intentionally burring her children," Borsa's attorney Randall Lewis said. "She has no prior criminal record but she did violate her conditions of her bond."

According to the prosecutors office, Borsa has violated the bond by drinking before a pre-trial hearing in April and then was asked to leave Sequoia House in Pontiac, Sequoia House, considered a three-quarters facility akin to a halfway house, is a rehabilitation center for those suffering personal problems.

"She was booted out of there for having sex with another resident," said assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Steven Vitale. "She showed up to a previous court appearance with alcohol

on her breath."

According to the Oakland county prosecutor's office, Borsa also reportedly held her 2 1/2-year-old daughter in 120-degree water causing burns over 15 percent of her body.

Lewis said Borsa had no intention of hurting her child and told Lewis that the entire incident was merely a "mistake."

Borsa is currently being held in the Oakland County Jail on \$150,000 cash bond. She has been prohibited from any contact with her children or any minors until the case has been resolved.

Randal Yakay is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at 349-1700, ext. 105, or at ryakay@nl.hometown.com.

Parents can view all-night party decor

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Those wishing to walk through the building to view the decorations should park in the Ten Mile Road parking lot and enter through the north door to the auditorium.

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LINDSAY ANAN - Valedictorian Awards: Student Athletic Award, Honor Roll, Leadership Award, MEAP Award, U of M Regent's Scholar Award. Activities: Varsity Pom Pom Captain, National Honor Society. SAAD, Parents: Tom and Ruth Anan. Future Plans: University of Michigan.



KAREN ANDREWS - Valedictorian Awards: Engineering Scholarship of Honor, U of M Regent's Scholar Award, AP Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Winner. Activities: French Club, Tennis team, World War II Website Project, and volunteer tutoring. Parents: Joanne and William Andrews. Future Plans: U of M, Engineering.



ELIZABETH BOVAIR - Valedictorian Awards: Presidential Academic Scholarship to George Washington University in St. Louis, U of M Regent's Scholar Award. Activities: Girl's Cross Country, Girls Track, CYO Youth Choir. Parents: Charles and Carolyn Bovair. Future Plans: U of M or George Washington University, International Relations.



VALERIE CAROSELLI - Valedictorian Awards: U of M Regent's Scholar Award, Student Athletic Award, MEAP Award, Student Athletic Award. Activities: Varsity Pom Pom, National Honor Society, DECA, Wrestling, Track, Prom Fashion Show Model. Parents: Susan and Michael Fedorchak. Future Plans: Michigan State University for Business.



RYAN FEDOROVICH - Valedictorian Awards: National DECA Qualifier 2001, National DECA Finalist 2000, Michigan Merit Award, Academic Letter. Activities: DECA, Wrestling, Track, Prom Fashion Show Model. Parents: Susan and Michael Fedorchak. Future Plans: Michigan State University for Business.



MONICA FINK - Valedictorian Awards: Bradley University Dean's Scholarship, Bradley Enhancement Grant, Bradley Special Scholarship. Activities: DECA, Academic Letter. Parents: George and Susan Fink. Future Plans: Bradley University for Dietetics.



JEFFREY GUOWSKI - Valedictorian Awards: MCBA Scholarship, U of M Regent's Scholar Award. Activities: Marching Band, Jazz Band, National Honor Society. Parents: Joe and Lois Glowski. Future Plans: University of Michigan, Music Education.



MELISSA HARBISON - Valedictorian Awards: U of M Academic Scholarship, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Phi Beta Kappa. Activities: French Club President, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Track & Field. Parents: Doug and Debbie Harbison. Future Plans: University of Michigan, Engineering.



VALENTINA IVEZAJ - Valedictorian Awards: MEAP Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa, Honor Roll. Activities: Cheerleading Squad. Parents: Frank and Pila Ivezaj. Future Plans: University of Michigan for Pre-Medicine.



JASON LILLY - Valedictorian Awards: Novi Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Award. Activities: Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphony Band, Jazz Band. Parents: Chris and Nancy Lilly. Future Plans: Michigan State University or Bowling Green University for Music Education.



SRIVIDYA MAHADEVAN - Valedictorian Awards: Case Western Reserve University in St. Louis Presidential Scholarship, Activities: Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track & Field, FIRST Robotics. Parents: Subramanian and Mythily Mahadevan. Future Plans: University of Michigan or Johns Hopkins for Pre-Medicine.



BIANCA MIETH - Valedictorian Awards: Adrian Academic Scholarship, Music Scholarship from Adrian, MIPA Award, Phi Beta Kappa. Activities: Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Wildcat Roar School Newspaper Design Editor. Parents: Delfel and Annemarie Mieth. Future Plans: Adrian College for English.



ANY SALO - Valedictorian Awards: Western Michigan University Academic Scholarship. Activities: SADD, Summer Youth Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, World War II website project, Novi Police Department Co-op. Parents: Keith and Jenny Salo. Future Plans: Western Michigan University, Lee Honors College.



BIDISH SARMA - Valedictorian Awards: National Merit Scholarship Finalist, John S. Knight Scholar, AP Scholar. Activities: Debate team co-captain, Model UN president, Forensics team co-captain, DECA, Varsity Tennis team. Parents: P.N. and Jeevi Sarma. Future Plans: University of Michigan, Political Science/Law.



ERIC SAUNER - Valedictorian Awards: Timothy Award for Outstanding Leadership, Service, and Commitment, Academic All-Conference. Activities: Cross Country, Track, FIRST Robotics, Marching Band, National Honor Society. Parents: Curt and Anita Sauner. Future Plans: University of Notre Dame, Chemical Engineering.



MELISSA SCHNEIDER - Valedictorian Awards: MEAP Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa, President's Award for Excellence. Activities: Varsity Swim team, Band, SADD vice president, National Honor Society member. Parents: Charles and Patricia Schneider. Future Plans: Northwestern University for Psychology.



PRACHI SHAH - Valedictorian Awards: Michigan Merit Award, University of Michigan Regent's Scholarship. Activities: Spanish Club president, Interact Club vice-president, National Honor Society, Gujarati Samaj Youth vice-president. Parents: Deepak and Usha Shah. Future Plans: University of Michigan for Business.



LARISSA SAWAST - Valedictorian Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society, Regional Scholastic Art Award, Academic All-Conference Awards. Activities: Track, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Youth Group. Parents: John and Fay Sawast. Future Plans: University of Michigan for Business Administration.



STEPHEN SZWAST - Valedictorian Awards: Broad Business Student Camp Scholarship at Michigan State University. Activities: DECA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Track, Wrestling. Parents: John and Fay Sawast. Future Plans: University of Michigan for Accounting-MBA.



YUKO TANAKA - Valedictorian Parents: Sachio and Keiko Tanaka. Future Plans: Yuko returned to a Japanese University to study medicine after she finished NHS in January.



ALLISON TINGWALL - Valedictorian Awards: National Merit Commended Scholar, University of Michigan Regent's Scholarship, Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete. Activities: Student Council president, National Honor Society vice-president. Parents: John and Carol Tingwall. Future Plans: University of Michigan for Electrical Engineering.



MICHAEL WANG - Valedictorian Awards: National Merit Finalist, University of Pennsylvania Trustee Scholar, University of Pennsylvania Honors Scholar. Activities: Varsity Track Captain, French Club Secretary, Model UN. Parents: Gay Wang and Betty Wang. Future Plans: University of Pennsylvania for Business and Engineering.



ALEXANDER WONG - Valedictorian Awards: Michigan Merit Award, U of M Regent's Scholarship, Academic Letter and Bar. Activities: National Honor Society, FIRST Robotics, Science Club, French Club, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and volunteer work. Parents: Delan and Betty Wong. Future Plans: University of Michigan for Chemical Engineering.



JULIE WUERTH - Valedictorian Awards: Michigan Merit Award, Phi Beta Kappa, Sparty Award for Journalism. Activities: Editor in chief of the Wildcat Roar, Thespian Troupe Secretary for Drama, Debate team. Parents: Steven and Anne Wuerth. Future Plans: Michigan State University for Journalism/Communications.



LISA YIN - Valedictorian Awards: Trustee Scholarship to University of Pennsylvania, National Merit Finalist. Activities: International Club Co-President, National Honor Society, DECA, Varsity Golf. Parents: Zhanghe and Zheng Qian. Future Plans: University of Pennsylvania for International Business.



JESSICA ZHOU - Valedictorian Awards: National Merit Scholar, U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad National Semi-Finalist. Activities: Interact Club Treasurer, National Honor Society Treasurer, Golf team. Parents: Joe and Junying Zhou. Future Plans: Harvard University for Pre-Medicine.



ELISA BALON - Salutatorian Awards: Regent's Scholarship at Eastern Michigan University. Activities: Drama club, French club treasurer, Marching Band, Interlochen Arts Camp. Parents: Michael and Denise Balon. Future Plans: Eastern Michigan University for Music Education.



ELLEN CYNAR - Salutatorian Awards: Lewis & Clark Dean's Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award. Activities: Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society Secretary, Drama and Theatre. Parents: Mark Cynar and MaryKay Marks. Future Plans: Lewis & Clark College, for International Affairs.



BREANNE HEPPNER - Salutatorian Awards: George Lawton Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence. Activities: DECA, National Honor Society, USFSA Figure Skating. Parents: John Heppner and Terry and David Margolis. Future Plans: Miami University for Marketing.



ASIM KAGZI - Salutatorian Awards: U of M Regent's Scholar Award, MEAP Award, All HVC FIRST team. Activities: Varsity Tennis, Science Club, National Honor Society, volunteer at Novi Public Library. Parents: Mohammed and Shabanez Kagzi. Future Plans: University of Michigan for Pre-Medicine.

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ANDREA KALTZ - Salutatorian Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, Western Michigan University Academic Scholarship. Activities: Student Council, Novi's Art Program, volunteer tutor. Parents: Barry and Nancy Kaltz. Future Plans: Western Michigan University, Lee Honors College.



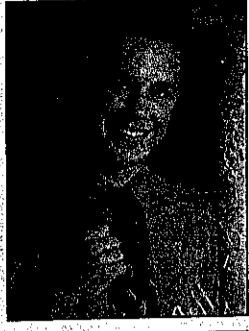
ANGHELINA - Salutatorian Awards: Academic Letter. Activities: Photo Club, Drama and Theater, Youth Group at church, Worship Band Leader. Parents: Mike and Mary King. Future Plans: Judson College for Worship Arts.



JILLENNE OBERTS - Salutatorian Awards: Honor Camper at Interlochen, Best Jazz Soloist Runner Up at St. Louis Competition. Activities: Western Michigan All-Star Band, U of M Youth Band, Interlochen All-State. Parents: Roger and Ann Oberts. Future Plans: Michigan State University.



NICHOLAS PERUSKI - Salutatorian Awards: Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, President's Student Service Award. Activities: French Club Vice-President, Wildcat Roar School Newspaper. Parents: Jerry and Laurie Peruski. Future Plans: Michigan State University.



JEFFREY PITCHER - Salutatorian Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, MEAP Scholarship, Summa Cum Laude. Activities: Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, Vacation Bible School worker, Youth Group. Parents: Mark and Janet Picher. Future Plans: Western Michigan University for Engineering.



MICHELLE RZEPKA - Salutatorian Awards: Set three school Track records: Basketball and Volleyball Awards, Academic Letter and Bar. Activities: Volleyball Captain, Track, Basketball. Parents: David and Holly Rzepka. Future Plans: Michigan State University for Secondary Education.

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- STUDENT POPULATION GROWTH**- Novi's explosive rate of development has resulted in a growing student population which is straining our present facilities. The bond proposal will:
 - Expand Novi High School to accommodate 2400 students
 - Reconstruct and expand Novi High School pool to comply with code requirements
 - Renovate and repair the cafeteria and older portions of the high school
 - Expand and renovate Novi Woods Elementary School
 - Expand and renovate the media centers at Orchard Hills and Village Oaks Elementary Schools
 - Construct tennis and basketball courts, walkways and a concession stand at Novi Middle School.
- LAND PURCHASE**- Novi Community School District purchased the 74-acre Bosco land parcel to plan for future needs. Scarcity of land in Novi made this a "must buy" situation.
- HEADLEE OVERRIDE**- The Headlee Override returns the non-home-stead millage to 18 mills but does not affect residential property owners. It simply increases businesses fair share of tax assessments.
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Novi School Briefs

NHS Student Appointed To United States Military Academy

Novi High School senior Charles Staab was presented with an appointment to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, by Lt. Colonel George Baker, US Army Reserve, stating that Staab was one of only 300 students nationwide from 11,900 applications given the opportunity. Staab will report to Fort Monmouth on July 13, 2001. Following his year at USMAPS, Staab will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

West Point offers a fully paid four-year college scholarship valued well in excess of a quarter of a million dollars. This year over 13,000 applicants from across the country competed for an appointment to USMA and USMAPS. Each candidate must receive a nomination from a member of Congress or the Vice President of the U.S. Staab was nominated by West Point for an appointment. Staab received his nomination from the U.S. Representative Joe Knollenberg.

In addition to being honored with his appointment to USMAPS, Staab was honored with a Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, for serving as Senior Class President, and for graduating Cum Laude in a class of 370 students.

NHS Student Place in Top 20 on U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad
Novi High School senior Jessica Zhou recently placed among the top 20 on the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Exam. This honor qualifies Zhou to attend a study camp at the US

Air Force Academy in June, and to compete for one of four spots on this year's U.S. Chemistry Olympiad Team which will compete internationally in July. The 33rd International Chemistry Olympiad involves high school students from over thirty countries which compete in both theoretical and laboratory competition. The U.S. Chemistry Olympiad Team is organized and sponsored by the American Chemical Society. This marks the second year in a row that Zhou has qualified to attend the USNCO study camp. She qualified to take the national examination by placing as one of the top ten students on this year's Detroit Section Examination of the U.S. Chemistry Olympiad. Zhou has received the top score on this exam the past two years. Overall, the NHS Chemistry Olympiad Team was recognized

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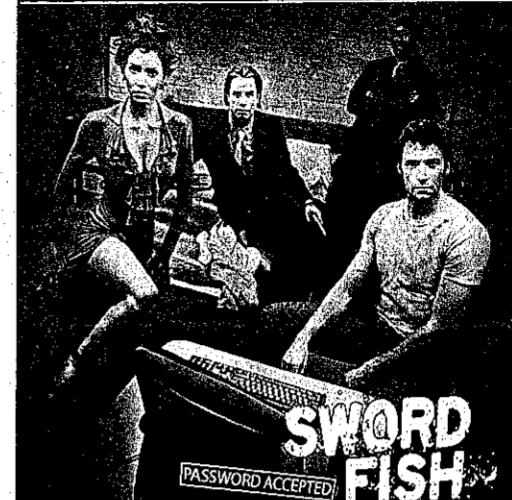
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as the top school at the Detroit Section Examination which includes all school in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Novi placed seven students in the top 20 on this exam. Eric Liao and David Preston joined Zhou in the top five, and had the honor to sit the national exam. Mike Wang, Sven Nyberg, Eric Saurer, and Alexander Wong were awarded runner-up recognition for their outstanding results on this year's exam.

Five NHS Students Win National Merit Scholarships
Five Novi High School seniors: Karen Andrews, Bidish Sarma, Michael Wang, Yin Yin, and Jessica Zhou were among 2,500 outstanding high school students who won National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships. These academic champions were chosen from a group of approximately 15,000 scholastically talented finalists in the 2001 National Merit Scholarship Program. The Merit Scholars are the finalists judged to have the greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies. All finalists compete for the "National" awards, and winners are named in every state, in numbers based on the state's percentage of the national total.

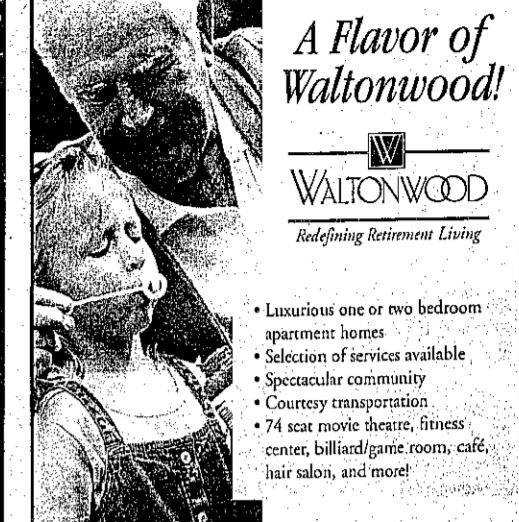
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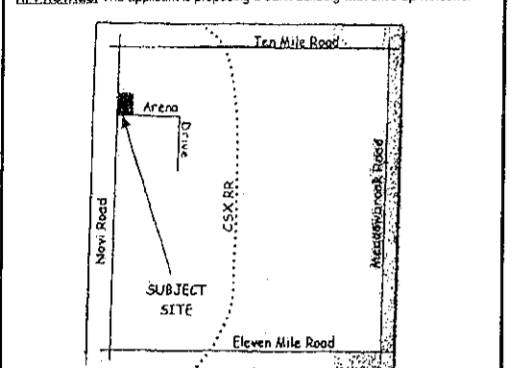
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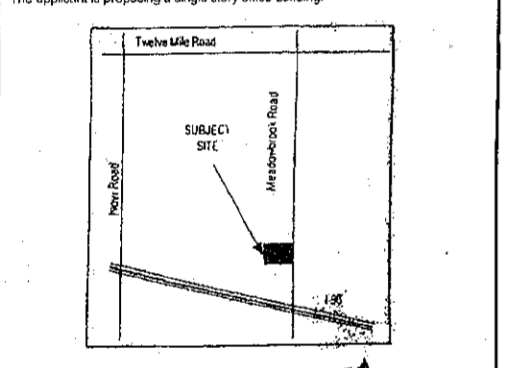


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2001.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2001.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS WEED CUTTING/MOWING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Weed Cutting/Mowing according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages will be available at the Pre-Bid Meeting.

An optional pre-bid meeting will be held Thursday, June 14, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375-3024.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, Thursday, June 21, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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

If 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) 347-0455 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at www.ci.novi.mi.us to print out an application. Please submit your application by Tuesday, June 5, 2001 to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each; all City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2001-02 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 21, 2001 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2001-02 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2001-2002 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 12, 2001, a copy of the proposed budget will be available during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Bullard seeks to expand visitation rights

By RANDAL YAKAY Staff Writer

A new piece of legislation may give visitation rights to grandparents of children born out-of-wedlock.

Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland) said the new bill would outline rules for visitation.

"My intent was to clarify but a lot of people want to reargue this issue," Bullard said. "The law did not approve of time for out-of-wedlock children."

That 1995 bill did not provide for visitation rights for grandparents of out-of-wedlock children. The legislation is expected to outline when a grandparent of out-of-wedlock children may step in as legal guardian in cases of child neglect or endangerment.

Bullard said extended family roles played a part in bringing about the revision. The bill is expected to go into the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services for further review.

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and closed on Sunday during the summer. It is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Tall. For more information, call 349-0720.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Senior book lovers are reading "The Music Lesson" by Katharine Weber. The senior group will meet in the library meeting room on Thursday, June 14 at noon.

"ALL ABOUT EVE"
The library will show the 1950 drama "All About Eve," starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. No advance registration is required for this free program.

"HIGH NOON"
The library will show the classic 1952 western, "High Noon" starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly on Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. No advance registration is required for this free program, which will be held in the library meeting room.

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Join us for a live concert by the Keller/Kocher Quartet, featuring four of Detroit's best jazz musicians on piano, bass, drums, and vibraphone. The free concert will be held in the library meeting room on Sunday, June 24 at 3 p.m. No advance registration is required.

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NOVI SCHOOL BOND AND BOARD ELECTION 2001

Both Novi trustees run unopposed



On Monday, June 11, voters will decide upon the proposals for a Novi school bond and for Board of Education candidates; both John Balagna and John Streit are running unopposed.



John Balagna



John Streit

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BOND PROPOSALS
The community will vote on a \$75.6 million dollar bond issue June 11 for space and technology needs. If the school bond fails, what will Novi schools look like fifteen years from now? Is there a contingency plan?

I look forward to the successful passing of this bond proposal. If this proposal does not pass, the board of education can always reconvene the Blue Ribbon Task Force to review the proposal and make suggestions on eliminating certain elements of the proposal and ask the community to vote on a revised plan.

As the Blue Ribbon Committee pointed out, additional space at the High School and other buildings is a necessity. We also know that although our technology is better utilized than it is in many other districts, it is imperative that we upgrade our technology. Many pieces of hardware are 5-8 years old. I am a positive thinker and believe the citizens of the district will weigh the benefits and approve all three school issues on the June 11 ballot.

Two trustees' seats open for Novi board

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Aside from the district's three ballot proposals, voters on Monday will also elect to fill two open seats on the Novi Board of Education.

The two incumbent candidates, John Balagna and John Streit, are running unopposed. Both will serve for four years on the board.

Balagna, the board's current vice-president, has been a board member since 1995. Balagna moved to Novi in 1971, and is a former member of the city's planning commission and a past chairman of the parks and recreation commission. The incumbent has had three children go through the Novi school system.

Streit, a current board trustee, has been on the Novi Board of Education for 11 years. He has been a Novi resident for the past 29 years and currently works in the Livonia Public School system as a media center specialist.

During his time spent on the board, Streit said some of his goals have been special education equity, building needs, and maintaining financial stability.

"I have worked towards these goals in my years on the board and I am committed to continued progress for Novi Community Schools," Streit said.

The two candidates were the only residents to make the April 11 deadline to file petitions for the open seats.

Election day is slated for June 11. Those Novi school district residents interested in voting must have been registered to do so by May 14.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108, or at sfordyce@ht.hometown.com.

Included in the bond issue is an \$8.5 million purchase for 74 acres of land, which the district has already bought. Now that a second high school is no longer planned, what do you think should be done with the Bosco property?

A decision was made not to construct a second High School. This does not mean we do not need the Bosco property. At a later date, with a future Board of Education, it could be determined to construct a second High School. I look at this property as being for the entire community. When the school district purchased the Fuerst Property for a new high school, I do not believe the board planned for all the activity that is currently on the site.

Presently and in the foreseeable future, there will continue to be growth in Novi. Hence, the district will need at least one more additional elementary school. Our Blue Ribbon Committee acknowledged that need. Other educational needs for the community might include: an Intergenerational Educational Facility, a permanent community education center, alternative education facilities, and even some sort of day care facility.

The community will also be voting on a dedicated building and site millage of 1/2 mill to protect district assets. Why is this so important for the district? What specifically will be done with the money?

The dedicated mill is to protect our current assets. Our district has great facilities we need to protect and maintain. This mill for 10 years will only be used for repair and maintenance, not for operations. The community is pleased with all of the school buildings, athletic fields, and parking lots that we currently have. I believe that the community wants to maintain these facilities.

The money is necessary to maintain functionally, meaning costly repairs or replacement, of our buildings and property. The investments in our properties and facilities is high and it is good management to maintain quality environments and inter-curricular sites. The total list of maintenance is quite lengthy. As homeowners we also maintain our home, repair the roof, replace a refrigerator, etc. to maintain the value of the real estate.

The community will also vote on a headlee override to return non-homesated millage to 18 mills. What effect will this have on our schools? Why is it important and how will our students benefit from it? How will they lose without it?

The Headlee override allows the district to levy the full millage of 18 mills on non-homesated property. This proposal has no millage increase to residents.

The Headlee amendment is an integral part of the State's aid to school programs. The amount designated in this amendment directly affects Novi's general operating fund. In my opinion, a quirk in the law has rendered this amendment detrimental to Novi's revenue. By returning the non-homesated millage to the State allowed 18 mills, our excellence in education will be able to continue. Remember that this override does not affect a homeowner's tax.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
In light of the upcoming district proposals, should Novi find ways to be more self-supporting and what would those methods be? Is it necessary?

The district has always looked at ways to become more self-supporting. We have the Novi Education Foundation which provides financial assistance to classroom teachers. We have Parent/Teacher Organizations which also provide financial assistance. Booster programs and student organizations also raise funds.

As a Board, together with the Administration we are extremely aware of our fiscal responsibility to the citizens of Novi. We continually evaluate our finances and are always looking for ways to save money and best utilize. Based on receipts from the State, that is why passage of the Headlee override on June 11 is important as it will increase the district millage revenue.

AVOID OVERBUILDING
It is well known that the district's population is on the rise. However, with the massive student population boom and building of schools that go with it, how can the district prevent overbuilding?

Preventing overbuilding is what this district attempted to do with the Blue Ribbon Task Force committee. The discussion on a new high school and remodeling the current high school was an exercise in not overbuilding. The task force recommended an additional elementary school. However, it was determined that this additional elementary school would be overbuilding.

During my tenure on the Board, the district has been very careful and prudent in regards to the addition of new building in Novi, modifying and erecting only as our projections indicate. This is why we have and will be improving the elementary buildings. The Middle School will meet future needs as will Novi Meadows because of the just completed renovations. I have seen firsthand the results of overbuilding and will be continually cautious of any future building plans that can not continue to be utilized.

CURRICULUM
Assess the district's curriculum. What are its strengths? What are its weaknesses? Where could it be improved?

We have a very strong curriculum which meets the needs of our students such as: Advance placement programs, Career technology programs, Special Education.

Novi's curriculum is already quite extensive. It's strength is in its design to meet the needs of all students. That is not to say improvement, upgrading and additional curricula are not necessary. School-to-work and technical skills are areas that would seem to meet and be a part of today's societal needs.

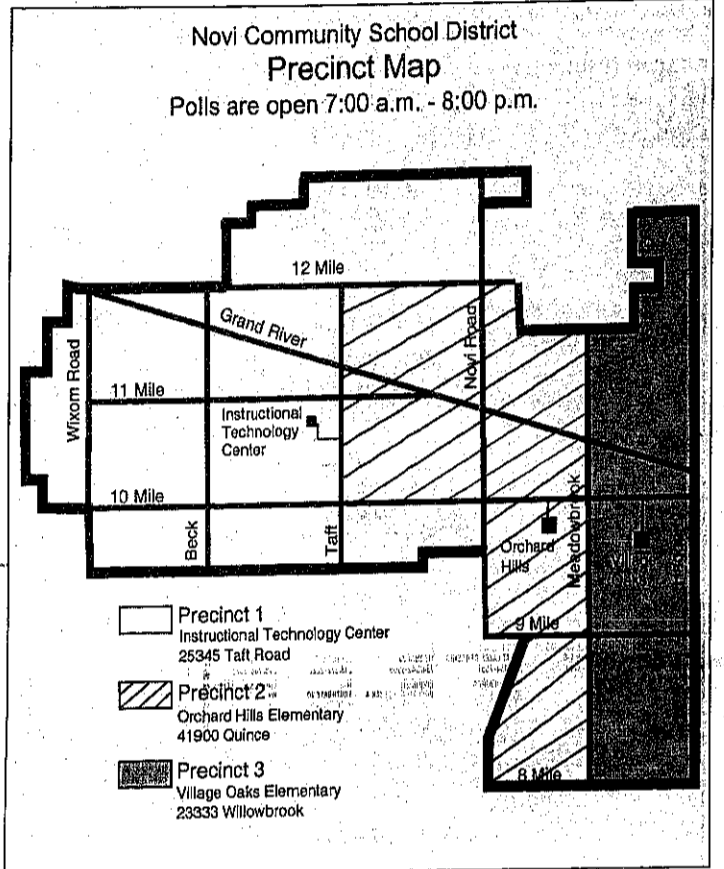
EDUCATION THEORIES
There was much debate this year on the issue of sex education in our schools. What is your view on the district's recently adopted health curriculum and what things, if any, do you think could be improved?

The district recently adopted a revised health curriculum. I was in support of the revisions. These revisions are more consistent with our current health program. The revisions were more of a fine tuning of a well developed program.

GOALS
What will be your goal(s) for the school district in the next few years?

The goal of the school board is to keep the district on track and to provide the best possible education for all students. The board must continue to meet the needs of all students. A major goal for the board in 2001 is to keep the upcoming bond proposal on track, once it is approved.

Goals are to help ensure continued quality learning and life skills for all Novi students, and continue special education equity, completing the building needs for the district, and maintaining financial stability.



WHERE TO VOTE
Polls for the June 11 school election and bond will be open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The three precinct locations are: Orchard Hills Elementary located at 41900 Quince Street, between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads, the Instructional Technology Center located at 23345 Taft Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads, and Village Oaks Elementary at 23333 Willowbrook.

Residents, govt. officials voice opinions on bond

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Novi Mayor Richard Clark and city manager Richard Heilig, have thrown their support behind the upcoming school bond and millage proposals.

"A strong community begins with strong schools, and the best thing we can do is invest in our young people's education," said Heilig. "These proposals will result in better education and stronger property values for our residents."

Clark said while boundary lines force him to vote in the Northville Public School District, he is nonetheless in support of the June 11 ballot. Novi residents who belong to the Northville School District will not be affected by the passage of the proposals.

"While I won't be able to vote, I strongly believe in what our schools are proposing," he said.

"I think it's a matter of record that Novi has some of the finest schools in the country. Continued recognition at both the state and national level confirms that."

School bond supporter Mary Catherine Hill said she will also be backing the proposals. "While we don't have children in the schools, we have grandchildren, and their education is equally important to us," she said. But not all residents are convinced.

Esther Kerr, who has two children in the Novi School District, said she will not be voting in favor of any proposals that will raise her taxes.

"It's just too much money," said the 28-year resident. "The cost of living in Novi has gone up and our paychecks haven't."

Kerr said she realizes there is a population problem at the high school and supports the expansion, however, it was other items on the bond issue that were raising concern.

"I am sorry to hear what's happening at the high school, but these other items, like the purchase of property — it's just too much on one line," she said.

Kerr said she'd like to see the district steer clear from making building improvements and focus more on enhancing instruction.

"I think there should more emphasis on the basics, like reading and math, not on construction," she said.

Resident Pat Orlando said she is also voting against the bond for the same reasons as Kerr. "There's too much pork in the pot," she said. "I see a need at the high school, but these other things like buying property and athletic improvements at the middle school are not necessary right now. I think they should have done something about the high school a long time ago."

Voters will go to the polls on Monday, June 11.

In order to pass, each proposal needs only a simple majority to win. For example, if 100 people vote, 51 are needed to pass.

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Cassis to visit White House

By RANDAL YAKE Staff Writer

She is one of Michigan's top tax advocates and now she's on her way to the biggest tax-cutting party in America.

Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) will attend the signing of the President George W. Bush's tax relief plan today in Washington D.C.

"You know I have been supporting tax cuts for some time now," Cassis said.

Cassis, who chairs the House State Tax Policy Committee, is going as part of a select group invited by the president to attend the ceremony. Cassis introduced State House Resolution 33 that urged Congress to enact the president's tax-cut plan.

"It's a tremendous honor to represent Michigan at this truly historic event," Cassis said Tuesday from her Lansing office. "President Bush's plan will give the national economy a well-timed boost by putting more money in the hands of all consumers. His (Bush's) across-the-board approach is right for America, right for our economy and

right for Michigan families." Cassis, who has shepherded several tax cut incentives through the state legislature, is currently working on several more including a "tax holiday" that would give parents a tax break on "back to school" clothing. Cassis, who has admittedly come up against opposition for the plan even in her own party, has often been an advocate for tax relief.

Why did she get asked and not one of the other representatives in Lansing? Cassis says it may have been her meeting with United States Sen. Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) two years ago.

"Candice Miller was supposed to introduce them at a rally in Macon County," Cassis said. "I had to step in when she couldn't make it. And Trent Lott said 'Ma'am', in his southern drawl. We need you to come down and tell us on our Ways and Means Committee."

The \$1.3 trillion federal tax cuts is the largest tax cut since the cuts proposed by former President Ronald Reagan in the early 1980s.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Vote 'Yes' for schools

If you don't build it, they still come. Currently about 6,000 students attend schools in the Novi school district - the population has doubled in the past 15 years - and officials believe that number will be around 7,000 by the year 2005.

With that said, we urge voters of the Novi Community School District to vote yes on June 11.

If we want our property values to stay high and our children to continue meeting academic standards, winning awards and scholarships and competing successfully with children from other school districts, we must stand behind this bond proposal.

The first proposal, the \$75 million bond, would fund added classrooms needed to alleviate overcrowding and address the population growth that is expected to continue for the next five to ten years.

It is well-known that smaller class size makes a difference in students' educational performance, because it allows for more individual attention.

The bond would also provide space for progressive programs needed to keep students of Novi competitive with those in other districts.

Technology upgrades included in the bond would allow the district to install new computers, which would help students acquire the job skills needed in an economy that is increasingly dependent on technology.

Students must get on the path to getting these skills at an early age, or they will be left behind, especially when technology is

becoming increasingly complex. The measure also funds district-wide renovations which are crucial to bringing the district's older schools into the 21st century.

With the proposed dedicated building and site millage, we can ensure that our 21st century schools will be able to function in the 31st century.

At \$50 a year for ten years, this would allow our district's operating budget to fully be utilized for personnel and programs.

The Headlee override would not affect homeowners and would restore local business and commercial taxes to state funding regulations - bringing our schools needed income as more students come into the district.

We acknowledge that with increased financial strains residents face due to increasing taxes and other costs of living, another vote to raise taxes is tough to swallow. Indeed this may not be the most ideal situation.

taxes and other costs of living, another vote to raise taxes is tough to swallow. Indeed, this may not be the most ideal situation for the city, for the school district and certainly not for residents.

The looming city lawsuit, the road bond proposal and now the school district all ask or could ask for taxpayers hard earned money.

However, the need for students to learn in a conducive setting and to continue with the pride and prestige Novi Schools has had in the last several years, it is necessary to vote yes on this proposal.

VOTE YES ON JUNE 11.

Public Access show

Life Talk, a monthly profile video news update, will air every Monday on local cable access Channel 12 at 9 p.m. Channel 12 is available in Novi, Farmington Hills, and Farmington.

Rosemarie Denton Novi

Superintendent explains bond proposal

The purpose of this letter is to underscore the importance of the three ballot proposals presented to the residents of the Novi Community School District on June 11.

The extreme importance of each of the three proposals can be simply stated: The approval of each of the proposals is essential if the community expects the quality of the school district to remain at a high level. Let me explain why.

First, this proposal will provide additional space for our expanding student body, especially at the high school where enrollment is expected to grow from 1,650 to 2,400 students in the next 10 years.

Second, Proposal 1 will also allow the district to update and enhance the technology available for student use as an important learning tool in all of our schools.

Third, the proposal also allows for the enlargement of our warehouse building and transportation garage area to accommodate more buses. In addition, knowing that land is required for future student growth, this proposal will also pay for the land that was recently purchased by the school district.

Proposal 2 provides for a one-half mill for a dedicated sinking fund to be used solely for keeping our buildings and school sites in good repair. There are two reasons why this proposal is so important to the school district. The first reason is that we have over 25 percent more property to take care of because we have constructed two new buildings, and provided upgraded and additional playground and athletic facilities over the last several years.

The second reason as stated in a recent Standard and Poor's report, is that over a three-year period, our state revenue per pupil has increased by only one percent. The Board of Education would be responsible for making up the difference. It is becoming extremely difficult to keep our building school sites in good repair when our annual state aid increases continue to be small.

Proposal 3: This proposal is perhaps the easiest for people to understand, and accept because it represents no increase (yes, that is correct, zero increase) in homeowner taxes. The proposal simply allows the school district to continue levying 18 mills on business and commercial property in the school district, as provided by law, if the millage levy is below 18 mills, because of the Headlee Impact, the state does not give us full state aid per pupil. As a result, Novi schools last \$250,000 in revenue this year and years.

As you can see by these explanations, each of the three proposals appearing on the ballot on June 11 is important to the school district for different reasons. Proposal 1 will provide space for your children; Proposal 2 will keep the building and sites in good repair; and Proposal 3 will allow the school district to receive full state aid for each pupil and help maintain our student programs.

The bottom line for the June 11 ballot proposals is this: All three proposals are extremely important for the Novi Community School District if we are to continue providing a quality education for your children. You, as school district residents, can individually make a difference.

Emmett Lippe Superintendent of Novi Schools

From the bottom of their hearts

We, the parents and students of Orchard Hills Elementary School want to extend our deepest gratitude to two great women who are retiring from the board of our Parent Teacher Organization.

Michelle Sankovic, president and Dorothy Laird, vice president have served on our PTO board faithfully for five and four years, respectively.

While the price of the proposals is high, the price for ignoring them will be higher. None of us wants to see our property values decline. None of us wants to see educational programming cut. None of us wants to compromise on our children's future.

This is our opportunity to work together toward a shared goal. Quality education is vital to a community and we can not expect excellence unless we are willing to contribute to it. Vote yes on Monday, June 11.

Pam Superfisky, High School parent representative; Katy Angesk, High School parent representative; Denise Nussbaum, Middle School PTO president; Susan Duda, Novi Meadows PTO president; Cathy Reilly, Deerfield Community Council president

Michelle Sanhovic, Orchard Hills PTO president; Laurie Hildreth, Parkview PTO president; Alison Murray, Village Oaks PTO president

Another yes vote

The Novi Community School District administration has always had a vision for our students to keep them on the cutting edge of distinction. We, as a community, have graciously supported this vision in the past and I urge everyone to continue their generous support on Monday, June 11th.

The Technology part of the Bonds "vital." What's little known is that the computers, software and equipment in each of the buildings dates back to the late 1970's and early 1980's.

These land negotiations occurred coincidentally to the debate over the future of high schools. Even though the matters appear related, the events occurred in parallel. The land purchase was made solely to ensure to future Boards of Education, and more importantly, to the wider Novi community, that there would be space for any future educational needs. No one knows what the school district's situation might change. We might face the unlikely event of the land becoming unnecessary; in that case it can always be sold to pay down the debt.

The Board of Education would be responsible for making up the difference. It is becoming extremely difficult to keep our building school sites in good repair when our annual state aid increases continue to be small. We believe it is important to protect and sites for use by your children.

Chris Coy-Burt Novi

Lakes Area Citizens Academy

I recently completed the Spring 2001 Lakes Area Citizens' Police Academy, which is intended to explain and demonstrate to citizens the workings of the criminal justice system and how the various agencies interact.

I want to thank the police departments of Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake and South Lyon for conducting this innovative and informative program, and encourage citizens to consider attendance in the Fall 2001 session.

Ed Schlaf Wixom

Bond Proposal worth what it is asking for

The Novi Community School District and Board of Education, with their June 11th school bond proposals, ask a lot of us. They ask us to support quality education. They ask us to take an active, positive role in our children's lives. They ask us to plan for the future.

And certainly, we as residents in Novi, Michigan are not going to let our children's future be sacrificed.

Development has many sides

My home is along the M-14 corridor that links the suburbs of western Wayne County with the relatively undeveloped areas of Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Once plucky rural signs of development are cropping up all over.

The rich guy from Oakland County has just moved into his 14,000-square-foot starter home at the end of the road, complete with a gate-house and a jet d'eau and a pair of mute swans in his pond. A new subdivision is complete with an inviting picture of a country landscape at the entrance - is going in just north of two new and truly hideous big houses, complete with gingerbread on every available surface.

Caught in the middle are local governments, especially zoning authorities, who have master plans and an obligation to follow them but who are terrified of being sued to the breaking point should they deny developers the rezoning or use permits they seek.

Here are three starting points for a commonsense approach to this tangled subject. Plainly, neither the automatic pro-development nor the reflexive anti-development position can contribute much to useful discussion of this issue. A constructive re-framing might be for everybody to recognize that in many areas development is inevitable, so the discussion really ought to revolve around how best to manage the growth that is certain to come.

Michigan's Constitution puts a big barrier in the way. We are a "home rule" state, which means in practice that municipalities and, especially, townships, are free to adopt whatever zoning ordinances they wish, regardless of what their immediate neighbors happen to do.

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On the other hand are the pro-development folks, who never saw a development proposal they didn't like. Trampling slogans about private property rights and sneering at tree-hugger religiosity support any proposed development, preferably with a rationalized public subsidy to gain revenue for the local tax base.

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Immunizing zoning boards against frivolous lawsuits brought by deep-pocketed developers when things don't go their way. Lastly, there are certain areas of the state that simply should be preserved from development. The Michigan Nature Conservancy, at 31,000 members one of the largest conservation organizations in the state, is in the process of unveiling a program that prioritizes threatened eco-systems according to hard scientific analysis. The Conservancy works with landowners who wish to place a "conservation easement" on their property, thereby preventing development for all time.

Obviously, issues of sprawl are complicated, intensely local and often very difficult to resolve. They deserve higher priority in Michigan's public policy and political circles, if only because they affect so profoundly the intimate details of how we all live our lives.

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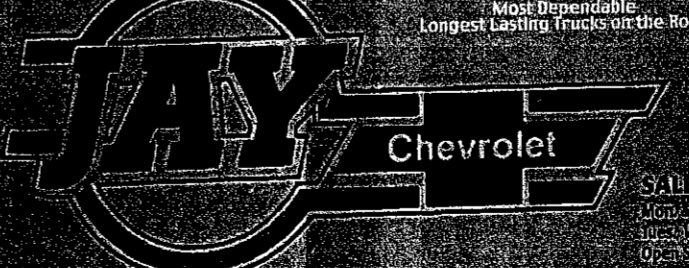
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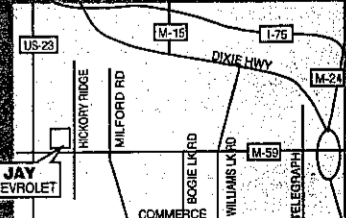
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Monday, May 21
 Medical, 2450 Shawood, 7:51 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 24062 Taft, 8:28 a.m., Squad 3.
 Building fire, 43360 Crescent, 11:37 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Medical, 30880 Beck, 12:29 p.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 27425 Huron Circle, 2:29 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Personal injury accident, Ten Mile and Karim, 3:38 p.m., Squad 1.
 Wires arcing, 42176 Roscommon, 5:24 p.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, Novi and Twelve Mile Road, 5:25 p.m., Squad 1.
 Personal injury accident, Nine Mile and Beck, 5:30 p.m., Squad 4.
 Personal injury accident, 1-96 and Novi, 6:48 p.m., Squad 4.
 Personal injury accident, 1-96 and Novi, 7:02 p.m., Squad 4.
 Fire alarm, 26100 Ingersoll, 9:36 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Medical, 24000 Novi, 10:28 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 25675 Linean, 10:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Tuesday, May 22
 Medical, 41620 Monterey, 3:51 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 24544 Bashian, 5:55 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 8:20 a.m., Squad 3.
 Personal injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:52 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41108 Vincent, 12:52 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 1:29 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 21648 Welch, 1:52 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 41331 Lorne, 3:51 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 43700 Expo Drive, 6:45 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Fire alarm, 41204 Bridge, 6:53 p.m., Engines 2, 3.
 Medical, 122 Althebaum, 6:58 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 7:25 p.m., Squad 3.
Wednesday, May 23
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 8:24 a.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 25400 Novi, 8:28 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Medical, 47250 Novi, 10:13 a.m., Squad 4.
 Trash fire, Thirteen Mile and M-5, 12:09 p.m., Engine 2.
 Personal injury accident, Beck and Grand River, 1:17 p.m., Squads 4, 1.
 Fire alarm, West Oaks and Novi, 3:52 p.m., Engines 2, 3.
 Personal injury accident, Twelve Mile and Cass Trunks, 3:59 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 9:30 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 42017 Loganberry Ridge, 10:10 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 11:40 p.m., Squad 1.
Thursday, May 24
 Investigation, 31066 Beachwalk,

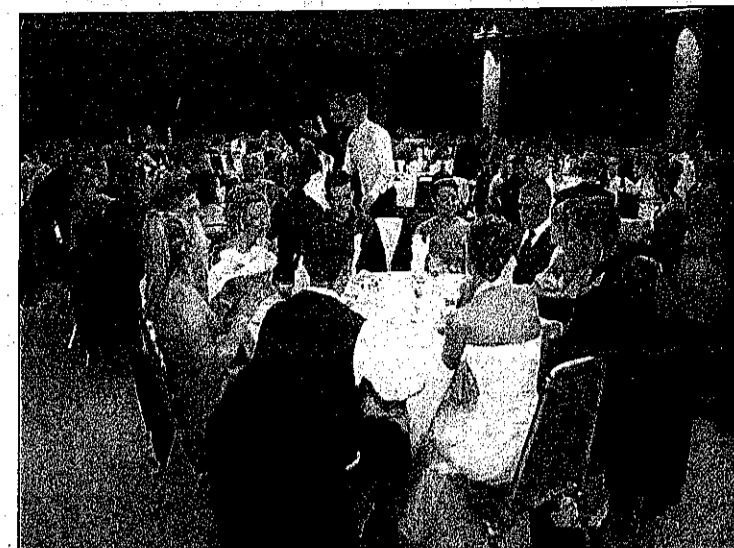
12:05 a.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 31066 Beachwalk, 4:20 a.m., Squad 2.
 Gas leak, 26034 Curton, 8:35 a.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 30880 Beck, 9:38 a.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 22237 Hazelton, 11:15 a.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, 27073 La Rose, 3:04 p.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 6:14 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
 Service, 42131 Gladwin, 8:06 p.m., Squad 3.
Friday, May 25
 Medical, 31023 Blueridge, 3:13 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 4:54 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 39619 Village Wood, 9:09 a.m., Squad 3.
 Transformer fire, 42374 Cherry Hill, 10:12 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 42102 Fountain Park, 11:51 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Fire Station 3, 3 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, Twelve Mile and Dixon, 5 p.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 43155 Main St., 5:10 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Wires burning, Novi and Galway, 5:32 p.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 7:02 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 21091 Haggerty, 8:01 p.m., Squad 3.
 Investigation, Dridge and Meadowbrook, 8:51 p.m., Engine 1.
Saturday, May 26
 Fire alarm, 23922 Greening, 2:25 a.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 5:14 a.m., Squad 1.
 Investigation, 24375 Haggerty, 6:26 a.m., Engine 1.
 Fire alarm, 26075 Lannys, 9:19 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
 Medical, 27475 Huron, 9:36 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 22756 Buckingham, 11:16 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 25049 Avon Court, 1:14 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 27475 Huron, 2:50 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Main and Market, 6:33 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 31031 Woodstone, 6:35 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 43570 West Oaks, 6:59 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24423 Bashian, 7:09 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24211 Kings Pointe, 8:27 p.m., Squad 1.
Sunday, May 27
 Personal injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 12:27 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 39597 Blakeston, 5:34 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 44675 N. Hills, 9 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi, 12:27 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 3:09 p.m., Squad 1.
 Truck fire, 1-96 and Beck, 6:17 p.m., Engine 4.
Monday, May 28
 Medical, 43388 Ashbury, 9:51 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 44720 Ten Mile Road, 12:06 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 50926 Vermont, 12:47 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 24375 Homestead, 2:49 p.m., Squad 4.
Tuesday, May 29
 Medical, 44490 Eleven Mile Road, 9:12 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 39500 Orchard Hill, 1:42 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 5:20 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 7:15 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 31100 Wellington, 7:27 p.m., Squad 2.
Wednesday, May 30

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Walled Lake Western Prom 2001



Walled Lake Western prom queen Lisa Nauman, right, gets a congratulatory hug from Alex Mohr.



Western students sit down to enjoy their prom dinner.



A group of Walled Lake Western students approach the Burton Manor for their prom.



A couple enjoys a dance at Western's prom.



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Medical, 43700 Expo Drive, 1:16 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 42017 Loganberry Ridge, 4:58 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 39774 Village Wood, 4:47 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fuel spill, Beck and Cheltenham, 4:50 p.m., Engine 4.
 Trash fire, 2215 Old Novi Road, 5:11 p.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 25057 Meadowbrook, 9:21 p.m., Squad 1.
 Personal injury accident, M-5 and I-696, 9:36 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 29954 Montmorency, 11:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Thursday, May 31
 Medical, 22319 Chase Drive, 5:44 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 22351 Connemara, 9:38 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, Twelve Mile and Donelson, 9:58 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 22862 Balcombe, 11:50 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 24313 Kings Pointe, 12:06 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 40737 Heatherbrook, 12:09 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 45110 Byrne Drive, 5:43 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 24403 Old Orchard, 6:41 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41550 Grand River, 7:49 p.m., Squad 1.
 Trash fire, 134 Eubank, 10:43 p.m., Engine 2.
Friday, June 1
 Medical, 31199 Columbia, 5:16 a.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, 8:51 a.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 9:21 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 41294 Carriage Hill, 10:03 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 12:26 p.m., Squad 2.

Personal injury accident, Novi Road and Waverly, 1:42 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45139 Courtview, 1:48 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 43058 Crescent, 2:16 p.m., Squad 1.
Saturday, June 2

Medical, I-96 Rest Area, 3:35 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 30792 Palmer, 9:14 a.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 1:13 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
 House fire, 41540 Fawn Trail, 3:33 p.m., Engines 3, 1.

Medical, 21939 Barclay, 11:20 p.m., Squad 3.
 Sunday, June 3
 Medical, 42784 Brookside, 1:16 a.m., Squad 2.
 Service, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 11:21 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 12:21

p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 2:29 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 1127 South Lake, 3:04 p.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 6:11 p.m., Engines 3, 1.

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A mighty fine fourth for 'Cats

Boys' track team races to a fourth place team finish at MHSAA Division I state finals at Rockford

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

The biggest question for the Novi boys' track team heading into the season was how they could follow up on the best season in school history in 2000. That question was answered in resounding fashion, as the Wildcats racked up 29 points in the Division 1 state finals last weekend, good for a fourth place overall finish.

"We are real excited to have earned the distinction of being the 4th best track team in Division 1 based upon the MHSAA Finals Tournament," said head coach Bob Smith. "It is very difficult to qualify for the state finals in track and field. Once there most schools just hope that one of their athletes will place. Because the competition is so tight, and because the field is so large (over 150 teams), the points earned in the state meet are spread way out."

Smith was pleased with the meet's outcome.

"It is quite an honor to place. Most teams don't score even a single point. For a team to score in more than 1 event is not very common."

The Wildcats not only scored in one event, they scored in four of the five they participated in, placing twice in the 1600m run when Time Moore (4:14.20) placed third, and Eric Walle (4:19.52) placed sixth.

Novi wasted no time getting on the board as the 3,200 meter relay team consisting of Mark Avenius, Moore, Walle, and Chris Toloff ran for a second place time of 7:47.85, only 0.33 seconds behind winner Grand Ledge. That time also smashed the school

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Bob Smith
Novi track coach

record of 7:55.16 that was set during the team's second-place state finish in 1999.

"Grand Ledge ran the fastest 3,200 meters in the history of Division 1 in the State of Michigan. It was real exciting, with all four of our guys running near perfect races," said Smith.

The next race that the 'Cats competed in was the 1,600 meter run. There Moore and Walle's times not only netted the team big points, but were also personal records for the two outstanding runners.

Chris Toloff was up next in the 800m run. The regional champion ran hard down the stretch of the event, and finished with a time of 1:56.81 to place fifth.

After a short layoff, junior Tim Moore hit the track for his best event, the 3,200 meter run. Last year at the state meet, Moore ran a 9:19.4 to take sixth. This time around he shaved more than 10 seconds off his time with a 8:10.78 to finish second behind Rockford's Dathan Ritzenhein, who set new state record with his

time of 8:43.32.

In the last event of the competition Novi sent their 1,600m relay team of A.J. Macdonald, Dan Stevens, Arne Meyer, and Walle up against the rest of the field. And although the team didn't place, the 1,600 meter relay qualified for state finals and ended up running a solid time of 3:30.11.

The top eight finishers score points for their team, and earn state medals as well. Additionally, the top three in each event are recognized as being All-State. This year that significant honor goes to Avenius, Moore, Walle, and Toloff for the placing second in the 3,200 meter relay. Moore also earned All-State in both the 1,600 and 3200 meter runs.

The honors didn't stop there, as Avenius, Walle (twice), and Moore (three times) also earned Academic All-State. In order to achieve such a distinction the athletes have to place in the top eight running, and achieve a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Placing fourth in the state is a monumental achievement, there is no doubt about that. But it almost seems commonplace for a team that has enjoyed so much success in the past season. For a team that didn't win its own conference, or its region, Novi used drive, determination, and the legs of its distance runners to place themselves among the best in Division 1. And with many of their distance runners back next year, the Wildcats should once again be right near the top.

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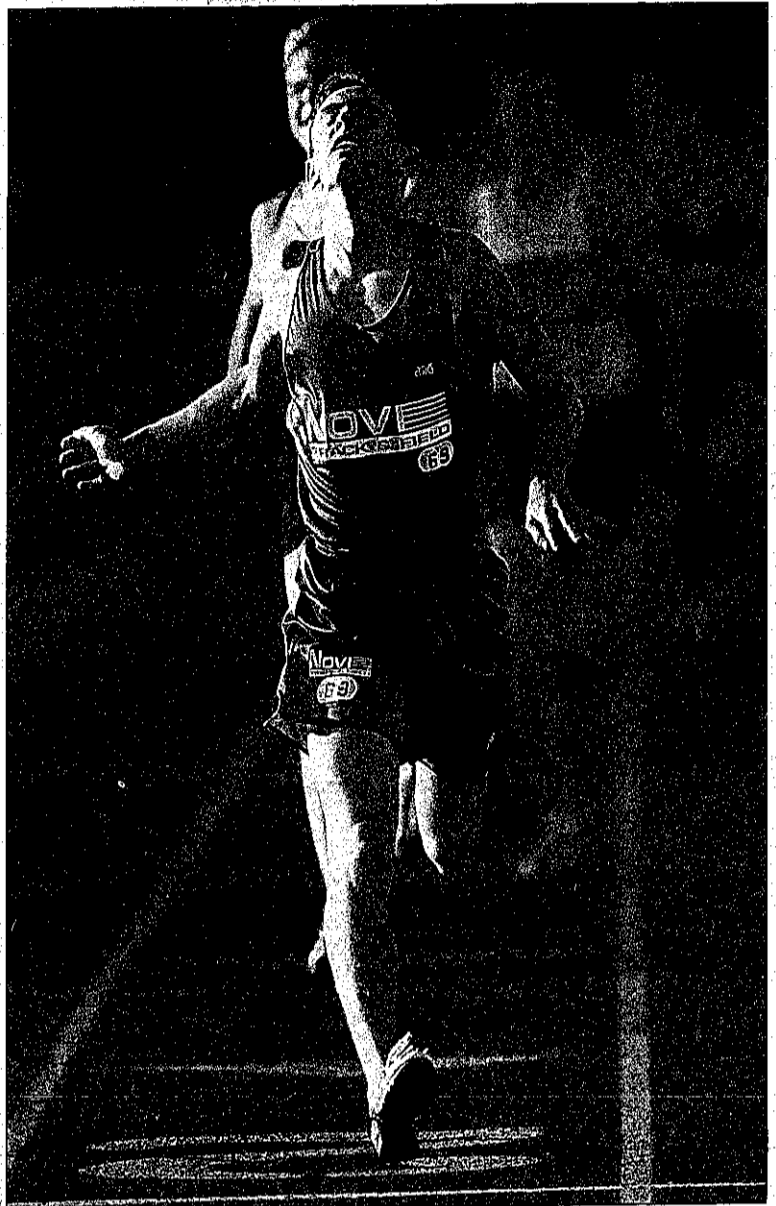


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Novi's Chris Toloff winning the 800m at the Regional competition in Milford. At the state finals, Toloff took fifth in the event with a time of 1:56.81.

Late rally gives Novi district championship

'Cats slide by Northville, Salem and Canton

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
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Last season, they relied on a devastating offensive attack, and stingy pitching staff to win the KVC, district and region. This year, it's been a story of guts, hustle, and clutch play.

By two different means the Novi baseball team has arrived at the same results so far, as the Wildcats rallied from a two-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh to win District 27 by a score of 4-3 over Canton on Tuesday

afternoon.

In the final frame, Ross Hughes started things off with a pinch-hit single. Center fielder Matt Gorman, second on the team in walks, picked the perfect time to get another one, as he worked an 0-2 count, giving the 'Cats men on first and second. Brandon Davis, Novi's hottest player of late, scorched a run-scoring single to bring the score to 3-2. Trey Simpson, the teams RBI leader, put the ball in play, getting the tying run in with a fielder's choice.

The winning run didn't come in

on a blast over the fence, or a double down the line, but fitting

ly, the scrappy Wildcats took advantage of a wild pitch by the Canton hurler to plate the game, and district-winning run.

With the win, Novi advances to the Regionals at Taylor where they will take on Monroe in the first round on Saturday. Should they be successful there, the 'Cats will move on to the Division 1 state quarterfinals in Madison Heights-Bishop.

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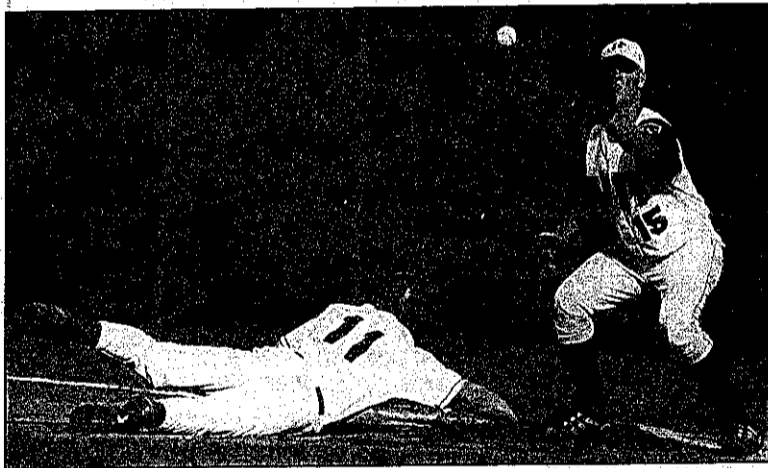


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Wildcat first-baseman Adam Haberman takes a throw from pitcher Brandon Davis keeping Canton's Jim Wisniewski close to the bag in the first inning of Monday's district playoff game.

Wildcats get redemption with 2-0 win over Northville in pre-districts

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

It's funny how one game can erase nearly eight weeks of frustration.

After struggling through a ton of ups and down during an 11-21 season, the Novi softball team whisked it all away when they beat rival Northville 2-0 in a pre-district game on May 26.

So how big was the victory?

"Oh, yeah — it's the biggest win of the season," said head coach Sunny Litteral.

Thanks to a senior and a pair of young middle-infielders, the Mustangs' season is over, and the Wildcats' season stayed alive. Sophomore second baseman Shannon Shrader was on fire at the start of the year, but cooled down as the season wore on. Luckily she found her stroke in this game, as she drove in the only

two runs on a sacrifice fly, and single.

"That's a real clutch performance from such a young player on her first year of varsity softball," said Litteral.

Discussions about Novi softball using the term "clutch" can't go without mentioning freshman shortstop Kendall Hobart. Hobart scored the two Novi runs against Northville, and has been the team's most dangerous weapon from her leadoff spot. For the season she racked up a .402 average, and also lead the team in hits (39), runs (32) and stolen bases (29).

While her teammates gave her two runs to work with, senior Erica Breisacher was masterful on the mound. The right-hander fanned 4 Stangs, and allowed just five hits in the complete game. Breisacher finished the year with an impressive 1.47 ERA.

"It was a defensive battle and a

real pitcher's duel," Litteral said.

Litteral though her girls mental toughness was a key to the big win.

"We are much more mentally tough than we were at the start of the year. We are playing with confidence now, and have been really able to cut down on our mistakes," she said.

Although Novi's season ended to Salem in the next round, on Monday afternoon, the Wildcats can take solace in the fact that they advanced farther than people thought they could, and despite many of the struggles through the year, it was a solid finish that should carry over into next season.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Shannon Shrader fires the ball to first.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi had plenty to smile about when they ended Northville's season with a 2-0 win.

Rzepka torches KVC record with 11' vault

Senior Mickie Rzepka breaks vault record at KVC league meet, places fourth at Division 1 state finals with 10'-3"

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS WRITER

And a senior shall lead them. Pole vaulter, sprinter, athlete extraordinaire Mickie Rzepka has been a pillar of stability for the Novi girls track team to lean on this season, and through her career. So it would be appropriate that the Wildcat senior would be the lone Novi representative at the MHSAA state finals last weekend at Rockford High School. Competing in the pole vault, Rzepka vaulted 10'-3",

good for a share of fourth. To put things in perspective, Rzepka's KVC, school, and personal record of 11'-0" would have broken the state record, but in the state competition, was only good for third. KVC Meet While Rzepka was alone at the state tournament, two weeks earlier on May 16 she was amongst her teammates at the KVC meet. "During our meeting we decided we had to have a goal in mind

coming into this meet," said Novi coach Sue Tomanek. "We knew we only beat two other schools in our conference. Howell and Harland. At this point we were expected to be sixth, but we also knew that we only lost to South Lyon by one point, and so the girls decided that not only do we want to beat Harland and Howell, but really get back at South Lyon to finish fifth." Mission accomplished. Novi racked up a team total of 55 points to finish fifth — five points ahead of the Lions. Margo

Wolowicz, Novi's number two distance runner, didn't race due to illness. "With every effort we had, we went hard at every race and held everything we could and it paid off. We not only performed well, we achieved our goal and that was very satisfying. Despite many odds against us, [the team] did awesome. Our coaching staff was extremely pleased and proud of the effort our athletes put forth for a common goal," said Tomanek.

Some of the bright spots included Bethany Kittle running in four distance events and placing in three (1600m, 3200m, 4x800m relay). Erin Reid placed fourth in the 300m hurdles, Michelle Burke fifth in the discus, in team events, Novi placed fourth in the 4x400m relay (Reid, Anna McDougal, Vidya Mahadevan, Rzepka), and fifth in the 4x800m relay (Mahadevan, Jenny Thompson, Laine Williams, Kittle). In her first league meet of her career, Rzepka gave her best performance. The senior vaulted an extraordinary height of 11'-0" to win the pole vault. That mark broke her own school record, and set a new KVC record. She also had time to place in the 200m dash. "Mickie was amazing and a true inspiration to all of us," Tomanek said.

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Star in the making....

On May 7, 12-year old Novi resident Christina Ruiz (pictured on the right) won the Girls 12 bracket of the Sanford National Columbus Indoor Tennis Tournament. Ruiz defeated her opponent handily by a score of 6-3, 6-1. The win helped Ruiz become the 40th ranked player nationally in her age bracket. Success is nothing new to this Hillside Middle School student. Playing since age four, Ruiz began competing when she was nine. The win at Columbus was her 24th tournament victory and a stepping stone to what she hopes is the road to an illustrious career in the sport of tennis. "It's Christina's passion and life's dream to play professional tennis, or be able to play for the programs at Duke or Stanford Universities," said her mother Susan Ruiz. Christina currently trains out of the Novi Sports Club, and is coached by Northville varsity coach Doug Button and trainer Tony Lyndon.

Scoreboard

SOFTBALL	
Batting Average	
Rudolph (Milford)	.479
Kellepourey (Harland)	.487
Cullen (Harland)	.451
Miossek (Brighton)	.427
Maloney (Lakeland)	.424
Davis (Brighton)	.419
Fulks (Brighton)	.419
Hobart (Novi)	.402
Hits	
Davis (Brighton)	.44
Fulks (Brighton)	.44
Kellepourey (Harland)	.43
Maloney (Lakeland)	.42
K. Richmond (Lakeland)	.41
Hobart (Novi)	.39
Runs	
Davis (Brighton)	.40
Hobart (Novi)	.39
Fulks (Brighton)	.37
Miossek (Brighton)	.34
Tavidian (South Lyon)	.31
Buckless (Brighton)	.28
Vibber (South Lyon)	.26
Stolen Bases	
K. Richmond (Lakeland)	.39
Kellepourey (Harland)	.32
Hobart (Novi)	.29
Stone (Howell)	.24
Johnson (Milford)	.21
Tavidian (South Lyon)	.20
Home Runs	
Fulks (Brighton)	.2
Wilke (Brighton)	.1
Runs Batted In	
Cullen (Harland)	.36
Miller (Harland)	.25
Maloney (Lakeland)	.24

Williams (Harland)	.23
Wilke (Brighton)	.23
L. Lader (Lakeland)	.20
Miossek (Brighton)	.20
Colligan (Novi)	.19
Davis (Brighton)	.19
Stone (Howell)	.19
Innings Pitched	
Tavidian (South Lyon)	186
DeRoche (Brighton)	137.2
Maloney (Lakeland)	117
Wallace (Harland)	115.2
Lewis (Howell)	100.1
Earned Run Average	
DeRoche (Brighton)	.031
Buckless (Brighton)	.039
Tavidian (South Lyon)	.053
Wallace (Harland)	.073
Von Ehr (Harland)	.076
Noren (South Lyon)	.094
Hobart (Novi)	.145
Eisenschlager (Novi)	1.47
Strikeouts	
Tavidian (South Lyon)	309
Wallace (Harland)	213
DeRoche (Brighton)	208
Von Ehr (Harland)	116
Buckless (Brighton)	96
Hobart (Novi)	29
Win-Loss	
Buckless (Brighton)12-0	
K. Richmond (Lakeland)	16-3
DeRoche (Brighton)	17-3
Von Ehr (Harland)	10-2
Tavidian (South Lyon)	16-7
Shutouts	
DeRoche (Brighton)	14
Wallace (Harland)	7
Von Ehr (Harland)	6
Buckless (Brighton)	6
Stolen Bases	
Casparsella (South Lyon)34	
Curry (Howell)33	
Wanner (Lakeland)33	
Boscarrino (Lakeland)31	
Vaughn (Harland)31	
Wiseman (Lakeland)31	
Stolen Bases	
Casparsella (South Lyon)21	
Corman (Novi)21	
Curry (Howell)20	
Vaughn (Harland)20	
Boscarrino (Lakeland)20	

BASEBALL

Batting

Average

Fowlerville	.500
Zion (Milford)	.581
Reynolds (Plymouth)	.473
Lantry (Brighton)	.469
Ollia (Harland)	.460
Hits	
Kern (South Lyon)	47
Bianchette (Harland)	42
Curry (Howell)	41
Vaughn (Harland)	40
Ollia (Harland)	40
Home Runs	
Kern (South Lyon)	6
Walters (Howell) 6	
Ollia (Harland) 6	
Reynolds (Plymouth)	5
Simpson (Novi)	5
Runs Batted In	
Hardin (Lakeland)	39
Kern (South Lyon)	38
Zion (Milford)	30
Boscarrino (Lakeland)	29
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Stolen Bases	
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Curry (Howell)33	
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Wildcats refuse to go down without a fight

Three goals my Nikki Herman not enough, as Canton comes from behind to eliminate green and white from district play

Girls' Soccer

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS WRITER

A game like this is what the playoffs are all about. The four state ranked teams they played this year by a combined score of 23-3 (5-1 to Northville, 5-1, 7-1 to Brighton, and 6-0 to Canton). Novi regrouped in the girls soccer district semi-finals to take sixth ranked Plymouth Salem to double overtime. Despite playing their best game of the season, The Rocks were able to net the game winner in the second extra period, and win 4-3. "This game shows what we will be capable of next year, because we don't have any seniors on the team," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. Salem struck first about 15 minutes into the game, and the early score concerned O'Leary. "This worried me because in all the previous games against good teams when things went wrong we got down on ourselves and things got worse," he said. But any concerns of his team folding would be instantly erased when just a minute later the Wildcats led the game at 1-1 when Nikki Hermann scored on a nice flick pass from Kelly McMann. The two teams would trade fruitless attacks until Salem finally was able to break throughout with about 10 minutes left in the half. The Rocks would make that lead stand, and O'Leary would have loved to win the game, but also noted to his players the importance in playing so well in such a big game against a top flight opponent. "I told the girls that this game

"This game shows what we will be capable of next year because we don't have any seniors on the team...we [will be] capable of being a top 10 team in the state"

FINAL KVC STANDINGS	
1. Brighton	11-0
2. Novi	9-2
3. Pinkney	5-4-1
4. Howell	4-4
5. Harland	4-6-1
6. South Lyon	3-7

is good for our program, the more close games we play in now, the better off we will be in the future. Having all 17 of his players for this game for the first time all year was a factor in the team's play, and shows that the Wildcats can be a top flight team in 2002. "This game shows that next year we are capable of being a top ten team and can play with anybody in the state," said O'Leary. Novi finishes the season with a 12-5-1 overall record. Maureen Pavlak ended with 33 goals and 16 assists for 49 points and Nikki Hermann ended with 27 goals and 19 assists for 46 points. Defensively Nina Schmitt stepped up to become the team's best marking defender and Katie Ales (who had a great game against Salem) showed O'Leary has the ability to be the leader and organizer of the defense. Colby Cavaliere is the sports writer of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104, or at ccavaliere@ht.homecomm.net.

Wildcats continue to rely on heart and determination to get victories

NOVI 17 HOWELL 11
Many baseballs were injured during the making of Novi's 17-11 victory over Howell on May 31. It what was supposed to be a tune-up for districts the next day. Novi swung the bats in vicious fashion. The win was not only the Wildcats' 22nd of the season, but it also clinched the team a share of first place in the KVC. Novi could have clinched the title outright if Milford lost either of their two games against Lakeland Tuesday afternoon. Novi took advantage of six Highlander errors to score 10 runs and chase Howell's starter after only three innings. Brandon Davis continued to be the team's biggest producer as he had a grand slam home run. Senior Brian Swift contributed to the win with three hits and four RBI. Colby Cavaliere is the sports writer of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104, or at ccavaliere@ht.homecomm.net.

Sports and Rec Briefs

LEARN TO SKATE
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Through Novi Community Education, Patrick Schuler, Novi High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach and physical education teacher at Novi Meadows School, will be instructing the following camps this summer:
Novi Wildcat Boys and Girls Basketball Camp (8/10) (Grades 3-9 for the 2001-2002 school year)
Participating in this camp will receive knowledge of the game of basketball, as well as instruction to aid in the development of their playing abilities. Emphasis will be placed on all phases of the game. Students will be grouped according to age, size, and ability. Gym clothes and shoes required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

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(Grades 2-6 for the 2001-2002 school year)
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A Salute To Our Sports Stars



JUSTINE KOZLINA
Fowlerville - Gymnastics
Justine Kozlina, Fowlerville gymnast had her best meet in Fenton. 8.0 took 4th vault & bars. 3rd beam & 3rd all around.



BETHANY BOZEMAN
Hartland Varsity Track - High Jump
"You have finished like a shining star! Continue to give God the glory in all that you do."
Love & Blessings,
Mom, Dad, Anthony & Jennifer



BROOKE BITTNER
Hartland Gymnastics Academy Level 5
On May 6, 2001, Brooke took the Gold Medal on bars at the level 5 state meet. Congratulations State Champion!



TIFFANY LOUGHEAD
Devil Rays
Baseball 1st Baseman
Tiffany loves playing baseball. she wants to play high school baseball, for U of M and maybe onto the Olympics.



BRANDON OLSZEWSKI
Hartland - Basketball Guard
Brandon, you are a great student (all A's) athlete. You made the 7th & 8th grade team basketball, football, and track. We are so proud of you.



LAURA STRATTON
Artistic Roller Skating
Laura, your talent, hard work and dedication have won you a Gold Medal and a Silver Medal at Nationals. Congratulations!

KVIH Red Wings Mini-Mites Spring 2001

Bowen	Pleshakov	Masard	#1
Pasino	LaBelle		#11
Wittler	McClatchey		#15
McSweeney	Turkovec	Renter	#4
		Widger	#2
		Mitter	#7

KVIH RED RINGS
Ice Hockey - Spring Mini-Mites
A "perfect" season with a great group of hockey players. Remember S.P.S. equals success!
Have a great summer - Coach Miller

Engagements

Bill and Cindy White of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, to Michael Stephen Brooks, the son of Stephen and Jeanne Brooks of Brentwood, Tenn.

The bride-elect graduated in 1996 from Mercy High School; the groom-elect graduated the same year from Brentwood High School in Tennessee. Both are 2000 graduates of DePaul University in Indiana.

Lauren is currently employed at Class Inc. and Michael is a graduate student at Creative Circus School of Design in Atlanta, Ga. A September wedding is planned.



White-Brooks



Filkin-Furbur

David and Uta Filkin of the engagement of their son, Stefan M., to Rose Ann Furber, the daughter of Rich and Holly Furber of Plover, Mont.

The bride-elect graduated in 2000 from Northwest College in Powell, Wyo., with a degree in nursing. She is currently a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, Mont.

The groom-elect is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School. He received his degree from Ferris State University in 1993, and is working as a building contractor in Red Lodge, Mont.

The couple will wed in August.

On Campus

Northville native Molly J. (Beach) Hughes delivered the student body address at graduation held May 24 at Villa Maria College and was awarded an associate degree in graphic design.



Molly Hughes

Madonna University recently held its spring initiation ceremony for Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. One of the requirements for receiving this recognition is that a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better.

The following local area students were inducted into the Sigma Xi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi:

Northville
Claire Anderson and Karen Barritt-Duggan, both post degree elementary teacher education students.

Novi
Patricia Rose and Claudia Willing, post degree elementary teacher education students.

South Lyon
Kelly Osterjout, a junior, studying math for elementary teachers.

Warren, Sherrie Ann Westfall, and Jeffrey Paul Zimmerman.

Schoolcraft College held commencement exercises May 5. Graduating were the following Northville students: Jason Russell Abbott, Mohammad Numan Alam, Julie Anne Atkinson-Fountain, Aleksandra Jovo Baljak, Michelle Benson, Jennifer Lynne Bendley, Cheryl S. Buckthorpe, Melinda Joanne Bush, Colleen Lynn Beyer, Susan Gail Campion, Sara Marie Cavanaugh, Courtney Renee Cranford, Ian Michael Crowley, Jaime Lee Curtis, Evan Michael Demers, Mark Gerard DiVitto, Stephen Joseph Doyle Jr., Nicole M. Ducham, Angela Rose Duty, Kathleen Devereux Eldridge, Christopher Dean Farley, Scott Allen Filippak, Dimitrios T. Frentzos, Shannon Lee Garstepy, Michael Bradley Hagan, Janet Lynn Harvey, Margaret Kathryn Hassler, Roger William Kempa Jr., Jennifer Mary Klausler, Bharathi Krishnaswamy, Lataji Marie Kurzmanovich, Natija Zubova, Julie Ellen Maciver, Nancy M. Manley, Debra Ann Marquis, Bonita Marie McMahon, Joseph James Mirisola, Michele Marie Mitchell, Andrea Janice Nelson, Alicia Brooke O'Reilly, Marion Orth, Gary William Pennala, Kimberly Ann Peragine, Hayley Jane Pickren, Danielle Marie Pittman, Kathryn Angela Radakovic, Amanda Lynn Richards, Thomas James Rhia, Matthew L. Seluk, Kimberly Penny Skarjune, Lame Kathryn Sundberg, Agnes Ann Tal, Yolanda Janice Tremble-Mathews, Kim Susan Tween, Douglas Robert Van Cest, Margaret Rose Verdure, Dana Rae

Graduating from Bowling Green State University in May were the following local area students:

May
Mary Essary, bachelor of science degree in business administration, South Lyon
Joseph Kenneth Guyette, bachelor of science degree, College, Tennessee.
Jessica Lee Brown, master of music degree.

Laura Kay Berry of Northville was named to the Dean's List for spring semester at Carson-Newman College, Tennessee. Berry was recognized for her achievement of a 3.5 or better grade-point average.

Albion College senior Paul J. Garbell was recently named a recipient of the 2001 President Bernard T. Lomas Award 250 Award. This award is given to students who have made significant contributions to the campus community.

Garbell was also recently inducted into the college's chapter of Mortar Board, a national honorary society for outstanding students in scholarship, leadership and service. He was further nominated to Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honorary society for upper-class students who have actively contributed to campus life and scholarship.

Garbell is majoring in chemistry and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of John and Mary Garbell of Novi and a graduate of Catholic Central High School, Zuchowst.

Community Events

Weddings

Drs. Jeffrey Jaghab and Stephanie Dionyssopoulos were wed Feb. 24 at The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth. The Rev. George Shalhoub and the Rev. Michael Varlamos officiated the ceremony; the bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception followed at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Dr. Dionyssopoulos is the daughter of Vassilios and Maria Dionyssopoulos of Plymouth and Dr. Jaghab is the son of Eutros and Hanan Jaghab of Livonia.

The bride graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1988, and the groom, graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1987.

Both are 1993 graduates of the University of Detroit School of Dentistry.

Dr. Dionyssopoulos practices dentistry in Farmington Hills and Dr. Jaghab's dental practice is located in Northville.

Attending the bride was Katina Spyria.



Jaghab-Dionyssopoulos

Auditions for "Pooh Visits Storyland" will be held June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. The performance itself takes stage Aug. 7 through Sept. 16. Spots are available for children ages eight to 15, but performers must be prepared to sing a song in their own vocal ranges and to read a poem. Sheet music must be provided for the auditions. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

New Hope Center for Grief Support will be offering a free workshop for men who are grieving after the death of a loved one. The workshop will be facilitated by men and geared for only men. It will be held June 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Kenneth Parish Office, located on Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road. Registration is not required. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Northville's Mill Race Village will be hosting Michigan State Day 2001: A Stitching Odyssey on June 23 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center.

Arbor Hospice of Northville will be sponsoring a suicide survivors' support group, which runs for seven consecutive weeks on Tuesdays. The group meets at the Church of Christ, 3201 Sheldon Road, in Plymouth. The group is open to anyone age 18 or older who has experienced a loss through

palsy therapy is practiced. Event organizers are seeking donations of goods and services for the auction. Admission to the 7 p.m. event is \$10, with the restaurant's bar open until 2 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-0522.

Volunteers are needed for Safety Town this summer as part of the Northville Parks and Recreation department's programming. Persons are needed to work with preschool-aged children at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville during one of the two-week camp sessions. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

A trip to Cedar Point is being organized by Northville Parks and Recreation, and is slated to take place June 15. The trip, designated for all school students in grades six through 12, leaves at 7 a.m. via chartered bus and returns to Northville by midnight. Adult chaperones are needed for the trip, who will receive complimentary tickets. Regular tickets are \$60 each for Northville residents. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

Ronal McDonald House on June 15, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The dance seeks to raise money for the bed and bath items, laundry and office items. The cost of the dance is \$10, and contributed items may be dropped off at All-Star Gymnastics. For more information, call (248) 380-5300.

A blood drives is scheduled to be held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church today from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call (800) 448-3543.

The Sarah Ann Cochran chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting its annual potluck luncheon and plant-craft auction on June 18, beginning at noon. All members and prospective members are welcome, but are asked to bring a salad, dessert or casserole, as well as a craft or a plant to the auction. The group will also be collecting books and toiletries for veteran patients. For more information, call (248) 349-6056.

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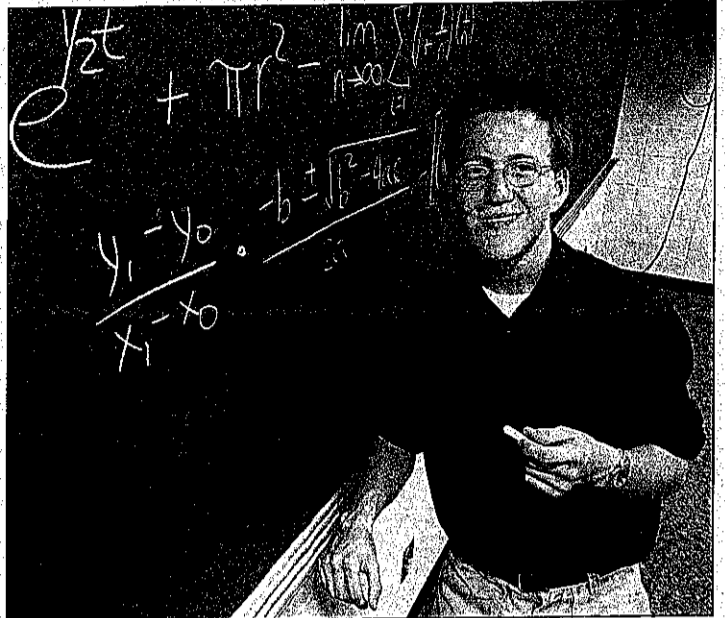


HOMETOWN LIFE

Thursday, June 7, 2001

With graduation upon us, HomeTown Newspapers honors the best and brightest of the class of 2001. Members of the team are selected on the basis of a mathematical formula which combines GPA and standardized test scores.

THE 2001 ALL-AREA ACADEMIC TEAM



▲ Mike Crowley

Millford High School
Parents: John and Ann Crowley
College: University of Michigan Honors College
Major: Medicine, law or computers
Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist
Extra-curricular activities: Has a varsity letter in football, basketball and track; Spanish club member
Greatest influence: "My parents have influenced me tremendously by pushing me to do well in class and showing me the value of learning and education."
Other: Scored 34 on ACT test; salutatorian

▶ Jessica Zhou

Novi High School
Parents: Joe Zhou and Junying Xing
GPA: 4.0
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Interact Club treasurer, National Honor Society treasurer, International Club secretary, Science Club secretary, varsity golf and tennis teams, Livonia Youth Philharmonic Orchestra concertmaster.
HONORS: National Chemistry Olympiad finalist, Presidential Scholars semifinalist, National Merit Scholar, President's Service Award, Michigan Math Prize finalist.
POST-GRADUATE PLANS: Jessica plans to attend Harvard University and major in pre-medicine.

HONORABLE MENTION
 Bidiah Sarma, Novi High School; Lisa Yin, Novi High School; Jeffrey Pickell, Millford High School; Sara Sarkisian, Northville High School; Jeffrey Gour, Millford High School; Jessica Pavla, Millford High School; Sarah Zevchak, South Lyon High School; John Belanger, South Lyon High School; Sarra Nazem, Walled Lake Western High School; Justin Swalberg, Northville High School



▲ Paul Pirtle
South Lyon High School
Parents: David and Daralynn Pirtle
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Engineering or business

Academic Honors: 4.0 GPA, Chemistry, Math, highest GPA during football season. He belonged to high school band for four years and football his freshman and sophomore years.
"(My parents) have always told me I can do anything if I really wanted to," he said.



▶ Lindsay Dehne

Northville High School
Parents: Noel and Beverly Dehne
College: University of Michigan
Career: Medicine or Publishing
Academic Honors: Academic Letter, Academic Achievement Award, Spanish Honor Award, Math Honor Award.
"Get to know you're teachers as well as you can," she said. "They will be able to help you out later."
 Dehne also recommends speaking out when material is unclear. "Don't be afraid to ask questions," she said.

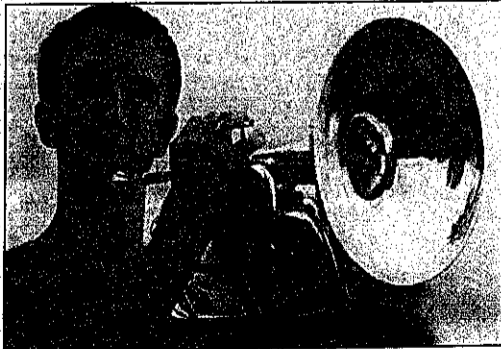


▲ Ryan Bonneville

Lakeland High School
Parents: James and Gail Michelini
College: University of Michigan
Major: Undecided
Academic honors: National Merit Scholar, Boys State 2000, Michigan Merit Award, University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship
Activities: National Honor Society secretary, newspaper, competitive debate team, S.A.D.D.
Other: Scored a perfect 1600 on SAT test; valedictorian

▶ Rachel Weber

Walled Lake Central
Parents: Pat and Fred Weber
GPA: 4.022
Activities: Concert band, wind ensemble, marching band section leader, National Youth Leadership Council, tutor, software tester at Stephen Computer Systems.
Honors: Lakes Area Youth Assistance Award, Michigan Merit Scholarship, Kettering University Scholarship.
College: Rachel will be attending Kettering University with plans to major in industrial engineering.
Who has most influenced you academic career? "Mr. Darnton, my English teacher, has both taught me and brought out my leadership skills."



▶ Michael Wang
Novi High School
Parents: Betty and Gary Wang
GPA: 4.0
Activities: Varsity track captain, Japan Newsletter editor, ESL tutoring, piano, Metropolitan Youth Symphony, marching band, symphony band.
Honors: University of Pennsylvania Trustee Scholarship, National Merit Finalist, Chemistry Olympiad runner-up, Michigan Math Prize finalist, AP scholar.
College: University of Pennsylvania; double-major in business and engineering.

▲ Charles Kuehn
Walled Lake Western
Parents: Chuck and Cindy Kuehn
Activities: Marching band section leader, participated in wind ensemble, pep band, symphonic orchestra.
Honors: National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship winner, AP scholar with honor, Who's Who Among American High School Students, ranked number one among senior class, Michigan Merit Scholarship, Robert C. Boyd Scholarship.
College: Ohio State University; plans to major in math and science.

▶ Tristan LaChance

Novi High School
Parents: Henry and Brenda Schultz / William and Linda LaChance
GPA: 3.929
Activities: Tristan was a track captain and state semi-finalist wrestler.
Honors: All-State Academic Team, AP Scholar, National Merit Schol Finalist, Michigan Math Prize semifinalist, White House Presidential Award nominee.
College: University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



▶ Carrie Hosman
Northville High School
Parents: Rod and Christine Hosman
College: University of Michigan / Honors College
Career Plans: Carrie's career plans are undecided
Academic Honors: National Merit Honorable Mention, All-State Academic Team Honorable Mention, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) "Best and Brightest," Scholarships: Michigan Merit Award, Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, U of M Regents Scholarship.

