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## 4 arrested in Wixom kidnapping

### Victim bound and tortured before escaping his captors, police claim

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Janet Winters and Steven Wilcox were stone faced at their arraignment Friday as charges were read surrounding the alleged kidnapping of their Wixom neighbor Charles Sieler from his Susanne Manor apartment.

Judge Dennis Powers, of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, placed a million dollar bond on Winters. However, he denied bond for Wilcox because he had already been to prison for past crimes.

Winters, 42, and Wilcox, 29, were charged with home invasion, kidnapping and receiving and concealing stolen property.

"Willfully and maliciously confining another person is a felony containing a possible life sentence," Powers told them.

Both Winters and Wilcox stood mute at arraignment and a "not guilty" plea was put in on their behalf. They both sought court appointed attorneys.

Two unidentified youths are also being held in jail in connection with the kidnapping.

Sieler, 68, was held hostage from Sunday until early Tuesday morning allegedly by the people he trusted. He had been on good terms with Winters for years and had given Winters the key to his apartment and his Lincoln Continental.

Wilcox, Winters new boyfriend, moved in with the woman a few months ago.

Winters often did errands for Sieler, according to Wixom Police Chief Clarence Goodlehn.

She picked up Sieler from the hospital the day they later allegedly held him hostage.

Sieler told police they tied him up in his room where Wilcox allegedly continually beat him and duct taped his eyes and mouth.

"She stated that Charlie was begging them not to hurt him and to please loosen the tape because it hurt so much," according to police reports.

Wilcox purchased handcuffs and put them

on Sieler. He wrapped a pair of pants around the handcuffs to hide their visibility.

Winters told police that Wilcox went to Meijers to buy a box to splice wires from Sieler's apartment to hers. He had let the couple borrow his computer.

The couple was allegedly planning to steal money from Sieler's bank account and his Lincoln Continental, Goodlehn said.

The couple pulled over in the Village Apartments with Sieler in the backseat, so Winters could walk back to their apartment to pick up a flashlight and a black case that Wilcox forgot. However, when she

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## Novi offers spring program

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Mon. I'm bored. Every time a break from school rolls around, that statement will sooner or later be uttered.

In an effort to keep Novi children active and entertained, the City of Novi is offering a couple of programs during the school districts' Spring break.

Beginning the list of options is Novi Ice Arena's third annual "Spring Break on Ice."

Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5, youngsters older than 5 are invited to glide into the arena and learn how to skate.

Daily classes will be divided according to the skaters' levels ranging from Basic One to Basic Eight.

"A lot of kids who have never skated before sign up," said Tammy Homburg, figure skating director of the Novi Ice Arena. "And at the end they are skating."

The \$75 fee includes five 45-minute classes, free open skating immediately following class and a "Spring Break on Ice" T-shirt.

Classes will be limited to six skaters and registration is now in progress.

For the hockey player in the family, the arena is also offering "Sticks and Pucks."

The 3 to 4:50 p.m. five-day program gives experienced hockey skaters of all ages the chance to skate, shoot and score.

All attendees are required to

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**Lost cause**

Novi's Shaun Dicken tries to stop Mumford's Stevie Moore, left, from making a pass in last week's MHSAA game at Northville High School. The Wildcats were eliminated in the district semi-final game. For more information please turn to page 1B.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Council adopts meeting standards

### Public comment to be limited to three minutes per speaker

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Outnumbered by other members of the city council, Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark unsatisfactorily watched as new council rules were adopted including a restriction on how long residents may speak during meetings.

With a five-to-two vote, the council nodded in favor of adopting changes approved during the March 4 meeting to the city's Council Organization Rules and Order of Business document, governing administrative and behavioral policies of those involved with the city council.

The dividing factor splitting those for and those against the March 18 adoption was an amendment limiting individual's speaking time during audience participation.

Now, each individual speaker will receive a warning to wrap up after 3 minutes followed by an additional 4 minutes to conclude. Association or group representatives with a voted position may speak for 5 minutes with a 6 minute conclusion time.

"This is not our government," Clark said to other council members in disapproval of the restriction. "We work for them (res-

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## A sure sign of spring: Novi students star in musicals



Percussionists perform last Thursday afternoon during Village Oaks Elementary School's spring musical.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

Elementary students across Novi dazzled audiences with their singing prowess last week in the Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium.

Kids from Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks Elementaries performed their class musicals for gathered family and friends, with the kids practicing each week since as early as December for their big night on stage.

Parkview Elementary opened the series of shows on March 19 with an homage to Broadway, "Give My Regards to Broadway," by the third and fourth-graders, belting out classics from such popular musicals as "The Sound of Music" and "Music Man."

"I hope this sparks an interest in the kids and they want to be enthusiastic about musicals," said Parkview elementary music teacher Suzanne Korzyn.

The show featured an all fourth-grade girls' performance of the contemporary Broadway hit, "Tomorrow," from "Annie," as well as an all third-grade performance

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Suzanne Korzyn  
Parkview Elementary music teacher

of "Edelweiss from "The Sound of Music."

"We want the kids to have personal attachments to this music, so when they hear the music they can relate to it," Korzyn said.

The Parkview musical closed with "There's No Business Like Show Business" by Irving Berlin, followed by the leg-kicking favorite, "New York, New York."

Korzyn said the Broadway theme for this year's show was inspired by

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# WALLED LAKE DELIGHTS

## Novi teens charged in night assault of pizza deliveryman

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

After questionnaires and arrests by members of the Novi Police Department, five suspects were arrested for their alleged involvement in two unrelated Novi robberies.

The first incident occurred March 12 at about 11:45 p.m. when a 56-year-old pizza delivery man was robbed and beaten by four Novi males, police officials said.

Thirteen-year-old Earl Wise, 18-year-old Steven Fisher, 18-year-old Curtis Paul and 19-year-old Phillip Cushman all of Novi were arrested March 14 and charged with conspiracy to commit an unlicensed robbery and committing an unlicensed robbery with both charges carrying a 15-year maximum sentence.

Novi Police Detective Victoria Laura said the four men devised a plan to order a pizza to be delivered to a fake address in the 20900 block of Mirabeau Court, in the area of 13 Mile and Novi roads, and then attack the delivery person in an attempt to get some cash.

According to the police report, the Cottage Inn of Walled Lake delivery driver was punched 10 to 20 times before about \$32 was allegedly stolen by the suspects.

The four men arrested originally fled after the incident, but a Novi police dog followed their scent from the scene to one of the suspect's homes nearby where the delivery driver's keys and other evidence was found, Laura said.

It was reported by Novi police the men stole the money so they could eat at Ramo's in Waterford.

According to the report, the Walled Lake man said he was diagnosed with a fractured nose, received three stitches on his nose, two stitches on his cheek, suffered from a sore right ribcage, a cut elbow and a swollen and bruised eye.

Two days after the Novi men were arrested, a Novi woman reported to a Novi Police Department that an unknown woman saying she had a gun, tried to rob her in the parking lot of Merwyn's.

The 52-year-old woman said she was in the parking lot at about 3:15 p.m. Saturday when a woman, later identified as Angel Gonzales-Zacker of Farmington Hills, told her to give up her wallet and keys.

Although it was reported the suspect said she had a gun, no weapons were found, Novi police officers said.

According to the police report, the victim refused the 25-year-old's requests and told the suspect

she was going to notify the police via a cell phone.

Police were called to the scene and arrested the suspect in the Town Center parking lot.

After being arrested and taken to the Novi police station, the Farmington Hills suspect told officers she had taken four valises and didn't really know what she was doing.

Officers also found a wallet reported stolen from Meadowbrook Elementary in the woman's possession.

According to the report, Gonzales-Zacker said she had found it in the hallway of the school and had put her identification in it because she filed the wallet, but had not yet notified anyone of its whereabouts.

Laura said the woman was arrested over the weekend in Pontiac and was charged with attempted unlicensed robbery and financial transaction device fraud because of her possession of the credit cards which were reported stolen to the department.

The Farmington Hills woman could face about a 20-year sentence if found guilty of the charges.

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## Police News

### A touch of the green?

A little pre St. Patrick's Day celebration landed one Novi woman in the Novi Police Department's jail, March 15 at about 2:15 a.m.

According to a police department report a Novi officer noticed a silver Audi continuously crossing lane markings while traveling north on Novi Road near Grand River Avenue. After the officer activated his lights, the 29-year-old Novi resident failed to pull over until passing 12 Mile Road.

After stopping the woman, the officer smelled a strong level of marijuana and noticed the driver's eyes were bloodshot and glassy. The woman said she had three beers at 5th Avenue Ballroom and the officer asked her to perform some field sobriety tasks, which she did not execute with full accuracy. According to the report, the woman walked in a weaving motion and spoke with slurred speech. The woman's FBI registered a 174 and she was arrested.

The Novi officer noted in his report the display tables were located in the front of the store near the entrance. No one was seen taking the clothing. The complainant said about 50 ladies shirts were taken, March 2.

The store manager of Salvation Army in Walled Lake called police

March 18 when one of her employees threatened her.

The employee, a 61-year-old Wisom woman who was soon terminated from the store, had to be restrained by store employees for alleged violent behavior with the manager.

The manager said the woman never listened to her when she was asked to cash out her register or any other work related request. She also wouldn't let the manager listen to "grate tapes" while she was working.

The manager said she wanted to file a police report to notify officers in case the woman approached her about her job termination.

Walled Lake police were called March 15 when the owner of Special Occasions dress and luxury rental noticed dresses missing from the rack.

She said the dresses, sizes 16 to 18, must have been taken Feb. 18 before police officers noticed the door open during the night.

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# LAKES AREA TIMES

## Johanna Ware Extension turn lanes finalized

### Council approves unrestricted turns onto Pontiac Trail

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Wisom council members decided by a five-to-one vote to have unrestricted turn lanes onto Pontiac Trail when the Wisom Road extension is completed.

Council members discussed road design for the upcoming project at the March 11 council meeting.

The extension, also known as the Johanna Ware Extension, will allow North Wisom Road and South Wisom Road to meet without a right turn interruption at Pontiac Trail.

"The intention of the project is to bypass the traffic movement on Wisom Road and Pontiac Trail," said Greg McCaffery, Wisom's director of public services.

Currently the project is in the

engineering stage of design, he said.

Most of the project, about \$8.1 million, will be funded with state and federal funds. However, Wisom officials will be responsible for obtaining \$1.7 million in funds.

"This is a valuable project that we've struggled with for a number of years," said John Lee, deputy mayor.

However, Lee believes leaving the lanes unrestricted to drivers making turns could be a future problem. However, he pointed out that

it's also substantial to move traffic through town without slowdowns.

"We also want it to have a calming effect that recognizes that this is a downtown area and not just a thoroughfare," Lee said.

Rick Ziegler, council member, said he wanted professionals such as police, the fire department and engineers to make road decisions.

"I have to stick with what the recommendations have been on this regard," Ziegler said.

Jim Cutright, council member, agreed.

"We pay the engineers," Cutright said. "They're the engineers. I think we should listen to what they have to say."

McCaffery didn't feel limiting turn lanes was the answer to traffic woes.

"If you start eliminating your turn movements, you won't be getting the bang for your buck," McCaffery said.

Wisom Police Chief Clarence Goodlein explained that not allowing drivers to turn the direction they need to could cause accidents.

He believes the engineers at Hubbell, Roth and Clark have made accurate recommendations.

The problem is road design when there are an enormous amount of lockets given at one intersection, he said.

"I think if you were to eliminate the right turn flare lane, you would see a bunch of right turn violations," Goodlein said.

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## Walled Lake picks best of the best: Gonzales and Hennessy

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Firefighter Jason Gonzales and police dispatcher Don Hennessy are being heralded as the best of the best in Walled Lake.

The duo was recognized separately at the March 5 city council meeting as fire department and police department employees of the year.

"They are two of the finest," said Jerry Walker, director of public safety. "They are an excellent example of what we look for in both departments."

They both work hard at their jobs, he said. They go above and beyond their duties to make their departments run smooth. They also make the city the best for people to live and work.

Hennessy, who grew up in Livonia, began his career with the police department in 1998 as a police dispatcher. He later became a volunteer auxiliary police officer, where he assists police officers when he is not attending his dispatch post.

"I'm on the bike patrol," Hennessy said. "I'm the second man in a patrol car and I assist in parades and fairs."

However, he was part of the emergency staff years before he took the dispatch job and auxiliary officer positions. He joined the Walled Lake fire department as a junior firefighter in 1995 while in high school.

"I went to the fire academy when I turned 18," Hennessy said.

He enjoyed working in the fire department but as he got to know police officers, he discovered that police work was what he wanted to do. Especially since he needed to work full time and paid on-call firefighter work wasn't steady income.

"I was able to get into dispatch part-time, which eventually led to full time," Hennessy said.

He enjoys both his paid and unpaid positions within the police department. He took a one

week course to participate in the bicycle patrol.

"I've always liked mountain biking," Hennessy said. "I like getting out and having one on one interaction with people."

Hennessy attends Oakland Community College, where he is taking evidence technician classes. He plans to become a full time police officer when he graduates.

However, he is thinking about moving out of the state.

"I plan to relocate to Florida," Hennessy said. "I want to live in a much warmer climate and I have relatives in Florida."

Jason Gonzales, who grew up in Redford, also started his emergency career early on as a junior firefighter in Brighton.

There was also plenty of car accidents near his home and firefighters would often go to the rescue.

"I liked it," Gonzales said of firefighter work. "I thought it was exciting. So I went to Macomb Community College and attended the basic fire academy."

He is a full time firefighter in Walled Lake. However, he works as a paid on-call firefighter in his hometown of White Lake on his Walled Lake off time.

"I like to help people," Gonzales said. "Sometimes the call isn't major. It could just be an elderly person who's diabetic and needs someone to make him something to eat."

It could also be a major fire or a rollover truck accident with people trapped in the vehicle, he said.

"You never know what you will respond to," Gonzales said. "It's always different."

Gonzales is responsible for the maintenance of the trucks. However, he would someday like to be a part of the county's hazardous waste and technical rescue team.

He positions both his paid and unpaid positions within the police department. He took a one



Walled Lake firefighter of the year Jason Gonzales puts on his coat in the city's fire station on Maple Road.

Department reserves officer Don Hennessy patrols on his bike from time to time. He was named Officer of the Year by the city.

oignized by the department. "I really wasn't expecting that," Gonzales said. "I was definitely excited. It's nice when people are recognized for doing good job. It's not difficult for me to do a good job because I love what I do."

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## Eggs-travagant activity planned for March 30

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Parks and Recreation will have eggs-actly the right stuff for children the day before Easter.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Sims Park noon on March 30. Children will be able to fill up their Easter baskets with plastic eggs filled with candy.

Mary Sheridan, parks and recreation member, said she already filled 2,200 eggs with milk chocolate.

The 2000 plus eggs are scattered throughout the park. However, it only takes the children about five minutes to make a clean candy sweep.

"The minute we cut the rope, you had better move to the side because you'll get trampled," Sheridan said. "The children look forward to it. It's fun watching the kids get the eggs. It brings back memories of when my kids were little."

She suggests getting children to the park early so they can get a head start at the hunt.

"We section off the park for the kids," Sheridan said. "Toddlers, preschool and 5-year-olds are in one section and six to 12-year-olds are in another section of the park."

The Easter Bunny, AKA, Tim Moore, chairman of parks and recreation, will be on hand to pass out eggs to children who weren't

quick enough to pick them up.

"I'm a member of the giant rabbit association," quipped Moore. "I love to see the looks on the kids' faces when they get the eggs. We have to get my costume cleaned every year because their hugs are chocolatey."

Moore said he gets great satisfaction from participating in the event each year.

"It's a feeling that I get from doing it because it makes an impact on a child's life," Moore said.

The Walled Lake Jaycees will be there to finger pint children for children's safety identification kits. Local merchants will be at the park as well to spread cheer and to pass out holiday drawings children can color in.

"This was a way for local businesses to show their support," said Tracy White Conlon, Main Street manager of the Down Town Development Authority. "We're very excited about working with parks and recreation on this event."

Kids aren't the only ones who enjoy the merriment. Squirrels also get in on the action as they try to open the eggs.

"Tim Moore shoos the squirrels away from the eggs," Sheridan said. "It's hilarious."

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## Sports stories writer scores big with elementary school students

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Maureen Holohan, known by some critics as the "Nancy Drew of Sports," toured area schools last week to give writing pointers to students.

She began her tour March 15 at St. William's Catholic School in Walled Lake. Later that day she attended an assembly at Mary Helen Guest Elementary and she went to Clifford Smart Middle School on Monday.

Holohan, a self-published author, has written a seven Broadway Players book series about young female athletes. The series chronicles their sports life as well as the general perils of growing up.

Camille Wickman, a mother of two female athletes who attend St. William's Catholic School, said her daughters love to read Holohan's books.

"Her books are just phenomenal," Wickman said. "You can put them down. She brings a lot of enthusiasm for writing and she wants to send a message to girls to fulfill their dreams."

Holohan, who grew up in the young New York, grew up as an upstate New York, grew up as the young characters she writes about. She played basketball and went on to play basketball for Northwestern University. She



Marcus Thatcher, fifth grade, and Melissa Wickman, fifth grade, get a basketball lesson from Holohan.

wasn't ready for her basketball dream to be over when her college days were over, so she played basketball professionally for an Israeli team.

She came back to the United States she hoped to play for an American team. However, her dream was short lived when she tore the arches in her feet.

"That's when she decided on plan B."

"I started writing my series," Holohan said. "It's the only girls sports series. When I grew up the only books on sports were about boys."

She stressed that students should make their dreams come true with any conviction they may have.

"The only problem is dreams are cheap," Holohan said. "The person who is serious takes the next step. They go to the library and research."

Holohan later gave students a show that would give the Harlem Globetrotters a run for their money by spinning and dribbling the ball between her legs.

Christine Convery, a fifth grade student at St. William's, said she enjoyed listening to Holohan talk about her writing and her athletics.

"I like playing sports that are in book and I like writing stories," Convery said. "I like to write stories."

Alexandra Leidein, principal of St. William's, said Holohan gave students excellent writing tips about showing the drama unfolding rather than telling readers what happened.

"I think it was interesting hearing the amount of work it takes to get published," Leidein said. "They can all learn these skills to be writers themselves. She set up scenarios and made each suggestions to each writing. Now's an excellent example of how multi-talented people can be."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Members of the Wild Swan Theatre perform in the gymnasium for Parkview Elementary School students last Wednesday.

## Parkview Elementary hosts theater company

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

Two popular characters from children's books were lifted from their pages and brought to life last week for the students at Parkview Elementary in Novi.

Wild Swan Theatre, a children's performing arts company from Ann Arbor, performed the "Frog and Toad," recreating the classic little characters from the imagination of author and illustrator Arnold Lobel.

The elementary kids cheered and clapped along with last Thursday's afternoon performance, which celebrated the enduring friendship of a frog and toad who stick together through a

series of joyful and hard times in life.

"We love bringing stories to life for children," said Wild Swan Theatre co-founder Hilary Cohen.

Wild Swan Theatre uses a blend of live music, colorful sets and costumes and original scripts to capture its young audiences in its live children's stories.

"Our mission is to come into schools and make the best theater we can for kids," Cohen said.

The touring theater company performs over 180 shows each year at schools, libraries, theaters and museums across the midwest.

The event was sponsored by the Parkview Elementary PTO.

"We wanted to expose the kids to

theater and performing arts," said Parkview Elementary PTO assembly coordinator Elizabeth Brusler.

The Parkview Elementary PTO hosts at least one educational program each month for students, such as music, performing arts and science assemblies.

"We try to get something that expands the curriculum and enhances what the kids learn," Brusler said.

Wild Swan Theatre received the Governor's Art in Services Award from Gov. John Engler in 1998 for its children's theater performances.

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## Novi promotes spring programs

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come with their own hockey equipment and the first 25 children to arrive will be permitted to participate for a \$5 fee.

The arena will also be offering open skating everyday from noon to 1:50 p.m. Just in case an activity not requiring a hat and gloves seems more appealing, the Novi District Library will be offering three Spring break programs.

The first program takes place 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 2. For 30 minutes, Ronald McDonald will provide laughs and excitement for youngsters older than 3.

"The kids seem pretty excited about it," said Margi Karp-Oppner, Novi District Library youth services director.

On April 3, September Productions will bring children's classics to life during a 7 p.m. one-hour live theater performance for children older than 3.

The performance is Wednesday night so it is a family outing," Karp-Oppner said. "The stories are very timely and very fun."

The youth services director said the group usually focuses on three 15-minute stories and incorporates costume changes into the show.

The special vacation programming ends with "The Honeybee and the Art of Beeking." Dyanne Tracy, Ph.D., from Oakland University, will be discussing the care of honeybees during an one-hour program Thursday, April 4 at 1 p.m.

"They said they will be bringing

in samples for all the kids to taste the honey," Karp-Oppner said.

The nonprofit organization honey-bee presentation is for children older than 3.

The programs do not require registration although arriving early may be a good idea because in the past each Spring-break show has averaged about 100 attendees.

Weather permitting, the city also offers a number of community parks for outdoor recreation. Representatives from The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department may be contacted at (248) 347-0400 for locations and park offerings.

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## 4 suspects arrested for kidnapping

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returned to the car, he told the woman they needed to go back to the apartment to use the telephone. He told her Stier wouldn't be able to get out of the car because he was tied up and the doors were locked.

"It appears he was being moved to another location so they could use his ATM card," Goodlein said.

They stopped and left him unattended in the car and he was able to escape.

Stier ran and knocked on doors until someone let him in their apartment. Winters and Wilcox saw police cars and drove past the Village Apartments. They dumped Stier's car at Fortsnorth Apartments in Novi.

Novi police assisted Wilcox police find the pair with the help of their K-9 unit. Winters was apprehended a few hours later as she ran near the southwest corner of Building 14 of Stoneridge Apartments, which sets behind Susanne Manor apartments. Wilcox wasn't apprehended until the next day.

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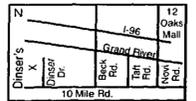
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## Council adopts new standards

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dent), they don't work for us."

Starting in Clark's large problem with "limiting speech" was the other dissenting voter - Novi city council member David Landry.

Landry said he would not support the adoption because of the limitations placed on residents' participation times.

"To try and give the impression that those in favor are trying to limit free speech is highly unfair," said Kim Capello, Novi city council member. "The intent is not at all to limit free speech."

Capello said every member of the council is there to listen and all those in favor are asking is that people be organized.

Novi city council member Craig DeRoche pointed out what was to him a very important sentence in the rules stating "the chair has the authority to

grant additional time, if requested by a speaker, for good cause."

DeRoche said he will listen as long as the point of what is being said is still being made and said he will support any decision by the mayor to extend anyone's time.

Landry pointed out that whatever the wording of the rule is, once a chair is vested with the responsibility content is limited because the chair will have to make that decision. During the Monday night meeting, all who participated spoke longer than 3 minutes without a warning. One participant spoke for 16 minutes without being asked to sit down.

In addition to the time limit, name calling will also not be accepted.

The new rules state, "while comment upon the action, inaction or performance of the council and the city of Novi commissions, boards,

employees and consultants is allowed, inappropriate, profane, vulgar or abusive language and personal attacks will not be tolerated.

Other approved audience participation rules include all participants shall direct their remarks to the chair; remarks shall be limited to those pertaining to matters before the council, to city business or policy, or to issues of community concern or interest; no speaker shall continue to address the meeting after being advised by the chair that the speaker's time has expired; there shall be no audience comment by voice, clapping or otherwise; and committee reports will not be accepted during audience participation.

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## Students star in musicals

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On March 13, the third-graders at Orchard Hills Elementary celebrated diversity with their musical, "Music Has Brought Us Together." The show featured a collection of national anthems from across the globe, including "O Canada" and Great Britain's "God Save the Queen," as well as "The Star Spangled Banner." Novi Cub Scout Pack 270 held the national flags of six different countries high during the anthems.

"We wanted something to bring the kids together and understand what freedom means," said Orchard Hills music teacher Annie Bailey.

The musical also featured the Afro-American spiritual, "This Little Light of Mine." The Orchard Hills students also sparked waves of patriotism last Wednesday — with the Furber Auditorium bedecked in red and

white balloons — as the third graders rallied their vocal chords behind the toe-tapping classic from George Colman, "You're A Grand Old Flag," as well as a soulful rendition of "God Bless America."

"It was a wonderful program," Bailey said. "The parents were thrilled, the kids were thrilled."

"The Music Brought Us Together" also featured student speakers quoting from the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, along with famous words from such people as John F. Kennedy.

Village Oaks Elementary closed the school performances with their musical journey across the American timeline, "Portraits of Pioneers" — an ode to past Americans.

The show captured the essence of western expansion in the U.S. via the development of the railroads and the California gold rush, with the third-graders singing folk standards, such as "Cumberland

Gap" and "Eric Canal," as well as the Irish-American railroad song, "Paddy Works on the Railway."

"These songs tell us stories through lyrics," said Village Oaks Elementary music teacher Charlene Dibble. "It tells the story of our American heritage."

The show featured a student square dance to the John Wilson tune, "But We Love It," with the kids joining hands and swinging their partners around on center stage.

"There was a lot of creating and a lot of the kids' own ideas," Dibble said. "The children created the dancing."

The musical closed with the Woody Guthrie folk classic, "This Land is Your Land."

"The kids worked together and contributed to make it the best it can be," Dibble said.

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Dr. Don Nichols, Oakland Community College Professor of Social Science, explores how societies create an "us vs. them" mentality, and discusses how to accept and value diversity on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m. This free program is the fourth in the Family Matters 2002 series. To register, please call the library at 349-0720.

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# Main St. lawsuit progressing slowly in district court

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

The decisions have been quiet, but deliberations between trked Main Street tenants and their landlord are slowly moving ahead.

The latest activity involving nine Main Street businesses and Evergreen III was a motion for a partial summary disposition filed by Novi attorney and city council member Kim Capello.

The motion segregates some aspects of the argument for the judge to review separately because of their obvious nature.

For example, in the Feb. 26 disposition, Capello stated Evergreen is the landlord of a commercial building known as Main Street, his defendants are tenants, the lease was prepared by the plaintiff and the plaintiff filed the lawsuit alleging, among other things, that money is owed by tenants to the landlord for common area maintenance fees, HVAC gas and electric charges and late fees.

The defendants have stated in the past they abstained from paying a portion of the referenced fees because they were suspiciously high and fluctuated without explanation.

Capello also argued in court documents that Chen is charging the tenants a rate for electrical service in excess of the rate approved by Detroit Edison or the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The attorney representing the defendants in Chen's case, counter-claims have also been filed, requested Evergreen III provide him with "evidence, proof and ver-

ification from the Michigan Public Service Commission that Evergreen III has the authority to re-sell electrical service."

In addition to requesting numerous financial documents dating back to 1998, Capello requested explanations of how management fees, gas, electric, water, telephone line costs and snow removal charges were calculated.

He also requested an explanation as to "why are Christmas decorations a continuing expense" and "for the monthly Oakland County Road Commission signal maintenance charge what signal is being maintained?"

The involved Main Street tenants

felt justified holding back what Capello said was only a portion of the common area maintenance fee because Chen failed to provide proof he may charge an increased cost, over his base cost, of various fees.

They tenants are additionally alleging the downtown development's HVAC system was improperly engineered, designed and constructed and they should not have been charged costs associated with the system because it was supposed to be included in their rents.

According to court documents, Chen is also being accused of double dipping by charging tenants a 15 percent management fee and

assessing them the fee paid to Hayman Company - the firm managing the development.

For months now, 52-1 District Court Judge Brian Mackenzie has been hammering away at allegations made by both sides during closed-chamber sessions in an attempt to settle the dispute out of the public eye.

Meetings between both sides have also been held as an attempt to keep the matter from going before a jury.

A jury fee, accompanied by the appropriate paperwork, was paid this month in case the matter makes it that far.

On Dec. 27, it was ordered by

Mackenzie that all parties, their attorneys, employees, representatives and agents are forbidden from discussing the matter and stated that all involved were prohibited from making public statements or providing the public information regarding the case.

Brian Larson, co-owner of Larson Jewelry Design and Manufacturing, was the first tenant to open his store in the development, opening Labor Day 1999.

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# Novi Woods Elementary hosts program celebrating authors

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Schools opened their doors to a behind-the-scenes look at the literary world of several renowned children's authors this month.

"An author visit is a wonderful way to inspire our students to read, write and be enthusiastic about books," said Novi Woods Elementary media specialist Kerry Maroni.

Waiting in line at the Deerfield Elementary media center, kindergartners clutched copies of "The Gardener" and "So You Want to Be President?" in their arms as the 2001 Caldecott Medal illustrator David Small and children's author Sarah Stewart signed their autographs in the kids' picture books.

Small and Stewart, who are married, have worked on several children's books together, including "The Library," "The Journey" and the 1998 Caldecott Honor Book "The Gardener."

Last Friday, the couple visited Deerfield Elementary in Novi as part of the district's month-long celebration, "March is Reading Month," which honors books and reading.

Small and Stewart gave the gathered students a quick tutorial on illustration, showing them how to combine common shapes, such as triangles, circles and squares, to create a picture book character.

look at into these shapes," Small said. "You see them everywhere around you."

Moreover, the artists encouraged the elementary kids to find their own talents and interests in life.

"They inspire kids that enjoy art or something different to find their strengths and be the best that they are," said Deerfield Elementary media specialist Janis Wagner.

Small won the 2001 Caldecott Medal for his picture book art in "So You Want to Be President?" which was written by Judith St. George and tells interesting facts and trivia about past presidents.

"Small's illustrations liberate the presidents from years of bulletin-board duty. He humanizes these oh-so-familiar icons with art that captures the spirit of the individual and collectively provides a genuinely enlightening overview of this unique American institution," said Connie Rockman, chair of the Caldecott Award selection committee.

The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to the year's most distinguished American picture book.

To close their presentation, Small and Stewart autographed books for the students in the media center.

"The kids were glued to what (Small and Stewart) were saying," said Deerfield Elementary principal Richard Nyus. "They showed not

only how to be a better artist, but how to change the world and be special. They instill reading, learning and growth."

Furthermore, on March 18, children's author and illustrator Patricia Polacco visited Novi Woods Elementary, discussing the real-life tales behind some of her best-selling books.

"I come from a family of storytellers," Polacco said. "Instead of watching television when I was a girl, we listened to my grandmother tell stories."

The author and illustrator explained to the kids the series of true events that inspired her popular book, "Meteo," which was published in August of 1988. The story is based on a meteor that crashed on her mother's farm when she was a young child.

Polacco, who didn't start writing until she was 41 years old, has since published more than 40 children's books based largely on her own childhood experiences.

"For me, art is like breathing," Polacco said.

Polacco also visited Village Oaks, Parkview and Orchard Hills Elementary last week.

The author encouraged the Novi students to embrace their creative ambitions.

"Your imaginations are bigger than the outer space that this falling star came from," said Polacco, holding a piece of the legendary meteor from her mother's



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Children's authors David Small and Sarah Stewart work with students of Deerfield Elementary School last Friday in unleashing their imaginations.

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## Lawmakers put airport into hands of an authority

By Mike Melott  
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Legislation putting the operation of Detroit Metropolitan Airport under the control of a seven-member authority cleared its biggest hurdle Wednesday in the state House. Representatives voted 75-31 on adoption.

Senators quickly followed suit, voting 28-8 in favor, and sent the bill to the governor.

Gov. John Engler's press secretary Susan Shaler said he is expected to sign the bill in the next few weeks and quickly move to name his appointees. Shaler said none of the amendments made in the Legislature were significant enough for him to withdraw his support.

In fact, the measure was little changed from the deal originally struck between Engler and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara to create the authority.

Key components were the makeup of the authority — four appointees to be named by the Wayne executive, two by the governor and one by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners — and immediate effect, allowing Engler and McNamara to name the members themselves.

Supporters — Republicans and outside Democrats — say the measure will go a long way toward solving financial problems at the airport, such as no-bid contracts and cost overruns, uncorrected in two years of legislative hearings and reviews by the state Auditor General.

"This bill lessens the chance of cronyism and nepotism when it comes to airport operations and puts sharper teeth in other areas of regulations and internal review," said Rep. Jim Koetje (R-Graubville), chair of the House Airport Review Subcommittee. It "will help solve many of the problems that have plagued Metro Airport operations in the past."

Wayne County Democrats were disappointed by the rejection of amendments they offered to give more seats to the county commission and to change the terms to the appointees to allow the next governor and executive to name authority members.

"I can't tell you what a joke I think this legislation is," Rep. Gloria Schermesser (D-Lincoln Park) said. Rather than making the airport more accountable, she said it would insulate airport officials from the voting public. At least none of the amendments made in the Legislature were significant enough for her to withdraw his support.

Wayne County auditor Brendan Dunleavy was not pleased with the outcome. He said the authority will have inadequate oversight, because the authority board will meet just four times per year. Independent auditors, provided for under the bill, will report directly to the airport chief executive officer.

Lawmakers specifically rejected Wayne County auditor's ability to review airport finances and operations, but Dunleavy said he may still have the ability to audit the airport.

"It's a Wayne County authority, and the law says the airport is a Wayne County asset," he explained.

He said he'll look into the legality of his office running audits on the airport anyway, a question that may get tested in court eventually if the governor or executive attempts to block him.

Wayne County commissioners are also considering testing the authority legislation in court, according to Wayne County Democratic lawmakers.

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The Novi City Offices, Novi District Library and city recycling center will be closed Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday. Offices will open March 28.

### EASTER EGG-STREME

The City of Novi is proud to present its "Easter Egg-Streme." The holiday event which promises fun for the entire family, includes an Easter egg hunt by age group, a petting zoo, games, a noon walk and many more fun activities. The event will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30 at the Novi Civic Center. The cost is \$5 per child and those younger than 13 are invited to participate in the fun.

### APRIL FOOL LUNCHEON

Area seniors are invited to attend the Novi Senior Center's "April Fool Luncheon." The April 1 event includes lunch, games and prizes will be awarded for the best "foolish" look. Tickets are available for \$5 and may be purchased at the center. The senior center is located in Meadowbrook Commons located at 25075 Meadowbrook, between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue.

### SENATE APPROVES BILL

On March 14, the Michigan State Senate approved a bill requiring the quick removal of abandoned cars on state highways. The bill sponsored by State Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. (R-Highland), was introduced to increase highway safety. Senate Bill 1000 authorizes a vehicle's immediate removal if it does

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Saturday, March 23 at 4 p.m. seniors may attend a \$5 pizza party. Admission includes pizza, salads, sweets, socializing and more. All events are held at the Novi Senior Center located in Meadowbrook Commons.

## Get them while they're hot!

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar specializes in chicken wings

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

"If people like spicy then this is the place for them. Things get ridiculously hot. No wimps allowed."

Tracey Volk  
customer

Whether you like them flaring hot, sweet and tangy or subtly mild, the selection of chicken wings at Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar is sure to please even the most finicky connoisseur.

The 6,815 square-foot eatery heading for home in Novi's Fountain Walk, focuses primarily on Buffalo, New York-style chicken wings spun in one of the restaurant's 12 signature sauces.

"If people like spicy, then that is the place for them," said Tracey Volk, a frequent customer of the grill's Westland location. "Things get ridiculously hot. No wimps allowed."

The selection begins with the mildest sauce Teriyaki and continues in level of hotness with Sweet BBQ, Smoky Southwestern, Mild, Medium, Spicy Garlic, Caribbean Jerk, Thai, Hot BBQ, Hot Wild and Blastin'.

All of the sauces are uniquely flavored and exclusive to the entertaining neighborhood spot.

In addition to wings, the grill's menu offers a variety of moderately priced items including burgers and sandwiches, salads, Tex Mex, Thai and Caribbean fare, appetizers and a special menu for children. The eatery also offers weekly food and drink specials.

The majority of items on the menu are \$6 and less.

Buffalo executives said the success of the restaurant, about to celebrate its 20th anniversary, is based on the eatery's ability to serve the underrepresented clientele of people looking for somewhere to eat in between fast food and casual dining.

"Families love it because it is economical," said Michael Ansley, president of the Novi location. "People can get in and out quick."

Counter service and paper products contribute to the relaxed feeling and family-friendly priced menu.

"It is a very casual concept," Ansley said.

The grill and bar schedule to open in late May, will offer 30 27-inch and six projection televisions, electronic darts, 14 video games, a juke box and the popular national trivia network interactive question-and-answer game.

Special in-store events such as trivia challenges and wing-eating contests will also add to the fun.

Ansley said he is excited to open in Fountain Walk because of the uniqueness of the development and said the restaurant will be a perfect compliment to the movie theater scheduled to open right next door.

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar will be open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday with shorter hours on Sunday and will be located on the southwest side of the new shopping plaza.

For a preview, interested eaters may visit restaurant locations in Sterling Heights, Westland, Ypsilanti and Fenton.

The restaurant is expected to employ 40 people at its Novi location and expects it will see eight to 10 million patrons per year.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 949-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.



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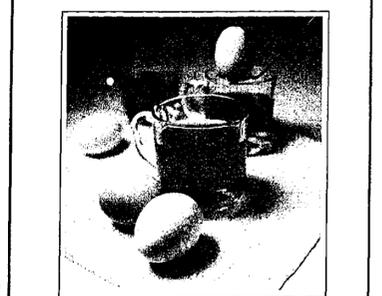
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Village Oaks students sing during their musical presentation last Wednesday afternoon for staff and pupils of the Novi School.



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## Novi Middle School hosts career day

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About 40 guest speakers will delve into their career choices, highlighting their educational background, personal job experiences, future goals and what it takes to succeed in their chosen profession.

"Career Day is an exciting event aimed at acquainting our students with a variety of career options," said Dina Ascenzo, co-chairperson for the 2002 Career Day. "Our goal

is to introduce them to a wide range of employment opportunities."

The 2002 Career Day speakers are: Pat Fennelly, computer service manager; Dave Ray, FBI Agent; Robert Mack, ATF agent; James McChesney, dentist; Jeff West, hair salon; Sheri Robinson, personal trainer; Rosemarie Coleman, court reporter; Lt. McNamara and Sgt. Fanning, Novi Police; Kathleen Bartlett, respiratory care; Karen Cady, CPA; Michael Check, software designer; Dave Gillan, attorney; Bill Mallory, vice-president of Barton Malow; Vicki McNeil, career counselor; Debbie Nuttle, personal trainer; Kathy Pawlicki, pharmacist; Kathy Schulte, RN instructor; Nipa Shah, information technology; Julie Sisson, Washenaw prosecuting attorney; Eric Wagay, pilot; Michael Bradley, 3rd Ranger Battalion veteran; Tiffany Burmeister, counseling intern; Kristi Cameron, biomedical engineer; Dr. Jeffrey Dembs, DMC Novi; Laune Thomas Ewald, DMC vice-president of business services; Marlene Glanz, financial planner; Hillary Holloway, math teacher; Dr. Kari Krouse, veterinarian; Angelo Parlove and Victoria Sioeloa, journalists; Christopher Selter, personal trainer; Dr. April Sherburne, veterinarian; Dr. Mark Thomson, ER director at Novi Providence; Greg Townsend, Oakland prosecuting attorney; Linda Vance, auto mechanic; Anne Marie Vecchio, engineer; Jacque Ward, nutrition intern; Jeni Wenson, business trainer consultant; Edward Zeinits, actor.

More than 80 middle school students will also join the guest speakers for breakfast Friday morning.

## Village Oaks Elementary School raises money for healthy lifestyles

Some Novi students tackled a week-long challenge to fight heart disease and promote healthy lifestyles.

Village Oaks Elementary participated in the nation-wide educational fundraiser, "Jump Rope for Heart," raising more than \$4,700 for cardiovascular research and educational programs.

The school dedicated each one-hour gym class from Feb. 4-7 to jump-rope activities, exercising in the honor of family and friends who donated money to the cause.

"I brought an awareness of heart disease to the kids and how exercise can prevent that," said Village Oaks Elementary physical education teacher Joyce Green. "Furthermore, other educational activities about eating correctly, exercising and not smoking were included during the fundraiser."

"The kids jumped because they value physical activities," Green said.

"Jump Rope for Heart" is an annual fundraiser that is held at elementary schools across the nation. It is sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Since its inception in 1978, the program has raised more than \$327 million for medical research.

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This request will be considered at 1:00 p.m. on March 27, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi, Building Department and must be received prior to March 27, 2002.

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## Late start at school isn't a very good idea

There's a good chance that about a week from now, a decent number of Northville High School students will toss their luggage in the car, take a spin down to Metro Airport and board a flight for someplace warm and sunny. There's also a good chance that a lot of these flights will leave at around 5:30 a.m.

For those not able to make Cancun or Daytona Beach, there'll almost certainly be a few concert ticket sales taking place. Ticketmaster may open its doors (and cash registers at 10 a.m.), but hardcore fans will probably be lining up hours before then to score the front-row seat of dreams.

Others may take advantage of the week away from school and earn some extra dollars at their jobs by getting to work at 7 a.m. A few unlucky types may have had their speedy cars zapped by a radar gun, and will find themselves facing the Honorable Judge So-and-So at 6:30 a.m. to pony up some cash for over-use of the accelerator.

What do all of these situations have in common? They're all morning events, but not one of them will take into consideration sleepiness as a reason to delay the start time for the event in question. And yet high school — which should be the pre-eminent activity during the course of the day and week for students — may shift its own start time.

The reason? A handful of scientific studies have suggested that adolescents may have a physiological characteristic that doesn't allow them to function at their best in the morning hours. As a result, an investigative panel in Northville is following up on a presentation made by a Minnesota school district, to learn more about the pros and cons

of a delayed start. Our viewpoint on the matter can be summarized in three words: don't do it.

There are a litany of reasons why we think maintaining the status quo is the best route to pursue. Changing the start time for high school students is almost certain to involve shifting the schedules of teachers, administrators, parents,

transportation employees, sports teams, after-school clubs, and on and on and on. Beyond the snow-ball effect, however, is the fundamental question of whether scholastic achievement can be enhanced by pushing back the start time. We don't think so. We think the student who has difficulty focusing at 7:30 a.m. will have difficulty focusing at 8:30 or 8:45.

To be fair, we don't think this is an issue specific to adolescents. Adults, too, have the tendency to stay up later at night when no pressing matters await the next day, knowing that the missing Zs can be made up the following morning. It's just human nature.

Like it or not, America is a land dominated by the clock. Punctuality and time management is an attribute acquired as children grow older. Greater freedoms are extended to teens as they age. We think added responsibility goes hand-in-hand with the freedom — that includes having the wisdom to know slaying up until 1:30 on a school night probably isn't the brightest move.

A few scientific theories, coupled with testimonials by a small Minnesota school district isn't enough to convince us changing a start time is a good idea. We hope Northville school officials feel the same way.



**Attentive audience**  
Parkview students enjoy watching Wild Swan Theatre last Wednesday.

## LETTERS

### Don't let the rhetoric fool you

**To the editor:**  
Recently, Novi was graced with the second appearance of Attorney General Jennifer Granholm who addressed Metro Detroit educators (Novi News, March 14).

The open forum was sponsored by the Novi Education Association, a division of the Michigan Education Association; the powerful teachers' union.

Don't let Granholm's pretty face, golden tongue, and rhetoric fool you! In the recent past, both of her school-age daughters attended a local private school in Plymouth (OLG). As the run for governor drew near, she moved one from the private school and placed her in the local Plymouth public school. One foot in each camp?

If she thinks public education is so superior, why aren't all her kids in government schools? Did she tell this to her MEA/NEA pals? Talk about sacrificing your kids for your career.

Of course, this is no different than her "pro-choice" rhetoric. She is beholden to the pro-birth Democrats as demonstrated by the recent endorsement from the infamous "Emily's List." Check out [www.rtr.org/granholmgate](http://www.rtr.org/granholmgate).

"Garble" is a good way to describe Granholm; she seeks to distort and confuse. She likes the euphemism of "pro-choice." Oh, yes, she is personally opposed, she wouldn't kill her baby, but you are free to do so if you wish...What a mom and what a leader!

Next time, have your reporter ask Granholm about her so-called avid support of public schools, while her own daughters have attended (and one of whom may still be at the Plymouth private school) a private school. Maybe this is more of the "pro-choice" verbal gymnastics game we have already seen. Jenny, put your money where your mouth is!

**Grant of Michigan school finance, especially in a pivotal election year.**  
Determined to keep the legacy of the Engler years intact, the party-in-power in Lansing raves that Proposal A continues to be "an unparalleled success." Press releases continually tout the tax relief that the legislation delivered to property owners over the past eight years. When the lowest funded school districts reached the per pupil funding level of \$6,500 this year, a spokesperson for the governor declared, "It's basically brought equity across the board."

The fact that property taxes in Michigan in 1993 were ninth highest in the nation is what initially drove the Proposal A legislation. Most likely property taxes would never have reached such a high level, if state government had adequately and responsibly funded public schools when it controlled the education purse strings in the past.

In the 1970s and 1980s, the state dramatically reduced its financial support of public schools. Whenever the state was faced with declining revenues and budget deficits, it systematically shifted the costs for schools back to local taxpayers, driving up the property taxes. As a result, public school officials were made to wear the "black hats" because they had to ask local citizens for the millage increases to run the schools.

Regarding the phrase that is heaped on Proposal A for delivering funding equity, do parents and school officials in the Redford Union District believe there is "equity across the board" when their district receives less per pupil than the charter schools in Wayne County receive? Is it fair that Livonia Public Schools, faced with declining enrollment, receives no funds for at-risk children when the district's Reading Recovery program served as the state's model? Where is the equity for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, which must compete for quality employees from bus drivers to administrators in the same job market with nearby districts which receive about \$1,000 more in the per pupil grant?

Under Proposal A, property-poor districts (mostly outside) were given yearly funding increases of up to 40% to close the equity gap, while nearly all Metro Detroit districts received yearly increases of only 1%-3% since 1994. As Proposal A "lifted some boats", it submerged many other districts in a sea of red ink.

Two-thirds of the 83 districts in the tri-county area are facing deficits. Metro Detroit districts have swapped places with the "Kalkreuths" of yesterday; those districts that struggled with funding pre-Proposal A. Since the majority of Michigan's children attend school in the more populated Metro Detroit area, it becomes clear that Proposal A is failing to provide for the educational needs of most of Michigan's children.

No one advocates impulsively throwing out Proposal A in its entirety and starting over in the fashion in which the legislation was created. We ought to be able to change the parts of Proposal A which don't work and don't adequately meet the needs of the majority of Michigan's children.

For starters, state officials can close the loophole which allows some builders to avoid paying the full amount of the real estate transfer tax which goes into the school-aid fund. Here are some other "sug-

gestions":  
\*Grant districts at least a minimal cost-of-living increase each year.  
\*Provide additional funds to accompany any new programs the state mandates.  
\*Seek more federal funds to support special education.  
\*Return the responsibility for teacher retirement and Social Security costs back to the state.  
\*Allow districts an option to raise up to four mills locally, so education will be tailored to the unique needs of each district's students. Districts could use the funds to open new schools, maintain or create new programs, etc.  
\*To ignore what is happening to Metro Detroit districts (and many others) under the terms of Proposal A, is foolhardy and irresponsible on the part of elected officials. Like a pain reliever, the anticipated \$200 per pupil increase for the 2002-03 school year will help in the short term, but it will not halt the pervasive malady afflicting Metro Detroit schools.  
\*Your attendance at the Third Statewide Summit on Public School Funding on March 25, 2002, will send the message that Proposal A needs tweaking, amending, etc. Sponsored by the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding and hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the Summit will take place at Plymouth-Salem High School from 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
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## Engler's scheme should be rejected

You've got to hand it to Gov. John Engler. Especially when he's trying to pull a fast one in the dark of night, his Machiavellian skills and sheerchutzpah just take your breath away.

The idea this time amounts to sweeten retirement pensions of long-sitting judges so they'll decide to retire. This lets Engler appoint a bunch of new judges to the bench. And — guess what — when the new appointees run for confirmation in office this November, they'll have the word "incumbent" after their names on the ballot. Who is going to vote against an "incumbent" judge? Nobody.

Intended result: Engler succeeds in packing Michigan's courts, wholesale. What a plot for a very partisan outgoing governor who wants to load up the judiciary with his ideological soul mates! Moreover, Engler clearly realizes that Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, the officially anointed Republican nominee for governor, doesn't stand much chance of getting elected in November, so he might as well make the appointments himself. Don't laugh. This plot was set in motion last week when the Republicans in the state Senate slipped into an inoffensive early retirement bill a provision letting sitting judges retire at 80 percent of their current salary if they have

served at least 24 years. The existing retirement plan lets judges with 16 years of service retire at 60 percent of their salary.

As judges make \$100,000 and up, the proposed change in judicial pensions is worth more than \$20,000 a year. Even slightly dodgy judges — who wouldn't be, after 24 years on the bench? — can do the math and conclude this is too good a deal to pass up.

There's only one hitch to this scheme. To get new appointees on the bench in time for them to get their names on the November ballot as incumbents, the bill has to have immediate effect. This normally requires a two-thirds majority in both houses of the legislature. But the Democrats — a minority in both houses, but more than one third — are not about to let that happen.

So the hot rumor in Lansing is that Engler is going to set in motion a complicated parliamentary maneuver that involves letting the legislature adjourn and then calling the lawmakers back for a special session to pass the budget and — surprise — getting immediate effect by simple majority vote to the court packing scheme.

Democratic candidate for Governor, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, blasted the plan as a "political ploy." According to Granholm, the Governor is clearly seeking to thwart the state's constitutional provision requiring an elected judiciary when he would be able to appoint close to one third of the state's judges for this one last power move by Governor Engler is to take care of his political friends at the expense of good

government. It is also a way to cement the right wing partisanship of the judiciary in Michigan for decades to come." There is also a serious financial issue buried inside all the political rhetoric.

The stated purpose of offering early retirement to state employees is to save up to \$50 million during the current budget crisis, as the state plans on replacing only a quarter of the retirees and new state employees will be paid less than the high seniority ones retiring. However, the savings evaporate in the case of judges, because no reduction is planned in the number of courts and new judges will be paid at the same rate as those who are retiring. If the Engler plan passes, nearly 200 judges would be eligible for early retirement, including more than one third of the state's appellate judges. At \$20,000 per year per retired judge, some experts are wondering whether the state's pension fund can withstand such a big payout.

When in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt found the United States Supreme Court standing in the way of the cherished initiative, he proposed adding Justices to the Court. Roosevelt was widely and justly criticized for trying to "pack the Court." Eventually he backed down. Governor Engler is trying to do no less. His court-packing plan should be exposed for what it is, widely criticized and then rejected by the legislature.

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served at least 24 years. The existing retirement plan lets judges with 16 years of service retire at 60 percent of their salary.

## Proposed FOI changes hold dangers

Legislation making its way through the state Capitol would change the rules regarding the way school districts hand out student directory information. The issue came up when private companies that host reunions for long-since graduated classes went to administrative offices in the Midland area seeking lists of former students. Basically, they wanted copies of old yearbooks.

School districts are asking that they be allowed to use discretion about whether they hand out such information. The intent of the Freedom of Information Act was to give people access to information needed to participate in their government. We believe that release student names has absolutely nothing to do with public participation," says Joseph Schmidt, FOI coordinator for Midland Public Schools. "We do not believe the legislation intended the FOI to be used to obtain names of students."

Primarily, districts want to be able to "deny access when that information would be used only for marketing."

Of course, there might be other reasons for denying student information. Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) pointed out that Midland Schools has also denied

access for students lists to military recruiters. House Bill 4874, sponsored by Rep. Tony Stamas (R-Midland), has already passed muster in the House of Representatives.

As a parent myself, I have to admit I find the idea appealing in certain ways. For one, it would be nice if my kids could have a list of their fellow students and their phone numbers without having to worry that the list might fall into the wrong hands. I'd like to have my kids be able to contact their classmates, to share information about homework, without having to worry that we are going to receive a lot of solicitations as a result. And that desire to remain free of solicitations remains even after the kids are out of school. There are, mind you, much more nefarious purposes to which student directory information could be put.

But there are some serious problems with this bill too. For one, yearbooks are often already available in local libraries. It seems unwise to give school districts the ability to withhold information that is already public in another venue. Secondly, and importantly, the bill would make one's rights to obtain information dependent on how one intends to use that information. It would give school districts the right to ask information requesters what they intend to do with such lists and base a decision on whether to release it on the answer.

That's a serious departure from Michigan Freedom of Information policy in the past. To the best of my knowledge, nowhere else is the determination of

whether information is to be released based on how the requester intends to use it. Neither Schmidt nor Stamas could give me another example of where intent plays a role in whether information is to be considered public. At present, information is either public or not based on the nature of the information itself.

It is human nature, when information is requested, to want to know how the requester intends to use it. Whenever I've requested information under the FOI, almost inevitably the first question I get from a government official is, "Why do you want to know?"

I've also found that just how cooperative that official is, in the end, often depends on whether or not they approve of the purpose to which that information will be put. Part of the beauty of the FOI at present is that one's answer can be, "What I intend to do with it doesn't matter, the information I'm requesting is public."

Giving discretion to government officials to judge requests based on the purpose for which information will be used opens a Pandora's Box for public access to information. Not only will requesters have to show officials that information is considered public, they'll have to convince them that the need for the information is legitimate, why the purpose is a worthwhile one.

At that point, there is little purpose in having an FOI law at all.

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Mike Malott

## My dad was a tremendous role model

How great are dads? Not only are they a substantial figure in a child's everyday life, but even when it seems they aren't around they pop out with help or sage advice.

I'm lucky because not only do I have one of these remarkable dads, but I also have the opportunity to experience the special relationship between a father and a daughter.

It doesn't matter if you are 3 or 33, females are their daddy's little girls.

Last month I had a tremendous reminder of this fact after attending the City of Novi's Daddy-Daughter dance. It was so awesome seeing all the dads in

their suits with their little girls all dressed in party gowns.

And of course all the little dolls had corsages matching their dresses.

Every girl in the auditorium of the Novi Civic Center was twirling, laughing and buzzing around the room with excitement.

It wasn't only the daughters that seemed elated either. The dads in attendance couldn't wait to hand over their tickets and enjoy the fun. The mismatched-in-size couples slow danced, fast danced and generally had a great time.

It was comforting to see so many fathers understood the importance of the event hosted by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

I mean they must have, the dance was a sell-out, bringing in about 300 attendees. Just being by the way dad, this is not only a column in your honor, but your present too.

Times like that stick in the memory, providing pleasant thoughts for years.

When I was small my dad took me to my first concert — and I will leave out who I went to see — and to my first play "Annie."

I still have the program from each and remember both special "dates" vividly.

With my "daddy's" birthday happening next week, I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to thank him not only for all the special "dates," but also for being such a wonderful, generous person and tremendous role model.

I'm sure in 10 or 20 years all the little girls attending the City of Novi's dance will feel the same way as they fondly look back on the night their dads made them feel like the most special little girl in the world.

And by the way dad, this is not only a column in your honor, but your present too.

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# Blue light special

## Detroit Police singing group a hit with students

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER



Photo courtesy Walled Lake Elementary School

Detroit Police singing group "Blue Pigs" perform at Walled Lake Elementary School Tuesday. The group has been in existence for 32 years, using entertainment as a community relations tool.

"I was in middle school when I first saw the Blue Pigs. That's when I saw police officers as humans and not as robots."

Robert Joiner  
band member "Blue Pigs"

The walls echoed at Walled Lake Elementary with singing police officers. The Blue Pigs, a Detroit Police Department singing group, has been performing at schools, senior centers, nursing homes and neighborhoods for the past 32 years. The four performers, whose full time job is to perform as Detroit Police officers, sang songs to teach students about staying away from crime and drugs. They also sent a message about ways to avoid cheating in school, conflicts with other students and gun safety.

Even the teachers got into the act as they danced to "My Girl." Charlie Henley, the only original member of the band, said the band started just for community relations but now they send positive messages while performing.

The group has become well known since he first joined the group in the 1970s. "It's hard to go anywhere without someone saying that they have seen us when they were in school," Henley said. "The number one thing is seeing people we saw before that have become good citizens. Some are now principals of schools."

Robert Joiner, who joined the group six years ago, said he worked on the streets as a police officer before becoming part of the singing group.

Children often see police officers just as people who put others in jail, he said. However, they get a different look at police officers when they see the officers perform.

"I was in middle school when I first saw the Blue Pigs," Joiner said. "That's when I saw police officers as humans and not as robots." Senora Lee, who worked with Joiner in the same precinct before joining the group, helped with new policies and procedures in the department.

She wrote a letter to the Police chief about a police related matter and she soon heard back from him. "I received a phone call from him and I figured he either liked my letter or I was in trouble," Lee said. Instead he asked her to sing.

Someone had told him that she had an excellent voice. She enjoys performing in front of students.

"The best part is the positive message it sends to the children," Lee said. "I love to be able to show love and let them know it's important to help each other. I notice some of the children just need a hug for them to know that somebody cares."

Jordan Phillips, fifth grade, thought they played with skill. "I liked their bass," he said. "My sister is in a band and I know it's really hard to keep a beat on a bass. He did it really good."

Angela Morgan, fifth grade, said she enjoyed how the group got all of the students involved.

"The teachers are really good dancers," Morgan said. "I liked how the one guy could make his voice go high and low."

Alyssa Bowling, fifth grade pointed out how she saw the officers in a new light.

"I normally don't see police officers singing," Bowling said. Phillips agreed. "When I see a police officer, I think I have to look perfect so I won't get busted," Phillips said. "Now I see them much more as people. And they have more talent than just driving around and eating doughnuts."

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### Community Events

There will be an Easter concert at Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Decker Road, in Walled Lake at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 31. The concert is titled "We're in for Great." A service will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a 10-15 a.m. breakfast. Another service will be held at 11 a.m.

Lakes Baptist Church in Walled Lake, 309 Decker Road, will be hosting an Easter service and breakfast Sunday March 31. A service will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a 10-15 a.m. breakfast. Another service will be held at 11 a.m.

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## Postal Annex saves you time, energy and money

By Annette Jaworski  
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They can provide small office/home office customers with a business address, a fax number, word processing, bulk mailing and package receiving, giving them a more professional look.

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In addition, Postal Annex offers packing and shipping supplies including boxes of all sizes, postage stamps, business cards and stationery, customized rubber stamps and office supplies. They can also order all your moving supplies - including boxes, clean newspaper and small bubble wrap.

And just in time for tax season, customers can make copies and have their returns sent out all in one spot without waiting in line. Business and professional customers can take advantage of their presentation graphics, large format printing, laminating and special covers and bindings. Posters can be made by sending the information through e-mail or bringing in a file in PDF or postscript format. These also make great displays for retail businesses, as well.

You might be surprised to find attractive handbills, including imported brass and mugs. Other gift ideas include a fun line of novelties like T-shirts, mugs and buttons with your own logos or photographs. There are even stuffed animals. To help with shipping gifts, they sell decorative ready-to-ship envelopes and boxes and greeting cards to complete the parcel.

Chator said they try to keep their prices reasonable at Postal Annex. Come in to check out their current promotions, for example, mailboxes are \$7 a month if you sign up for one year. Coupon specials include black and white copies for 5 cents, and color copies for 59 cents. Frequent high volume shippers are eligible for free pick-up and delivery, including schools and churches. They also offer a \$5 coupon off the 11th parcel for those shippers. Special rates, volume discounts and charge accounts are available for customers who ship frequently or regularly use copying or finishing services. They also provide delivery of large volume photocopy



Novi's Postal Annex.



Novi Postal Annex manager Jahanara Chator takes a look at an example of their store's wide format printing machine. The machine can print photos and graphics floor foot wide from .pdf and postscript files.

jobs to area schools, businesses, churches and customers. Other ways they can lend a professional look is by printing business cards as well as resumes on high quality papers. Colored paper is also available. They also hope to offer computer internet services in the near future.

Postal Annex is the new face on the block in Westmarket Square

off Grand River in Novi, but they're hardly a new business since they have the ability to finish all their errands in one stop from grocery shopping to home repairs and several restaurants. Chator adds that as a new business, they hope to get to know the people of the community.

"A lot of people still don't know we are here," she said.

## The top five ways to know you're not going to get the client

By Tim Kisseman  
SBAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

### No experience necessary

The meeting was set up at your lucky restaurant with a client that could make or break your small business. The mood is right, the food is great, and the conversation, for the most part just cordial, is flowing. Your favorite good luck piece, the first dollar bill you made in business, rests in your pocket. It feels warm, like it's telling you to move.

It's telling you it's time to make the pitch. You take a deep breath and begin. As you speak, you watch the potential client, because a person's body language is better than a barometer in most cases.

Are you going to hit a homerun with your delivery? Or strike out miserably, and spend that lucky dollar on your bill?

Watch for the signs...  
**Eye contact**  
Do you have the client's eye contact? During the opening of your pitch, the client starts to look at the menu again, then his fingernails, then the art on the wall. You try to spice up the conversation, and use big words, buzz words and clichés - anything to get the eye contact.

Nope. There's a spider on the wall, and the client is watching it.  
**Divulging information**  
Finally, the client looks at you, but only because you asked a question about the agreement you're discussing. Instead of answering the direct question, the client dances around the issue. doesn't tell you what he's thinking and even tries to change the subject. You try a personal approach, about his

company's history. Still no luck. He might have something to hide, so beware. Your lucky dollar doesn't feel like it's worth any more than the paper it's printed on.

**Hip, arm and leg check**  
You best thing to do is walk up a mountain in the mud with flip-flops. You're determined and turn up the charm, but notice the client's crossed arms, crossed legs and body pointing toward the door. He sighs, rubs his eyes and fingers move. He's clearly bored.

**No two-way street**  
But he sticks around. Maybe you asked the right question to keep him from leaving. No matter. It's a one-sided conversation. You're doing all the talking and he's barely listening. He hasn't even asked you about your business, your family, and your car. Nothing. There's no nothing worse than having a conversation with someone who doesn't ask anything personal of you.

You're interesting. They should want to know and learn more about you.

**Critical mass**  
Your ideas are concise, neatly laid out and make sense to everyone, except the client. While he hears them, he argues every point, even questioning what kind of font you used in the presentation. Sadly, this is the last straw.

The best thing to do is ask for the check, thank the client for his time and hit the road. Keep the lucky dollar though, and that favorite tale. Not all clients are the same, and now you know what to look for when you make the pitch again. Only next time it will certainly be a grand slam. Good luck!



Tim Kisseman

## Growth at center of South Lyon Chamber's concerns

By Annette Jaworski  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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"We're looking to increase the participation," said Robertson.

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Robertson cuttings are always acknowledged, the most recent include Strictly A Dollar, Shane Stricklin - State Farm Insurance, Pieper's Jewelry, Deep Image Body Art and Cummins Michigan Power.

Adult ticket prices are \$8, and \$5 for seniors and children. Get ready for some fun eating and a child cook off. Approximately 20 restaurants will participate in the event. WCXI's Deano Day will add to the excitement with a live broadcast from the location and there will be a silent auction of a host of items.

The Chamber also hosts a yearly award banquet at Baker's of Millford where they acknowledged two Business of the Year, Erwin Country Store and Erwin Orchard and Cifer Mill. David Grimes from Quality Insurance was named Citizen of the Year for all his volunteer efforts in the community. Ambassador of the Year was Courtney Casterline Ross. And the Beautification Award went to South Lyon Collision for their recent renovation.

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# Novi High School band takes awards at competition

The Novi High School band program flexed their musical might in Farmington last month.

On Feb. 9, band members participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Farmington-Harrison High School. Students from Livingston and Oakland Counties performed individually and in small groups for audiences and judges.

Top performances showed superior musical interpretation, rhythm, technique, artistry and tone.

The following participants of the Novi High School Band received

Division 1 medals for the overall highest rating: Ben Rose, snare solo; Matt Smith, marimba solo; Amy Auletto, clarinet solo; Angela Burchard, clarinet solo; Chris Perry, trumpet solo; Marie Trudeau, oboe solo; Katie Kohls, baritone saxophone solo; Edward Santos, piano solo; Jessica Ferris, trombone solo; Andrew Laskowski, trombone solo; Bethany Snow, string duet; Jiwon Yoo, string duet; Alice Zheng, piano solo; Pally Ramos, piano solo; Belinda Shih, flute duet; Katrina Santos, flute duet; Tiffany Lin, piano solo; Celeste Greet, euphonium solo;

Gina Bissi, alto saxophone duet; Anna McDougal, alto saxophone duet; Sean Dougherty, alto saxophone duet; Anna McDougal, woodwind duet; Jameel Naqvi, trumpet solo; Bethany Snow, viola solo; Jennifer Rowe, flute duet; Angle Raudszus, flute duet; Brandon Heffernan, woodwind duet; Jason Bates, woodwind duet; Marie Trudeau, woodwind quintet; Angela Burchard, woodwind quintet; Ranjan Radhamohan, woodwind quintet; Kumiko Matsuura, woodwind quintet; Caroline Steer, woodwind quintet; Mark Levin, snare solo; Ranjan Radhamohan,

flute duet; Lisa O'Conner, flute duet; Amy Auletto, woodwind trio; Edward Santos, woodwind trio; Angela Burchard, woodwind trio; Katie Fannon, horn quartet; Kumiko Matsuura, horn quartet; Lauren Crocker, horn quartet; Stephanie Schlessman, horn quartet; Kumiko Matsuura, horn solo; Edward Santos, clarinet solo; Marc Brzozowski, saxophone quartet; Jeanette Tiso, saxophone quartet; Sean Dougherty, saxophone quartet; Karen Janik, saxophone quartet; Jason Dietrich, tuba solo; Melissa Doolin, brass duet; Celeste Greer, brass duet.

The following members received Division 2 medals for the second highest rating: Doug Lambert; bass clarinet solo; Laura Letson; piano solo; Becky Goodearl, flute solo; Heather Balon, oboe solo; Jessica Ferris, trombone duet; CJ Orlando; trombone duet; Naoko Irie, alto saxophone solo; Robert Willing, alto saxophone duet; Chuck Adams, alto saxophone duet; Robert Willing, alto saxophone solo; Heather Balon, woodwind duet; Dawn Wilfong, woodwind duet; Genna Lampinen, trumpet solo; Dawn Wilfong, oboe/bassoon duet; Cynthia

Kazanis, oboe/bassoon duet; Paul Hou, trumpet duet; Nan Jiang, trumpet duet; Dawn Wilfong, bassoon solo; Melissa Doolin; piano solo; Beth Kelsey, clarinet duet; Christina Lis, clarinet duet; Felix Liu, alto saxophone duet; Lei Bei, alto saxophone duet; Namira Islam; woodwind duet; Sayaka Yoda, woodwind duet; John Wang, brass trio; Lydia Katsamberis, brass trio; CJ Orlando, brass trio. These musicians can be seen performing with the Novi bands at the Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium on April 17.

## Novi Briefs

### A NEW VIEW

A new view of Novi is on its way after members of the Novi city council voted unanimously on March 18 to approve the purchase of an aerial photography package to replace current aerial photos taken in 2000. The \$4,090 job awarded to JRR Enterprises, Inc. will provide city officials with mural and digital files for use in the city manager's conference room and four quarter maps in the hallway. The photographs will be taken in May and will show new development in Novi since the May 2000 photograph was taken.

### SPRING TREE PLANTING

Members of the Novi city council approved a motion on March 18 to seek bids for the city's 2002 Spring Tree Planting Program. The bids will be received by Novi's Forestry Division and will encompass various subdivisions throughout the city. The planting of about 520 trees will be required for the project and funding will come from various escrow accounts.

### DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DENIED

Novi resident Brad Bach was denied a request to authorize the preparation of a development agreement between himself and city officials by members of the Novi city council. The agreement would have set the framework for the possibility of rezoning his property on the west side of West Park Drive north of West Road from residential acreage to One Family Residential District, but be developed under a different zoning density standard. Recommendations made by city officials against approving the request coupled with possible master plan discrepancies brought about the March 18 decision. Some members also believed the rezoning request would benefit Bach by allowing additional homes to be built on the property, but did not benefit the city in any concrete way. It was also mentioned that if council members paved the way for Bach to rezone his property, than what would stop someone else from rightfully requesting the same thing.

### NEW SWOCC HEADQUARTERS

Caren Collins of the Southwest Oakland County Cable Commission provided members of the Novi city council and city officials with an update on the progress of its new studios. Collins reported the new studio, which will be utilized by the city, is on budget and on time to open this summer. The new digs will have two studios for public and government access programming and ample storage space for equipment. The new studio is located at 33300 Nine Mile Road east of Farmington Road.

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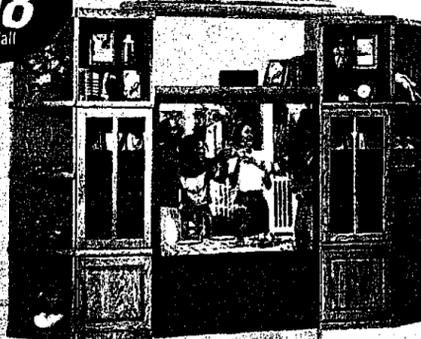
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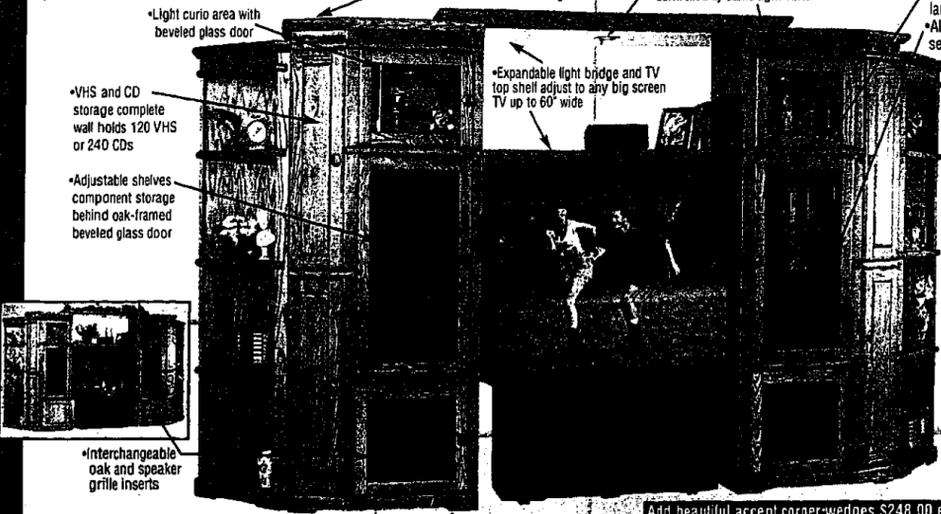
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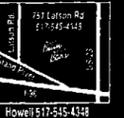
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## Skater passes senior testing Halie Bojovic first to pass for Skate Club

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It isn't everyday an athlete gets to say they are at the same level — technically — as Olympians Sarah Hughes and Michelle Kwan, but that's exactly what Novi resident and Northville student Halie Bojovic gets to say.

Bojovic, a freshman at Northville High School, is a skater who competes with the Skate Club of Novi under the guidance of figure skating director and coach Tammy Homberg.

"Halie is the first skater representing the Skating Club of Novi to reach this level," Homberg said of Bojovic's recent passing of her senior freestyle and her senior moves tests — which are the highest a skater can obtain. "She is the first from the club to pass these two tests."

Bojovic, who is 15 years old, said that she has always loved skating.

"I've been skating since I was around three," she said. "I just love to fly across the ice."

Bojovic said that although skating and practice for skating — such as choreography and ballet — take up much of her social and study time,

she doesn't mind.

"I am pretty much used to it," she said. "In December I couldn't skate for the whole month (due to an injury). I would just come home from school and do my homework. I never realized how boring it could be."

She said that skating actually doesn't interfere with her social life too much because her friends understand her hectic schedule.

"Sometimes they will want to out or something but they know that I have to skate and they understand that," Bojovic said.

The sophomore skater also noted that her parents, Lynda and Novo Bojovic, have been very supportive of her.

"They have been very supportive," she said. "I don't think I could have ever done what I have done without them."

One of the things about skating is that it is practically a full time job for Bojovic.

"It's a year round thing," she said. "There have been times that we have been on vacation and I still skated like once when we were in California."

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## Novi falls in Regional

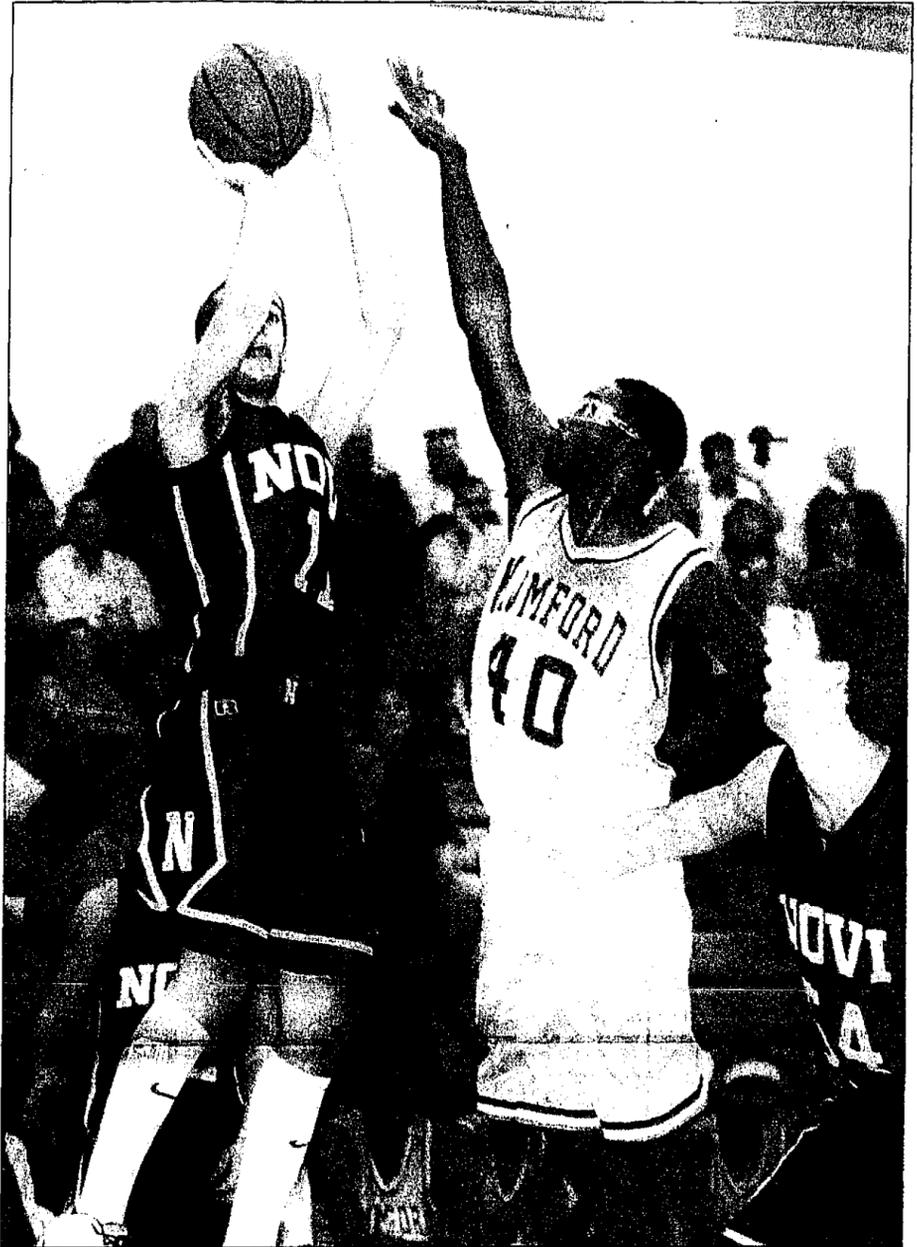


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Matt Emmenecker tries to elevate for a shot over Mumford's Cedric Lane.

## Mumford gets the best of 'Cats

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

After battling their way through a tough District, the Novi Wildcat Basketball Team was eliminated from the 2002 MHSAA basketball playoffs by Detroit Mumford on Wednesday March 13.

Mumford, behind some very strong shooting by Stevie Moore and Alger Walker, was able to shake off the Wildcats and win the game 67-50.

"They were a good team," Novi head coach Pat Schluter said.

Novi started off strong and was down only one point 14-15 at the end of the first quarter. Early in the second quarter after a basket by Jamie Schram, Novi led 16-15, but that was the last time Novi would have the lead.

"We kept them close for a while," Schluter said.

Detroit Mumford's Walker exploded in the second quarter and scored 13 points including three triples in that quarter. He was aided by Walker who was Mumford's only other scorer that quarter to go up 33-25, which was still a surmountable lead.

"They just hit too many deep three's," Schluter said.

Novi was forced into a shoot-out in the second half and that was when the Mustangs started to pull away. Moore and Walker continued their shooting into the second half and Novi couldn't quite match it.

"They took us out of our offense and we struggled a little," Schluter said.

Novi never stopped fighting,

but was unable to come any closer than the eight points they were down at halftime. Moore and Walker continued to be on target and Moore knocked in 13-second half points.

"Number ten (Walker) really lit us up good," Novi's Schram said. Walker and Moore both ended up with 21 points.

Leading the way for Novi in scoring was junior Chase Chandler from the point guard position. He knocked in 14 of the wildcats 50.

"Chase Chandler did a good job," Schluter said.

Behind Chandler, four Novi players had nine points each. Junior Matt Emmenecker led Novi from behind the arc and scored on three triples. Senior Brandon Davis diced his way through

Mumford's defense when he could for his points.

"Davis makes a lot of big shots," Schluter said.

Shaun Dicken scored seven in the second half to get his nine. Schram scored his final nine points of his high school career from inside the point to round out Novi's scoring.

Novi finished the year with an impressive 16-8 record. For the first time in 24 years Novi became District champs and the first time in history Novi won the Class A district championship.

Brian Doyle is an intern for the Northville Record, Novi News and the Lake Area Times. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

## Rugby has a lot to offer players

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Coming off of a second-place season in the state of Michigan, the Northville Knights Rugby club is going to be looking to collect a few more wins to their two-year, 25-6 overall record.

The Knights, coached by Ron Cornell, are playing a game that I have developed a bit of interest in. Coming out of high school, the only sports I had participated in were baseball, football, track and field and basketball. The idea of playing a European sports such as soccer or rugby never even crossed my mind until I hit college. Actually, it hadn't even crossed my mind at that point until I was approached in Sociology 101 by the rugby club president. I agreed to come out and take a look at one of their practices and I have been hooked ever since.

This sports is one of those things that just seems to get addictive, especially for a sports fan. Take the intensity of football and triple it and you come close to what is put out on the field when a game is played.

There is much to know about the game of rugby, and a lot a person like myself still has to learn. So much in fact, that I would never be able to put down everything a spectator needs to know here in this article. My suggestion — go out and watch a game.

The Northville Knights, comprised of members of Novi, Northville and Walled Lake High Schools, is a local club that plays, hopefully, in Northville (it is possible their home games will be played in Southfield on the Detroit Tradesmen Rugby Club's home field). These are high school students who are out to play a game.

**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Novi Wildcats**

**Knights Rugby Club**

There are few rewards in the game of rugby, but the ones that are there are worth the trouble. These players know that when the season is all said and done that they are not going to be getting a letter to sew to their letterman jackets. They know that there is no association to their schools, but rather an association to their sports.

Rugby players world wide have one thing in common — rugby. At the tournaments I have attended and the few times I have taken some time to chat on the internet, the one thing I have always been able to talk about to rugby players

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The Novi JV pom pon team poses for the camera after a recent competition.

## Pom has good showing at Regional competition

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Pom Pon team continued adding to their impressive record as they notched a birth into the Mid American State Pom Pon Championships.

The Wildcats collected a win by one point in the Regional Competition to be one of eight teams in Michigan to qualify for the Class A state competition.

The other schools that made the state event along with Novi were Northville, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Dearborn Heights

Crestwood, Saginaw Heritage and Plymouth Canton.

The Class A teams that did not collect enough points to compete in the Class A state title contest but scored enough points to compete in the

**Novi Pom Pon Squads**  
Class A, Division II state event were Waterford Kettering,

Davison, Okemos, Livonia Stevenson, Farmington, South Lyon, Farmington Hills Mercy, Midland, Waterford Mott, Midland H. H. Dow and Bay City Central.

Also competing in their own state championships will be

teams in Class B, C/D and J.V. Novi's J.V. Pom squad qualified to be one of six J.V. teams competing for their own state crown.

The Mid American State Championship was held at Saginaw Valley State University March 10 (results will be in next week's sports section). Novi is the current Class A state champs and will be defending their title. The Wildcats were also state champs in 1996, 1998 and 1999 while placing second in 1997 and 2000.

The Novi varsity pom pon team is coached by Jennifer Hubenschmidt and the J.V. team is coached by Maria Hernandez.

# Senior cagers gave Novi something to remember them with — a District Tournament championship

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

Novi will lose four of its strongest players to graduation next year. Seniors Brandon Davis, Jamie Schram, Trey Simpson and Brian Swift played their last high school basketball game against Detroit Mumford last Wednesday.

"When I checked out, I knew I'd never come back out to court as a high school basketball player again," Schram said.

Novi will the other three seniors. The only way the players can impact the game now is with the legacy that the players have left to their teammates and basketball players to come will remember.

"We left Novi High School setting the standard," Simpson said. "Hopefully they think of us as a team that worked hard and accomplished a district championship."

This year's Novi basketball team was the first in Novi ever to win a Class A district championship. After finishing 12-9 last year, the Novi seniors increased their record to 16-6 this year. Novi did not win

the KVC championship as some players feel that the team should've, but are very proud of their performance.

"I definitely would've liked to win the KVC," Simpson said.

Swift echoed his sentiments but said the seniors felt very happy with their district championship.

"I had a lot of fun this year," Simpson said.

Schram felt the same way. "I don't think I'd want to change anything," he said. The seniors will always remember fondly the district championship.

"I'll always remember the whole entire feeling when the buzzer went off and running out onto the floor to celebrate," Schram said.

Novi also feels that the District championship means a lot to their basketball career.

"All four years led up to that," Swift said. "All the work we've done on freshman, JV and Varsity. All the practices and drills. It gave our season meaning."

However, the seniors will take more than the memory the game away from the year. The seniors

also formed a close bond with each other and the rest of their teammates.

"I made a lot of friends through basketball," Swift said.

The other seniors agreed that they had made strong friendships through the sport. Davis, Simpson and Swift will continue their athletic pursuits this year on the Varsity Baseball team while Schram is a member of the track team.

"A lot of teammates are three sport athletes," Schram said.

Davis is actually a four-sport athlete as a member of the baseball, basketball, football and soccer teams. Simpson plays baseball, basketball and football and Swift is a member of the baseball, basketball and soccer teams.

"I've played baseball and soccer with Brian Swift and I play football and baseball with Trey Simpson so I see those guys year round," Davis said.

Stemming from basketball and other sports, the players have made friendships that will be hard to go away from.

"I'm going to miss just hanging out with the players at the team dinners and outside of basketball," Simpson said.

The seniors have played with each other for the majority of the last four years and will probably never play basketball on the same team again.

"I'm going to miss my teammates from all four years," Schram said. Davis also pointed out that this year will mark the end of some of the Novi players being teammates from even before high school.

"I've been on (Schram's) team since seventh grade and we have been playing for a while," Davis said.

The players will all go these separate ways after the season and school year but will still be able to look back on the memories of the great season they had.

"I'll be tough, but we're all good friends now so we're still going to hang out," Swift said.

Besides their teammates, a few of the seniors also mentioned one individual who they feel has really helped them in basketball as well as in other aspects of their life.

"I've become more of a leader," Simpson said. "Mr. Kelp really helped me out."

Bill Kelp is Novi's JV coach and coached Simpson for two years. Simpson credits Kelp with helping him become more of a leader. "I miss having him there, he's taught me a lot," Simpson said.

Swift also recognized Kelp for his contributions to his playing career. "I probably wouldn't have played the JV if it weren't for him. He gave me a chance when we were on JV," Swift said. Other people have been influential in the players' lives also. Family has been a big part of their success on and off the court.

"My dad's the one who got me involved in basketball, we used to always play in the driveway," Davis said.

Beyond their coaches and teammates the players will miss the fans that have come out to cheer the team on.

"The amount of fans that were there cheering you on was an unbelievable feeling," Schram said.

The team also will remember all the support the fans gave them after huge wins and especially after extremely tough losses.

"After that game (Regionals), it was nice to have people come up to you and tell you how good you were. They were cheering and telling you how season it was," Simpson said.

The seniors will leave behind their eight juniors to fill their shoes next year. Chase Chandler, Shaun Diken and Matt Emenecker have already had two years experience on the varsity squad and look to improve even on this season. The seniors will go away from this year leaving behind them a new standard by which all future teams can be measured and taking with them great memories of their district championship.

Davis said, "It's definitely the highlight of my basketball career."

# Grgurich cherishes memories, looks to future

By Sara-Beth O'Connor  
SPECIAL WRITER

As one of the four returning seniors to the Novi High School varsity soccer team, Greg Grgurich is ready to start the season.

"This year we have a lot of talent," said Grgurich. "Right off the bat, we played well together."

With a year of Varsity soccer under her belt, Grgurich is very optimistic about this season. She believes that Novi will be in the top of the KVC with Brighton.

"They're a strong team and won't be easy to beat," said Grgurich.

But, it was a game against Brighton her sophomore year that Grgurich treasures most.

"There was rain, sleet, hail, and a snow blizzard," said Grgurich.

The referees did not call the game and the girls continued to play. A lone goal by Kristina Ephraim, '03, tied up the game for

the Wildcats.

It is memories like this that Grgurich will take with her to college to share with her new teammates. In the fall, she will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. Grgurich will be studying set design for plays and photography along with trying out for soccer team.

Grgurich became interested in dramatic arts when she moved to Novi her sophomore year.

"When I first met Meg, she asked a lot older then the rest of us," said friend and fellow freshman Lindsay Keling, '02. "She was very talented and knew how to tell people what to do... she was sophisticated."

As a senior, Grgurich was the student director for the competition play. After the Fall by Arthur Miller. The group of students who put on the play played first at districts and placed second, missing first by a point, at the regional competition.

To go along with Grgurich's many achievements, she received a gold key, three silver keys, and two certificates for her artwork.

Another place where her creativity can be found will be in the 2002 Novi High School Yearbook.

"It's the best yearbook ever," said Grgurich.

On yearbook, she is the feature and homeroom editor. She also helped with the theme and cover of the book.

"The cover is a photo collage," said Grgurich. Every member of Novi High School's picture is on the cover forming a bigger picture of a wildcat. The design fits in with the theme of "take a closer look."

The yearbook is something that Grgurich works on during the yearbook class and in her spare time after school.

"I'll miss late night yearbook deadlines with Melissa Roemer, '02," said Grgurich.

Memories like this are what she'll remember about high school.

After the soccer season is over and the yearbook is handed out in June Grgurich will have had a full, yet fun senior year.

Grgurich is thankful for her supportive parents, Dan and Mary Lou Grgurich.

"They've always encouraged me to do the things I'm good at and want to do," said Grgurich. "They've agreed to send me to a college by a beach and pay for it."

With the experience of deadlines, competition, and games Grgurich knows the self-discipline needed to make her successful.

"I know she'll be successful and respected in her job," said Keling. "Whatever she wants to do, she'll do it."

# Bojovic passes senior moves, skate testing

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This year I do get Spring Break off around.

Bojovic said that she really couldn't do what she has done, especially when it comes to competing on the ice, without the help

of her coaches — Homberg, Gary Clark, Theresa McKendry and Marina Sheffer.

"They have helped me out a lot," Bojovic said. "Most everyone has so many coaches and not everyone uses ballet, but it helps."

Her coaches think the world of her too.

"Halle is just a fun girl to be around," Homberg said. "She has a wonderful presence on the ice and is always smiling. She is just really fun to watch."

Even with passing the highest test in skating, Bojovic's career on

ice is far from over.

"I am not sure how far I want to take it yet," she said. "I know that I want to skate as long as I enjoy it. Maybe I'll skate in college or professional, I can't tell you. I guess I'll see how far it takes me."

Kristy Vermillion, Junior, Northern Michigan University — Kristy Vermillion, a Novi High School graduate, concluded this swim and dive season with an 11th-place finish as a member of the Wildcats' 800 free relay team (seven minutes, 47.01 seconds) as well as being a member of the 15th-place 400 free relay team (3:36.87). Vermillion and her teammates competed in the NCAA-II National Championships in Orlando, Florida. NMU finished 11th out of 29 schools and was the highest finishing Great Lakes intercollegiate Athletic Conference team. Vermillion's sister, Lindsay, also swims at Northern Michigan University with the Wildcats as a freshman. Both girls swam at the varsity level for the Novi Wildcats while they were in high school under the coaching of Larry Tahan and Bill McCord.

# Wildcat tankers make splash at state finals meet, earn four points

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats looked to swimmers like Ian Robertson and Jovian Moblo to lead the way along with Bassett. Against the best swimmers around, it was hard to ask for anything more than the Wildcats were able to give.

"These guys got a lot of valuable experience," Tahan said. "Out of the five swimmers at sites, three of them are going to return."

Along with Moblo and Robertson, Jack Tyler and Julian Yoo were also at the state finals meet. Both were involved in the medley relay team and Tyler also swam the 500 free and the butterfly.

"Jack Tyler had a good meet," Tahan said. "He is one of our returning swimmers and we are hoping this experience is invaluable to him."

The Wildcats, who suffered from a lack in numbers and not in talent this season, will be looking to increase their depth with a larger amount of freshmen and maybe even sophomores next season.

"We are losing four seniors this year (Moblo, Yoo, Al Zabet and Josh Christenson)," Tahan said. "That is nothing like last season when we lost nearly one-third of the team to graduation. We are going to want to be able to replace them with a lot of underclassmen looking to step up and, hopefully, with an increased freshman class compared to this season."

The underclassmen all show promise for Tahan and the Wildcats, as they proved in the River. Rat invitational swim just before the state meet. Even with that promising talent, Tahan said it would be tough losing the four seniors.

"All four of the seniors have good qualities," Tahan said. "It is always tough to see kids that you have worked with over the years move on."

The Novi Wildcats have a lot of talent to work with come next season, especially with the combined experience of McCord and Tahan to guide them.

"Tahan noted that the one thing he doesn't have to worry about with the underclassmen wanting to step into leadership roles is their desire to work hard."

"This group has really good work ethic," he said. "I never have to worry about them not working hard all year long."

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# Rugby is good game to play with lots of benefits offered

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is the sports we share.

Besides the benefit of playing a sport that has ties in every corner of the world, rugby players also develop social skills, the ability to work as a team and the chance to be a positive member of the sport for years to come. Rugby is the number one sport played on college campuses nation wide and an experienced rugger is a valuable rugger. As for team work — yeah, other sports help develop that skill as well, but not like this. When you get the chance to watch a rugby game, watch three of the most team-work orientated portions of sports in the world today — the scrum, the ruck

and the lineout. There is no teamwork that compares to the chanting of a step-by-step scrum or the leg-locked stubbornness of a well-built ruck. And in what other sports do you trust your teammates enough to have them hoist you in the air for the lineout with hopes that they drag you down and break down around you fast enough so that your opponents don't knock your legs out from underneath you — if there are any, they are few and far between.

The benefits of rugby are huge compared to the generally small amount of injury from injuries are incurred in basketball and biking that any other sport that comes with the game. Not only will players

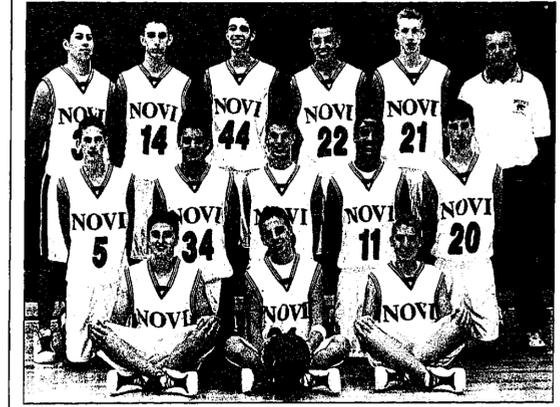
who take to the game of rugby find that it is a challenging and worthwhile sport, but they will find themselves part of a family that all the members have one goal in mind — having fun.

The Northville Knights are currently looking for players — their first game is scheduled for April 10. Interested individuals can take the trek to Mendis Mill school Monday, Wednesday or Friday and talk to coach Cornell, or they can call him for more information at (248) 351-3593.

For all of you sports fans interested in catching a game — keep your eyes on this sports section for a final schedule and the updates of the games throughout the season.



# Almost Perfect



NOVI JV BASKETBALL  
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ALMOST PERFECT!  
The Novi JV boys' basketball team came close to something that many teams only dream about — a perfect season. The Wildcats finished their regular season with two more wins last week to end the year with a 19-1 overall record and a 14-0 undefeated mark in Kensington Valley Conference action.

Over the last four seasons, Coach Bill Kelp's junior varsity teams have an outstanding record of 66-14. Before this season, Kelp's best JV season was 16-2 in 2000.

The 2002 team topped that mark thanks to overall team speed and a tenacious full-court and half-court press. "This team played basketball like it was meant to be played," Kelp said.

Besides team speed, the overall depth of the Wildcats was much stronger this season. All 14 players saw action in most of the games.

Last week against Pinckney, Novi JV rolled out to a big third-quarter lead and beat the Pirates, 49-38. The Wildcats were

led in scoring by Brad Simpson with 18 points. Steve Gawronski added eight. The final game of the year saw a line-up change for the Wildcats.

Starters Joey Fratto, Mark Saurer, Joe Prokop, Steve Jobbori, and John Peters held the Highlanders at bay in the first and fourth quarters to lead Novi JV to a 61-34 victory over Howell. All 14 Wildcat players scored during the game. Brad Simpson had 11 points, and Peters had 10 points.

The 2002 JV basketball season is one that the Wildcats will never forget.

There was the double-digit comeback win against Millard; there was fought victory at Brighton; four victories by 40 or more points; Steve Jobbori's painted red, white, and blue shoes; and knowing that, on any given night, someone different could be the hero of the game.

Novi JV basketball members include: Joey Fratto, John Peters, Steve Gawronski, J.W. Woods, Mike Hart, Mark Saurer, Brad Simpson, Kerry Kreutzberg, Brad Chandler, Steve Jobbori, Andy Kranpansky, Mark Angolecci, Joe Prokop, Ryan Corte and Matt Hutchens.

# Moore to run Worlds in Dublin

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It isn't enough the Novi's Tim Moore is headed to the University of Notre Dame to run for the Fighting Irish — nope, Moore also has to take a trip to Ireland to run with the Irish.

"I am really excited," Moore said. "I am going to go there and run as hard as I can."

Moore noted that he and five other competitors, who qualified for the World Championship race after a run in Vancouver, Washington, will make up Team U.S.A. Moore, who has won all three races he has participated in since the end of the high school cross country season that found him winning the state title, is already the Midwest and national champion — that only leaves one more title.

"I think is going to be tougher than anything I have experienced here in the states," Moore said and noted that even though he won the state, regional and national title that he isn't a favorite in the World title event. "I don't know if it is going to be the same story in the World Championships as it has been before."

Out of all of the countries that will be represented, Moore said that he thinks the Kenyans and the Ethiopians will be the favorites in the race.

Even with entering the World title race for a chance to take the crown and be the fastest runner in his age group on the planet, Moore said he

isn't really nervous.

"I am not really nervous at all," he said. "There is no real pressure on me. I am not a favorite to do anything big in this race. The pressure is mainly on the Africans so I am just going to run my hardest and have a good time."

One factor may be in the runners from the colder countries, such as the United States, favor — the weather.

"It is supposed to be in the 50s with a little bit of rain," Moore said of the forecast. "I think it would be to my advantage to have it a little muddy and wet as well as on the colder side."

Along with Moore's mother, father and brother, his cross country coach, Robert Smith, will be attending thanks to his friends (see related story, page B3).

With six members of Team U.S.A. heading into the race full of rolling hills and long, spongy grass, only the top four of each team will be counted for points.

"That is basically how the rest of the world does it," Moore said of the difference to the scoring in the states, which has seven runners starting and the top five being scored.

Moore also noted that he is going to run this race just a little different than the past ones. "I am going to come out a little more aggressive," he said. "If I am not on my game right from the gun, I will be left in the back."

Which, at this level, is something most runners wouldn't be able to come back from.

Tim Moore stands with his National title trophy...can he get one in Dublin?  
"The pace gets going fast right away and the front pack doesn't really slow down," Moore said. "I am going to have to get up there quick, really quick."  
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# Smith headed to Ireland thanks to a little help from his friends

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

When the faculty at Novi High School heard cross-country stand-out Tim Moore was going to Dublin, Ireland, to compete in the World Cross Country Championships, they stepped into action.

The high school staff made up their collective minds; they were going to make sure Novi High School track and cross-country coach Bob Smith made it to Dublin with his top runner.

"There was no hesitation on anyone's part," said Novi High School teacher Paul McCosker. "There was not even a thought about it. It was the thing to do."

Teachers, administrators, custodians and hall monitors "passed the hat" to the far corners of the school building, collecting enough money for airfare and lodging to Ireland.

Smith is headed to Dublin next week.

"The staff really feels good about this," said Novi High School teacher Gary Kelly. "There is a lot of feelings of closeness on helping someone out."

After traveling to Florida and Washington to be with Moore for national championship runs — using personal funds and help from families of track athletes to get there — Smith was not planning on crossing the Atlantic Ocean for the World Cross Country Championships.

"Europe is in a whole other league," Smith said.

So, at the high school faculty meeting on Mar. 6 — and unknow-

ing to Smith — Kelly and McCosker made the call for donations to get the track coach at his number's side. Within minutes, over \$400 was raised.

"[Smith] is well-liked around here. It wasn't a problem at all," Kelly said.

And over the next three days, the word spread, with the faculty raising \$1,100 for traveling costs.

"I am just overwhelmed by this show of support that is above and beyond," Smith said. "This is really a testimony to what we get here at Novi — the athletes are special, the parents are special and the staff is one in a million."

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Sports shorts

Gymnastics team struts its stuff

The 2002 Desert Devil Classic held in Roundup, Arizona's authentic 1880s Western town in Scottsdale, AZ, was the site of the 8-13 age group. Tucker placed 3rd on beam with a score of 9.2. 4th on bars (9.625), 5th on vault (9.0) and 6th on floor (9.225). Team mate Lindsey Chirio placed 1st on bars (9.725), 1st on floor (9.5). Level 7 gymnast Kasey Cummings placed 1st on beam and Nikki Perera placed 6th on beam. Level 5 gymnast Alexandra Boutique placed 2nd on vault and 5th all around.

Basketball tryouts

The Northville NOYS Basketball Club will be having tryouts for summer basketball teams on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at Northville High School. Players interested in trying out for 5th-7th grade teams will tryout from 6:00-7:30 PM and players in 8th-12th grade from 7:30-9:00 PM. Details regarding the structure & plans of these teams will be available at the gym. Please contact Northville Basketball at (248) 348-6677 with questions.

Spring leagues forming

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Youth Baseball/Softball Registration

Northville Baseball/Softball Association House leagues are still accepting registration at the Northville Parks and Recreation Hillside office. Sign up now, before the leagues fill up.

Boys Spring Recreational Basketball Leagues Forming

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting player registrations for its spring 2002 Boys Youth Basketball Programs (eighth and ninth grade boys in one league, 10th through 12th grade boys in another).

Catholic Youth Organization Football Meeting

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program is holding an organizational and informational meeting. All boys, grades third through eighth for the 2002-03 school year, and their parents should attend.

Next Level Athletes

The Northville Record sports department is looking for submissions for the new section, Next Level Athletes.

Eligible athletes include collegiate, semi-pro, professional and minor league players (please email first if other levels).

Please email submissions to segleston@hnt.com or mail them to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI. 48167. Please include name, year and college as well as the sport and position the athlete plays.



JV Volleyball was simply perfect

Submitted photo

Novi girls J.V. Volleyball went undefeated last Saturday at the Walled Lake Central invitational. They beat the tough serving WLC in the semi-finals and, the hitting Troy Athens in the final. The team was 6-0 at this point in the season. After this photo was received the girls went on to stay undefeated throughout the 2002 season. Congratulations! Coach: Kathleen Narducci. Amanda Toffoli, Kelly Herbert, Laura Rybicki, Bella Feldbaum, Rachel Good, Colene Brockman, Courtney Kolb, Anna Rickard, Ashley Glover, Samantha Stricker, Ashlea Surles, Rebecca Roemer, Renee Schmitt, Naomi Nemoto, Danielle Fennelly. The amazing season the J.V. squad had is just a testament to what the varsity squad is going to have to offer to their opponents come next season. With such a talented crew of J.V. and varsity spikers, the Wildcats are no doubt going to be eyeing the Kensington Valley Conference crown.

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David Zeitlin signs to play at Lake Superior State

By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

After a very successful career as a Walled Lake Western basketball player, senior David Zeitlin is moving on to continue his basketball quest. David's old-school true point guard, Walled Lake Western coach Rex Stanczak said of his senior guard, "I'm lucky enough to be able to continue playing the sport I love," Zeitlin said. Next year, he will continue his point guard career with former schoolmate Ben Dewar. Dewar is currently a junior at Lake Superior State and has led the team in scoring for the past two years. Zeitlin was considering other small schools such as Albion, but decided to go to Lake Superior State because of Dewar and other reasons. "They're good people and have a great coaching staff," he said. Zeitlin recognizes the opportunity

he has to continue playing and does not take it lightly. "I know not a lot of people get that chance," he said. Zeitlin was quick to credit his teammates who he feels have helped him out a lot. "I had a lot of good teammates who made me look good," he said. One of those teammates, Chris Eagle, along with Kevin Naughton are Zeitlin's closest friends. When Zeitlin is around those friends, their favorite activity is to "chill." He met both of those people through basketball. Eagle during tryouts for the seventh grade team and Naughton during little league basketball. Zeitlin got into basketball at a

young age because of his dad and hasn't veered away from it since. "My dad got me into it when I was little," he said. "I just stuck with it." Zeitlin said that his parents, Barry and Lisa, are very supportive of him, as well as his younger sisters, Lindsay and Kylie. "They're all behind me," Zeitlin said. Zeitlin also said that the one person who has helped him most on and off the court is his dad. "If I'm ever in trouble, he's always helping me out," he said. Zeitlin plans to study business while at Lake Superior State, an area that a lot of his family members are involved with. "A lot of my family members are

involved with business," he said. Before he goes off to college, Zeitlin plans to go down to Panama City, Florida over spring break and relax with a group of eight of his close guy friends and eight of his close girlfriends. When he goes off to school, Zeitlin says most of all he will miss his friends. "I'll miss the friendships I have since I've known them so long," he said. While at home, Zeitlin enjoys watching movies and listening to music. His favorite movie is Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back and not surprisingly his favorite actors are Jay and Silent Bob. Zeitlin enjoys both rap and alternative music and his favorite rap artist is Outkast.

Zeitlin currently drives a Jeep and likes to travel to his favorite restaurant, Taco Bell. His favorite food, however, is simply a grilled cheese sandwich. Zeitlin has a bright future ahead of him at Lake Superior State University, but it will be hard for him to follow behind Dewar's impressive numbers at the school. Zeitlin will go on to play the game he loves at the next level and enjoy every minute of it. Zeitlin said, "I love it because it's an up-tempo game."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Northville, Novi, Walled Lake rugby squad practices their "line-out" procedure last Friday afternoon at Meads Mill Middle School. The Knights RFC is currently looking for players interested in trying the game of rugby.

Knights RFC has plenty of experience this year

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Knights Rugby Club may only be in its fifth season of existence, but they have plenty of returning players and an experienced coaching staff to get them where they are going. The Knights, coming off a second place finish in the state tournament last season, will be looking to take it one step further - even if it means having to dig deep to be able to beat long time rival Grand Rapids Catholic Central. The Knights, made up of players from Walled Lake schools, Novi and Northville, have tough teams like Brighton, Berkeley, Dearborn and Howell to contend with on the East side of the state while Forest Hills, Grand Haven, Battle Creek, Rockford (which has two teams) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central roam the west. New teams that may start up this season are Traverse City, St. Joseph's and Livonia. "The season runs with games starting a week after Spring Break, which is April 10 this year, through the state championship May 18," Cornell said. "We have one match every Wednesday and have two round robin tournaments penciled into the schedule."

"We have a real good scrum half back this season," Cornell said. "Along with him we have a player that shared some time at hooker." The Knights, made up of players from Walled Lake schools, Novi and Northville, have tough teams like Brighton, Berkeley, Dearborn and Howell to contend with on the East side of the state while Forest Hills, Grand Haven, Battle Creek, Rockford (which has two teams) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central roam the west. New teams that may start up this season are Traverse City, St. Joseph's and Livonia. "The season runs with games starting a week after Spring Break, which is April 10 this year, through the state championship May 18," Cornell said. "We have one match every Wednesday and have two round robin tournaments penciled into the schedule."

One of the biggest challenges the Knights have to face year in and year out is numbers. "One of the big things other teams have over us is numbers," he said. "A lot of the other teams are more supported by their schools. One of the hardest things for us is to be able to get indoor space to practice. This year we had to go over to Livonia." Cornell and the Knights are hoping to get a shot to play on the Hillside School football field, instead of in Southfield, for their home games so they can play in front of a true home crowd. "Last year it was nice to play in front of our home fans," Cornell said. "We are hoping to be able to do that again this year." The current schedule has the Knights penciled in for a scrimmaged March 27 on the Detroit "Tradestown" Rugby Club's home field in Southfield before hosting their first home game of the season April 10 - though the schedule is subject to change. Cornell also noted that anyone interested in joining the Northville RFC should show up to practice held at Meads Mill Middle School on Six Mile road every Monday, Wednesday and Friday no matter what the weather conditions. "We are always looking for new players," he said. "We take them now all the way through the end of the season." If interested in joining the Knights, please show up to practice or call Cornell at (248) 351-3593.

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Western falls in first round of the Districts

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As for next season, with the loss of nine seniors Stanczak figures the Warriors will be forced to be a whole new team. "Basically what it does is totally change the whole team," he said. "We are basically going to have to start over." Three juniors on the team this season will be the backbone of the Warriors come next winter, but Stanczak knows that it is going to be a tough season. "We are going to have to rebuild right away," he said. "I imagine we will have something along the lines of six seniors and six juniors next year, though I don't know what the exact numbers will be."

One of the plus factors for a rebuilding season will be the realignment of the Western Lakes Activities Association with the removal of the Farmington schools and the addition of Wayne High School to the mix. "Our division won't be as strong next year," Stanczak said. "One of the things I like right now is our juniors are gun ho. They are organizing their own AAU team and will be playing this summer. If we can grow up a little bit this summer, when our division play starts we might be competitive."

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## Warriors end season in a very painful way Future hazy with loss of nine seniors

By Sam Eggleston  
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It was a season that ended just about as badly as a promising season can end — in the first round of the District tournament.

The Walled Lake Western Warriors, a team that looked so promising in the beginning of the season, were down by one against the Lakeland Eagles with just five seconds to go in the contest before everything went right down the toilet.

"It ended just about as painfully as it could have," Walled Lake Western headman Rex Stanczak said. "We lost in the first round to Lakeland. To tell you the truth, not one person that I have talked to that saw the game hasn't said that we didn't get screwed."

The game, resting at one point with just seconds remaining on the clock, found the Warriors losing 62-57. Senior Bryan Verdun came down the court before being

tripped up by and aggressive Lakeland defender, causing Verdun to fall to the hardwood and lose control of the ball. As Lakeland's player picked up the ball and came back down the court, Verdun reached out and swatted at the ball, hitting the Eagle's player instead.

"Not only didn't we get a foul called on the trip, the ref called an intentional foul on Bryan," Stanczak said. "I came off the bench to argue the call and they T'd (got a technical foul) me and Bryan got up to argue and they T'd him."

In the end, the Eagles shot six free throws to end the contest and seal the victory.

"It was a tough pill to swallow," Stanczak said. "I am still having a tough time with it and I know the players are. They played their hearts out."

The Warriors will be losing nine seniors to graduation this spring — including stellar guard David Zeitlin, Verdun and Chris Eagle.

"They are our big three," Stanczak said. "We are also losing six other seniors."

One of the bright spots for the Warriors this season was winning their division for the fifth year in a row.

"These guys have been able to do it for two years straight," Stanczak said. "Zeitlin won it for three years because he was our backup guard as a sophomore."

Western's big three will, according to Stanczak, move on the play basketball in college. Zeitlin has already secured his hoops future, taking advantage of a full-ride to Division II Lake Superior State University. Eagle is apparently looking at attending Alma and Olivett while Verdun is torn between Olivett, Rochester and Concordia.

"I think Brian and Chris both has what it takes to end up playing college ball somewhere," Stanczak said.

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### Cheer, cheer for victory

These Walled Lake Central cheerleaders get into the spirit of things as they cheered on their young basketball team to victory. The Walled Lake Central Vikings basketball team graduated only three seniors this season and is looking to utilize their young players next season. Walled Lake Western, on the other hand, graduates nine seniors this season and will have a lot of work to do if they hope to be competitive in the the Western Lakes Activities Association and beyond next season.



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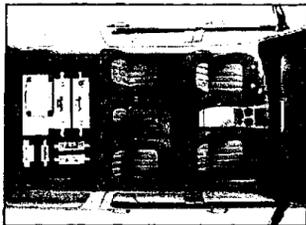
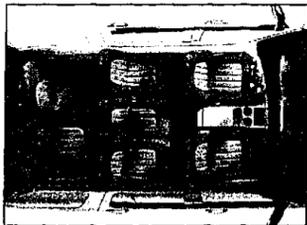
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