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First-ever winner

Inaugural Novi Woods PTO Scholarship winner Ranjan Radhamohan speaks to youngsters at the Novi school last week about how his elementary schooling has helped him reach for his goals in life.

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Amendment concerns

Dissatisfied with a recently approved amendment to Novi's 2001-2002 budget, one city council member spoke out sparking pointed comments by other community representatives.

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End of this road

Retiring Orchard Hills School teacher Mike Carter leads his charges off the playground on a recent weekday afternoon. Carter has been with Novi Public Schools for 23 years.

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Who will be Miss Golf?

Tomorrow, in a remote location somewhere in Michigan, a vital choice is going to be made. Who is going to be Miss Golf? One of the candidates for the prestigious award is Northville's very own Kate MacDonald.

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Fatoosh owners settle, closes its doors for good

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

A settlement reached between the owners of Fatoosh Mediterranean Cuisine and their landlord will send the restaurant packing by the end of the month, leaving another

vacancy in Novi's downtown.

A settlement was reached between the owners of Fatoosh and their landlord closing the restaurant and resolving any back pay issues, said 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie.

MacKenzie said the June 7 settlement between Fatoosh and Luna Properties involved an agreement by Luna to wave any back money owed in return for Fatoosh's promise to move out by June 23.

Nabil and Rana Matar, the owners of the restaurant, may stay

until the end of June, but MacKenzie said it will cost them \$3,500.

The court-room dispute began in April when Luna Properties filed a complaint of non-payment of rent against Fatoosh.

Attorney James Oegema, who was hired to represent Luna Properties, stated in court documents that restaurant owners did not pay their March rent of \$4,000 along with an additional \$3,422 in other fees.

The Matar's in turn filed a court-

suit stating they felt their rental contract had been broken listing a "breach of covenant of enjoyment" as the official reason.

According to court documents, the accused breach occurred when the east access to the restaurant was closed after Vic's World Class Market went out of business in February.

Documents prepared by Matthew Brown, Fatoosh's attorney, also state since Vic's closed, the eatery lost business and suffered damage

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Lights, camera, action!

Novi remembers Vietnam War era through film lecture

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The staff of the Novi District Library extends an invitation to all fascinated by the Vietnam War era to come and take a different look at a compelling time redefining America.

The look will be through the lens of a movie camera, and the tour will be guided by Elliot Wilhelm, curator of The Detroit Institute of Arts Detroit Film Theatre.

The Tuesday, June 18 event titled "What Films Teach Us About Us" will offer attendees an interactive opportunity to discuss how films of the 60s and 70s represented society's view on the war with a film professional.

Along with his curator position, Wilhelm's credentials include director of the weekend film series at The Detroit Film Theatre since 1974, hosting the Friday night Detroit Public Television Film Festival and authoring one of the Video Hounds World Cinema books - a compendium of non-American films featured as part of the Video Hound series.

"The primary thing we're going to talk about are films from the 60s and 70s and what those films were about and more importantly what they weren't about," Wilhelm said. "For the most part American films in that era were very, very gloomy."

Wilhelm said gloomy is actually much too conservative. Nihilistic is what the films really were in his opinion.

During the program, he will talk about specific films reflecting the American psyche at the time including "Bonnie and Clyde," "The Graduate," "Easy Rider" and "2001: A Space Odyssey."

"These films represented the bleak view of humanity that was once only associated with foreign films of the '50s," Wilhelm said.

He will also exchange ideas about what films made after the war were like.

Wilhelm said films surfacing after the war, like "Apocalypse Now," were very different from World War II movies.

"They were more grand and philosophical," Wilhelm said. "There was a great deal of confusion about who the enemy was."

Brenda Evans, director of the Novi District Library, said she is thrilled to bring the program to Novi.

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Photo by John Heider

Novi High School graduates listen to their 2002 commencement speakers.

Graduation Day

388 NHS seniors receive diplomas to hearty applause

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Applause rang down from the heights of Compuware Arena in Plymouth on June 8, as parents, siblings and other gathered family members gave the Novi High School class of 2002 a standing ovation when the graduating seniors strolled onto the main floor for the opening of the 34th Novi High School Commencement.

The procession of students — clad in green and white caps and gowns — were led by the Novi High School Symphony Band playing "Pomp and Circumstance," arranged by James D. Poyhar. The band was directed by Novi High School band director James Sheckler and assistant band director Matt Ownby.

The Novi Board of Education, district administrators and school principals joined the crowd applause from centerstage last Saturday evening.

"We have journeyed together through significant times in our country's history," said Novi High School principal Jennifer Cheal, noting the rash of school shootings, including the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Col., and the dismays of the Middle East that these graduating students have grown up with.

"Through these trying times, I saw this group of students stand up to be counted," Cheal added. Officially, 388 seniors ended their high school

careers on the floor of Compuware Arena, calling the class of 2002 their graduating class. Novi High School senior Geoffrey Paquette summed up the evening in his address to the proud onlookers at the commencement program.

"High school is over," he said. "We survived, and we may have learned a little along the way."

The program also included other musical selections from the Novi High School Symphony Band, including the children's march, "Over the Hills and Far Away," by Percy Aldridge Grainger.

Novi High School class of 2002 president Bethany Kittle and vice-president Melissa Roemer gave short addresses at the 34th Commencement, as well.

"Together we have learned about life," Roemer said. "As we begin the next phase of life, each of us has the power to change the world."

Emmett Lippe, Novi Schools' superintendent, accepted the graduating class and their academic credentials on behalf of the Novi Schools' Board of Education, granting the 388 seniors their certificates of a job well done — their diplomas.

"I challenge the students to make the most of their lives and the academic foundation provided by Novi Schools," Lippe said.

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Photo by John Heider

A Novi High School student smiles as she's about to receive her degree Saturday night at Compuware.

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Geoffrey Paquette
Novi High School Class of 2002

Two bodies found dead, Novi Police believe both are suicides

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Two bodies found dead in Novi last week are being treated as suicides, said representatives from the Novi Police Department.

The unrelated incidents brought police to two separate locations after calls came in reporting the discovery of the deceased men.

The first call came in at about 6:40 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5.

Employees arriving for work found a 23-year-old Novi male dead in the 24000 block of Catherine Industrial Road, in the

area of Ten Mile and Novi roads. The man was found hanging from a barrier surrounding a dumpster, police said.

"The death appears to be self-inflicted," said Detective Todd Anger of the Novi Police Department. "The investigation is ongoing and it is far from being over."

On Tuesday, police responded to the parking lot of JWS Sports Club on Novi Road for a disturbance call involving the deceased male, said Detective Sgt. David Molloy of the Novi Police Department.

Police said the deceased man found in the Novi industrial park is

believed to be the same man who left on foot from JWS parking lot on June 4.

Molloy said an autopsy was completed and the medical examiner found no trauma or injuries to the man's body.

Investigations at this time indicate the incident is a suicide, Molloy said.

The second body was found at about 10:15 a.m. on June 7 in woods located south of 10 Mile Road and west of Wkom Road.

Police said a tree cutter was working in the area when he found a car with a man lying in the back seat holding a gun.

The worker called police who responded to the scene.

Molloy said the investigation up to this point indicates the 47-year-old South Lyon resident died from a self-inflicted gun shot wound to the head.

"Based on all the evidence, we see no signs of foul play," Molloy said.

The South Lyon man was reported missing by his wife on June 3. Police said the man was last seen alive on June 2.

A suicide letter was found in the vehicle.

The case remains open pending toxicology reports.

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Senate approves tax-friendly bill

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Senate unanimously approved legislation last week, which would allow more Michigan residents to take advantage of cost-saving tax credits and deductions.

House Bill 5591 accomplishes this by requiring the Michigan Department of Treasury to list and explain all available credits and deductions clearly in the state tax form instruction booklets and on the department's Web site.

"It is a listing now on one page of all the deductions, exemptions and tax credits a taxpayer could be entitled to," said State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-South). "I call it a taxpayer empowerment bill."

Before the bill's June 6 approval, it was introduced by

Long preserving Lake's area past

By Sam Eggleston
STAFF WRITER

It is said that those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it. Luckily for Charlene Long and the Commerce Township Area Historical Society, they know everything they need to know about their area history.

Long, who was voted in as the new Historical Society president in May to replace Janice Leonhardt after her three-year term came to an end, said that she has already set her goals as president.

"I would like to have more community awareness of the history of our area," Long said. "Also, the Society is trying to put together a pictorial archive and are gathering old photographs of the community."

"That pictorial archive is in need of any old photos that the community may have and that they are willing to give for the sake of education and historical awareness."

"Any pictures of the community that people would like to donate to the society would be greatly appreciated," Long said. "We will be happy to keep them in a safe place, to catalog them and to have them available for public education."

The former president, Leonhardt, is still an active member of the

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Sewer deal with Milford backed up

By Tran Longmore
STAFF WRITER

A deal with the city of Wixom to provide sewer service to the south end of Milford Township continues to elude local leaders.

Milford Township Supervisor Don Green said the big stumbling block appears to be that the two communities can't agree on the type of intergovernmental agreement which would be used to spell out the details of the deal.

"Wixom is hesitant about signing on for a 425 Agreement," said Green. "And we're pushing for a 425 Agreement because, the way the law is currently written, it would help save us from having all that property annexed."

According to state law, while an agreement is in effect, "another agreement of annexation or transfer shall not take place for any portion of an area transferred under the contract."

The city of Wixom, however, prefers a simpler intergovernmental revenue sharing agreement permitted under the Urban Cooperation Act. City of Wixom Manager Michael Dornan declined to comment on why he preferred the revenue sharing agreement over the 425 Agreement.

However, revenue sharing agreements under the Urban Cooperation Act do not prohibit annexation.

Dornan said he's "more than a little frustrated" that Milford Township's attorney Gerald Fisher, specially hired to deal with the Milford Lakes development which lead to the need for sewer service, has pushed for a 425 Agreement.

"We haven't changed our position. It was Milford Township's attorney who brought up the 425 Agreement after four or five meetings," said Dornan, who said the stumbling block could prove to be a deal breaker. "All these meetings have been a waste of our time, a waste of the developer's money, and a waste of Milford Township's money. And in Wixom, time is money. We don't like to waste it."

A sewer extension would serve

Wixom ponders new DPW building specifics

Wixom council members decided to wait for now about determining a size and price for the new Department of Public Works building that residents voted for in a 1999 bond issue.

Officials will be deciding at a future council meeting to approve a 26,913-sq. ft. building for \$1.62 million or a 22,498-sq. ft. building for \$1.545 million. Voters approved the cost of the building to go no further than 1.9 million for a 22,500-sq. ft. structure.

Michael Dornan, city manager, said the \$1.62 million construction project would give residents and the workers, who will be using the building, more for their money.

He pointed out that it would cost more money to add square footage in the future. Therefore, it would be more cost effective to build a larger building now. However, he feels that the city does not have to spend up to the \$1.9 million that voters approved.

"As Mayor McDonald indicated, you do not have to always spend the money if you can get the job done," Dornan said.

Ron Nordstrom, council member, said the building would be the last major construction project for city needs for a long time. He said he believes the building should be the right size for the department's purposes.

He also pointed out that construction jobs are bidding out inexpensive in today's economy.

Therefore, he feels the city may be able to get a better price.

Richard Ziegler, council member, said he would not approve a cost for any size until their was significant documentation to determine what exactly the DPW needs for workspace.

Kevin Hinkley, council member, agreed.

"I am not for this without a bid process," Hinkley said. "I don't like this. This whole thing has been unsatisfactory since I started. I am unprepared to make a decision."

Mayor Michael McDonald said they also need to look at how much it would cost to heat and light the building.

"I only want this to be the right sized," McDonald said. "I think we can do without the bid process."

He said Royal Oak built a large DPW building that does not always get fully utilized. Some of their equipment is stored outdoors, even though they have the space.

"I think the 22,498 (sq. ft.) will meet the needs of the future," McDonald said. "I always like government best when it's busting at the seams because it limits the number of people you can put in it."

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Incumbents win in Walled Lake school election

The two incumbent Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education members were victorious at the district's school board election on June 11, topping the young third candidate by over 100 votes.

Board of education members Thomas McConnell and Michael Karson each held onto their seats Tuesday night with 730 and 684 votes, respectively. Sandra Kuhn, a mother of three children who attend Walled Lake Schools, fell short with 564 votes.

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Bussing issue revs parents at budget meeting

Residents don't want their children walking to school

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

A debate concerning who will walk and who will ride the bus to school permeated the Walled Lake Consolidated School's budget talks and almost split the final vote before approval was ultimately given.

Residents voicing concern with the safety of their children filled the meeting room on June 6, disputing language in the budget expanding the area of student walkers.

The 2002-2003 adopted budget increases the distance requirement for walkers from seven-tenths of a mile to one mile for elementary- and middle-school students and to one-and-a-half miles for high-school students.

The increase was proposed to save the district about \$100,000 in the upcoming fiscal year and more in future years.

The savings did not satisfy parent, Susan Hartman Hiser.

Hiser spoke before the board members as a representative of all the parents of Wixom Elementary School students living in the Hillsborough and Millstream subdivisions who would become walkers if the increase was approved.

Hiser was outraged the safety of their children would be put at jeopardy for such an immaterial savings.

She explained children going from the subdivision to the school would be walking along Wixom Road where the sidewalk is contiguous with the road.

The children will literally be walking within inches of traffic," Hiser said.

She also expressed her concern with the lack of a drop-off/pick-up area at the elementary school which she anticipated would be a huge problem when every parent from each subdivision began driving their children to school.

In anticipation of the outcry, an announcement was made by board representatives that the bus servicing those two subdivisions would remain in place, no matter what the final vote was.

Despite the relief of the parents who were representing the now exempt area, the decision of

Residents don't want their children walking to school

whether to expand the mileage requirement was still at stake.

"\$100,000 or \$60,000 just does not seem worth it," said Thomas McConnell, Walled Lake Consolidated School Board member. "I am afraid of the safety issue."

McConnell did not feel the mileage increase should have been included in the new budget, but instead should have been an entirely separate agenda item.

Walled Lake Consolidated School Board member Michael Karson echoed McConnell's sentiments and made a motion to approve the new budget excluding the mileage increase.

The motion failed 3 to 4 and was supported by members McConnell, Karson and Amy Peterman.

"I'm concerned with the longer distances and the safety issues with our kids," Peterman said. "I am not comfortable. To me this is not worth it."











A final motion to approve the budget, including the mileage increase, passed 4 to 3 and was supported by members Cynthia Sampson, Marc Siegler, Aly Onder and Mary Ellen Trott.

Members approving the budget said the increase was a general

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Community Events

Child Health Clinics
 DATE: Every Monday
 LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 E. West Maple, Walled Lake
 DETAILS: Free-of-charge service for pre-registered children 0 to 1 1/2 years who do not have well-care insurance or Medicaid.
 PHONE: (248) 926-3341

Sounds of Summer
 DATE: every Thursday, June 20 - August 15 (10 p.m.)
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Two Mile Rd., Novi
 DETAILS: Free-of-charge service for pre-registered children 0 to 1 1/2 years who do not have well-care insurance or Medicaid.
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Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital 8th Annual Golf Invitational
 DATE: Tuesday, June 11
 LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club
 TIME: 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, scramble format, lunch buffet with awards and silent auction to follow.
 DETAILS: This event provides support to programs, projects and patients at our hospital.
 PHONE: Office of Development, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 248-937-3927

Walled Lake City Library Summer Reading Program Opening Day
 DATE: Saturday, June 15
 LOCATION: Library, 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake
 TIME: 2:00 p.m.
 DETAILS: Beverly Meyer, the Missis Lady, will open the summer reading program with a creative show filled with songs and audience participation. The summer programs will include games, crafts, performances, refreshments and prizes. There are camps for infants through teens.
 PHONE: For more information, call 248-624-3772

Lakes Baptist Church "Dad's Favorite Dessert", A Fathers Day Treat
 DATE: Sunday, June 16
 LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake, Mich.
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 DETAILS: Dads-come and also receive a free gift.
 PHONE: 248-624-2900

LACC Annual Membership Luncheon
 DATE: Tuesday, June 18
 LOCATION: El dorado Country Club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Twp.
 TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 DETAILS: Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
 PHONE: (248) 624-2826

Rep. Nancy Cassis Golf Outing
 DATE: Friday, June 21
 LOCATION: Links of Novi
 TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. registration, 10:00 a.m. shotgun start, steak dinner/reception immediately following golf.

Smoking Cessation Program
 DATE: Saturday, June 22
 LOCATION: Novi Park Providence Medical Center (Grand River & Beck)
 TIME: 10 a.m. - noon
 DETAILS: The Wellness Seminar, a two-hour session which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. Participants learn to stop smoking without weight gain or withdrawal. The first 45 minutes of each session are free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$55.
 PHONE: (877) 345-5500

Weight Reduction Program
 DATE: Saturday, June 22
 LOCATION: Novi Park Providence Medical Center (Grand River & Beck)
 TIME: 1-3 p.m.
 DETAILS: The Wellness Seminar, a two-hour session which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. Participants learn to lose weight by controlling overeating. The first 45 minutes of each session are free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$55.
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First Time Home Buyers Seminar
 DATE: Wednesday, June 26
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Two Mile Rd., Novi.
 TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 DETAILS: Will be hosted by Merlin and Mary Trausch from ReMax and Jeff Clatterbaugh from Wells Fargo. The value of having a team of professionals working for you to help you save money and get the best value in a new house.
 PHONE: Please contact Jeff at 248-853-8740 to reserve a seat.

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Har Loss Seminar
 DATE: Wednesday, June 26
 LOCATION: Maria Cesar Salas & Spa, 43536 W. Oaks Drive, Novi
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 DETAILS: An exciting night of education, research and discovery about the causes of hair loss.
 PHONE: (248) 348-3544

Quick Date
 DATE: Tuesday, July 9
 LOCATION: Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi
 TIME: 7:15 p.m.
 DETAILS: Meet 10 to 12 new people for five minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun and exciting. Pre-registration is required.
 PHONE: (517) 552-0673 or www.quickdateinfo.com

To get your event listed, call editor Cal Stone at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or e-mail him at cstone@hmc.com.net.

Tim Moore to run Adidas Track Nationals
 Moore's goal in the two-mile national run is to become a sub-nine-minute runner.
 "I'm definitely going to break nine minutes (one day), and that is my goal," Moore said. "I ran nine minutes by myself (in Ann Arbor) and there I was running around people that were all over the track in the last half of the race. I know I am capable of doing it."
 Moore, being a competition runner that thrives off of running against the best, will have plenty of runners looking to beat him — including an old rival from Wisconsin, Chris Solinsky. Solinsky was one of the runners that Moore beat out in the cross country Footlocker Midwest Regional as well as in Orlando for the national championships. But Solinsky has already run a faster time than Moore this season.
 "Chris Solinsky ran an 8:48 in California," Smith said. "He was right behind Tim in the Footlocker."
 No matter who finishes where though, Moore's future is all but set. He has signed a letter of national intent to run cross country and track for the University of Notre Dame.
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 "The longer the race the better

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By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

"Everyone is going to be running fast, but I can run real fast too."

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Moore's goal in the two-mile national run is to become a sub-nine-minute runner.
 "I'm definitely going to break nine minutes (one day), and that is my goal," Moore said. "I ran nine minutes by myself (in Ann Arbor) and there I was running around people that were all over the track in the last half of the race. I know I am capable of doing it."
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Northville golfer up for Miss Golf

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

Tomorrow, in a remote location somewhere in Michigan, a vital choice is going to be made.
 Who is going to be Miss Golf? A senior leader that not only bested every player in her conference this season, but her Region as well as all of the competitors in Division I at the State Championships — which she led her team to fourth place at.
 "I think she is head and shoulders above anyone else in our conference," Murray said. "Outside of it, I think she is definitely in the top one-half percent of the players in Michigan."
 And, as Murray pointed out, MacDonald hasn't been lucky in a couple of matches this year —

Vaughn makes All-Area golf cut

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITERS

This was a year of top-notch golf for HomeTown East and a season that found our area boasting the Division I State Medalist and fourth-place team. With such talent, one would normally have a tough time picking out the Golfer of the Year, but we were lucky in that decision — we had the state medalist to lead the way for us.

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Kate MacDonald
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 Through her four year career, MacDonald has shown her worth more times than one as she has helped lead the Mustangs to two state tournament appearances, with this year resulting in a fourth-place overall finish.
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Layne Scherer
 Northville
 It's hard to shine with a player like Kate MacDonald on your team, yet Layne Scherer managed to do just that. This returning Mustang was a force on the Northville golf team as she led the team to a Western Division II title in the WJAA as well as a co-championship with Churchill in the league itself. Scherer has helped to mold this team into a success this year and will no doubt continue to do so as one of the team leaders come next season.
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Summer is an interesting time

Talk about the Dog Days of Summer.
 One of the reasons that I hate to see graduation and the loss of the seniors is also because it marks the end of the school year for the rest of the students as well — not to mention high school sports until the fall. I know that there will be plenty of scores to report, NABF World Series Baseball, triathletes, feature stories and yacht races to mention in the sports section, but it's just not the same.
 Come summer, there are so many teams that it becomes a struggle to get the information sent in on a timely manner (though that has been rolling smoothly so far this year) and there is so many individuals participating in competitive athletics that it is straight-out impossible to get them all in the paper.
 I guess I am just spoiled when it comes to high school athletics. They come in such a dandy, little pre-wrapped package that makes reporting on them fun (I dare not say easy) and rewarding to do. I know — not everything can be handed to me on a silver platter. That is why I am going to commit my summer to writing interesting and worth-while articles like reporting on our local athletes who have signed to play at a college this season, stories on our NABF Baseball and their quest for the World Series Title, local yacht crews that will be taking on the treacherous waters of the Great Lakes as they take to the Port Huron to Mackinac race and maybe, if we are all lucky this summer, a story on a celebrity athlete or two.
 I know that the summer becomes frustrating to readers because they end up reading about Northville people in the Novi News and Novi folks in the Northville Record. I just ask that all of you bear with us and bite your lip — it's only three months of summer (not even before we start up the Fall Preview and get back into high school athletics action.
 I hope to hear from any and all of you with story ideas this summer. I may not do all of them, but if you drop me a line via email (which is the easiest way to touch base with me) then we can start to flesh things out and see how they look.
 Thanks for reading this past sports season, and I hope you are with us when the 2002-03 seasons start up.
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He's Moore than a Novi athlete

By Brian Doyle
 SPECIAL WRITER

Although his name has been all over newspapers and on televisions across the nation, and let me tell you, it's just a normal high school athlete.
 While Moore does focus a good part of his life on his running, he likes to just kick back and relax with friends a lot also.
 "I like to hang out with my friends and hang out with my girlfriend," he said.
 Moore has an extensive list of hobbies that include reading, playing guitar, playing Frisbee, kicking a hockey sack every once and a while, and listening to music.
 "I like rock music, my favorite band is Led Zeppelin," Moore said. He also noted that he enjoys other bands like The Beatles and Dan Cash. Mitch Erickson, Roger Mensah, Trevor Scott and Andrew Wright are also very good friends of his.
 "I like people who don't take themselves too seriously," Moore said. "I like people that are loyal to each other and can be trusted."
 Moore also has somewhat else in his life who is very special to him. He is currently dating Farmington Mercy High School student Millie Beenevede. They met at a New Years Eve gathering put on by Cash.
 "When I met her, she was the first girl who could make me laugh as much as my guy friends," Moore said.
 Moore is currently holding down two jobs. He has been working at Running Fit since last September and just recently began working at Bob Evans, both of which he enjoys doing.
 However, Moore is still very dedicated to his sport. He will be competing in the adidas Outdoor Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina later this week. He has been training for this event and gave an idea of a normal workout.
 According to Moore, his workout last Monday was a little lighter than usual as he was preparing for the meet. He warmed up with a four mile run. Then he ran six 450-meter runs before he cooled off with a two mile run. Then he lifted weights for 10-15 minutes, doing just light upper body exercises.
 This summer as he prepares to run at Notre Dame in the fall, he will be running about 85-95 miles a week.
 "I will gradually build up to that and continue it through August and most of the season," Moore said.
 After his meet in Raleigh, however, Moore will take one week off.
 Moore graduated as a valedictorian of Novi High School this past weekend. Moore now will begin to prepare for life at Notre Dame.
 "I'm going to get to learn about what I want to learn about," Moore said. "I'm leaning towards something in the business finance area."
 Moore enjoys math, which was his favorite subject in high school, and wants to continue using it, but doesn't plan to become a math major. Moore's mother, Nancy, is a math teacher in Novi at the seventh grade level.
 Moore said that both his parents Nancy and Barry Moore, have been very supportive of him in athletics.



Tim Moore

And like a wave crashing down, it hits you

awaiting a serve. The anticipation before a big race, or the adrenaline of a penalty shot will never again be experienced. There will be no opportunities for game winning shots or last second kicks to win a race. The thrill of victory will not come through the veins when the athlete's hand is pumped into the air by the referee any longer.
 All of these events will not happen again in the lives of these high school athletes. The wave that these student athletes have been riding has come crashing down leaving the athlete on the shore. No longer apart of the inner circle that is high school athletics.
 As a member of any sports team you have an identity. Now, that identity can no longer be. You are a former track star, or a former swimmer.
 Most athletes go through the same sort of cycle. It always begins with just tossing a ball around in the backyard. It's like a small wave just starting. No one knows what will be in the future.
 Then, as time goes on it develops into organized athletics. Talent emerges and a competitiveness appears in a strong force. The wave of athletics gets bigger, but still fairly small.
 As a freshman or sophomore athletes are contained to the Freshman or Junior Varsity level. The competition increases and so does the off-season commitment to the sport. The wave is getting fairly large and starts to become noticeable in an otherwise placid sea.
 The climax of most occurs at the varsity level. As a junior an athlete will step into a new role of learning and a few will play a key part of the team. The wave is becoming some-thing huge in their minds.
 Finally, the wave peaks for most as a senior on the varsity level. As an athlete, I personally was riding on top of the world. I was having the time of my life. I'm sure it's been the same for many others. A feeling of invincibility sweeps over you while you are playing the game.
 Yet, in a flash, it all comes crashing down. The final season ends, as wave breaks. The thing that I never truly believed would happen, did. My athletic career was over. A select few are able to continue theirs beyond high school and they are truly lucky.
 However, nothing will ever compare to their senior year competition.
 As the wave falls and the career

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MORE SPORTS

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Thursday, June 13, 2002

WLW softball wins Region

■ Baseball falls to Sam Palace, Clarkston Wolves

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors softball team came through when the going got tough and advanced to win their Regional over a tough West Bloomfield team. The baseball team, on the other hand, took a tough loss against a very determined and eventual Regional champion Clarkston squad.

The Warriors softball team collected a 4-0 victory over West Bloomfield as Lauren Talbot threw a complete game, three-hitter to lead the Warriors to victory in the Division 1 Regional championship game at Memorial Park in Royal Oak.

"My pitches were working and I was very confident out there," Talbot said after the game. "As a team we came out a little nervous and a little shaky, but after the first few innings, I felt that we settled down."

The Warriors earned their second Regional title in two years, but can say that they compiled the first 30-win season in the school's history as they currently stand at 30-5.

Western may have earned that honor, but they will have to do something else the school's softball team has never accomplished if they hope to continue their post-season run — they have to beat Adrian to win their first ever quarterfinal game. Adrian topped Bedford 2-0 in the State regional title tilt to advance to the quarterfinals with Western.

"We aren't going to have much time to enjoy our win over West Bloomfield," Western helmsman Ron Repicky said. "We'll savor it for a little while, but we have to get right into the thick of practice and work again if we hope to beat Adrian."

The Warriors proved against Bloomfield that the old adage "Whoever makes the most errors



Western's Kristen Burgess leads off second base during a game at Central.

Photo by John Heider

will lose" is true. Western took advantage of some costly West Bloomfield errors to help tally all four of their runs on the day.

The Warriors used two errors and a passed ball to open up a 3-0 lead in the third as senior Kristen Burgess started the rally by reaching base on a fielding error and moved to second base as Courtney Dye belted a single. Talbot was the next to benefit from errors as she reached base on a throwing error to first base, which scored both the speedy Burgess and Dye. The final run of the inning came on a passed ball.

The Warriors sealed the game as Danielle Bongero and Erin Retherford led off with singles and advanced on a throwing error. Becky Whittle cranked out

the RBI to score Bongero with a single.

WLW 6, Clarkston 4

Western advanced to the title game after blasting out a tough win over Clarkston in nine innings. The win came as Burgess knocked home Whittle with an RBI single in the ninth. Talbot picked up the win, her first of two in the tournament, as she allowed four runs on seven hits in all nine innings on the mound.

Clarkston 8, WLW Baseball 2

The news wasn't as happy for the Western baseball team (22-7) as they took a hard knock from Clarkston (23-12) that pounded out of the tournament and end

their season.

Clarkston took to blasting pitches by Mike Pisha as they took a surprising 6-1 lead in the fifth inning. Clarkston's Sam Palace collected two hits in the game before the Warriors sent Pisha to the bench with two outs hanging on Clarkston in the fifth inning.

Clarkston was a third-place finisher in the Oakland Activities Associated Division 1 league, behind Rochester and Lake Orion.

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Doyle: It hits you

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ends, a realization slowly sets in. I began to understand that I was done, for good. I would never play under the lights on Friday nights and hear the roar of thousands of people in the stands. It's a very depressing and humbling feeling.

In my mind, I was done with high school after my football season ended. I always felt that during the spring I was a grade above what I really was. After my freshman season of football, I began training for my junior varsity years later in my freshman year. After I finished the JV season, I began training at the varsity level. I believed then I was a junior. Of course, after my first year of varsity football came to an end I was a senior and the oldest class of the football team.

So when my season ended this fall, what was I? I could no longer consider myself a senior, because I had been that for too long. So I was no longer apart of the team. It is something that is very tough to deal with.

Except, I realized just recently as graduation time rolled around, I will always be a Novi High School football player. I will always be apart of that team. The players that I will watch out on the field next year will be as good as they are, partially because of my class that is ahead of them that mentored, taught, and occasionally pounded them.

So every single athlete, in every single sport will always, somehow be attached to that team. Whether they rose the bar of expectations,

giving future athletes something to shoot for, or was simply apart of any team that helped produce a younger group of athletes, we will all always be apart of that athletic clan.

Many people will never realize the impact that they have on the athletes below them. For me, when I was a sophomore, there was a senior by the name of Dan Kittle at the varsity level. He wasn't the biggest guy on the team, but I watched in awe as he led the Novi offensive line at the center position. From that point on, I set my sights on playing at that level.

Over the years, I've been told countless times, that I remind people of Kittle. I am honored by those comments. I could count the number of times I have talked to the man on one hand, but there have been some strange coincidences that have made it appear that I am following in his footsteps.

Kittle is just one example of an athlete who had no idea of the impact they left on their sport. I hope that I may one day too have that impact and I believe all athletes should.

We should not leave a legacy of skill on the field, but more importantly of work ethic and character. As we graduate this year, we should cherish the memories, and see our past in the athletes of the future.

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Moore: Beyond athlete

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whole deal," Moore said. "It gets kind of boring running by yourself everyday."

Moore will have to deal with some slight adjustments in college but he is looking forward to most of them. In cross-country, the races will be longer than in Michigan. In track, he will be competing not only in slightly different, and longer events, but also in an indoor season. During the outdoor track season there will be a lot less meets for Moore, and he is looking forward to that.

"A lot less meets, but more high quality," he said.

He is also especially looking forward to competing alongside higher quality athletes.

"It'll be more fun for me," Moore said. "I'll be going against better guys which will make me run faster."

Currently, Moore is enjoying his summer vacation as well as preparing for his future in track. He likes to get away from track sometimes and said that his girlfriend helps him to

do that.

"She's just really relaxing to be around," Moore said. "She doesn't care about my whole running thing." Moore enjoys eating at On The Border and said that his favorite foods are certain breakfast ones.

"The things I eat the most consistently and never get sick of are pancakes, waffles and French toast," he said.

Moore is very careful about what he eats.

"I always watch what I eat, it's important to me to be healthy," he said. "If it will help me live a few more years or help me live a few more years better, I'll do it."

Moore has a bright future ahead of him filled with possibilities. He is looking forward to his time at Notre Dame for both athletics and academics and has a lot to offer in both areas.

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Northville soccer falls to determined Stevenson Spartans

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

You could pretty much say that it wasn't the ending that the Northville Mustangs girls' soccer team was expecting — heck, you could probably get away with saying that it wasn't the ending the soccer fans across the state of

Michigan were expecting.

The Northville Mustangs took a lump that cost them dearly when they took on the Livonia Stevenson Spartans in the state playoffs June 5 in a do-or-go-home situation. The Mustangs were the ones that would be watching the games from the stands from that point on after losing to the Spartans, the only

team to beat them in the regular season as well, 1-0.

The Mustangs found themselves on their heels for almost the entire first half of the contest, trying to contain the energized Spartan crew as they kept pounding the ball into the Mustang zone and firing kicks at goalie Stacy Taylor. The single goal of the contest came

in the first half as the Spartans took the ball on the right side and two players came charging in. As the ball made its way inside, the game found one Livonia player trying to pass it to another. The ball got loose on a stray kick, curved and hit the goal post and bounced in for the single score and the eventual victory.

Youth sports results

The U-10 Northville Hot Spurs tied up Plymouth JV 1-1 May 19 as Aaron Ashton notched the single Northville goal. Nick Rogish and Paul Saunders were named as the game MVPs. The Hot Spurs came back on June 1 to blast the Northville Stompers 4-0 as Myles Baker fought off the chicken pox to earn two goals on the night while Ashton and Rogish collected a goal apiece. Zach Stieber and Steven Leduc were MVPs for the Hot Spurs. Thomas Bowden and John Lubisco were named MVPs for the Stompers. The Stompers also went on to take a loss against South Lyon 2-1 as Alex Hartmann scored the single Northville goal. David Rogers and David Laing earned the MVP nods.

The Northville Cosmos took a long trip to Midland to participate in the Tide Cup Recreational League Tournament, in which they won two games and lost one in a very exciting weekend. Goals were scored by Michael Scorzio, Alex Zimmer, and Nicco Buffone. MVPs throughout the weekend were Drew Fisher, Danny Ritenour and Brennan Berry. The Cosmos felt the sting of a two losses as they fell to Huron Valley 4-1 and Livonia 5-1. The first game found Julian Todor scoring on a penalty shot while Michael Wick and Blair Robinson were named MVPs. The second game's single goal came from

Scorzio, while MVPs were Todor and Peter Marilley.

The U-9 Northville Lightning girls topped the Northville United girls 3-1 as Beth Roach scored two goals for the winners. The Lightning also found a goal being scored by Sarah Mundy while Alyssa Wozniak and Olivia Booth were named MVPs. Emma Roy scored the single United goal in the loss.

The U-9 Northville Rockers boys took a 3-1 loss against Livonia as Garrett Mazniuk hooked up with Brendan Burdette, who kicked in the single Northville goal on the night. Brady Tyburski and Burdette were named co-captains of the contest.

The U-9 Northville Boys Cosmos continued their winning ways in a match with the Northville United coming away with a 4-3 victory. In the final minute of play Michael Kirsch drove the ball up the right side and shot on goal but the ball was handled by a defender and a penalty shot resulted. Victor Bodrie buried the penalty shot for the winner and his third goal of the game as time expired. Also scoring for the Cosmos was Matt VanHouten on a hard working goal where he was knocked down twice but still got up to score into an empty net. MVPs of the game were Bodrie and Kevin Case. In the final game of the season the Cosmos put their perfect 7-0 record on the line

against the Northville Express. The Express jumped out to an early lead but the Cosmos answered with another goal on a penalty shot by Bodrie. The Express again went ahead and once more Bodrie answered off a beautiful long throw in by Ryan Owen. But in the end the Express rolled on to a 3-2 win, their final goal coming off a pretty tap in after a great crossing pass. The Cosmos put up a great effort to try to tie. Shots on goal by Sam Showerman, Rajeev Vadhaekar and Nick Denhof were all turned away by the Express defenders.

BASEBALL

The Northville Giants softball team managed to pull out a tough 7-5 victory over the Diamondbacks as Kaitlin Blocci made a great putout at third base and Blair Powers pitched two shut-out innings.

The Diamondbacks would not be denied a victory though, and came back to beat the Cubs just days later. The Cubs team found Josie VanLozen scoring two runs and collecting three hits in the loss.

The Northville Athletics and the Dodgers played an exciting game May 29 as Jacob Burt and Bradley Burt collected three hits apiece. Kenneth Rogale added two hits in the contest. Both teams showed outstanding sportsmanship.

Sports Shorts

Basketball Camp

The Northville High School Girls and Boys Basketball Staffs are hosting a basketball camp July 8-12. The 5-7th grade camp is from 9:00-11:30 and 8-9th from Noon-2:30 each day. All athletes should have work out clothes and gym shoes.

Cost for the camp is \$85 and checks should be payable to Northville High School Basketball.

Call the Athletic Office at (248) 344-8414 with questions or directions on how to obtain a flyer for more information.

Football camps

The Walled Lake Central Vikings, coached by Chuck Apap, will be holding various football camps this summer.

The first is a stunt defense camp geared toward sophomores, juniors and seniors and is open to any high school student that is interested in attending. The camp will be held July 8-10 and the cost is 60 dollars.

July 15-17 will be the dates for a high school Wing-T camp geared toward sophomores, juniors and seniors as well as coaches. The camp is also 60 dollars.

If interested in attending both

camps listed above, the price is discounted to 100 dollars.

A camp for sixth grade through ninth grade will be conducted July 22-25. The first two days of the camp will focus on the Wing-T offense while the last two days will focus on defense. All four days of the camp are 60 dollars.

If interested in signing up for the camp or for more information, contact Coach Chuck Apap at Walled Lake Central High School, (248) 956-4778.

More football camps

Walled Lake Western High School's Warrior football program, coached by Mike Zdebski, will be hosting a defensive and an offensive camp this summer. Both camps are offered for players, from any school, grades 7-12.

The defensive camp is June 14-16 and will be instructed by the WLW coaching staff and will include the fundamentals, drills and reads of the 4-4 and 4-6 defense.

The offensive camp is July 19-21 and will include fundamental Wing-T series and drills.

Camps are 70 dollars each or 100 dollars for both. For more information, contact Coach Mike Zdebski at (248) 956-4419 or

email him at zdebskm@walled-lake.k12.mi.us

Summer Lacrosse camp

A lacrosse camp hosted by Northville Parks and Recreation will be held June 17-21 from 9 a.m.-noon at Community Park Soccer Fields. The cost of the camp is \$100 for residents, \$103 for children in the school district and \$107 for non-residents. The camp is open to 9-15-year-old children with beginners to the sport welcome. The Registration is open with the minimum number of campers being 50 and the max being 100. There will be approximately 10 players to ever coach with players being grouped in age and skill level.

Campers should have an approved lacrosse/hockey helmet, gloves, stick, mouthpiece, shoulder and elbow pads, athletic supporter and a water bottle. The coordinator of the camp is John Beard, the head coach of the Michigan Knights with appearances by local high school and middle school coaches and high school all-star players.

For more information, call Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

HomeTown All Stars hit the field June 20

For the third year, local baseball and softball fans will have the opportunity to catch the area's best players in the HomeTown Newspapers Oakland-Livingston County All-Star Games before they matriculate to bigger and better things.

The softball game will be played Wednesday, June 19 at 4 p.m. at Howell High School. The baseball game will be played Thursday, June 20 at 4 p.m. at Howell High School.

Local athletes expected to play for the Oakland County teams are Lakeland's Kira Maloney and Jenni Fuhs and Millford's Stephanie Corpe, Chelsea Knoblock and Liz Sippola in the softball game and Lakeland's Kris Janssen, Paul Maxwell, Gary Newbold, Mike Thomas and Tony Wiseman and Millford's Eric Ziem, John Colcher and Jordan Delling in the baseball game.

Ron Repticky, from Walled Lake Western's regional championship



Novi leftfielder Liz Stevens awaits a hit from a Lakeland High School softball during an April home match.

team, will be coaching the Oakland County softball team. Rick Green, from Novi's KVC championship team, will be coaching the Oakland County baseball team.

Maloney, Lakeland's star pitcher, will be looking to get the win — and put Oakland County up 2-1 in the series — for a team which also includes Laura Bell, Danielle Bongero, Nicole Tucker and Kristin Burgess from Western, Megan Colligan, Victoria Kaiser and Liz Stevens from Novi and Samantha Cooke and Ashley Kniceley from Northville.

The baseball team will look to continue its dominance over Livingston County with the likes of Matt Gorman, Adam Haberman, Trevor Scott and Trey Simpson from Novi, Robbie Harmer and Drew Herpich from Northville, Ryan Merchant and Jamie Casparella from South Lyon and Mike Pisha, Brian Rosberry and Dave Zeitlin from Western.

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Residents of Novi land scholarships

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

In the season of scholarship awards, two Novi residents received awards recognizing their leadership and academic successes.

Alice Zheng, a Novi High School junior, won the Discover Card Tribute Award, a scholarship given to students who have demonstrated excellence in many areas of

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Jennifer Seidel, a 1999 graduate of Novi High School, received a 2002 Furst Scholarship Award for \$3,000. She was presented the

scholarship at the June 6 Novi Schools' board of education meeting by Novi Educational Foundation chairperson Michael Pesendorfer.

The scholarship was given through the estate of long-time Novi resident Ruby Furst, which awards scholarships based primarily on need to any resident of the Novi school district who is seeking post-secondary education.

Seidel is studying psychology at Eastern Michigan University and has been previously awarded a Furst scholarship in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

The Novi Education Foundation oversees the Furst scholarships and awards \$20,000 each year in the name of the long-time Novi resident. Other 2002 winners were Novi High School seniors Joshua Wainner, Joseph Harris, Robert

Harrell and Elizabeth Stevens.

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Play structure volunteers needed

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

If you have a broom or hammer and some extra time, The City of Novi Parks, Recreations and Forestry Department needs your help.

On June 22, department representatives and other organizers will be hosting a "Tim Pope Play Structure Work Day."

The event will run from 9 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m., depending on what we need to get done," said Jack Lewis, deputy director of the City of Novi Parks, Recreations and Forestry Department.

The day was created after original organizers of the structure noticed the popular play site needed some care.

"There is kind of a web out there that the kids 'crawl' on and we need to look at it and make sure it is all in place," said Becky Stubb, event organizer and member of the original Tim Pope committee.

Stubb explained the base of the structure needs new nails, the play telephone needs repairing, the

ladder goes on certain structures and to be resecured and the picnic table's level adjusted.

The Saturday event will also provide plenty of opportunities for volunteers to get involved.

Work-day organizers invite all area residents to come and help, but do encourage volunteers to register with the department before June 22.

Stubb said able bodies are the only requirement, but anything volunteers would like to bring would be appreciated.

Items such as hammers, rakes, brooms and garden gloves is what she has in mind.

The play structure is located in Novi's Community Sports Park at the corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads.

For more information or to register for the event, call (248) 347-0400.

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Novi Woods awards new local scholarship

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Woods Elementary ITO awarded its first Alumni Scholarship to a graduating senior at the Novi High School Honors Banquet on May 23.

granting a \$500 scholarship to Novi High School senior Ranjan Radhamohan.

"To be a recipient of this new local scholarship, the graduating student must have attended

standing alumni to our kids will inspire them to continue to pursue their dreams and help them with their own life's journey," Cross said.

"In all, 13 students applied for the Alumni Scholarship.

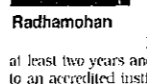
Radhamohan was a guest speaker at an assembly for the Novi Woods elementary kids on June 7.

"Set goals as high as you can," Radhamohan told the young learners who sat before him cross-legged in the school cafeteria for the morning assembly. "If you go for an 'A-plus,' you might not get an 'A-plus' but you'll get your 'A.'"

Radhamohan plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in the fall.

"Making mistakes are fine. The only mistake is if you don't learn from it," said Radhamohan, revisiting a lesson he learned in life and told about in his winning Alumni Scholarship essay.

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Framemasters shifts customer focus

Walled Lk. shop moves away from corporate work

By Sam Eggleston
STAFF WRITER

Be it a poster, a painting, a photograph or even a pair of bras, Tom Cupples can probably frame it.

Cuples, the owner and manager of Framemasters in Walled Lake, has seen plenty of odd things come through his shop to be custom framed, but he doesn't hesitate when you ask him what, of all the things he has framed, was the oddest.

"A bra," Cupples answered the question without even blinking about it. "A lady had an engagement ring and as a gift for her doctor she brought in before and after bras and I put them in a frame for her. I did that a long time ago, and there is nothing that compares to it."

Though that was the strangest thing that Cupples ever framed for anyone, he says that he sees a large variety of things.

"I would think the items I see the most of are family photos, especially wedding and graduation photos,

and posters," Cupples said.

For those who have never had custom framing done, Cupples said that the largest part of the process is to decide what matting and what framing to have done to the item — from there on out it is pretty much smooth sailing. For those who have had custom framing done, Cupples says that you would find his prices more than reasonable, as well as the time it takes to get the project finished.

"It can be anywhere from a few hours to a week or so, maybe two weeks," he said. "If someone brought in a painting that needs to be stretched or something along those lines, it would take a little longer."

Cuples also noted that the item can be pretty much any size and still be custom framed.

"I can frame practically any size," he said. "I have done pieces four feet by eight feet, but I don't generally like to do those because I don't like to handle glass that size. I would say that anything four-by-five to 48-by-96 (inches)."

Cuples said that although people who are used to picking up a poster frame at a store for a few bucks might be surprised at the price, those who are custom-framing veterans seem to not mind.

"If they are people who have had things custom framed before, most

of them would appreciate my pricing," he said.

The store itself is usually open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

"Outside of that, I work some odd hours," Cupples said. "I do whatever it takes to get the job done."

Before opening Framemasters to the general public with a retail front in Walled Lake, Cupples used to work primarily for corporate businesses and such.

"We turn stuff around real fast," he said. "Corporate offices want things done now and fast. Retail framers as a rule like to say four to six weeks, with us it is a couple of days."

Cuples said that the difference between Framemasters and most retail framers is simple.

"I do all of the work myself," he said. "I have more interest in getting the job done and getting in done right than the high school kids that are hired elsewhere."

Cuples knows that the business world is one that grows fairly slow, but he still has high hopes.

"I would expect in the next couple of years that it could double," he said of his company. "Then I would look to hire somebody." Someone with experience working with customers and colors for the mats and

"I have more interest in getting the job done and getting in done right than the high school kids that are hired elsewhere."

Tom Cupples
Framemasters owner

Tom Cupples shows how he pieces together a frame at his Walled Lake shop Framemasters.

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Summer Reading Program
The library's Summer Reading Program, "Camp Read," kicks off on Saturday, June 15, with the "Music Lady," Beverly Meyer. To register for Summer Reading Program events, call (248) 634-3772 or visit the library.

Tales Through Time

Brochures describing the 2002 Summer Reading Program, "Tales Through Time," are now available at the library. Sign-up for the program, which is for children in the 4th grade and below, begins Monday, June 24.

Time Machine Troopers

Kids going into the 5th grade and beyond are invited to sign up for "Time Machine Troopers." We'll feature awesome programs, projects, and prizes throughout the summer. Sign-up begins June 24.

Obtuse performances

Obtuse will present a variety show featuring juggling and other balancing feats on Wednesday, June 26. There will be a 1 p.m. show for children age four and up, and a 7 p.m. show for children of all ages. No registration is required for the 45-minute programs.

Drop-in story times

Story time for children ages four to seven will be held Thursday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and for three-year-olds will be held Friday, June 28. Each session lasts 30 minutes. No registration is necessary.

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Book discussion group

The library's book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. On Tuesday, June 18, the group will meet to discuss the classic novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. No registration is necessary.

Great Harvest donates

On the third Wednesday of each month, the Great Harvest Bread Co., at 3376 E. West Maple Rd. in Commerce Township donates proceeds from its sales to the library's building fund. On projects, and prizes throughout the summer. Sign-up begins June 24.

Library hours

The Wallied Lake City Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10am to 5pm; Friday-Saturday, 10am to 5pm; and closed Sundays. The library is located at 1499 E. West Maple Rd. in Wallied Lake, next to City Hall. Find out more about what's happening at Wallied Lake City Library by visiting our Web site at wallied-lake.lib.mil.us.



Director of the Novi District Library, Brenda Evans, displays some posters from movies of the 60s and 70s that will be discussed during the upcoming lecture titled "What Films Teach Us About Us."

Novi Remembers

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"There's so much to learn about the Vietnam era and film can serve as a kind of time capsule, giving us a sense of the struggles of that time," Evans said. "As we honor Vietnam Veterans, films help us understand the context of their contributions."

"What Films Teach Us About Us" is being held as part of the city's period of remembrance leading up to Nov's Vietnam Veteran's Recognition Day ceremony.

On Sunday, June 30, city officials will be honoring all area veterans who participated in what Nov Mayor Richard J. Clark calls the forgotten war.

The 7 p.m. interactive program will be held in the Novi District Library located at 43245 W. Ten Mile Road, between Novi and Tall roads. For more information or to reserve a seat at the free event, call (248) 349-0720.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadlocha@homecom.net.

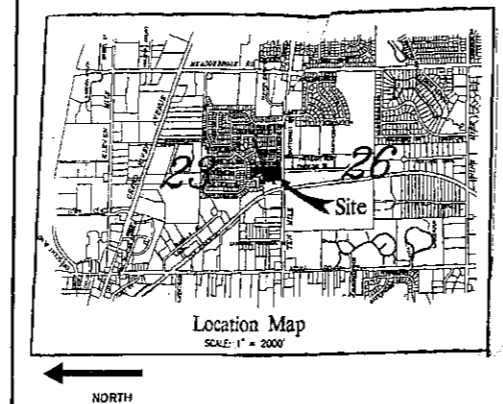
NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SALE OF USED FIRE ENGINE

The City of Novi will sell the following vehicle by sealed bid. Proposal forms are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, June 24, 2002.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider SR02-09 BROOKHAVEN FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL OF A SITE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT AND A WOODLAND PERMIT (LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TEN MILE ROAD BETWEEN THE CSX RAILROAD AND MEADOWBROOK ROAD). The applicant is proposing a 17- lot Detached Condominium Residential Site.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 19, 2002.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-018

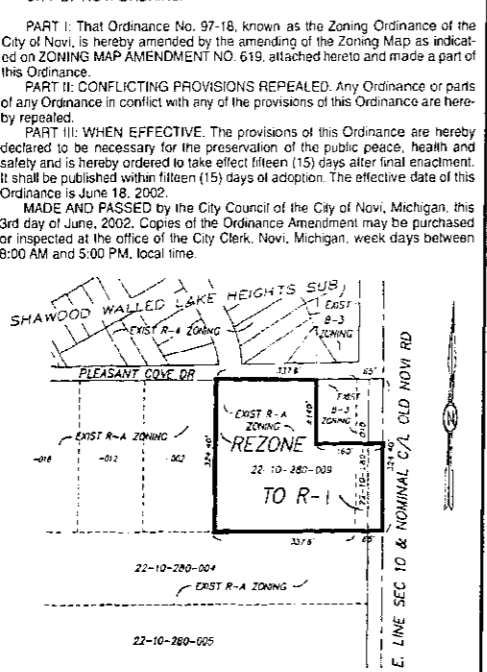
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cort Furniture Rental is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a tent sale at 42350 Grand River Avenue from June 19, 2002 until June 22, 2002.

For information regarding this vehicle, please contact Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson at (248) 735-5688. Notice dated: June 3, 2002

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL # 160 CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

Table with 3 columns of parcel numbers: 50-22-03-126-003, 50-22-03-126-004, 50-22-03-126-005, etc.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.619 - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 619



PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 619, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL #159 CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

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Advertisement for Time Warner Cable's 'NASCAR IN CAR' service. Promotes watching 5 in-car channels with a digital remote. Includes phone numbers for Redford, Livonia, and Oakland offices.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include necessary plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information, and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL CEVAGE TO: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. 18.619 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 619 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

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Novi Schools bids fond farewells to staff members

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

And now, after nearly three decades in the classroom, Emerson looks forward to his future in retirement.

"Hopefully, I'll be watching the file, reading a lot and continuing to add to my life's adventure," he said.

However, no matter what the future holds, Pospisilovics — who's moving to Portland, Oregon — said she will miss the people at Novi High School.

"I will miss my students, my super intelligent advanced placement students, my comradely students, my hardworking honorable students, my so-funny-they-can-make-Coca-Cola-come-out-of-me-meme students, my introverted students, my incoherent but thoughtful students, all of my Novi High School students," she said.

Pospisilovics hopes to use her additional free time in retirement to work with the homeless population in her local and write English textbooks. Novi Middle School is saying goodbye to physical education teacher John Cicchelli after 31 years of service.



Photo by John Herder

Retiring Orchard Hills School teacher Mike Carter leads his charges off the playground on a recent weekday afternoon. Carter has been with Novi Public Schools for 23 years.

Milan Obrenovitch, Novi Middle School principal, said the school will miss Taylor's reserved manner and ability to get the job at-hand finished, despite the challenges.

"He never says he can't get it done," Obrenovitch said. "We're going to miss Taylor as a friend and a colleague."

Orchard Hills Elementary will see four staff members retire this year — Bridget Patrick, media specialist, 33 years; Ruth Borg, principal's secretary, 25 years; Michael Carter, second-grade teacher, 23 years; and Eileen Kidd, paraprofessional, 23 years.

"I had a goal of helping to make the world a better place," Carter said. "And hopefully, I have contributed to this with working with our most important resource — our young children."

Carter's future plans include world travel. He plans to explore the rain-

forest and Amazon River in Peru, as well as voyage to London, Paris and Edmonton this year.

In her 33 years, Patrick has seen the evolution of her position from librarian to media specialist to information specialist, but never lost touch with her roots — books.

Paul LeFlae, Orchard Hills Elementary principal, said some things never change — kids love a good story.

"Patrick has never lost her love for books," LeFlae said.

Village Oaks Elementary is bidding farewell to first-grade teacher Pamela Conger and reading teacher Charlotte Scholte after 28 and 18 years at Novi Schools, respectively.

Village Oaks principal David Brown is also retiring after 31 years as the building's only principal in school history.

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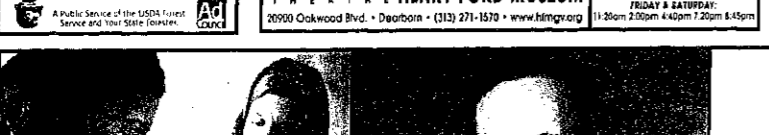
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Garca was named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for the winter semester, 2002.

These Novi residents were recognized for University Honors from The University of Michigan this spring: Meghan Albert, Lindsay Anan, Bradley Benn, Gregory Brazunas, Justin Brangman, Lindsay Deane, Lynn Digiovanni, Alison Doolin, Heather Halker, Catherine Hawke, Shannon Karol, Rachel Kornak, Richard Kowakowicz, Nicole Latonde, Derrick Lani, Megan Lehman, Janice Liao, Sophie Liao, Manasa Murallidhar, Lauren Parkins, Ralph Pety III, Ryan Rose, Bidisti Sarma, Maureen Sebastian, Avni Shah, Nadia Sibihiqui, Lisa Smetetski, Erica Salway, Stephen Swast, Erica Wetter, Audra Wolowicz, Susan Aganski, Karen Andrews, Rachna Arora, Andrea Begriech, Dana Duguche, Frances Benson, Jennifer Buxer, Elizabeth Bovair, Jennifer

Novi residents, Kyle S. Bailey, Amanda B. Curly, Melissa M. Dillon, Kristin M. Echols, Sarah A. Hawthorne, Nicole L. Lindholm, Murtel K. Michalak, Andrew C. Nickels, Jennifer A. Ross, Crystal A. Rudolph, Justin D. Steret, and Kaitrina E. Zaczynski were named to the Dean's List for winter semester at Grand Valley State University.

Novi residents, Natabe M. Corte, Melissa M. Helton, Nathan D. Mitchell, Michael S. O'Doherty, Lauren M. Orlies, Jason Raffel, Christopher M. Schneider, and

received her undergraduate degree in therapeutic recreation from CMU in 1998.

Eric Saurer, son of Anita and Curt Saurer of Novi has been named to the Dean's List at University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester. Saurer, a 2001 graduate of Novi High School, will be a sophomore at the University.

Novi residents, Bianca Mielth, daughter of Delfel and Antonia Mielth, Laura M. Pletcher, daughter of Mark and Janet Pletcher and Benjamin J. Hadden, son of Jeffrey Hadden and Donna Hadden made the Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester at Adrian College.

Novi residents, Kathryn E. Selter, David H. Fridmore, Lindsey M. Root and Daniel P. Hendricks were named to the Dean's List for the second semester, 2002, at Hope College.

Commerce Township resident, Emily J. Schwartz, was named to the Dean's List for the second semester, 2002, at Hope College.

Walled Lake residents, DeAnn R. Maynard and Kristine R. Schantz were named to the Dean's List for the second semester, 2002, at Hope College.

Wixom resident, Megan R. Alceer was named to the Dean's List for the second semester, 2002, at Hope College.

Penton resident, Novi High School graduate, Teresa L. Sheffield was named to the Dean's List for the second semester, 2002, at Hope College.

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Rohatgis lead construction of 120 homes in India

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Now residents Unesh and Rashmi Rohatgi are turning a shared dream into a new beginning for 120 families over an ocean away.

The Rohatgis are spearheading the campaign to turn the rubble of the disaster-torn Sursardham, a small village of 750 people in Gujarat, India, to a flourishing new community.

Sursardham was devastated by a earthquake in January 2001, with its population left to live in its rubble. The people are calling partially crumbled houses and tents their home, carrying on their daily lives as many of their neighbors' bodies remain buried in the rubble.

"We came home with a heavy heart," said Rashmi Rohatgi as her return visit from Gujarat after witnessing the earthquake's destruction.

More than 20,000 people lost their lives in the Gujarat earthquake.

The Rohatgis — who have been married 31 years with two sons and one granddaughter — hoped to help just one suffering family, but soon realized the project at hand was much larger in scope.

"We had the hope of making one house, but one house was not possible," said Unesh Rohatgi. "It needs a collective effort."

So, they summoned their sense of humanity and will for change to lead the combined efforts of the village people, Indian government and other outside supporters towards the reconstruction of 120 new homes in Sursardham.

The Rohatgis discovered assistance funds available for earthquake relief. They took it upon themselves to seek this money on behalf of the Sursardham people from such organizations as the India Development and Relief Fund (IDRF) and the India Earthquake Relief of Michigan (IERM).

After eight months of planning ground, things finally took shape for the Novi residents. They were appointed the reconstruction project's director and coordinator and awarded \$50,000 from the IDRF, as well as needed construction supplies, such as beams, columns and cement blocks, from the Overseas Center of Delhi.

With the initial resources in place, the Rohatgis traveled to India in January 2002 to formalize the plans for the new village. They then returned to April after the project ground-breaking on March 29.

The new humble homes will each be about 220 square feet and sit on a 1,030 square-foot plot of land. They will be composed of a living area, a kitchen and a sink area, bathroom facilities with an underground septic system will be on each property.

The new village will also include a playground area, complete with swings and slides, for the children. Rashmi Rohatgi said the village

didn't even realize their collective potential to better their surrounding environment.

"With their day-to-day miseries, they don't realize what they have under their noses," she said. "We

wanted to be involved in their lives and show them how to use the money."

The people of Sursardham — both men and women — are supplying labor for the project, clearing debris and collecting old materials from the rubble that can be used in the construction of new homes.

These homes will be registered in both the names of the husband and wife, a first for an Indian village. Homes are traditionally entitled to the husbands and sons.

The recipients of the houses will also pay back money for this relief assistance, with monthly payments going back to the village. This will create a central fund to stabilize and support the area in case of future disasters.

Also, government assistance is being sought to help the village maintain adequate energy and water, as well as funding to acquire solar devices, such as street lights and solar cookers. Initial contacts are being made to provide vocational training to jump-start manufacturing in the region.

"We want them to be self-sufficient, so they don't have to rely on external sources," Unesh Rohatgi said.

The Rohatgis are now seeking about \$30,000 in additional grant money and donations to add a school library, primary health center, community hall, women's craft center, childcare center and village office to the community.

The Novi residents plan to work with the Sursardham village over the next five years. They will return to India in September to finish the first phase of construction.

Those interested in donating can contact the Rohatgis at (248) 471-5786 or ruenterprise@aol.com.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Now News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlove@tlh.home.com.net.



Everybody takes turns digging for Sursardham ground-breaking for 121 new houses.

ing debris and collecting old materials from the rubble that can be used in the construction of new homes.

These homes will be registered in both the names of the husband and wife, a first for an Indian village. Homes are traditionally entitled to the husbands and sons.

The recipients of the houses will also pay back money for this relief assistance, with monthly payments going back to the village. This will create a central fund to stabilize and support the area in case of future disasters.

Also, government assistance is being sought to help the village maintain adequate energy and water, as well as funding to acquire solar devices, such as street lights and solar cookers. Initial contacts are being made to provide vocational training to jump-start manufacturing in the region.

"We want them to be self-sufficient, so they don't have to rely on external sources," Unesh Rohatgi said.

The Rohatgis are now seeking about \$30,000 in additional grant money and donations to add a school library, primary health center, community hall, women's craft center, childcare center and village office to the community.

The Novi residents plan to work with the Sursardham village over the next five years. They will return to India in September to finish the first phase of construction.

Those interested in donating can contact the Rohatgis at (248) 471-5786 or ruenterprise@aol.com.

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Wedding



Green-Marchak

Maria Marchak and Mark Jonathan Green were married June 1 at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit, Mich. Father Mark Borkowski officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Roman and Sally Marchak of Novi. She is a graduate of the University of Detroit, Mercy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture and is employed by Hamilton Anderson Assoc. Architects. The groom is the son of Jon and Kathy Green of St. Charles, Mo. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit, Mercy with an MBA degree. He is employed by General Motors.

Tanya Marchak served as maid of honor. Chris Gillard served as best man. A reception was held at Detroit Yacht Club. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

Obituaries

Dorothy Mary Sucher

Dorothy Sucher, 83, of Lake City and Wixom, formerly of 23815 Powers Church, Farmington Hills, died June 10 at Hospice Home, Farmington Hills. She was born on Dec. 19, 1918 in Detroit.

Mrs. Sucher was co-owner and bookkeeper of Sucher Tool Manufacturing of Farmington Hills. She was a member of Daughters of Isabella and Lake City Women's Club and former member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. She enjoyed doing stained glass.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Z. Sucher, one son, Donald (Audrey) Sucher of Brighton, three daughters: Sylvia Dwire of Novi, Nancy Tranchida of Novi, and Elaine Sucher of Novi, one brother, Leonard (Audrey) Koske of Florida, one sister, Marcella (Wm.) Ziemba of Dearborn and eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 12, 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, June 13, 2-8 p.m. at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Inc., 23720 Farmington Rd., Farmington, Mich. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., (instalate at 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Powers Church, Farmington Hills, Mich. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Inc., Farmington, Mich.

Jean Odierma

Jean Odierma, 89, of Novi died June 4, 2002 at Providence Hospital, Farmington Hills, Mich. She was born Sept. 30, 1912 in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. Her husband, Guy, preceded her in death in 1969.

Mrs. Odierma was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and enjoyed gambling and cooking.

Survivors include one son, Ronald (Marrietta), two daughters: Barbara Jean (Mike) Kazanjian of Westland, and Susan Smith, one brother, Arthur Valenti of Las Vegas, seven grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 7 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi with Rev. Father John Bude officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, Mich.

Lois H. Davis

Lois Davis, 87, of Novi died June 4, 2002 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills, Mich. She was born Sept. 26, 1914 in Hazel Park, Mich.

Mrs. Davis was a graduate of Wayne State University and was employed by ReMax Realty as an agent. She was a member of Forest Park Baptist Church of Farmington Hills and enjoyed music, bowling and golf. She also taught piano and ceramics.

Her husband, R. Woodford, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynn (Martin) Zwiesler, and three grandchildren: Julie (Michael) Zwiesler-Vollock, Jeff and Jessica Zwiesler.

A Memorial service was held June 7 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home.

Nancy Jane Goley

Nancy Goley, 59, of Novi died June 6, 2002 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills, Mich. She was born Sept. 26, 1942 in Hazel Park, Mich.

Mrs. Goley was a graduate of Wayne State University and was employed by ReMax Realty as an agent. She was a member of Forest Park Baptist Church of Farmington Hills and enjoyed music, bowling and golf. She also taught piano and ceramics.

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Funeral services were held June 8 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mich. with the Rev. Dr. Edward I. Mattos Jr. officiating. Interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mich.

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A few thoughts for grads and dads

The good folks at Hallmark and American Greetings have marketed the whole "grads and dads" thing long before we had a chance to associate the two. Like they say -- if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. TO THE GRADUATES: Tired? A little weary, are you? Relieved, anxious, happy and sad all at the same time? Yep -- these are the not-uncommon reactions to the end of an educational path. For the members of Novi High School's Class of 2002, last weekend marked the end of a remarkable journey. Congratulations, graduates. You've earned that diploma. You were inevitably frustrated and mentally drained at certain steps along the way, but you now hold in your hands the passport to the rest of your life. Don't be content with what you've accomplished, though. What you've achieved is merely the first chapter in an epic adventure of your life story. Steers of other chapters await. The knowledge you've acquired to this point isn't nearly adequate to take you as far as you can go. No matter whether your destiny involves college, military service, trade school or some other vocation, know that learning lasts a lifetime. It's typical of many graduates to feel indebted to the educators who helped them along the way. The greatest reward any teacher can get is a visit from a former student, who has found success in life -- no matter what it is. Be sure to stop by in the years to come and say hello to the faculty and administrators. They'll appreciate it. For now though, turn that tassel to the other side and toss that cap in the air. Best wishes for the future. TO THE DADS: How do you know you're a dad? If you can answer 'yes' to any of the following questions, you probably are. Have you ever used duct tape to fix a leaky sink drain? Have you ever barbecued something to the point where it resembled shoe leather? Have you ever blamed your golf clubs for some wicked slice that went into the oncoming fairway? Have you ever fallen asleep on the couch, then alerted your spouse or children -- who were flipping the television channels -- that you were watching whatever station they were changing from? Have you ever wished you had a remote control to retrieve the remote control? Have you ever suggested directions don't need to be asked for, despite the fact you're on the Golden Gate Bridge and your aim is to get to the Grand Canyon? Dads are one-of-a-kind. They may not be perfect, but they're perfect for us. To dads everywhere this weekend, the remote control is yours. Happy Fathers Day.

Seniors start summer fun



Erika Slating, right, feeds friend Laura Bethune some chips during last Thursday's Novi High School Senior picnic at Lakeshore Park. Seniors got to enjoy grilled goods, pop, ice-cream and games after their last official day of school on Wednesday.

Walk this way (if you can, that is)

Every day, pretty much since I started at this newspaper on March 18, I pass these people. You know 'em, the ones jogging down the sidewalk on the west side of Taft Road south of Ten Mile. Others are walking by themselves or in pairs. Some are taking their dogs out for a leisurely stroll. Well, I never really paid that much attention to them until Monday. That's when I realized what a luxury it is just to be able to have the ability to walk or run. It's not because I'm disabled, at least not permanently. I am able to walk, albeit not as swiftly as usual because of the cane. I need that leg because my right ankle is a lot bigger than normal, and it's also this weird greenish-blue color. It happened Sunday morning, but I'll backpedal [slowly] to Saturday. My three children wanted me to put up their kiddie pool -- one of those 12-foot circular deals that take half a day to put up and half a day to take down. By 6 p.m., after we'd left our neighbor's graduation open house, the kids were determined to jump in the pool, regardless of the water temperature. So they did. For about two hours, they flopped around and jumped in and out before going to bed. They were shivering but happy. That night I checked the water temp and level, which seemed to be down. I thought maybe we had a leak, and figured I'd check it in the morning. Sunday, around 9 a.m., I go out and take a look. I can't tell if it's any lower than the night before, but it definitely needs water. I rolled the garden hose out, turned it on and went back inside to get ready for church. Getting breakfast and kids dressed while trying to "relax" is always a chore to pull off on a Sunday morning. It seems like it's always a mad rush to get everything together and into the van by 10:30 a.m. for the 11 service. Some how we always manage to pull it off, and I did again this time. But once we get halfway down our neighborhood road, my wife asks me if I turned the water off. Nope. Better go back. She wheels the van around, pulls into the driveway and I run around back to the spigot. A couple of counterclockwise twists and we're all set. I turn around, take one step to my right and BAM! I step into a hole that was once occupied by a small bush (which my wife replanted elsewhere). I go down harder than Mike Tyson the night before, roll a couple of times and come up with some kind of new language in the process. My fear is that the ankle is broken -- again. I did it three times before -- I was a teenager, so I know what that pain means. Fortunately, the hospital x-rays show up negative. Just a pretty nasty bruise. The doc gives me one of those air braces to wear for a couple of days, says to stay off it and keep it elevated above my heart. The latter is a bit of a chore when typing unless you're a Rockette. So all this week I've been looking upon those Taft Road joggers and walkers with envy. Not that I'm going on a health kick when this ankle heals, but I won't take that ability for granted again. Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

Simple things would address growing state budget deficit

The state budget situation is worse than you can possibly imagine. According to the latest estimates by the Senate Fiscal Agency and assuming spending stays at the current level, Michigan's general fund budget will be more than \$1 billion in the red for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2003, while the school aid fund will be \$200 million in deficit for the same period. And, of course, Lansing has yet to finish work getting the budget balanced for the current fiscal year. Dominated by a coalition of cut-the-budget-and-damn-the-consequences lawmakers and gun shy political careerists running for higher office, the legislature has no clue what to do. The Engler administration, having used up all the little accounting tricks and pots of money, was reduced last week to proposing a 25-cent tax increase on cigarettes; this got exactly eight votes on the Senate floor. And the candidates for governor, who will have to face a billion-dollar budget problem the moment they take office, are by and large spending a lot of effort not talking about the problem. Any category you mention, it looks bad. Really bad. Roads. Federal highway funds are down and the interest payments on the bonds that paid for the Build Michigan program are going to start soon. If nothing is done, state spending on fixing our admittedly bad roads will be slashed from \$2 billion to \$1 billion, and next winter you're going to see staged photo ops with politicians standing waist deep in pot holes. Medicaid. There are 100,000 more people on Medicaid than there were 18 months ago, a consequence of the recession. Reimbursement rates to doctors and hospitals don't cover their costs; as a result, lots are refusing to accept Medicaid patients. There is plenty of fraud in the system, especially in southeastern Michigan, but it's hard to catch. A federal entitlement, the Medicaid program is in financial and managerial chaos, but it's never going to go away. Medicaid money comes out of the general fund. Where are you going to find \$1 billion in a \$10 billion fund that has already been stretched out of shape? Cut appropriations for higher education? Sure, but college tuition rates are sure to go up. Slash the Department of Corrections budget for prisons? Fine idea, but the system that warehoused 18,000 inmates in 1982 has 48,000 today and you can't just dump them out in the street. Whenever you look, the situation is dire. Those who are compelling for the increasingly dubious) honor of leading our state are staying as far away from the subject as they can. Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, who saw the situation develop on his watch, is Attorney General Jennifer Granholm is talking about how much she dislikes bureaucracies, while former governor Jim Blanchard is talking about his experience (which, for the record, includes his decision to increase the state income tax when that paid for the Build Michigan program and a recession in his first term). David Bonior, to his credit, is saying the

only candidate I can find who is prepared to deliver detailed straight talk about the budget is State Sen. Joe Schwarz, who worked 'em a couple weeks ago at the Mackinac Island conference. "With the cuts we've made this year and with the early retirement for state employees, we are in the process of eviscerating state government," says Schwarz, a physician. "All the pots of money and accounting gimmicks are gone, and people who think we don't have to find some revenue to fix the problem are either eating funny mushrooms or smoking something illegal," Schwarz adds. Schwarz wants to delay for two years both the scheduled .1 percent rollback in the Single Business Tax (gets \$110 million per year) and the .1 percent reduced rate in the state income tax (gets around \$100 million per year). "By doing a couple of simple things that are easy to do, we can get through the rest of this year and next without drastic cuts and start confronting the \$1 billion deficit for 2004." He's right. The Citizens Research Council report validates it. People who have been studying state finances for years know it. Those legislators who are neither clueless nor running for higher office know it. And all the candidates for governor know it. Too bad most of 'em are completely unwilling to face facts. Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@ht.homecomm.net.

The last day of school revisited

I remember the one day of each year I awoke before the alarm clock. No snooze. No irate mother beating on your bedroom door to get you up. It didn't matter if it was raining or 85 degrees and sunny. It was the last day of school. I would be eager to get the day done and call it a year. Summer awaited. Oh man, the break. That meant pick-up baseball games all day. I had to get some glove oil, a fresh supply of balls and make this year's carp bases. There was afternoon trips to the beach. I'd have to come up with some new pleads to get my dad to take us to the Sunday home games at Tiger Stadium. My mornings would be free to think of original ways to terrorize my brother. I had work to do. No kid needs an alarm clock with these thoughts running rampant in his brain. My poor mother. The best day of the year for my brother and I was only the beginning of three months of migraine headaches for her. As we thought about beach and the beach, I can imagine her thoughts on the couch and benching kids sitting on the couch and smacking each other in the head with Wiffleball bats. Her afternoon peace was a fleeting memory. There is nothing like the last day of school and the advent of long summer days that went on and on and on. But it's a memory. Nowadays, summer takes on new images. I'll be wearing linen dress pants to work when I'll be wishing for a mere pair of nylon shorts. There'll be summer classes. (This thought isn't even a possibility to a 12-year-old; it only exists

in 2 a.m. nightmares). I'll have to think of columns to write in an air-conditioned office. The beach? Maybe I can take my economics textbook to the beach on Saturday afternoon. The closest I can come to terrorizing my brother is a prank phone call he lives in Montana. And before I know it, I'll be cashing in my linen pants for wool ones and writing a column about Halloween. So, moms, it's a good thing when your kids are sitting on the couch and benching each other over the head with plastic Wiffleball bats this summer. Don't go too hard on them. Soon, Wiffleball bats will be a memory to them, like long summer days and nightmares of summer classes. I can't remember the last time I saw a Wiffleball bat. Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.



Angelo Parlove

LETTERS

Good-bye from Mrs. P. The number of students I have taught and coached during the twenty-one years I have been at Novi High School boggles my mind. Well over 3,000 minds have touched my mind and my heart. As I prepare the last few documents for my retirement as a Michigan Public School Teacher and as I box up my personal items and give away special resource books, I see a parade of faces. I would like to thank the students of Novi High School who have enriched my life, made my career notable and changed me and challenged me. Thank you. Novi High School is my fourth, last and best school in which to teach. I often appreciate the circumstances that brought me here. When I am part of hiring committees, I always tell the potential new hires that they want to teach here. There are many reasons for this, but the main one is the students. They and the parents who raised them make this school the only place I would want to teach. Thank you. I do not count the days until I retire and have never counted the days until Friday or the next vacation. This is not because I am a saint or a nut. It is because I truly enjoyed being with you, teaching you, learning from you, finding out what is good and bad in your life and laughing with you, hilariously laughing with you. When I count my blessings, you, the past and present students of Novi High School, are way at the top of my list. You have blessed my life by treating me as an important person in your life. You have blessed me by challenging me to be the best I can be if I was to do you justice. You have blessed me by taking your learning but not your self too seriously. You have made me one of the luckiest of all people by making so many of the days of my life fun, challenging, interesting and worthwhile. Thank you. While I am spending my time doing the little tasks that will insure my financial future, one of my biggest worries is how I will fill the gargantuan gap left in my life as I leave Novi High School, not just teaching but teaching all of you. The answer is nothing will take your place. Thank you. Since I will not see you face to face before I move to Portland, Oregon, I can not say good bye, except with this letter. Please know that I will be taking a little part of you with me, meaningful memories that will carry me through the rainy days in Portland. Remember the tea, the popcorn, the comfort, the brown food, the fun, the fish, the books... and remember me. Thanks. Mrs. P (Kathleen Pasquantonio)

Appreciated parade

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to express appreciation to the members of the Novi Parks and Recreation Memorial Day Committee. I have not been able to be in the parade since my last year as Mayor of Novi in 1993. I must admit that the parade is bigger and better than ever. It was truly a great event and the memory of our lost soldiers was properly respected. Matthew C. Quinn Candidate 52-1 District Court Judge

Traffic solutions found in Ann Arbor

The pulse quickens, the eyes narrow, the hands clench tighter and tighter and frustration mounts. No it's not another friendly visit to traffic court or the IRS for a no-holds-barred audit. It's your daily late-afternoon commute in the increasingly crowded streets of Novi. "Ooohh, I feel another column coming on. I've teched to myself while making the slow crawl up Novi Road on a recent Friday evening. I regularly thank the Gods of Traffic that I do not have to make the normally five-minute drive from Novi and Nine Mile to the Novi Town Center area in anything but an approach rush-hour traffic. You can go from believing that Novi's got its commuted stuff together and provides motorists with butter-smooth driving opportunities to one that sees an endless line of cars to the horizon and knows that a SMALL COULD MOVE FASTER THAN THIS LINE OF TRAFFIC! The sheer ridiculousness of creeping along at three miles an hour brought to mind a wonderful scene from Mike Judge's movie "Office Space". In the movie, the character of Peter is driving to work on a crowded Houston-area street. His attempts at finding the faster lane are continually and maddeningly thwarted: the faster moving lane, once entered, becomes tortoise-paced. Accepting his fate as a cursed commuter, the character glances over and spots on the sidewalk an elderly man propelling himself along with the aid of a walker moving faster than the line of traffic. A wonderful image that resonates equally well with drivers in Northville and Novi. Here's the basic recipe for sauteed gridlock over not-so-easy. Combine two thriving communities, their two decades' of explosive growth and a penchant for un-restrained housing development, mix vigorously with limited or debarge street widening and intersection improvement and strain into mix more commuters and very few morsels of public transportation, add just of pinch of residents who will walk or pedal to appointment (remove any bike lanes evident) then stir, combine, strain, mash, beat, whip, and pulverize until ingredients are...done. Follow me now to my home away from "home", Ann Arbor, Michigan: A tiny little upstart community that is going through much of the same dramatic growth and inherent problems as its friends in Northville and Novi. Yet for some reasons) traffic and people and goods and services seem to move a lot quicker and efficiently around the city of 110,000 souls. These reasons are A) there's actually a viable mass transit system in place. B) stockbrokers (in suit), university students, dental hygienists, fishmongers and others actually use bikes to get around and C) most importantly, Ann Arbor's intersections have efficient, smart sensors that know when cars are there and when they're not. The Novi commuter will notice the high-tech looking cameras at some intersections that are supposed to create better traffic flow by sensing when autos are waiting to pass through the intersection. The only problem with these marvels of science is that they only have time-specific programs to aid in managing traffic: a car or two in the east-bound lane gets just as much attention and programming as a line of twenty cars in the west-bound lane. Contrast this with Commuter-Utopia: Ann Arbor. The intersections in that fat city are equipped with sensors below the pavement that begin their time programs when autos show up at a red light. If you're hoping to make a left-hand turn through the intersection and there's no other cars in the through-lanes, that's what you'll get. It's quite efficient for all drivers. Perhaps our local communities could talk to Ann Arbor's transportation gurus and find out what they could do to improve life on the road here. In the mean time, commuters in Novi and Northville have voted with their gas pedals and for the time being it looks like none of us are going anywhere fast. John Heider is staff photographer for the Novi News and Northville Record and believes in smart city pedal power whenever possible. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext 106, or a.jheider@ht.homecomm.net.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 05, 2002 at 7:30 PM, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider SP0203 BRSE POINT ESTATES FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. ON-SITE CONDITIONS WITH A SINGLE-FAMILY CLUSTER OPTION, WETLAND AND WOODLAND PERMITS, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH OF 14 MILE ROAD AND WEST OF M.E.S. The applicant is requesting a 45-lot Detached Condominium Residential Site. All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 PM, June 16, 2002. LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION (6-13-02 NI 114318)

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Providence and Twelve Oaks partner

Twelve Oaks is proud to announce Providence Hospital and Medical Centers as the sponsor of the Twelve Oaks Children's Play Area, which is located on the lower level in the Lord & Taylor court. The play area features pop-up storybook characters on which hundreds of children each day slide, romp, and create fairytale adventures.

In addition to bringing the play area to thousands of children each week, Providence is providing informational health brochures and occasional giveaways through

the mall's two information desks. "We're delighted to partner with such a premier health care system as Providence," said Catherine O'Malley, General Manager of Twelve Oaks. "We hope this partnership continues to grow in the future as we and Providence look for new ways to meet the needs of our customers."

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers has major medical center locations in Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Southfield, and a network of more than 25 outpatient medical and specialty centers

Farewell to teachers

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Parkview Elementary kindergarten teacher Patricia Zielinski is retiring from Novi Schools after 17 years.

"Only with time and maturity did I realize that I was a missionary in my classroom meeting the social, academic, physical, emotional and psychological needs of children with cultural and socio-economic differ-

ences," Zielinski said. "I will miss the buzzing sound of children engaged in learning and that look in their eyes when they have completed an assignment and feel successful."

Also, Deerfield teacher Shirley Snyder and Novi Meadows teachers Marlene Jenkins and Jana Cordon are moving on to the next phase of their lives after 33, 27 and 23 years, respectively, in Novi classrooms.

Novi Schools Board of Education and administrators recognized the 16 retiring teachers and their efforts

in the district at the June 6 board of education meeting. The teachers were presented a plaque for their services.

"The dedication of these people are the reason that students get recognized and achieve so much in this district," said Robert Schram, Novi Schools' director of personnel.

Angelo Parize is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ex. 108 or at aparize@nl.hometown.com.

Henderson Glass opens Commerce Twp. shop

Henderson Glass, a division of Diversified Glass, Inc., announces the opening of a new store at 2891 LaSalle Road, in Commerce Township. Henderson Glass is an employee-owned company that has been serving Michigan communities since 1915. Henderson Glass

stores provide a complete line of glass products and services ranging from automotive, residential and commercial applications. David Troll, manager of the new Henderson Glass store in Commerce Township, stated that "Henderson Glass is looking forward to providing the residential and business customers of Commerce Township with outstanding service, quality, dedication to workmanship and customer trust that has been the Henderson Glass hallmark for the past 85 years."

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Make the change back to your youth

Bio Age Aesthetic Laser and Skin Care Clinic of Northville is ready to help you look younger

By Annette Jaworski

If you don't like what you see in the mirror, maybe it's time for a change—a change for the better. Bio Age Aesthetic Laser and Skin Care Clinic in Northville offers "your youth back to minutes," with the latest technology and procedures for skin. And the pleasant surprise is that today's procedures are less intrusive with literally no down time. And who wouldn't want to look younger?

"The technology in this field is changing rapidly, since we're affiliated with a national company we have a marketing arm doing continuous research to find the latest equipment to bring into the facility as it evolves," said Sam Lincoln, Managing Director of Bio Age.

Those who were disappointed with the results of other clinical treatments will be happy to know there are alternatives, and they're available now at Bio Age. Their new improved technology gives improved results. And clients also know up front exactly what they can expect.

"People may have tried lots of things over the years that just did not work or over promised results," said Clinic Manager, Evangeline Chia. With an honest evaluation, clients will see the satisfying results they're hoping for.

Using the latest in laser technology, the Cool Touch II, many of these non-invasive treatments are nicknamed lunchtime procedures. Clients see improved results without the discomfort and down time associated with older technology.

"Many of these are done so quickly, in 15 to 20 minutes, they

literally can do these and go back to work. There's no down time," explained Chia.

For example in hair removal they use the MW 2000 system, which can treat all skin types and hair colors, according to Chia. Much of the current technology works primarily on dark colored hair only. One of the newest technologies in wrinkle removal, Botox injections, can help you forget the frown lines and enjoy a more appealing look. These procedures are carefully performed by Rhoda Tahsian, R.N. Collagen injections are available as well. Another important skin care service is vein removal. They are associated with a nationally known vein specialist who has developed a comprehensive program to address everything from small spider to varicose veins.

For those people who have given up on over the counter treatments because they didn't get the results they were promised, Bio Age offers a clinical approach to skin care with pharmaceutical strength skin products. They offer their own exclusively developed moisturizer, cleanser and toner to continue the skin care. In addition, they carry SkinCuectals, the only company that has a topical vitamin C. They're also in the process of developing prescription only moisturizers and toners with the required levels of estrogen and Retin A, which is unique to the industry. These products are being developed under the supervision of Dr. Jeffrey Colton and Dr. Robert Grafton. All equipment used at the clinic is Federal Drug Administration approved and operated under the direction of Colton.

"We don't just perform treatments," explained Chia. "The client's skin is pampered with other beauty enhancing procedures. They also perform many of the less intrusive treatments, such as microdermabrasion and glycolic peels, which work well in tandem with the more intensive procedures."

"Used together they enhance each other's effects," observed Chia.

Although they offer state of the



BioAge owner and clinical director Evangeline Chia demonstrates their micro-dermabrasion machine on staff member Jennifer Fritz.

art technology, the atmosphere is a far cry from the sterile walls of a doctor's office. They took professional clinical treatments and put them into a friendly, luxurious, spa-type atmosphere with inviting aromas in an elegant setting. One of their treatment rooms is dedicated to light therapy, utilizing the Spectra Med System, to reduce stress and put you in a whole new world of relaxation. Options include heat treatments, body massage, aromatherapy as well as light therapy to brighten your outlook.

In addition to the non-invasive laser treatments offered at BioAge,

Colton performs cosmetic surgery and Grafton performs breast augmentation, liposuction and tummy tucks.

The staff at Bio Age stress education and information as part of their comprehensive treatment plans and explain realistic goals for their clients. The Personal Image Consultants are there to assess and make recommendations—giving straightforward answers to what kind of results might be expected. Clients are educated as to exactly what each process entails.

"We deal with the public in a professional manner to educate

them to understand completely the treatments and the results they can expect," said Chia.

A Brighton area client agrees that although she was highly skeptical, her husband convinced her to try several of the laser treatments. She was impressed by Chia's thorough knowledge and experience as well as her consideration for the client.

"When she has a client in her care, she is absolutely devoted to them—like what does the client need or how to make them most comfortable," she said.

And although her treatments are not yet complete, her husband is thrilled with the results.

Free consultations are always available to interested clients who are even remotely considering an improved facial appearance. They're ready to open their doors to more facilities throughout the metro Detroit area in the next year, and a half.

Find out about their many different skin care options and procedures at their open house on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information and prizes will be available. Feel free to stop by if you're in the area for the Art in the Park festivities being held that same day.

Save time and use those routing slips responsibly

By Tim KISSMAN

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

No experience necessary

Ever notice on wet, rainy days, Mondays most particular, that umbrellas don't really work? If they open properly in the outside shower you're lucky, and if you manage to hold on to it in any kind of wind you're lucky, too. But that's where the luck stops because they barely keep your head dry, letting rain soak your feet, legs—and depending how long you're out in the rain—socks.

That's not a good way to start the week. Why can't there be a better way to stay dry?

Stay inside.

Excuse me? Who are you?

Oh, sorry, I'm new here. I just had a memo about a memo regarding a phone message from the flower ladies that someone thought important enough to route through the office.

From the plant ladies?

Yeah, it has to do with the yellow plants in the office. They produce a deadly poison when watered with Coke.

We don't have any yellow plants in my office, and if there were, I wouldn't water it with a Coke.

Dude, don't kill the messenger. You're name is Tim, right?

Yeah.

So, according to this routing slip,

Tim, you need to read this memo and pass it along. Someone, higher up than you, a lot higher up by the looks and size of your office, thinks it's important to avoid these yellow plants.

There are no yellow plants in this office!

I don't care. The routing slip says you're next to read it, so here you go.

It was our boss. Go tell him.

No, you're new. You tell him.

Nope, I just checked my name off and put it in your inbox. It's your problem now.

You better hope you don't have any yellow plants in your office because I'm going to drench them with Coke.

Yelling at me isn't going to solve anything. You put it back in my box. I'll just pass it to someone else, who'll pass it to someone else who'll pass it to you. Again.

Do you see the logic in this—uh, what was your name?

Trek?

It's Viking. You know, those blond-haired, blond-bearded Norwegian raiders who sailed the seas in the 14th century. My grandfather's name is Sven.

If you say so. But do you see

where I'm going with this? If people on this routing slip decide they don't want to read it, why should I have to check it off? I don't care. If there are yellow plants, which there aren't any, and I don't think the person who started this routing slip even realized what they were sending. It's irresponsible and we need to stop it.

I was our boss. Go tell him.

No, you're new. You tell him.

Nope, I just checked my name off and put it in your inbox. It's your problem now.

You better hope you don't have any yellow plants in your office because I'm going to drench them with Coke.

I'll route a memo about your remark if you don't watch yourself.

I'm going for a walk. I can't stand irresponsible routing, and you're getting on my nerves.

Hey, Tim, you forgot your umbrella. It's raining outside and your head will get wet.

Arggh!

Tim KISSMAN is Director of Publications for the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Funeral Director and the (Death) Tax Collector

By Jack FARIS

It's a pretty good bet that a young man or woman starting out in business isn't thinking that his or her last transactions could be with the funeral director and the tax collector.

But for too many family businesses, that is the case. Mike Nobis owns JK Creative Printers in Quinby, Ill. In 1986, there were three generations of the family working in the business. Late in the year Mike lost both parents in an auto accident. The federal government demanded \$300,000 in "death" taxes as that tragedy forced the transfer of the business from one generation to the next.

The death tax is aptly named. Too often it forces the demise of family businesses. It is also unfair. The family business owner must pay taxes when the money is earned and the family pays again upon the death of the owner.

It's been said the tax is aimed at the very wealthy. If so, the marksman must have been from "the gang that couldn't shoot straight!" Recent figures show that more than half of death-tax revenues come from estates of under \$5 million and more than two-thirds from estates below \$10 million.

For the business owner, the issue is not whether successful individuals should pay taxes. The issue is how the sweat and tears of

one generation can be passed on to the next without destroying the economic foundation of the business. For lawmakers, the goal is finding ways to raise revenues to finance government.

Fairness and practicality suggest that the death tax is not the answer. In the case of JK Creative Printers, the \$300,000 the family surrendered to the government in death taxes had been earmarked to expand the business and create new jobs (and thus, new tax revenue) in the community.

The Tax Relief Act of 2001 was supposed to gradually get rid of the death tax once and for all. But because of "procedural hitches," Senate shenanigans—the tax will be phased out by 2010 only to reappear in full force in 2011.

This year, the House of Representatives voted to make repeat of the death tax permanent after 2010. The Senate will vote on the companion legislation, the Gramm-Byrd amendment, no later than June 28. It appears the vote will be very close.

Last year 62 senators voted to repeal the tax. If they were for repeal last year, one could assume they would be for it now. Few in Washington are taking that for granted. Senators must not flip on this vote. The stakes are too high.

NFIB and the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition are making it possible for those who want to see

the death tax permanently abolished to join forces. They can click on www.YesToGrammByrd.com to communicate with their senators and with local newspaper editors. The Web site also gives a voice to employees of small, family-owned businesses. It even suggests ways to send photos of the generations who will run the businesses in the future.

The vote could come at any time before June 28. Those with a stake in this debate need to act now.

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A nonprofit, non-partisan organization founded in 1963, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington and all 50 state capitals.

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Main St.: Fatoosh settles

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to its goodwill and reputation. Brown said the Matars withheld their payment because of the reasons listed in the lawsuit. Fatoosh opened its doors in Novi's downtown area late last Summer. During the opening, the Matars told the Novi News they came to this town with one dream: to offer a truly authentic Middle Eastern dining experience where the food, atmosphere and entertainment are truly Middle Eastern. The Matars did not return phone calls from the Novi News. Representatives from Luna Properties were contacted, but declined comment. The settlement brings the count of landlord-tenant lawsuits occurring in the Main Street area down to nine. Bluegreen Vacations, Designer's Choice, Larson Jewelry Design, Novi Jewelers, Coffee Trader, Salon Agape, Lazy Lizard Cantina, Gutzno's Subs, Sincerely Yours and Kitchens By Design are in arbitration to settle ongoing disputes.

According to documents filed in 52-1 District Court, representatives from the tenants and Evergreen III, Inc. are meeting in the Ann Arbor office of Schlefer and Wilson to try and settle the dispute out of court. A telephone status conference was scheduled for June 5 at 3 p.m. with Mackenzie, but no details were available. In December, all parties involved signed a consent judgment prohibiting anyone involved in the litigation from discussing the case. The legal battle began in October when Evergreen III sent eviction notices to shop owners alleging they withheld payment due him. The tenants filed a counter-suit accusing Evergreen III for charging suspiciously high, undefined common area maintenance fees. The Main Street business owners also say they were misled by being told the downtown development would be completed in a timely manner.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadloch@htl11011.com.net.

Novi City Briefs

SENIOR MASTER GAMES

Area residents older than 49 are invited to register for the Fifth Annual Oakland County Master Games July 26 and 27. Participants will compete for medals in athletic events including volleyball, basketball free throw, 3-on-3 basketball, race walking, swimming, track and field, tennis and more. Events for both days start at 9 a.m. and will take place at Royal Oak Kimball High School. Those interested may register by mail only now through July 5. For more information or to request a registration booklet, call (248) 858-4633.

SPORTS CLUB OF NOVI

The Sports Club of Novi is offering a group of Summer training sessions. Included on the list are PhysioBall, Triathlon Training, Maximum Results in Minimum Time, Ball with a Pilates Flair and Mommy & Baby Body Conditioning. The Novi Road fitness center also offers mature adult fitness classes, post cardiac rehab classes and youth

fitness classes. For cost and session information, call (248) 735-8850.

NOVI ICE ARENA

Registration is going on now for the Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate summer programs. Two sessions will be held beginning in the middle of June. The first session begins June 17 and runs through July 17 and the second session begins July 22 and runs through Aug. 14. Sessions cost \$45 and classes are available 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Classes are 30 minutes long and include 15 minutes of practice time and free open skating. Those older than two years old are invited to participate. For more information, call (248) 347-1010.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

If you are a senior citizen and love live music and dancing then the Novi Senior Center is where you want to be on June 15. From 1 to 3 p.m., the center will be presenting Satin Sounds for everyone's entertainment. Come dance to the music and enjoy delicious refreshments. The cost is \$4 per person at the door. The Novi Senior Center is located in

Meadowbrook Commons on Meadowbrook Road, between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. For more information on any of the above activities, call (248) 347-0414.

CEDAR POINT TEEN TRIP

On June 21, the City of Novi will be hosting its "School's Out - Cedar Point Teen Trip." The Friday trip is offered to students older than 12 and a "buddy system" will be used to chaperone the teens at the park throughout the day. A charter bus will leave the Novi Civic Center at 8:15 a.m. and return about midnight. The cost is \$75 for residents and \$90 for non-residents and includes transportation, admission to the park, chaperones and a treat bag. Seating is limited to the first 50 students to respond. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

NOVI WATERING NOTICE

With the warm weather finally here, city officials want to remind all residents of Novi's Alternate Day Lawn Watering program. The program allows the watering of lawns and landscaping on even-numbered days for properties with an even-numbered address and on odd-

numbered days for property with an odd-numbered street address. To determine if an address is even or odd numbered refer to the last number in the street address. The Alternate Day Lawn Watering program was developed to ensure the city can provide water pressure to meet the domestic and fire flow requirements of all its customers.

BORDERS SATURDAY FUN

Borders in Novi celebrates Father's Day by dedicating its Saturday morning story time to special tales about dads. The hour of fun begins at 11 a.m. and the store promises the hour will deliver the wonder of reading to children of all ages. For more family fun, learn how science and music work together Wednesday, June 19 at 7 p.m. As part of the Borders' Explorer Camp, "The Rhythm Man" Phil Kaput will teach children the science behind sound and music. Kaput will use special visual and sound effects to show how physics play an important role. Bubbling scientific experiments and hands-on activities will round out the event. Borders is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information on either event, call (248) 347-0780.



Nabil, left, and Rana Matar will welcome diners to their Novi restaurant Fatoosh which is now open on the second level of Vic's Market.

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Includes security deposit; excludes tax, title and license fee. Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates. Payment includes \$1500 renewal cash, \$2500 RCL cash, plus \$750 A-plan Cash.

2002 F-150 S/C XLT 4x4

Current Ford Employee lessees can Re-Lease a 2002 Explorer XLT 4dr.

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With \$3,879 customer cash due at signing.

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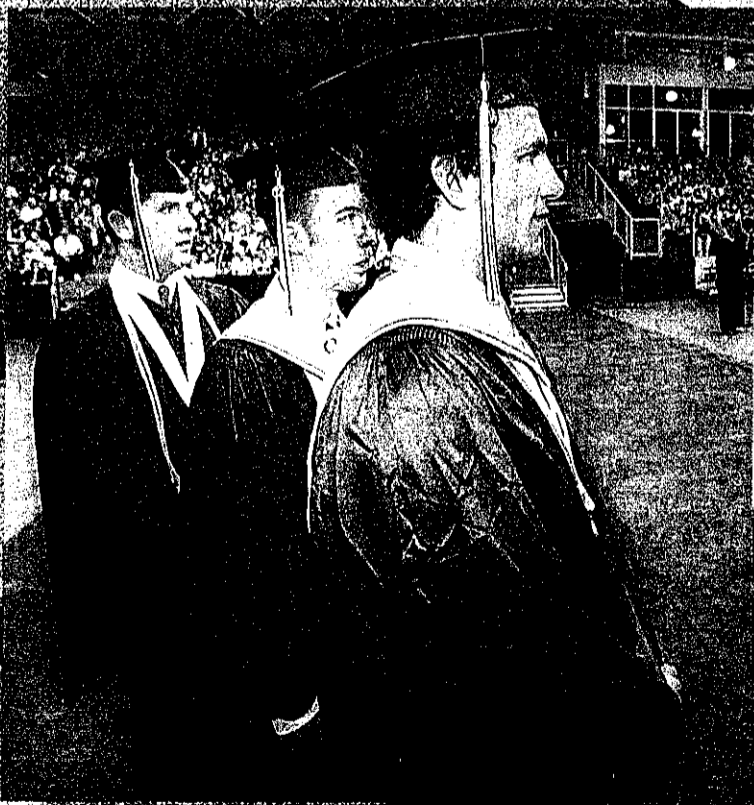
2002 Explorer XLT 4x4

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(1) Some payments higher, some lower. Not all Lessees will qualify for lowest payment. For special lease terms and RCL Cash, \$2500 RCL cash on 2002 Ranger and 2002 F-150 LD, (excludes Lighting & Supercrew) \$1500 RCL cash on 2002 Explorer 4x4 4dr, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 7/1/2002. RCL Cash may be taken in cash, but is used towards down payment in examples shown. Lease renewal cash of \$1000 on Ranger, \$1500 on F-150 and Explorer 4dr, only available to customers terminating their Ford Division Red Carpet Lease and re-lease for 36 months by 7/1/2002. Leases terminated early qualify if terminated within program dates. Supplies are limited, not all dealers will have all featured models. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for complete details. All payment examples are for Current Ford Employees and eligible family member Lessees.

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Class of 2002



2002 ALL AREA Academic Team

HomeTown Newspapers honors the best and brightest of the class of 2002. Members of the team are selected on the basis of a mathematical formula which combines GPA and standardized test scores.



Jason Mitchell ▲
HIGH SCHOOL: Walled Lake Western High School
PARENTS: Vernon and Teresa Mitchell
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend Michigan Technological University with plans to become a computer programmer.
HONORS: Academic Letter, National Merit Scholarship winner.
ACTIVITIES: SYSU ACM High School Programming Competition (first place).

Audrie Lin ▼

HIGH SCHOOL: Northville High School
PARENTS: Yun Shang Lin & Sue Whey Lin
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend John Hopkins University to pursue a degree in biology and environmental earth sciences.
HONORS: Advanced Placement program Scholar Award (2001), MEAP Michigan Merit Award (2001), Rotary International Youth Leadership Award (2001), four-year academic letter winner at Northville High School.
ACTIVITIES: Varsity track member, Chinese Lion Dance troupe, director, Northville Heart 'N Sole Race, co-captain, Science Olympiad.



Eric Liao ▲

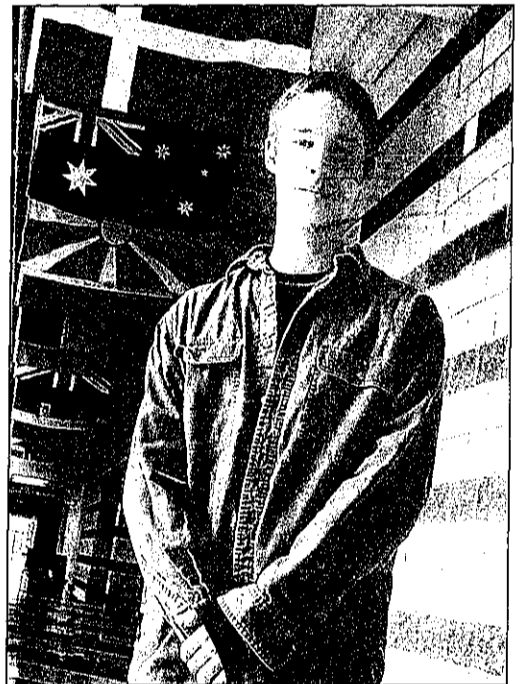
HIGH SCHOOL: Novi High School
PARENTS: Kenneth & Karen Liao
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan and then enter the medical field or medical research field.
HONORS: 2002 Presidential Scholar semi-finalist, National Merit Scholarship winner, AP Scholar with honors, Michigan Math Prize Competition (honorable mention 2000 and 2002; top 6 percent 1999-2002), 2001 Chemistry Olympiad Debate (U.S. National Chemistry Nominee)
ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, Debate, Quizbowl, Model UN, Renaissance International, Internet, tennis, piano, Tuesday Musicales, volunteer at U of M Hospital, Student Congress.



Daniel Lovera ▲
HIGH SCHOOL: Milford High School
PARENTS: John & Pam Lovera
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan School of Engineering with plans to become an engineer.
HONORS: National Merit Finalist, Detroit Free Press All-Area Academic Team Nominee, WXYT/Channel 7 "Brightest and Best," and MHS Valedictorian.
ACTIVITIES: Member of the Spanish Club and active in sports. Junior Varsity and Varsity Tennis, J.V. and Varsity Soccer, Captain of the Intramural Bowling Team.

Christina Nisonger ▼

HIGH SCHOOL: Milford High School
PARENTS: Robert and Paola Nisonger
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan with plans on a career in medicine or medical research.
HONORS: National Merit Commended Scholar and recipient of the University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship.
ACTIVITIES: Member of the National Honor Society and Treasurer, Spanish Club, Student Congress Representative and tutor, Varsity Gymnastics, Varsity Track and track coach for the Special Olympics.



James Garrison ▲

HIGH SCHOOL: Walled Lake Central High School
PARENTS: John & Karen Garrison
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend the United States Military Academy at West Point with plans to become an Army infantry officer.
HONORS: National Merit Scholar
ACTIVITIES: Cross Country captain, track, National Honor Society president.



Joshua Smith

HIGH SCHOOL: Lakeland High School
PARENTS: Dennis & Linda Smith
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan, to study for a career in architecture.
HONORS: A.P. Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Valedictorian, Huron Valley Board of Education Awards, and Michigan Merit Scholarship.
ACTIVITIES: President of the Science Club, Vice President of the Student Government, National Honor Society Secretary, Band Captain of the Marching Band, Writer's Club, founder of Great Books Club, member of Destination Imagination, German Club, Solor Ensemble Festival, Science Olympiad, Astronomy Club, Milford Musicales, Jazz Band, Wind Symphony and A. P. Club.

Lisa Ann Winkel ►

HIGH SCHOOL: South Lyon High School
PARENTS: Mark & Deborah Winkel
POST GRADUATE PLANS: Attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and earn a master's in biomedical engineering to work in medical research.
HONORS: High Honor Roll, Bausch & Lomb Science Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students.
ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, varsity flag football, church youth groups, band, gymnastics.

