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Whenever there is something fun and constructive for kids to do, it is worth while for parents to help them get there and participate. Camp Lakeshore is one of those things.

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All-Star Football game

J. R. Ducat (left) and Mike Pisha (right) teamed up with Novi's Matt Gorman as part of the All-Star East team versus the All-Star West squad in the 22nd Annual All-Star football game. The East won, of course, and Ducat and Pisha were busy celebrating as they came off the field.

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Smooth sailing ahead

It's that time of year again — with orange barrels heralding the construction season. It's not the most welcome sight. But there's good news, too, for Milford residents. The re-routing of Main Street traffic is only a temporary inconvenience.

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2002 Election



Photo by PHIL FOLEY

Sara Pope Starnes, (center) one of four candidates vying for the new 51-2 District Court seat, does a little last minute campaigning outside the Novi Civic Center during Tuesday's primary election. Statewide election officials were predicting an extremely low voter turnout for what will set the stage for the fall campaign season.

Path Wars

■ Concept of constructing bike paths in Novi divides some residents

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The announcement of progress on the city's Nine Mile Road Bike Path project has erupted vocal objections by those against the endeavor. The reason? The estimated \$437,500 price tag attached to the half-mile long, eight-foot-wide non-motorized path planned for the south side of Nine Mile Road between Novi Road and the Chase Farms subdivision.

"It just makes me livid," said Novi resident Bill Rice. "Why not pave roads instead."

"I think it is just a dumb idea myself."

Rice believes more prudence should be exercised by officials during the current economic climate.

Novi resident Richard Bond agrees.

Bond feels the cost is outrageous.

"When are we going to inject some common sense in our local government," Bond said.

He also questions why the fee to engineer the path paid to JCK & Associates was \$37,700.

"If this new bike path was something that would be heavily used by a large percentage of the Novi residents, it might be worth the investment," Bond said.

While complaints were coming in against constructing the path, other Novi residents were gathered at The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department advisory meeting telling the department's director they wanted more non-motorized paths in the city.

Reasons for wanting the paths included creating more areas for children to ride their bikes and in-line skates and providing the opportunity to travel about the city without driving.

Officials said there are other indicators too showing Novi residents do want the pathways.

"Significantly, from the Planning Commission-sponsored public opinion survey of Novi residents, completed by Eastern Michigan University in Spring 2002 and deemed a statistically reliable sample, only two items out of 15 rated near poor in terms of resident satisfaction," said Clay Pearson, Novi assistant city manager. "One of those near poor satis-

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Brickner will now face Marc Shulman

Democrat beat out Kakos, Goulet for 39th district seat showdown

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The first Democrat ever to get elected in West Bloomfield Township now hopes to be the first Democrat to ever sit in the State House 39th district seat. Longtime West Bloomfield Township Trustee Stuart Brickner handily beat challengers Robert Goulet and Reginald Kakos for the right to face two-term Republican incumbent Marc Shulman in the general election.

"Well, that tells the story," said Goulet of the 1,674 he col-

lected to Brickner's 6,292 votes in Commerce and West Bloomfield Townships.

"I gave it a try. I don't feel bad about losing," said the 67-year-old Goulet, who added he would not seek office again.

Kakos, who managed to sway 1,247 voters was unavailable for comment at press time.

Brickner, whose wife, Maxine, is running for Oakland County Commission, said he was "excited and gratified by the results. I'm excited that I won and I'm gratified by sup-

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BY THE NUMBERS

Here's how Michigan and Novi residents voted in Tuesday's primary election:

GOVERNOR*		52-1 DISTRICT COURT*	
Democrats		Pope Starnes	6,573
Granholm:	390,990	Bondy:	4,992
Boniore:	193,137	Quinn:	3,868
Blanchard:	152,711	Cavanaugh:	3,484
Republicans		15th STATE SENATE*	
Posthumus:	430,072	Republicans	
Schwarz:	98,694	Cassisi:	9,435
39th STATE HOUSE*		Kowall:	9,341
Democrats		Wolkinson:	1,628
Brickner:	6,292	Democrats	
Goulet:	1,674	Carlson:	19,575
Kakos:	1,247	Republicans	
Republicans		SOURCE: Michigan Department of Elections (as of 10:30 a.m. Aug. 7)	
Shulman:	5,254	*Wayne County absentee ballots not included	

How did all the money disappear?

Nine Main Street business owners want to know where the cash went

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Where is the money going? That is what owners of nine Main Street businesses involved in a legal battle with their landlord, James Chen, want to know.

According to a motion filed by Novi attorney and city councilman Kim Capello on July 30 in 52-1 District Court, the alleged decline of the Main Street area and the recent public auction pertaining to portions of the development have left his clients questioning if their payments are being spent on what is legally required.

The "Petition and Order to Show Cause and Account for Collection and Disbursement of Funds," formally requests the development's property management firm hired by Chen's

Evergreen III — The Hayman Company — to provide an accounting of the money it has collected and disbursed since Sept. 1, 2001 and "show cause why [The Hayman Company] should not be removed as acting property manager of the 200/300 building."

"The neglect of Hayman in properly managing the building, the development and the project has resulted in unsightly, unsafe and unhealthy conditions in and around the building and the development," Capello stated in court documents. "Even though the Main Street tenants have paid their [common area maintenance] expenses to Hayman, Hayman has refused and neglected to maintain the building, the interior, common areas, the landscaping and the parking areas."

In his filings, the attorney for

the nine defendants and counter-plaintiffs in the suit originally filed by Chen attached exhibits showing what he believes is proof that building 200/300 (which his tenants occupy) is dirty, unkept, unclean and in general despair.

Examples included overflowing garbage cans, cracks in sidewalks and ceilings and unsightly landscaping surrounding the building.

"Evergreen and Hayman owe the Main Street tenants a duty to honestly, fairly and in good faith manage the property and to apply the monies collected from the tenants to the benefit of the building, the development and the project," Capello stated in court documents.

"During the period of time Hayman collected monies from the tenants, the 200/300 building

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Some tenants of Novi's Main Street allege that their landlord fails to maintain, among other things, proper landscaping, like this empty flower box beneath this locust tree.

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Fresh catch of the day

Every day starts with fresh fish and seafood at Jake's

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Jake's Fish House in Novi produced a huge splash in the sea of local eateries when restaurant owners opened the doors spilling fresh fish and seafood into the city.

"We have great food at a reasonable price combined with a great atmosphere," said Don Mattarella, co-owner of Jake's Fish House.

The fact all seafood and fish items start out fresh at the beginning of the day is what Mattarella and his business partner and wife, Terri, feel makes their establishment an exceptional place for dining.

Delivery trucks pull up to the Market Square Plaza located restaurant every day delivering goods from coast to coast.

And with these goods, Walled Lake native chef Craig Ostrove performs his magic.

His personal favorite is the Double's Shrimp.

Ostrove begins with shrimp and scallops, adds peppers and onions, tops with an orange honey glaze and finishes by char-

broiling until perfection.

"They're just terrific," Mattarella said.

Other dishes already reaching popularity status include the Lake Perch lunch, Crab Cake Sandwich, Fish Tacos, Louisiana Whitefish, Tropic Shark, live Maine lobster and Jake's Steamer for Two.

The grab-a-buddy dish features a medley of seafood, calamari, mussels, clams, scallops and prawns.

New England clam chowder, the soup-of-the-day and daily made-to-order specials such as small main, red snapper, perch and grouper are some of the other fresh specialties.

Ostrove stressed on that made-to-order means made-to-order.

"We will cook it the way you want it," he said.

Preferences like grilled, broiled, sautéed or even deep fried will be accommodated.

"We had a lady come in one night who ordered sword and wanted it blackened like the white fish and topped with the tropical fruit salsa from the Tropic Shark entree," Ostrove said. "So that is what she

received."

Steak, pasta dishes and a kid's section featuring burgers, chicken fingers and tuna sandwiches completes the seasonal menu making sure no one is left out.

Coming soon will be a full selection of beer, wine and alcoholic beverages to wash the savory meals down.

The idea for the welcoming and friendly restaurant, named after the couple's 3-year-old son, came directly from the Mattarellas.

"There is no where in Novi you can get fresh seafood the way you want it," Mattarella said.

Although the couple did some research on established eateries featuring the same concept, the co-owner said he pretty much had the entire place pictured in his head before the couple started investing their life savings into making their dream a reality.

"We knew what we wanted and we just went for it."

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Jake's Fish House in Novi recently opened its doors to the public serving fresh fish and seafood to area residents with a hankering for meals made with daily fresh ingredients.

JAKE'S AT A GLANCE

- Location:** Jake's Fish House is located at the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road in the Market Square Plaza across from Providence Hospital.
- Menu:** The Novi restaurant features fresh fish and seafood entrees made daily.
- Prices:** Appetizers range from \$6.50 to \$8.95; lunch entrees, sandwiches and Po-Boys range from \$6.25 to \$9.95; dinner entrees range from \$10.50 to \$16.95; Live Maine Lobster is current market price.
- Hours:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.
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John Donohue Walled Lake does it again dies at age 52

By Diane Dempsey Deel and Phillip Allmen
STAFF WRITERS

Walled Lake city attorney John Donohue died Friday while on an area driving range.

Donohue, 52, died of an apparent heart attack Friday at Mulligan's Golf Center in Lyon Township. He was hitting a few golf balls at the Lyon Township golf facility and then planned to attend Walled Lake's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Golf Outing later in the day at the Links of Novi.

Witnesses told the Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies Donohue, a Farmington resident, was hitting golf balls on the driving range around noon. According to witnesses, Donohue was walking out toward his car when he collapsed in the parking lot. No one saw him collapse, but witnesses rolled him on his back and administered CPR while 9-1-1 was called at 12:13 p.m.

Lyon Township Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance responded to the scene and transported him to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was pronounced dead at 12:43 p.m.

Cathy Ambrose, chairman of the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, said he will be missed in the city.

"It's an unfortunate loss for everyone who knew him," Ambrose said. "He was a credit to his profession."

Donohue was appointed the city's attorney in 1982 while an attorney at Davidson, Gotshall, Kohl, Secrest, Wardle, Lynch and Smith. However, he had already been doing legal work for the city since 1976.

Donohue was also the city attorney for Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Walled Lake City Manager Phil Vavter said the city has suffered a large loss.

Woodbridge Building Company, Inc. is first awardee of the Design Assistance Program

Walled Lake was among the first three communities chosen to participate in the first round of the Main Street Oakland County Program (MSOC), when it began 2000. Now, Walled Lake has done it again. Walled Lake is the first community to have a business owner apply and be approved for the Main Street Oakland County Design Assistance Program.

Woodbridge Building Company, Inc., located at 132 West Walled Lake Drive in downtown Walled Lake, is the first awardee of the Design Assistance Program offered by MSOC, through the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Jeff Nabozny and Ken Jedrusik bought the former Walled Lake's Historic Lakefront District in June of this year. They have already begun renovation of the interior and will work with MSOC's Russ Lewis, principal planner/architect and Michele Bishop, engineering aide, on the building's facade according to the Design Assistance Program guidelines.

When asked how he felt about being the first participant of the program, Mr. Nabozny stated, "This is a very good thing and we are anxious to get started."

Lewis stated, "This is a great opportunity to take a very basic, one-story building and improve it so it makes a positive contribution to Walled Lake's Historic Lakefront District."

Main Street Oakland County is an economic development program specifically targeted to provide technical assistance to the 30 traditional downtowns in the County. The Design Assistance Program offered through MSOC provides free design assistance to property/business owners in officially designated "MSOC Communities." The design assistance includes schematic facade drawings, on-site consultations, preliminary cost estimate, and updated referral lists of qualified design professionals, contractors and product literature. Being a historic preservation-based program, the schematic facade drawings will illustrate recommended design improvements consistent with the National Main Street Center, the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines, and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office guidelines.

The Walled Lake DDA in conjunction with the MSOC will offer two Design Assistance contracts per year to Walled Lake property owners. After six years in the program, one contract per year will be offered.

The Walled Lake DDA was created in 1990 to ensure the ongoing growth and improvement of Downtown Walled Lake. The DDA area encompasses one-half square mile and is home to 160 businesses. The DDA is responsible for business recruitment, retention and marketing the downtown.



Woodbridge Building Company, Inc., located at 132 West Walled Lake Drive will be refurbished with help from the Main Street Oakland County program. Consultants will offer advice on design assistance for the building's facade and other needed restoration.

Sara Pope Starnes, Robert Bondy survive primary in 52-1 District Court election

By Tran Longmoore
STAFF WRITER

Milford resident and 52-1 District Court Judge hopeful Robert Bondy has survived the first leg of a very competitive election campaign.

Bondy, a local attorney and developer, and Sara Pope Starnes, an assistant prosecutor with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, were the top vote getters in Tuesday's primary election. The two now vie for the new judgeship in the November ballot.

Pope Starnes garnered the most votes in the field, which included Milford resident Jerome Cavanaugh and Novi resident Matthew Quinn.

In an unofficial vote tabulation, Pope Starnes piled up 6,573 votes. Bondy finished second with 4,992 votes. Quinn and Cavanaugh tallied 3,868 and 3,484 votes, respectively.

Bondy said he was very satisfied with the election results.

"I feel that our hard work paid off. Voters put their trust in me to move forward and compete for the job in November," said Bondy, who accumulated the most votes in Milford and Highland townships.

Pope Starnes was also pleased with the results. Starnes amassed the highest vote totals in the rest of the communities which form the 52-1 District.

She credited her success with a campaign that focused on connecting with voters, organization, and above all, by the amount of votes she got. There were four people in the race, three men and one woman," said Bondy.

Bondy also said his campaign likely benefited from a strong campaign run by fellow Milford resident Jerome Cavanaugh.

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Cassis edges Kowall in heated primary

By Tran Longmoore
STAFF WRITER

The pundits were right. Nancy Cassis and state Rep. Mike Kowall for the Republican nomination for 15th District State Senate seat went down to the wire.

As the Milford Times went to press, the vote totals had not been certified. Early Wednesday morning, Cassis declared victory. She told the Milford Times that she had won the primary election race by 81 votes — 9,402 to 9,321.

"I feel like I'm on top of the world," said Cassis. "It's a squeaker. But even a squeaker means we move on to the state Senate, and I am the next state Senator."

If Cassis' numbers hold, voters will choose between her and Democratic nominee Sean Carlson in November.

Kowall, who won by a landslide in White Lake Township and by considerable margins in Highland and Commerce townships, was not prepared to concede the election early on Wednesday morning.

"We're still not sure about the numbers. It's nearly 1 a.m., and I'm going to need to take a closer look at the certified totals," said Kowall. "I knew it would be close, but I didn't think it would be this close."

Kowall declined to say if he would ask for a recount if Cassis' numbers held true.

"The issues will be very much what we have been campaigning on all along: a secure economy and jobs, child education, and improving and maintaining the roads," said Cassis.

Cassis said she wants to move forward after a tough, sometimes nasty campaign.

"I will open my arms to Mike. It's over. Let's go on from here, because this will be a tough November election," she said.

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Granholm is one step closer to top spot

By Chris C. Davis
NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

Michigan attorney general and Northville resident Jennifer Granholm appeared to take a giant step forward in securing the Democratic gubernatorial nomination Tuesday.

Exit polls and early returns showed Granholm holding a commanding lead over her Democratic challengers, U.S. Representative David Bonior and former governor Jim Blanchard. Granholm was believed to have beat out her party's opponents in virtually every area of Michigan, except for the city of Detroit.

Tamout across the state was low, according to city and township clerks. Only about 20 percent of Michigan's registered voters were expected to participate.

Granholm cast her ballot at Meads Mill Middle School shortly after polls opened. While not necessarily apologizing for the sometimes heated exchanges between herself, Bonior and Blanchard, Granholm did say she understood the unwritten rules of campaigning.

"This isn't powder puff football," she said.

"This was a hard-fought battle among friends. It's the semifinals, and now we go on to the finals."

Granholm gave a qualified declaration of victory shortly after 11 p.m. and saluted her opponents in the race.

"If anybody knows how smart and tough and dedicated and committed Jim Blanchard and David Bonior are, it's me," she said. "I feel like I've gone 15 rounds with Muhammad Ali and Joe Fraiser — at the same time."

Granholm spent all day Monday criss-crossing the state from Marquette to Muskegon, trying to spread her campaign message and garner last-minute undecided votes.

The told reporters she was casting her ballot on only about one hour's worth of sleep in more than a day. Granholm watched returns from the Marriott Hotel in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

Blanchard and his wife, Janet, voted at Willie E. Groves High School in Beverly Hills. During the campaign, Blanchard hung his political hat on his prior experience in the governor's office, saying he was now older and wiser than he was when John Engler beat him in 1990.

"I'm rested and ready for long night," Blanchard said as he checked into the Athenium Hotel in Detroit before results were tabulated.

"If you want to be the leader of Michigan, you want to use good judgment and be well-rested," taking a slight dig at Granholm's marathon final day of campaigning. Blanchard's own day got long itself. Shortly before 11 p.m., Blanchard refused to back down.

"I didn't run for governor for the title," Blanchard told a crowd of cheering supporters. "I love this state. We won't stand idly by and watch the downward spiral continue."

Blanchard said regardless of the outcome, he planned on staying in public service for the foreseeable future.

Bonior planned to cast his ballot just as polls opened at the Wilson Community Gymnasium in Mount Clemens and spent Tuesday night at the Ponchartrian Hotel. In a statement, Bonior held confidence in his volunteers' ability to build support for his campaign.

"This race is going to be determined by two things — undecided voters and turnout," Bonior said in the release. "We've got the ground troops to get it done."

But the troops came up short, and by 10:30 p.m., Bonior conceded to Granholm.

"We congratulate the attorney general on her victory tonight," Bonior said. "Alma and I will continue to fight and work for what we believe in. This constant effort is a struggle!"

Granholm will face Dick Posthumus in November's general election. Posthumus, who is currently Michigan's lieutenant governor, soundly defeated fellow Republican Joe Schwarz in the GOP race.

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Brickner makes it to general election

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Goulet said that he won't support either candidate in the general election. "The state's facing a billion dollar deficit and (Shulman) was on call when they lost the money," he explained. He added he can't support Brickner because Brickner doesn't support term limits.

"They're both politicians and we need a businessman in there," declared Goulet.

"I can do a great job for the people of West Bloomfield and Commerce. I can do a great job for the district," said Brickner.

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Michigan teachers improve their classroom technology skills in Novi

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Teachers from across Michigan gathered at Novi Middle School recently to bolster their digital wisdom.

The American Technology Academy (ATA) hosted a technology workshop at the Novi school on July 24, with the participating Michigan educators enhancing their technology skills in a hands-on learning environment.

Teachers experimented with digital cameras, personal digital assistants and other technology-based tools. The workshop put

the educators in teams of four with at least two teachers and a building administrator in each group, where they learned the latest techniques for creating a panoramic photograph of a field trip and using PDAs to plan and coordinate classroom instruction.

The ATA aims to show Michigan teachers better ways of incorporating this technology in the classroom as these tools become more sophisticated and difficult to implement.

"There is a growing need for educators to integrate technology into their lesson plans and throughout the curriculum so that students understand the uses as

well as the benefits of technology," said Ric Wilcox, ATA project director.

A recent evaluation by Eastern Michigan University reported that nearly 90 percent of ATA participants said they could apply the program's techniques to their job.

"We need to give students the knowledge and tools they need to succeed in their continuing education and in the workplace," said Beverly Winkelman, a Plymouth-Canton teacher. "This program provides teachers with techniques that can easily be applied in the classroom to enhance student learning."

Follow-up workshop sessions will be held throughout the upcoming school year, with school visits by ATA trainers and online instruction.

The ATA was created through a \$2 million grant from the American Foundation, part of the SBC Ameritech and the SBC Foundation. Additional program funding came from the Michigan Virtual University and the Michigan Department of Education.

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Path Wars: Divided feelings in residents

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"It just makes me livid. Why not pave roads instead."

Bill Rice
Novi Resident

factious items was "Provision of sidewalks and bike paths."

Additionally, Pearson said 11 people requested additional sidewalks at various Novi locations via the comments and suggestions portion of the city's newsletter.

City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Director Randy Auler echoed Pearson's stated findings.

According to results of a study administered to analyze desires of Novi residents for development of the department's five-year master plan, Auler said the request for more paved bike and walking paths was frequently mentioned.

"The Nine Mile Road project has been a budgeted priority for several years since the grant was awarded," Pearson said. "As far as the cost of the project, the assistant city manager said it is pretty much the going rate and is comparable to what the city just paid for the connecting roadway on 10 Mile Road east of city hall."

"There are some significant grade differences," Pearson said explaining some of the cost involved with the Nine Mile Road path. "It is not flat sidewalk work."

What that means is a boardwalk will have to be constructed to complete the project similar to the 10 Mile Road job.

Pearson said the City has Ten Miles and Nine Mile paths in the budget as projects which have been long-promised but the most significant moneys are going to improving roads.

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Novi City Briefs

Sounds of Summer

Tonight the City of Novi presents The Millionaires at 7:30 p.m. on the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center. The swing concert is part of the city's free "Sounds of Summer" concert series. The series is sponsored by Providence Hospital and the Ford Motor Company Fund and this particular concert is being sponsored by the Novi Historical Commission. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be held in the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road, between Novi and Tall roads.

For more information, call (248) 347-0410.

Borders Books & Music events

Tonight at 7 p.m., best-selling author Elizabeth Akles Bowman will be signing her latest book "Twilight: A Novel of Hollywood." The romantic thriller featuring Hollywood, passion and courtroom intrigue was written in collaboration with actor and author Billy Dee Williams.

On Saturday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m., Sunmuk "Sandy" Archachinda will be offering a cooking demonstration featuring some of the secrets making her "mother of Thai cooking" in Michigan. Demonstrations will feature recipes from her new book "Thai Pure & Simple" and from her

Main Street Heat

The Main Street Heat Classic Car Show takes place every Wednesday between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m. in the city's downtown area. Come and share your sweet ride or admire others. Admission is free and the fun is plenty.

suburban Detroit restaurant Bangkok Cuisine.

Wrapping up the week of activities is a discussion with author Tamra Orr titled "A Parent's Guide to Home Schooling." The 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 lecture will explore the option of home-schooling and lead listeners to answers, resources and organizations offering help. Tamra is the author of "101 Ways to Make Your Library Home Schooling Friendly" and "125 Things Homeschoolers can do on the Internet." Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

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The program consists of two different paths: one for the older children and one for the younger.

Both paths began in June and concluded with the tummy-filling Aug. 2 ice cream social.

Every day of the week for the duration of the program, participants were kept busy.

Enrollees fourth grade and younger filled their days with activities leading to the "Tales Through Time" theme.

Activities included craft projects, guest entertainers, story and fun hours and of course plenty of reading.

Program organizers encouraged participants of both paths to read by adding elements of fun.

For example, every time a participant of the younger group completed a game card showing they read for two hours (or were read to), the child was able to place a

star on their game board with the goal of filling the entire thing.

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"One child said to me just because I'm in fifth grade doesn't mean I don't want prizes," Karp-Oppler said.

While the older participants filled spaces on their bingo cards, they received prizes from movie theaters, Novi Ice Arena and Novi Bowl.

A grand-prize drawing for the children with the most bingos included two \$50 savings bonds from Community Federal Credit Union and a gift certificate for a birthday party at SoccerZone.

But the greatest reward of the program was not the prizes. Instead, it was how wonderful each child did by dedicating so much of their time to reading.

Karp-Oppler explained in the older group it took reading anywhere from four to seven books to fill a bingo card.



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was placed into foreclosure by advertisement and put to public auction," Capello also stated in the documents.

Other court documents filed by Capello indicated that the Main Street property was sold at an Oakland County Circuit Court auction to the assignee of the mortgage currently holding the mortgage on the property.

It was stated that neither The Hayman Company nor Evergreen III had paid money to the mortgage since March.

According to auction documents, a "mortgage sale" legal notice was placed in the July 12 edition of the *Oakland County Legal News*. The ad indicated the mortgage between Main Market, LLC to Column Financial was in default.

During the July 16 auction, the bank took back the mortgage, giving Chen until the beginning of next year to pay the more than \$15.4 million owed.

James R. Cambridge, a Detroit attorney representing the assignee of the mortgage and planner of the legal notice, declined comment.

A Dec. 27 consent judgment entered into by both parties of the original Evergreen III lawsuit also prohibited everyone involved from discussing the matter and from making public statements or providing the public with information.

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Mackinnon's Restaurant, 22 Years of Culinary Excellence

By LINDA NEFF
Special Writer

Mackinnon's Restaurant, a mainstay in downtown Northville since opening 22 years ago, is nestled among the charming store fronts that make Northville so appealing. Its renowned original menu items not only feed the body, but are served in an atmosphere that feeds the soul as well. Antique furniture, hand-made Tiffany-style lamps, stained glass and French doors, all lend Old-European sophisticated charm to the restaurant's decor.

Owner Chef Tom Mackinnon, along with his son and general manager Chef Ian Mackinnon, says the four-star restaurant offers fine dining without the extravagant price tag.

"Our entrees are all-inclusive," Ian said. "Each is served with salad or soup and a bread basket."

Mackinnon's offers quite an extensive lunch menu that boasts a good selection of appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches and entrees served with house salad or soup, potato and vegetable, and a bread basket.

Entrees on the lunch menu currently include selections such as Pan Seared Tenderloin Tips with mushrooms and garlic

served over potatoes with sauce Bordelaise, and Salmon, Crab and Rosemary Cakes presented with a dill buerre blanc. Or choose from one of Mackinnon's many lunch-time salads like Orchard Salad made using mesclun greens, Bermuda onions, feta cheese, dried cherries, mandarin oranges, and pecans served with red wine vinaigrette or its tasty Chef's Maurice Salad made with mesclun greens, sliced turkey, sliced ham, gherkins, bacon, Swiss cheese and Maurice dressing.

The menu, however, is known to change seasonally or about every three months, Ian said. Lunch is served at Mackinnon's Monday through Saturday between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. And the prices are low - enjoy a fine four-star lunch for approximately \$12 per person.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, Mackinnon's created a separate Twilight Dining Menu that has been so well accepted that it remains available today.

"It was so popular that we just kept it going," Ian said. "It's a cool thing."

The special menu offers a choice of five all-inclusive dinners - appetizer, soup of the day or house salad, entree and dessert - a great value at one low price of

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What that means is a boardwalk will have to be constructed to complete the project similar to the 10 Mile Road job.

Pearson said the City has Ten Mile and Nine Mile paths in the budget as projects which have been promised but the

Novi City Briefs

Sounds of Summer

Tonight the City of Novi presents The Millionaires at 7:30 p.m. on the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center. The singing concert is part of the city's free "Sounds of Summer" concert series. The series is sponsored by Providence Hospital and the Ford Motor Company Fund and this particular concert is being sponsored by the Novi Historical Commission. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be held in the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road, between Novi and Tati roads. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Borders Books & Music events

Tonight at 7 p.m., best-selling author Elizabeth Akins Bowman will be signing her latest book, "Twilight: A Novel of Hollywood." The romantic thriller featuring Hollywood, passion and courtroom intrigue was written in collaboration with actor and author Billy Dee Williams. A Novel of Hollywood. Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

On Saturday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m., Sonnik "Sandy" Arpaichinda will be offering a cooking demonstration featuring some of the secrets making her "mother of Thai cooking" in Michigan. Demonstrations will feature recipes from her new book "Thai Pure & Simple" and from her

Main Street Heat

The Main Street Heat Classic Car Show takes place every Wednesday between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m. in the city's downtown area. Come and share your sweet ride or admire others. Admission is free and the fun is plenty.

Suburban Detroit restaurant Bangkok Cuisine

Wrapping up the week of activities is a discussion with author Tamra Orr titled "A Parent's Guide to Home Schooling" The 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 lecture will explore the option of home-schooling and lead listeners to answers, resources and organizations offering help. Tamra is the author of "10 Ways to Make Your Library Homeschooling Friendly" and "125 Things Homeschoolers can do on the Internet." Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

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Additionally, Pearson said 11 people requested additional sidewalks at various Novi locations via the comments and suggestions portion of the city's newsletter.

City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Director Randy Auler echoed Pearson's stated findings.

According to results of a study administered to analyze desires of Novi residents for development of the department's five-year master plan, Auler said the request for more paved bike and walking paths was frequently mentioned.

"The Nine Mile Road project has been a budgeted priority for several years since the grant was awarded," Pearson said.

As far as the cost of the project, the assistant city manager said it is pretty much the going rate and is comparable to what the city just paid for the connecting pathway on 10 Mile Road east of city hall.

"There are some significant

grade differences," Pearson said explaining some of the cost involved with the Nine Mile Road path. "It is not flat sidewalk work."

What that means is a boardwalk will have to be constructed to complete the project similar to the 10 Mile Road job.

Pearson said the City has Ten Mile and Nine Mile paths in the budget as projects which have been long-promised but the most significant moneys are going to improving roads.

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Novi City Briefs

Sounds of Summer
Tonight the City of Novi presents The Millionaires at 7:30 p.m. on the newly lawn of the Novi Civic Center. The swing concert is part of the city's free "Sounds of Summer" concert series. The series is sponsored by Providence Hospital and the Ford Motor Company Fund and this particular concert is being sponsored by the Novi Historical Commission. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be held in the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road, between Novi and Tall roads. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Borders Books & Music events
Tonight at 7 p.m., best-selling author Elizabeth Atkins Bowman will be signing her latest book "Twilight: A Novel of Hollywood." The romantic thriller featuring Hollywood, passion and courtroom intrigue was written in collaboration with actor and author Billy Dee Williams.

On Saturday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m., Sonnik "Sandy" Arpaehinda will be offering a cooking demonstration featuring some of the secrets making her "mother of Tai cooking" in Michigan. Demonstrations will feature recipes from her new book "Thai Parc & Simple" and from her

suburban Detroit restaurant Bangkok Cuisine.

Wrapping up the week of activities is a discussion with author Tamra Orr titled "A Parent's Guide to Home Schooling." The 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 lecture will explore the option of home schooling and lend listeners to answers, resources and organizations offering help. Tamra is the author of "101 Ways to Make Your Library Homeschooling Friendly" and "125 Things Homeschoolers can do on the Internet." Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

Main Street Heat
The Main Street Heat Classic Car Show takes place every Wednesday between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m. in the city's downtown area. Come and share your sweet ride or admire others. Admission is free and the fun is plenty.

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ENTERTAIN RELAX ENJOY

I scream, you scream, we all scream for delicious ice cream

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of ice-cream loving readers filled the Novi Public Library for three hours last week, celebrating the conclusion of another successful 2002 Summer season.

"It is just kind of a thank you for supporting us through the Summer Reading Program," said Marjorie Karp-Opper, Novi Public Library head of youth services.

More than 1,400 children participated in the reading program this year and what thrilled organizers the most was the significantly higher enrollment of children fifth grade and up.

"We're really proud of that," Karp-Opper said.

The program consists of two different paths: one for the older children and one for the younger.

Both paths began in June and concluded with the sunny-filling Aug. 2 ice cream social.

Every day of the week for the duration of the program, participants were kept busy.

Enrollees fourth grade and younger filled their days with activities leading to the "Tales Through Time" theme.

Activities included craft projects, guest entertainers, story and fun, hours and of course plenty of reading.

Program organizers encouraged participants of both paths to read by adding elements of fun.

For example, every time a participant of the younger group completed a game card showing they read for two hours (or were read to), the child was able to place a

star on their game board with the goal of filling the entire thing.

Prizes donated by local businesses included Borders Books and Music, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Pizza Hut and JoAnn ETC were awarded along the way to completion.

The fifth grade and up path titled "Time Machine Troopers" also involved fun, guest speakers and centered around a bingo theme.

Spaces on their bingo cards included reading a non-fiction book, a historical fiction book, a sci-fi or fantasy book, a mystery, a book from a series, a biography and read a recipe and cook up some fun.

And don't think just because this group was a little older that they missed out on the prizes.

"One child said to me just 'Just because I'm in fifth grade doesn't mean I don't want prizes,'" Karp-Opper said.

While the older participants filled spaces on their bingo cards, they received prizes from movie theaters, Novi Ice Arena and Novi Bowl.

A grand-prize drawing for the children with the most bingos included two \$50 savings bonds from Community Federal Credit Union and a gift certificate for a birthday party at SoccerZone.

But the greatest reward of the program was not the prizes. Instead, it was how wonderful each child did by dedicating so much of their time to reading.

Karp-Opper explained in the older group it took reading anywhere from four to seven books to fill a bingo card.



Brooke Cauffman, 6, enjoys a strawberry ice-cream sundae during last Friday's social at the Novi Public Library to wrap up its summer reading program.

One girl handed in 30 cards and some handed in 15, she said.

In fact, they all did so well, Karp-Opper ended up throwing a pizza party because just having a grand-prize drawing for a select few didn't seem enough.

In between scoops of chocolate, vanilla and strawberry ice cream with fudge, strawberries and sprinkles for toppings, Karp-Opper said she could have never completed such a great Summer Reading Program without all the help she

received from the Novi Public Library staff and volunteers, Friends of the Novi Library, the 110 teen volunteers and all the members of the community and local businesses donating their time and prizes.

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Main Street: Money questions

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was placed into foreclosure by advertisement and put to public auction," Capello also stated in the documents.

Other court documents filed by Capello indicated that the Main Street property was sold at an Oakland County Circuit Court auction to the assignee of the mortgage currently holding the mortgage on the property.

It was stated that neither The Hayman Company nor Evergreen III had paid money to the mortgagee since March.

According to auction documents, a "mortgage sale" legal notice was placed in the July 12 edition of the Oakland County Legal News. The ad indicated the mortgage between Main Market, LLC and Column Financial was in default.

During the July 16 auction, the bank took back the mortgage, giving Chen until the beginning of next year to pay the more than \$15.4 million owed.

James R. Cambridge, a Detroit attorney representing the assignee of the mortgage and placer of the legal notice, declined comment.

A Dec. 27 consent judgment entered into by both parties of the original Evergreen III lawsuit also prohibited everyone involved from discussing the matter and from making public statements or providing the public with information.

The original district court lawsuit was filed by Evergreen III in

the Fall after the downtown business owners received eviction notices in October.

The notices were issued after Chen did not receive full payment of CAMs tenants said they held back because the amounts were suspiciously high and not supported with detailed descriptions.

The tenants filed a counter-suit with a long list of allegations, including suggestions that Chen:

- Was charging them a rate for electrical service in excess of the rate approved by Detroit Edison;
- Was double dipping by charging CAM tenants a 15-percent management fee and assessing them the fee paid to Hayman Company; and;
- Misrepresented the project by saying the entire downtown area would have been completely developed by now.

Earlier this year, 52-1 District Court Judge Brian W. Mackenzie granted a motion to consolidate the cases between Evergreen III and Bluegreen Detroit attorney representing the assignee of the mortgage and placer of the legal notice, Larson Jewelry Design, Novi Jewelers, Coffee Trader, Lazy Lizard Cantina, Quizzo's Subs, Kitchens By Design and Saton Agape for practical purposes only.

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Mackinnon's Restaurant, 22 Years of Culinary Excellence

By LINDA NEFF
Special Writer

Mackinnon's Restaurant, a mainstay in downtown Northville since opening 22 years ago, is nestled among the charming store fronts that make Northville so appealing. Its renowned original menu items not only feed the body, but are served in an atmosphere that feeds the soul as well. Antique furniture, hand-made Tiffany-style lamps, stained glass and French doors, all lend Old-European sophisticated charm to the restaurant's decor.

Owner Chef Tom Mackinnon, along with his son and general manager Chef Ian Mackinnon, offers fine dining without the extravagant price tag.

"Our entrees are all-inclusive," Ian said. "Each is served with salad or soup and a bread basket."

Mackinnon's offers quite an extensive lunch menu that boasts a good selection of appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches and entrees served with house salad or soup, potato and vegetable, and a bread basket.

Entrees on the lunch menu currently include selections such as Pan Seared Tenderloin Tips with mushrooms and garlic

served over potatoes with sauce Bordelaise, and Salmon, Crab and Rosemary Cakes presented with a dill buerre blanc. Or choose from one of Mackinnon's many lunch-time salads like Orchard Salad made using mesclun greens, Bermuda onions, feta cheese, dried cherries, mandarin oranges, and pecans served with red wine vinaigrette or its tasty Chef's Maurice Salad made with mesclun greens, sliced turkey, sliced ham, gherkins, bacon, Swiss cheese and Maurice dressing.

The menu, however, is known to change seasonally or about every three months, Ian said.

Wondering what the house specialty may be?

"We have many," Chef Ian said. "We've always been known for our Beef Wellington, which is pan-seared tenderloin filet with mushroom duxcel wrapped in puff pastry and served with sauce Bordelaise."

Another is Mackinnon's Blown-up Duck where the chef's original method of using air to lift the skin from the duckling and slow roasting allows for succulent tender meat with a crispy skin; it's served with raspberry reduction sauce.

And if it's seafood you want, Mackinnon's English Dover Sole is a real winner. Filleted table-

side and served with tarragon buerre blanc and watercrest sauce, it's a favorite of diners Chef Ian said.

That same attention to detail and careful recipe preparation carries over to Mackinnon & Company Catering. Chef Tom said Mackinnon & Company, which has been operating for the past 15 years, has the creativity and the means to make your catered event an extraordinary and unique occasion. Mackinnon & Company prides itself as one of the premier catering organizations in the Midwest.

From 10 guests to 10,000, Mackinnon & Company offers a variety of catering packages priced to fit a wide range of occasions providing elegant table settings, beverages and entertainment. Staffing, serving pieces, and tent rental can all be handled through Mackinnon & Company. Victoria Siegel, catering manager for Mackinnon & Company, is available to assist in your selection and planning to ensure your special corporate, social or holiday event is a success. Catering menus include lunch and dinner buffet, a deluxe dinner buffet and a cocktail and light dinner buffet.

Selections, however, are not limited to items listed on the catering menus and special

requests are always accommodated.

Recently, Mackinnon's has added a beautiful wooded banquet facility by being the exclusive caterers at the Moose Ridge Golf & Banquet Center in South Lyon (located close to U.S. 24 and I-696), a very mystical place to have the event or wedding of one's dreams. Contact Vickie at (248) 437-3363 to plan your special event.

Private parties may also celebrate at Mackinnon's Restaurant. The restaurant seats up to 85 for a sit-down gathering and can serve as many as 100 for a banquet. Mackinnon's is closed on Sunday for special occasions gatherings and wine tasting dinners.

Chef Tom Mackinnon is a celebrity in his own right. He published his own cookbook, "Gourmet on the Go," and is the featured chef on the Thursday noon-day news program on Channel 2. He has demonstrated his culinary talents providing elegant dinners for President Clinton's Town Hall Event, Governor Engler's Inaugural Host Party, the cast of ABC's "NYPD Blue," Paul McCartney - Wings after America, and Rod Stewart. After honing his skills as chef in restaurants all over the world he opened Mackinnon's

Restaurant in 1982. Chef Ian is following in his father's footsteps after studying engineering, Ian opted to join his dad in business.

"I just couldn't handle sitting at a desk," he said. "I've been here helping out since I was 8." Ian said he learned so much by just being around and being exposed to the restaurant that cooking has come naturally to him.

"There's no better training than experience," he said. "The whole idea behind cooking is to be creative, create new exciting dishes, and create new tastes."

That's just what this father and son duo has done at Mackinnon's. Their menu items are different and original - you won't find them anywhere else.

And if it's a comfortable place you're seeking for a drink and friendly conversation, climb onto one of the stools at Mackinnon's cigar-friendly, 21-foot hand-made wood bar.

Mackinnon's Restaurant, located at 126 E. Main St., is open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. To make reservations, which are encouraged on the weekend, call (248) 348-1991.

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Screen Beat

By Brian Renner
SPECIAL WRITER

Coming to your favorite theaters this weekend is the sequel to the 2001 box office hit, "Spy Kids 2: Island of the Lost Dreams." It reunites the super-spy Cortez family as they prevail over evil. Their newest mission takes them to a mysterious volcanic island populated by a wildly inventive genetic scientist (Steve Buscemi) and his imaginative creatures. Writer, director, producer, editor, production designer, director of photography, re-voicing mixer, and composer Robert Rodriguez explains his approach to the sequel: "I felt that since this was a sequel, in a summer filled with sequels, I wanted the movie to feel special. I decided to make it like you would a giant home movie. Featured among the cast are Antonio Banderas as Gregorio Cortez, Carla Gugino as Ingrid Cortez, Daryl Sabara as Juni and Alex Vega as Carmen. "Spy Kids 2: Island of the Lost Dreams" is a Dimension Films release and rated PG for action sequences and brief rude humor.

"XXX" stars Vin Diesel as an extreme sports athlete called Triple X, hired by a government agency who turns him into a secret agent on a covert mission. He must use his extreme skills to destroy a dangerous terrorist cell. "XXX" is a Sony Pictures release and rated R for violence, non-stop action sequences, sensuality, drug content and language. In theaters next week, "The Adventures of Pluto Nash" ("Blue Crush"), and "The Good Girl."

For more information, please log on to TheMovieInsider.com at www.themovieinsider.com. Please direct any questions, comments, and/or feedback to brian@themovieinsider.com.

All Signs point to yes!

By Kurt Anthony Krug
SPECIAL WRITER

In "Signs," writer/director M. Night Shyamalan manages to put a good scare into the audience, not to mention tickles their funny bone with well-timed tongue-in-cheek humor, and deftly tugs at their heartstrings. And he does all this by telling a good story without resorting to shock value and gore tactics, not to mention an overuse of state-of-the-art special effects. Instead, he goes against the norm, taking a page from the late, legendary director Alfred Hitchcock, by showing the audience it's what you don't see in a scary movie that makes it scary, relying on the cast's talent to convey naked terror on their faces, as well as the audience's imagination. A prime example of this is the scene in the pantry, which had the audience jumping out of their seats. I can't say anyone without giving away the plot.

Mel Gibson plays Graham Hess, an ex-Episcopalian minister who lost his faith in God after his wife (Patricia Kalember) is killed in an auto accident. He tries to keep his family — son Morgan (Rory Culkin), daughter Bo (Abigail Breslin), and younger brother Merrill (Joaquin Phoenix) — together, especially when crop circles — intricately curved geometric patterns — appear in his cornfields.

At first, Graham thinks it's vandals. However, when crop circles appear all over the world and then strange lights appear in the skies, Morgan is the one who concludes it's an alien invasion. Still unsure of what's going on, Graham prepares for

SIGNS

Starring: Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin, Cherry Valentine, Patricia Kalember and a cameo by director M. Night Shyamalan.
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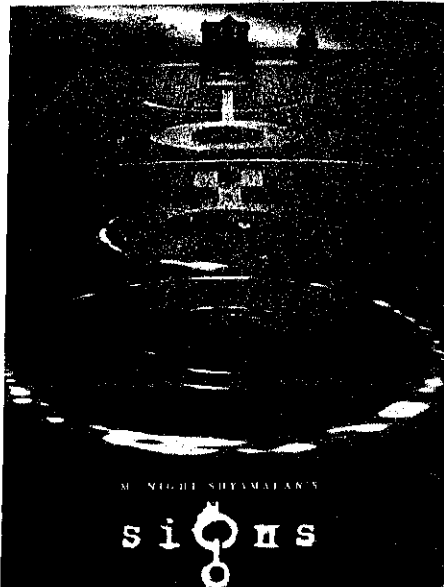
the worst, boarding up his house which his family refuses to leave. The chemistry between the actors is amazing. They actually feel like a family. Gibson's performance as the tortured yet introspective patriarch is exemplary, returning him to his roots as a serious actor. Phoenix lends some droll comic relief, playing very well off Gibson, as does Culkin. Yet, it's Breslin who steals the show with one-liners spoken in her soft, child-voice. In one scene, she wakes Gibson up and says very matter-of-factly,

"There's a mooster outside my room. Can I have a drink of water?"

"Signs" is clearly inspired by "The War of the Worlds," only with a man-on-the-street perspective. Shyamalan merges the heart-pounding suspense of Hitchcock (even James Newton Howard's opening musical score is reminiscent of Bernard Herrman's classic Hitchcock scores) with the touching warmth of Stephen Spielberg. His films not only deal with the unknown but also with the human condition as well. There are underlying themes of redemption, salvation, and the love of family.

Shyamalan (who, like in "The Sixth Sense" and "Unbreakable," has a bit part in "Signs," he plays the town veterinarian who kills Graham's wife) appeared on the cover of the Aug. 5 issue of Newsweek, where he was called "The Next Spielberg." Is that an accurate assessment? Not quite yet, but give him time.

Kurt Anthony Krug is a special for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



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Police Report

COLD CARRIER
An unknown individual entered a Novi person's residence, but only took a cooler. "Why would they take that?" asked the owner of a home in the 23000 block of Whitehall near Ten Mile and Beck roads. A Novi police officer responded to the 41-year-old female's house after receiving a falcacy from home call at about 2:15 a.m. on July 30. The woman told police she was sleeping when she heard her dog start barking. She told police she thought the dog was barking at a neighbor, but then heard a car running so she got up to look out the window. According to

the police report, it was then that she saw a male run out of her garage and jump into the passenger side of what she thought looked like a Geo Metro. After inspecting the garage, the only thing missing was a light blue and white Igloo cooler.

KEEN K-9
A Novi dog showed just how smart he was after showing up at the police station for help. When Novi Police Department employee Carol Westfall showed up for work before 8 a.m. the morning of July 26, she found a yellow labrador retriever waiting at the front door.

He seemed old and possibly hurt. Westfall's fellow employee, Michelle Raugh, monitored the dog while others came to help. The employees tried to bring the dog inside the station to escape the heat, but they reported the dog was having a hard time with his hip. After receiving the address of the owner of the tag, Novi police officer Scott Woodley went to the house to notify the owners. They were not home, so he went to the neighbor's house. The neighbors said they were familiar with the dog and would come to the station to pick him up.

Calendar of Events (Continued on A-10)

Child Health Clinics
DATE: Every Monday
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 E. West Maple, Walled Lake
TIME: mornings
DETAILS: Free well-care service for pre-enrolled children to 3 1/2 years who do not have well-care insurance or Medicaid.
PHONE: (248) 920-3341

Summer Concert Series
DATE: Mondays
LOCATION: Walled Lake Villa is located at the intersection of Lodi Road and Pontiac Trail. The gazebo is located at Riley Park on Common Street near the intersection of W. Walled

Lake Drive and Pontiac Trail. The Bathhouse (formerly Bogue's) is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive.
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Free concerts in Walled Lake: August 25 - Ramos Rock - The Bathhouse (Market Days, 3 to 5 p.m.)
Aug. 11, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. LOCATION: 2524 Lyonia Rd. off Loon Lake Rd. between Wisnom Rd. and Benstein Rd. in Wisnom.
DETAILS: ethnic food, baseball tournament, folk music, karaoke, dancing, live band, petting zoo, horseshoe tournament, volleyball tournament, raffles, food and beer tent.
PHONE: 810-217-6854

PHONE: For more information, call Colleen at 248-685-9226.
DETAILS: Finnish Co-operative Summer Camp Association's Fin Fest 2002
DATES: Friday, Aug. 9, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat., Aug. 10, 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sunday, Aug. 11, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
LOCATION: 2524 Lyonia Rd. off Loon Lake Rd. between Wisnom Rd. and Benstein Rd. in Wisnom.
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Obituaries

Mildred E. Stockel
Mildred Stockel, 84, of Novi, died July 30. Mrs. Stockel was born Jan. 28, 1918. Her husband, Michael, preceded her in death.
Survivors include a son; James D., a daughter, Debra J., a daughter-in-law, Sandra L., three grandchildren: Julie, Dawn, and Denise, and three brothers: Keith (Carol) St. John, Clare (Gladys) St. John and Glenn St. John, and a sister; Josephine St. John. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son; Dennis M.
Instate was held August 3 at First Church of the Nazarene, Northville. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery, Highland, Mich.
Memorials may be made to the First Church of the Nazarene, Northville.
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Novi grad earns Ferris scholarship

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School graduate Derek Cole received a 2002-2003 Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) scholarship from the College of Business at Ferris State University.

Cole was awarded the \$500 scholarship in part for his high school grades and ACT test scores. The money will go toward tuition, fees, textbooks and other school-related expenses for the winter semester of the 2003 school year.

DECA is a national organization dedicated to furthering marketing and business education. Cole was required to write an essay about his on-going interest in marketing to compete for the DECA scholarship.

"I have always wanted to become a golf professional and knowing marketing well is definitely a necessity if I am going to accomplish this goal," said Cole, who will pursue his marketing degree in the professional golf management program at Ferris State University this fall.

A career in professional golf management means that I need to excel in all aspects of marketing," Cole said. Jodi Forster, marketing teacher and DECA sponsor at Novi High School, said the former Novi student has excellent communication and problem-solving skills, as well as an ability to perform under pressure.

Two DECA scholarships were created for the 2002-2003 school year to reward the academic excellence and DECA leadership of high school students who are interested in degrees in marketing, advertising and public relations at Ferris State. The marketing degree includes general marketing, professional golf management, and music industry management.

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

Lakeshore has plenty to offer to kids

By John Heider
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Parks and Recreation's Camp Lakeshore offers youngsters a summer of fun activities a week at a time.

The 2002 Camp Lakeshore has eight one-week sessions in all and runs from June 17 to Aug. 16. The activity camp took place at North Lakeshore Park on the south end of Walled Lake is designed for kids ages 6-12 and each week costs Novi residents \$90.

The camp runs weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offers its campers a wide variety of boredom-erasing activities. Some of the 2002 summer fun has included games of kickball, dodgeball, Frisbee and soccer, visits to the Detroit Zoo, Waterford Oaks water park, and a Lansing Lugnuts game. Campers like making s'mores, scratch-art, and bughouses.

And of course, there's the swimming. The counselors make sure their campers have adequate access to the cool waters of Walled Lake each day. First-year counselor Brian Davis noted that "on hot days the kids are happy to just hang out in the water — all day."

While grilling hot dogs at the camp's barbecue on a recent Friday afternoon, Benton looks up at clear blue skies and notes: "We pray for no rain."

Rain-days are accommodated at Camp Lakeshore by watching movies under the park's shelter, making crafts and trying to keep fifty kids from going nuts.

Sarah Shoff, a third-year counselor at Camp Lakeshore, said being at the camp is a good experience to go along with her studies at elementary education studies at Michigan State University, and that she learns something new from each camper. "We have kids from all different backgrounds and it's just a lot of fun being around them and watching them interact."

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Waranowicz to attend NYLC

Janine Waranowicz of Novi has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) August 5-15 in Washington, D.C. The NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Waranowicz will be among 350 outstanding students from around the country to attend the Conference. The theme of the NYLC is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout the eleven-day Conference, Waranowicz will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the international community.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Waranowicz will also meet with senators and a representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Waranowicz will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one role-play activity known as If I Were President, students act as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation, called

Testing the Constitution, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The NYLC culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

Natalie C. Qandah has joined the Detroit office of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as an attorney in the Health Care Group where she is involved in medical malpractice litigation.

Prior to joining Miller Canfield, she was an associate in the Detroit law firm of Hillmarth, Tanougy, Ramar, Corbett, Garves & Shaw, P.C. She received her law degree from Wayne State University Law School, and her B.A. from

the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Association, and the Arab-American Bar Association. She resides in Novi.

Sara Stanford, a design consultant from Ethan Allen's Novi, Mich. store, was the recipient of Ethan Allen's Local Circle of Excellence Award, the company's award for service, sales, and design excellence.

Store managers selected design consultants for this award based on their consistent creativity in design, meticulous service, strong selling skills, customer follow-up, teamwork,

and leadership. Ethan Allen design consultants take each of these very seriously to establish a long lasting relationship with their customers and ultimately assist in creating dream homes.

Farooq Kathwari, chairman and CEO of Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc., presented each recipient with an award as part of a special ceremony during Ethan Allen's 2002 International Designer Conference. The four-day event, held in June at the company's headquarters in Danbury, Conn., gathered more than 200 of Ethan Allen's top design consultants for educational sessions on design, customer service, and new product information.

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Novi Public Library Board meeting. The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, August 12, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

Hours. The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday during the summer. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taylor. For more information, call 349-0720.

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Engagement

Kewak-Campbell

Curtis and Amanda Campbell announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Terese Campbell, to Brian Stuart Kewak, son of Kenneth and Gloria Kewak of Florida, formerly of Novi.

The bride-elect graduated from North Farmington High School in 1988 and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Michigan State University in 1992. She is employed by Kentucky Hospital Association as Director of Policy and Data Services.

The groom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Novi High School and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in



1991 from the United States Military Academy. He is a Major in the United States Army and a UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter Pilot. An August wedding is planned.

Lakes Area Police Briefs

Woman endangers child

A 23-year-old Walled Lake woman was charged with child endangerment July 26 when she picked up her child from day care and then operated her car under the influence of alcohol. Police were dispatched to Tutor Time when complaints came in that the woman was possibly drunk and had a 2-year-old child in the car with her. The officer noticed the woman pull out of the driveway from Tutor Time on Pontiac Trail southbound towards S. Commerce Road. The woman stopped at the red

light but didn't step on the gas pedal when the light turned green. She finally started moving when several other drivers started beeping their horns at her. The officer pulled her over at North Road Drive and soon noticed a stench of alcohol on her and saw that her eyes were blood shot. The woman took a breathalyzer, which came up 170 percent. She took chemical tests at the station that came up .14 percent and .13 percent respectively.

She had no other alcohol convictions. The child was picked up by the woman's mother-in-law.

Community Events (Continued from A-7)

Child I.D.

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 10
LOCATION: All Art Van locations, including Novi, 27775 Novi Rd., 248-348-8922

TIME: 2-4 p.m.
DETAILS: Fingerprinting program at all metro Art Van Furniture stores, in partnership with WCBR 700.2. As families prepare to begin the new school year, safety is on the minds of many.

Fingerprinting is a good way to help law enforcement officials find missing persons and deal with other emergency situations as they arise. Representatives will fingerprint children and ask parents to complete personal info. cards on each child. Each family is given the info. and prints to take with them for safekeeping. There is no charge for this service.

St. Williams Athletics Fund-raiser

Quick Date

DATE: Sunday, Aug. 11
LOCATION: Al's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple (corner of Decker) in Walled Lake
TIME: 2-10 p.m.
DETAILS: Big tent party and Blues Sunday featuring the City Blues Band. Donation of \$2, goes toward St. Williams Athletics.
PHONE: (248) 624-9659.

Tyson Tee-Off Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 15
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 10 Mile Road, Novi
TIME: 9 a.m. check-in, putting contest; 10 a.m. shotgun start

DETAILS: 15th annual Novi Chamber of Commerce outing; scramble format and rules; lunch at the turn; contest holes, games and prizes; 50/50 raffle; steak dinner; and team awards.
PHONE: (248) 348-5600

DATE: August 22
LOCATION: Wyndham Gardens, 42100 Crescent Boulevard, Novi
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for five minutes each. Pre-registration required
PHONE: Call 517-552-0673 or www.quickdateinfo.com.

Cub Scout Pack 54 25th Anniversary Picnic

DATE: Thursday, August 22
LOCATION: Lakeshore Park, Novi
TIME: 6-9 p.m.

DETAILS: All current and former Pack 54 families are invited to a potluck picnic celebrating Pack 54's 25th Anniversary.
PHONE: (248) 355-7129, visit web site www.mbcc.org/pack54, or

e-mail cubscouts@mbccc.org
Madonna University 7th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing
DATE: Friday, September 13
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 Ten Mile Rd., Novi
TIME: Check-in: 11:30 a.m., shotgun start (scramble format); 1 p.m., awards dinner with mini live and silent auction; 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Golfers will enjoy a day full of activities and show their support for college students as proceeds go to the Madonna University Scholarship Fund. "Early birdie" registration received before August 1 enters players into a drawing for golf for four at the Tournament Players Club.
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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-032

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Multi Building Company, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of one office trailer at 47825 Central Park (Central Park Estates) from August 19, 2002 until February 19, 2003.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on August 13, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to August 13, 2002.

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Like your freedom? Get out and vote

In the days and weeks immediately following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks of last year, Americans everywhere — including those right here at home — rushed to stores to pick up anything red, white and blue. Window stickers, rally flags, T-shirts, call phone cover plates... whatever it was that demonstrated American pride, we wanted it.

Strange that 11 months later, that same supposed sense of patriotism seems to have vanished, as only 20 percent of Michigan's registered voters took 15 minutes

out of their schedules Tuesday and headed to the polls. That's the same 15 minutes, more than likely, that people spent shopping for just the right kind of stars n' stripes afghan to throw on their sofas. We understand the antipathy and alienation felt by a large number of people these days. Government is so thick with politics that the greater good being sought by the decent folks we elect to office is often difficult to see. Bureaucrats and special interest groups further muck the process, leaving Joe and Jane Average often on the outside looking in.

And yet, despite all its drawbacks, ours is still the most perfect system of government in the world. No nation has maintained order as well. Tears were shed and egos bruised Tuesday night as the votes were tallied. But the

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transition of power flowed smoothly. No shots were fired. There weren't riots in the streets.

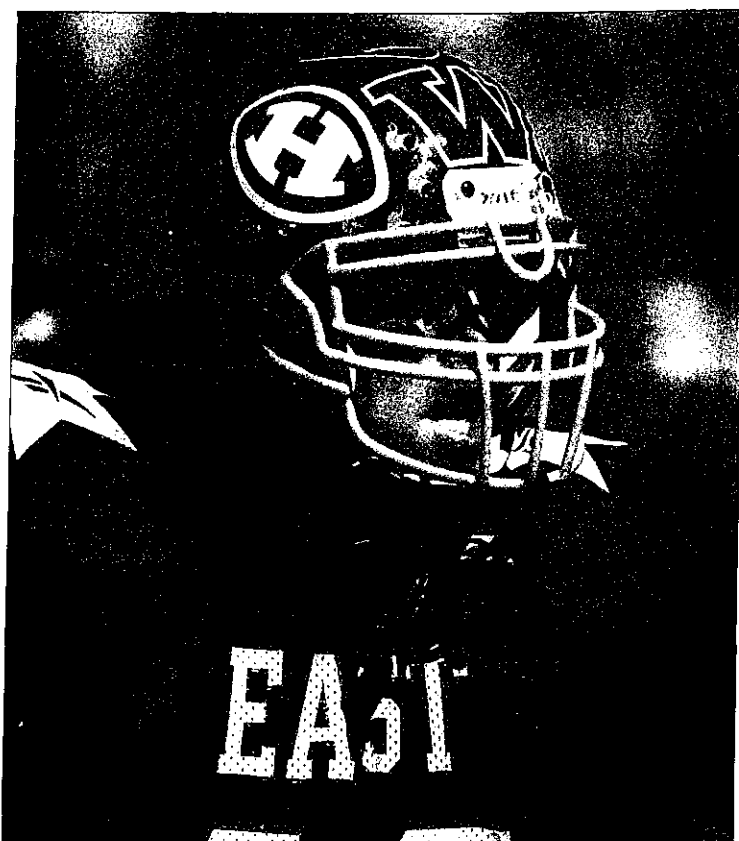
At its core, the American system remains essentially good. It's disappointing when those who have the power to change our leadership don't do so.

Primaries aren't as politically sexy as presidential elections or general elections in November, but they're still a big part of the process, of which everybody should be a part. We find something terribly unsettling and unnerving when a sense of national pride isn't defined by the level of activity within the democratic process, but instead by the amount of stuff we can add to our homes and persons that supposedly upps our Americanism.

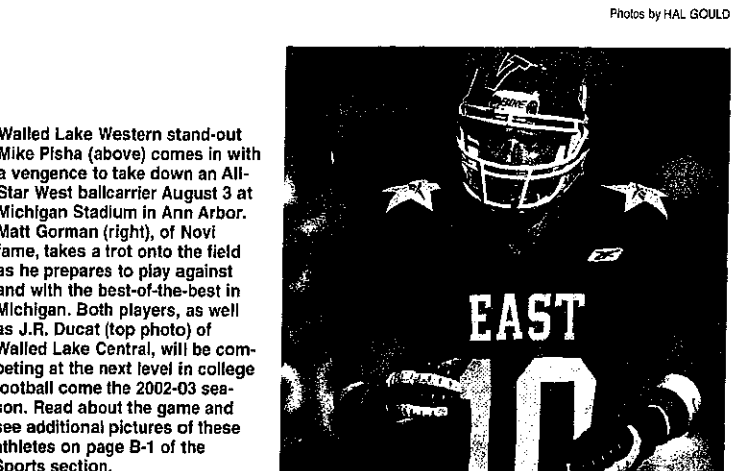
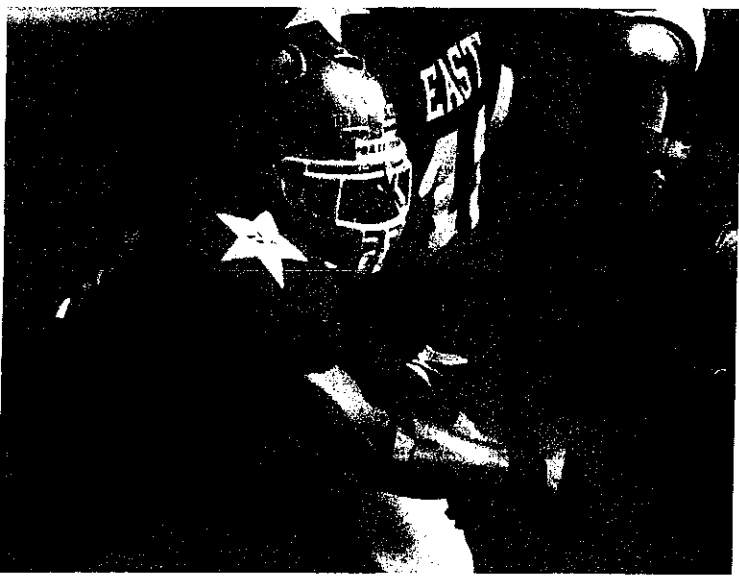
All we can say is this: if you weren't at a polling place Tuesday exercising your right (and responsibility) to vote, then your freedom to rant and rave about government should be taken away, too. You can't have freedom without order.

FOOTNOTE: (The state's general election is slated for Nov. 5. If you want to put politicians in a sweat between now and then, register by Oct. 1, and watch them start pulling out their hair trying to figure out what to do.)

Novi/Lakes-Area All-Stars



J.R. Ducat of Walled Lake Central, snarles while participating in the 22nd Annual All-Star football game August 3.



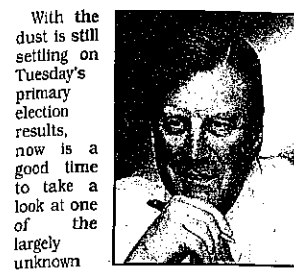
LETTERS

Not Impressed with frequent Novi writer

Last night as I read the *Novi News* letters to the editor I actually laughed out loud. What I found so amusing was that part of Mr. Kone's letter stating that Ms. Kozma's is never happy. This is the epitome of the pot calling the kettle black. On an almost weekly basis we are subjected to Mr. Kone's ramblings and he is never happy about anything or anyone. Is he blind or does he just never look in the mirror? I always wonder how people get like this. Do they really think they are always right and are an expert on everything? We should all be grateful that most people just think of him as Novi's resident "windbag."

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Research Council making life better here in Michigan



Phil Power

With the dust is still settling on Tuesday's primary election results, now is a good time to take a look at one of the largely unknown factors that drove much of the political discussion in Michigan over the past year.

It's called the Citizens Research Council. It's very small — offices in Livonia and Lansing and only eight highly qualified staff members. But it's very highly respected in Michigan and nationally. And over the years, CRC has influenced the evolution of public policy in Michigan far out of proportion to its size.

For example, if there was any real substance in the debates between candidates in gubernatorial primary election, it had to do with Michigan's budget deficit. Guess what provoked the whole discussion? In June, 2001, CRC issued a report — Michigan's Precarious Budget Situation — that concluded that the budget crisis was real and that there is a "structural deficit" approaching \$1 billion in the state's budget that will last for years unless something dramatic is done.

Before the CRC study was released, if you listened hard you could hear soft mutterings from Lansing that the state was facing budget trouble. But there was nothing specific, and certainly nothing suggesting that the budget crisis was as severe or as long lasting as it now seems. By itself, publication of the CRC study provoked news stories and editorials from newspapers all over Michigan. And once the press got onto the story, it wasn't long before politicians were getting asked all kinds of difficult questions. And the Michigan budget crisis is now receiving the attention it deserves.

That's a perfect example of the CRC's mission: "In a world filled with all kinds of special interest groups, it can be difficult to sort out the facts required for sound decision making in government. The Citizens Research Council was founded in 1916 to answer a need — the need for independent, nonpartisan public policy research. Other organizations conduct public policy research but often have political agendas or clients that may compromise their objectivity or independence. The Citizens Research Council stands alone — always impartial and independent."

And the record of achievement is impressive. Work done by the CRC paved the way for charter government for Wayne County in 1981, for improving school financing, for legislation providing for revenue sharing between state and local governments, for updated highway administration and finance, for funding community health organizations. In fact, there are few big topics in Michigan public policy that have not been addressed in the Council's publications, CRC Reports, CRC Memoranda and CRC Notes.

Of course, trying to provide research that makes complex material accessible to the general public yet meets the most stringent academic standards is not easy. As CRC President Earl Ryan told me, "We know a lot of stuff, but often policy makers don't know or don't care or prefer not to pay much attention to our research." But CRC remains firm in its belief that some information is better than none. As legendary University of Michigan Business Professor Paul McCracken says, "CRC is the only organization in Michigan with the complete tenacity and credibility to get the job right."

The Council has undergone considerable evolution since its foundation in 1916, when the Progressive movement introduced the then-revolutionary idea that public policy formation should be based on facts and empirical, independent research. In the 1950s, according to Ryan, CRC was "determinedly boring" its publications and research nearly indigestible. But the organization moved out of downtown Detroit to a bright, modern office overlooking I-275 in Livonia and spiffed up the writing and design of its publications.

With an annual budget of around \$700,000, the Council is supported mainly by contributions from the business community around the state. In order to further safeguard its independence, CRC is now trying to raise \$10 million as an endowment. And it's just getting something like 60,000 hits a month.

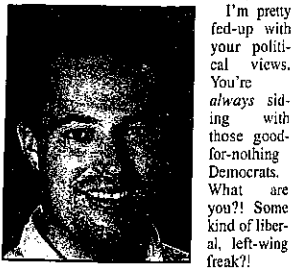
The point here is that the Citizens Research Council is hardly the subject of daily conversation in Michigan. But it is one of those quiet organizations that are uniquely valuable and filled with integrity that make life so much better for all of us.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that causes this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

The complaint desk is now open

Novi News Editor, Cal Stone is on vacation this week.

Can I help you?
Yeah — you can. This is the Northville Record complaint desk, isn't it?
Sure is. What can I do to...
Good. You're the editor, right?



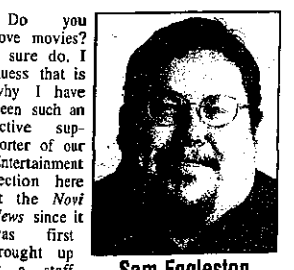
Chris C. Davis

That's all I wanted to say. Phooey on you!
Hmmm...okay. Thanks for stopping by.
Chris Davis?
That's me.
Ya wanna explain this pro-Republican thing you've got going? Fer cryin' out loud, every time I turn around, it's conservative-this and GOP-that! Makes me wonder why I even subscribe. I know I'm gonna be reading some right-wing drivel.
Hmmm. I guess I never thought of it that way, but thanks for BRINGING it to my attention.
Can I help who's next?
Me! I'm next.

Sure thing, ma'am. What's on your mind?
Sure thing. We'll be right over.
Not so fast, Mr. Editor!
Who's that?
I'm the boy's mother, and you never got my permission for any photo. We consider that an invasion of privacy.
But, ma'am... your son invited us, and he's in plain view of anyone driving down the street.
Doesn't matter. Get that Nikon out, and you'll be talking to our attorney first thing tomorrow morning.
Okay. I've got time for one more. Yes — the man in the blue sweater?
Thank heaven I got here in time! My club has a big event going on! There's going to be skydivers and pits of fire and bottle rockets and clowns...
Wow! Sensational! When's this going on?
In about five minutes. Can you send a photographer to shoot it?
Uh-huh... that's gonna be tricky. He's out on assignment at the moment.
But this is a big deal!
I agree, but we need a bit more notice than five minutes. It's easier for us to get to these things if you can give us a few days' lead time.
You mean it's not like the fire station, where you snap into action at all hours of the day?
For breaking news, sure. For other things, not quite.
Oh.
Sorry to disappoint, sir.
You're a cunning editor, you know that?
So I've been told.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 114, or cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

New Entertainment section is a plus



Sam Eggleston

Do you love movies? I sure do. I guess that is why I have been such an active supporter of our Entertainment section here at the *Novi News* since it was first brought up at a staff meeting not long after Cal Stone took the editor's position around here.

Throughout most of my life, I have actively attended theaters to watch the newest movies on the larger-than-life screens. I loved going to the show. In fact, that was where I pretty much spent all of my earnings throughout my high school years. You name it and I pretty much went and viewed it if I had the time and a few bucks in my pocket. The problem with the area I

grew up in is that my county is covered by one daily newspaper and the school I went to was covered by another — and neither of them printed a movie review.

Here I was, and I know no one around here is in this boat, a kid with only three television channels and no Internet that lived 45 miles from the nearest movie theater. My local stations would show one or two previews for the shows showing and that was pretty much how I made a guess at which show to go watch. More than once, I got to the movies just to end up watching a piece of junk flash before my eyes. Of course, I went and watched the gems too, especially if I heard about them on one of our many country music radio stations up there.

That's why I think we are lucky around here. Not only do movie previews play across our TV sets every night on our 10, 20, 30-plus channels, but most of us have Internet and, of course, the newest edition to the *Novi News* — the Entertainment section.

Yeah, in the end it is just like listening to your buddies tell you if the movie is any good, but there are some benefits as well. First, we break down the movie without giving away too much of the plot, allowing you

to decide if it is in your interest to watch it. Then, we usually give you a list of the actors, rating, director and our rating of the show to give you a better handle of what is all going on with this particular movie. Finally, with the help of Brian Renner and The Movie Insider, we tell you what's coming next week.

And that's not all folks! Behind curtain four we have an new and improved idea! Soon, with the assistance of The Movie Insider, we are going to be running a contest for everyday people like you and I to get a chance to watch a sneak-preview of a movie or to win DVDs! Just keep your eye on the Entertainment section for your entry form and how to enter.

Hope you enjoy reading the Entertainment section as much as we are enjoying putting it together. Don't forget to catch your newest releases at Novi Town Center Theaters. Oh yeah, and pass the popcorn!

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

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Novi steps into PC world



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Novi Middle School teacher Paul Schmid works on an IBM platform Dell computer Monday morning as he and other staff members transitioned from Macintosh to IBM computers. Teachers were taught Windows XP, Microsoft Word and Outlook and Multimedia.

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Students and staff returning to the Novi Community School District this fall will find it's become a PC world.

Novi Middle School teacher Paul Schmid works on an IBM platform Dell computer Monday morning as he and other staff members transitioned from Macintosh to IBM computers. Teachers were taught Windows XP, Microsoft Word and Outlook and Multimedia.

They will be replaced by low-cost desktop computers from Dell. It's all part of a \$15.5 million technology upgrade funded by a \$15.5 million bond issue approved by Novi voters in June of 2001.

According to Novi schools technology programs director James Fry, for some computer users in the district, "it will be like going from a Yugo to a Corvett."

He said that while some of the older Macintosh computers in the district's have processors that operate at less than 100 megahertz, all of the new Dell machines have 1.8 gigahertz processors.

He said that's important for accessing content rich websites

with features like streaming video and real time audio.

Making the switch from one computer platform and software suite to another, said Fry, was not as difficult a decision as it might seem.

He said the bulk of the district's 2,200 desktop computers were reaching the end of their working lives and would have to have been replaced in any case. He added the district had also caused into a hodgepodge of Macintosh models and operating systems that drove up maintenance costs while at the same time preventing some classrooms from being able to use some of the latest software available to the district.

Fry added there was also a strong push from parents and students in the district's technology committee to use the same computers they use at home. PC-based computers account for 90 percent of all computer sales.

"It's an Intel world," noted Fry. Earlier this year, Novi schools began its five-year technology upgrade by replacing its networking hardware. Crest Systems was able to complete the job in less

than a week, due to a 1991 decision to install a fiberoptic network linking all the district's facilities. While the district has already replaced 1,200 of its Macintosh computers with Dells and will replace another 1,000 over the fall and winter, Fry said the district will retain 200 to 300 of its newer iMacs in some of the district's elementary schools and at the high school journalism lab. Eventually, however, most of these machines will also be replaced by PCs.

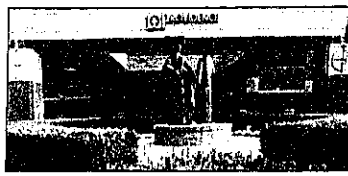
Fry said that in the long run, reducing complexity in the district's computer stable will help hold costs down. He said by paring down to one platform and operating system, it cuts down on the number of technicians needed to keep the system running and "people cost a lot of money."

Earlier this week Novi schools staff members spent three days training for the switch to the new system.

Fry said he's actually more concerned about teachers making the transition than students. "Kids don't worry about it too much. They're very adaptive," he said.

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Detour: Smooth road soon ahead

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's that time of year again - with orange barrels heralding the construction season. It's not the most welcome sight. But there's good news, too, for Milford residents. The re-routing of Main Street traffic is only a temporary inconvenience. There'll soon be relief to the patchy roadwork that travelers have been bouncing along for years. A smooth ride will more than compensate for the re-routing that will be necessary.

As anyone can testify, the roadwork was long overdue. Local business owners and village officials are asking shoppers and travelers to bear with it during the road resurfacing which is the final step to a new and improved Main Street.

After years of patching potholes, Fred Morin, Director of Public Services for the Village of Milford, says the improvements are welcome and necessary.

"It's been many, many years since it's been resurfaced and it's about time...It does effect the cars and it's hard on them," Morin added.

The roadwork from Commerce to Huron will put the finishing touches to the downtown area, which began with sidewalk refinishing in July. The timeline for completion is a maximum of 21 work days by contractor, Angelo Ippolito. Roadwork begins immediately after Milford Memories, from Aug. 19 through Sept. 9. The milling of Main Street will begin Aug. 18.

The detour will take traffic from East Commerce to First Street, south to River Drive; follow River Drive to Huron, and Huron back to South Main Street or GM Road.

A Race to the Finish Line

The incentive monies attached to the project bid provide important motivators to complete the project on a timely basis. The Main Street project will offer the largest amount of incentive monies at \$10,000 per day, for every day the project is finished early.

Bonus monies are a highly successful motivator when it comes to finishing roadwork on time, according to Downtown Development Authority Director Ann Barnette. The several downtown projects that have offered bonus monies have been highly successful. Minor work such as curbs and crosswalks may take place a week before total shut down, and at night for five to six nights after the road is opened.

Spirit of Cooperation

"To make the best of a bad situation, everyone is being asked to do their share. Employees of downtown merchants are being asked to park along Union Street and the Upper Parking lot of

section of Main Street will be Central Park to keep the east west

ala Carts

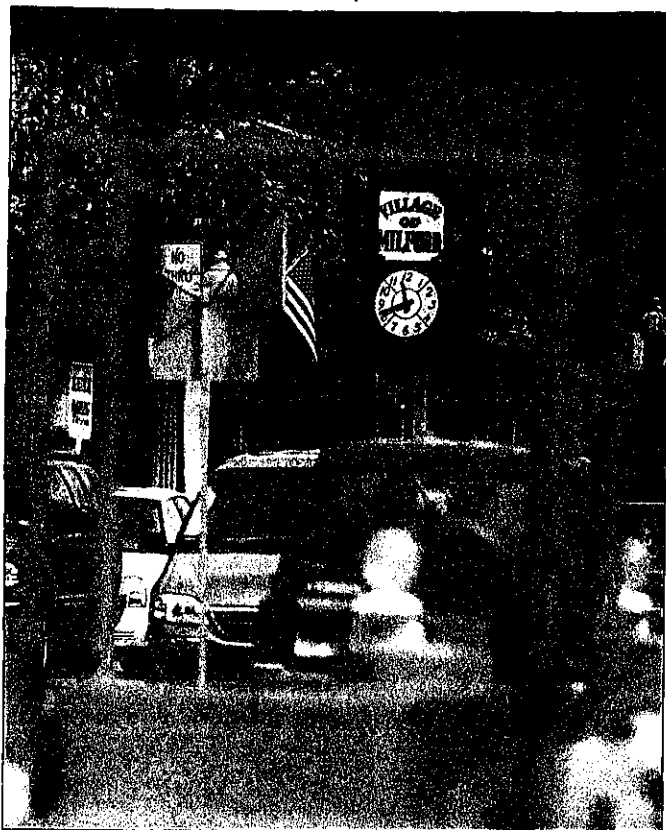


Photo by HAL GOULD

Motorists will be rerouted off of Main Street this month as construction crews improve the terrain.

closed entirely to vehicular traffic. The first order of business is to enable access to Main Street via a "turnaround" from Commerce to Liberty. The contractor will first construct the concrete crosswalk cradles, which require five days to cure. At that point, the Main Street turnaround between Liberty and Commerce will allow vehicular traffic, although no trucks or deliveries will be allowed on Main. The idea is to allow a flow of traffic through Main Street as quickly as possible, according to Barnette. Construction will continue south of Liberty at that time, where major roadwork is required. Minor work such as curbs and crosswalks may take place a week before total shut down, and at night for five to six nights after the road is opened.

Some people know how to have fun under any circumstances. Take Mike Palazzolo, President of the Milford Business Association and Dave Armstrong, president of the Monthly Shopper. The two will chauffeur shoppers in golf carts provided by the DDA. They'll provide a helping hand to the elderly, handicapped or simply package burdened shoppers who need a ride. Call Mike Palazzolo at La Strada (248) 684-2630, or Dave Armstrong via cell phone at (248) 320-8167.

"It's a little extra convenience for customers to help make it more bearable," said Palazzolo. The numbers will be listed in strategic places downtown as well. The two will also make their presence known downtown to assist shoppers if needed. Armstrong added, "We want them to know we're available if they need us."

All stores will maintain their current hours to service their customers. Other incentives include the downtown shoppers 20 percent off card as well as the shop and dine card.

Mike and Dave's Big Adventure or Two Men

For at least five of the 21 days of construction the downtown



Downtown Milford will see the cranes move from the tending to the sidewalks, as seen here during the brick paver project, the Main Street itself this month.

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Main Street

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Business in brief

Congrats Andrew!

Congratulations to Andrew Benzar, new owner of Simply Hair at 2110 N. Milford Rd. Not only did he become a business owner, but he is also a new husband to Amber. Previous owner Pam Woods is retiring to Florida in August, and leaving the salon in very capable hands. Good luck to Andrew.

Keller Williams Realty announce profit share

Keller Williams Realty Northville Market Center announced a \$7,500 profit share among its agents during May. The Northville office is home to 135 agents.

Trzos named FBCC development director

The Food Bank of Oakland County (FBCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Roberta Trzos to the position of development director. Trzos' responsibilities include supervising development staff, increasing monetary and food donations and securing gifts from foundations and corporations.

Roberta knows the community - the leaders who can reach out and offer tangible assistance and the people whose arms are outstretched to receive the help. She

knows every resource and can network her way from South Lyon to Pontiac and everywhere else in between. She will be a true asset to the Food Bank of Oakland County," said Helen Kozlowski-Hicks, executive director of the FBCC.

Trzos, a resident of Commerce Township, comes to the FBCC from United Way of Oakland County, where she worked in resource development. She has also worked in the banking industry, as a branch manager and loan executive.

The Food Bank of Oakland County is one of 197 America's Second Harvest National Food Banks. Last year the FBCC distributed 6.3 million pounds of food throughout Oakland County. Their mission is to alleviate hunger and poverty by securing, storing and distributing food, information, personal care items and household products to emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in Oakland County.

Peterson named to CMU advisory board

Preston Peterson, president of Novi-based Astral Associates, was one of 16 metro Detroit business leaders named to the presidential advisory board of Central Michigan University.

Faris on business

The Spirit of John Dunlap

By Jack Faris

John Dunlap has slipped into the haze of history. The role this small-business owner played in American independence is not widely known and rarely mentioned among the acts of defiance that occurred 226 years ago when our nation took its first step toward freedom and independence. From the bridge at Concord to the mountains of Afghanistan, the battle has been borne in large part by small-business owners and their employees.

Two hundred and twenty-six years ago, Americans told a tyrant we would not be trampled upon. Those who today threaten our citizens and our way of life should view celebrations of our independence as reminders that we are a nation of John Dunlaps. We prefer to tend our shops and stores and farms. We prefer to use our precious resources building our small businesses and sharing the fruits of our labors with our families and employees. But if called upon, if needed in the service of our nation, America's entrepreneurs, like John Dunlap, will take a firm stand and get the job done.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Independence. It defines us as a nation, it tells the world that we will govern and defend ourselves, it drives our entrepreneurial spirit and is the foundation of our free enterprise system. Some nations envy it, some think it arrogant, others despise the concept because they are unwilling to accept that "all men are created equal." They refuse to acknowledge that our citizens have "unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

America's detractors also fail to realize that the spirit of John Dunlap continues to beat within the breasts of millions of small-business owners whose pursuit of happiness is the American Dream of starting their own enterprises. These are risk-takers, who through their daily efforts, serve their fellow citizens and contribute mightily to their nation's future. It is unlikely that today's

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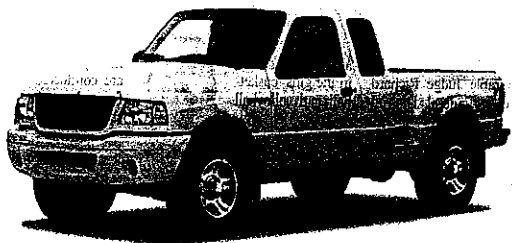
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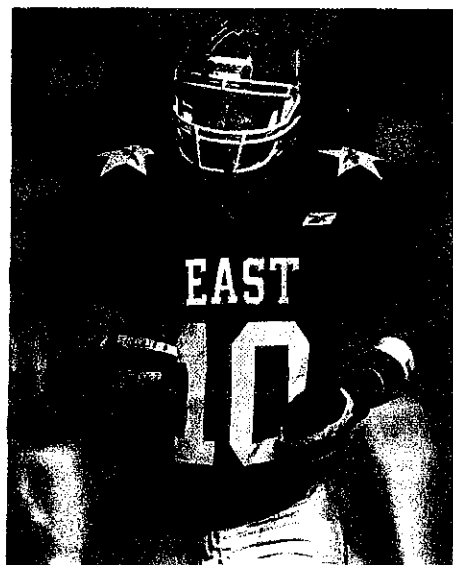
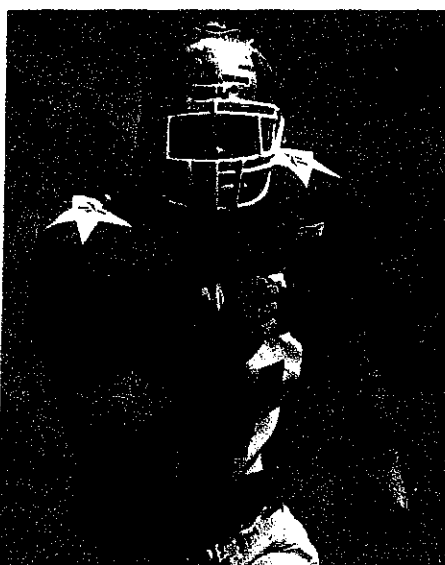
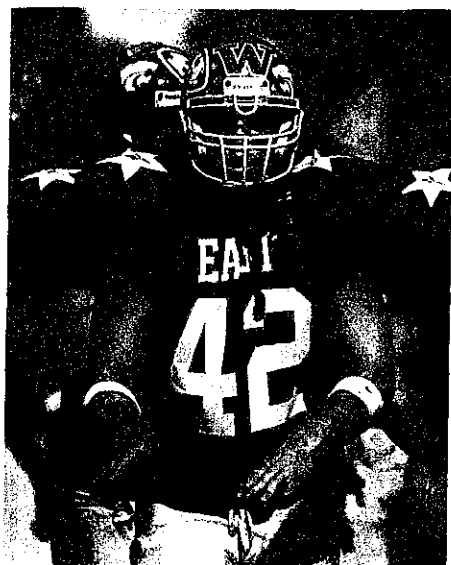
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Pisha, Ducat, Gorman earn win with East



Photos by HAL GOULD

East All Stars J. R. Ducat (left) of Walled Lake Central, Mike Pisha (middle) of Walled Lake Western, and Matt Gorman of Novi, all competed in the 22nd Annual All Star Football game at Michigan Stadium August 3. All three players were key in their football teams' 2001 season and are looking at playing football at the next level.

By Stephen Bell
and Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITERS

On a field — and not just any field, but that of Michigan Stadium — recent high school alumni Matt Gorman of Novi, J.R. Ducat from Walled Lake Central and Mike Pisha from Walled Lake Western found themselves lining up alongside and facing the very best football players in the state. At the 22nd-annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West

All-Star game, surrounded by athletes about to continue their careers at hallowed gridiron teams like Notre Dame, Michigan, Penn State and Michigan State, these local players looked right at home. Gorman, Ducat and Pisha were all part of an East team defense — with Ducat at linebacker and Pisha and Gorman in the backfield — that manhandled the opposition in a 28-7 trouncing of the West.

"It was pretty cool and a lot of fun," Gorman said via phone interview. "It was a good experience for me to play with a lot of very

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Matt Gorman

East All-Star Defensive Back and Novi Graduate

good players." It was nearly a shutout. In the fourth quarter South Lyon's Jamie Gasparella, playing for the East,

picked off Ithaca quarterback Josh Brehm at midfield and returned it 25 yards. That gave Livonia Clarenceville's Tim Shaw — the

state's all-time rusher — the chance to punch one in from a yard out and give the East a 28-0 advantage with 7:32 left in the game.

"It was great to win," Gorman said. "You go out there and work all week for this, and going out and losing the game would have been a waste of that week. We all wanted to win, and it was the icing on the cake."

Notre Dame-bound Jeff Jenkins, an Ann Arbor Huron graduate, returned the ensuing kickoff 66 yards for the West, which allowed

Brehm to score on a quarterback keeper and save his team the ignominy of playing in the first shutout in the game's history.

The East team's dominance was evident early. Detroit King's Larry Harrison controlled the middle of the line which caused havoc throughout the West's offense. It did have a promising drive on its first possession but settled for a 37-yard field goal attempt that went wide left. That gave Drew Stanton the ball, and that's never a

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Is the changing of the seasons missing the point?

A rejection of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's rearranged sports season schedule by the Honorable Judge Richard Enslin, a U.S. Federal District judge, has led to the order by the court for girls' basketball and girls' volleyball seasons to be switched along with three options the MHSAA must choose from for the other sports seasons.

The ruling, which changes volleyball to fall and basketball to winter, was brought about in an original suit that claimed inequality of the girls' and boys' sports due to the

seasons that they were played in, and asked for a switch in the girls' basketball and volleyball seasons. The original plan was meant to increase the recruitment of Michigan players in both sports by colleges with hopes of increasing scholarships offered as well — unfortunately, the original suit didn't expect the ruling that Enslin passed down, which demands the



Sam Eggleston

MHSAA to pick one of three options along with the switch. The first option is to make all sports that are conducted in separate seasons to be played in the same season, which would include golf, soccer, swimming and tennis. The second option was to switch two of the four sports with their male counterparts' season and the third option was to combine two of the four sports seasons to be gender equal, and reverse the seasons of one of the other two. Enslin has given the MHSAA until October 30 to decide which plan they will take.

The problems that faces high schools and conferences throughout Michigan with any of options, as well as the switching of volleyball and basketball seasons are serious ones. Most areas do not have the facilities, officials, transportation or budget to have both boys' and girls' basketball playing at the same time. In other states, such as Alaska, the seasons are played the same time, with both teams playing one after the other at the Varsity level. Most of the games played, to save money for the schools in that state, are done in tournament form so that the

traveling schools stay through the weekend to get four or five games off their schedule in a single run.

Another problem the ruling brings in is competition between sports. If volleyball and soccer are played during the same season, the competition between the two sports may find a smaller talent level competing in both. Then, there is the issue of coaches. In Novi, for example, Jim Hanson, Larry Tehan and Brian O'Leary coach both the male and female teams of their respective sports. If option one is taken by the

MHSAA, these coaches will have to give up one or the other.

Not that it will all matter in the next couple of years. The District Court stated that the implementation of the plan would take effect the school year following the end of the proceedings, as the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati has already agreed to hear the MHSAA's appeal, preventing any changes in season realignment through the 2003-04 school year. So, there should be plenty of time to figure all of this out.

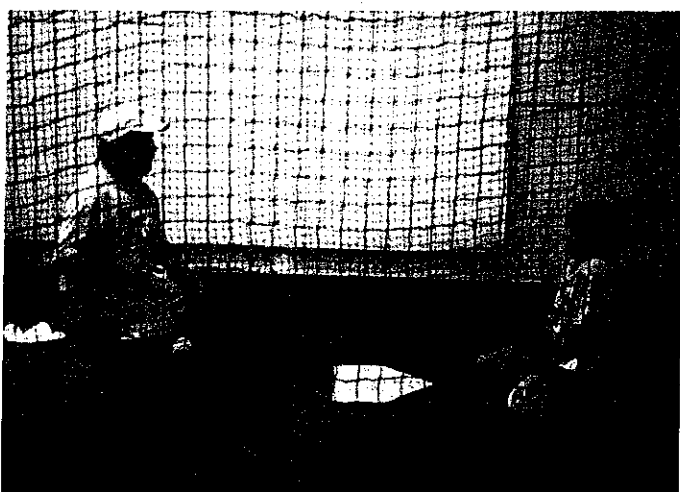


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Steve Ogg, left, is an instructor at Total Softball in Wixom. Ogg's resume includes a listing as the head coach of Oakland Universities' Women's Softball team.

Total Softball opens up all new worlds of training possibilities

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Well, if you love softball and are looking for the facilities capable of taking your game to the next level, you're in luck. The newest addition to the massive complex of Total Soccer in Wixom is the wonderful world of Total Softball.

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"Our goal here is to take an interested athlete and help them improve on their game," instructor Tammy Mika said, who specializes in fielding and hitting sessions.

If Mika's name sounds familiar to

all of the softball fans out there, it should be. This Brighton High School graduate spent four years as one of the top hitters for the University of Michigan Wolverines as they took four trips to the NCAA tournament.

Another of the instructors is Brighton graduate and Bowling Green University stand-out Jessie Milosek, who teaches pitching at Total Softball.

"Working to improve your game is something everyone who is serious about softball should do," Milosek said. "If you continue to practice at something, you are bound to get better at it over time. Like they say, practice makes perfect."

The opening of the facility, which drew girls from all over the area, provided free clinics and batting

instruction for those in attendance.

"I like to play first base because I get to get people out," six-and-3/4-year-old Karrie McMahan of Novi said. "I played t-ball last year and softball next year."

McMahan's father, Mark, said that the facility offers a lot, even for a player his daughter's age.

"We came here to find out a few things that she can do at home," he said. "She's an interested player, and we wanted to learn a couple of drills that she could do in the backyard to get better."

Currently, the facility is offering lessons, batting cages and hands-on-training to all age levels. For more information on the programs, or to arrange for a private session, please contact Total Softball at (248) 668-0166 or email totalsoftballwixom@aol.com.

Wade taking next step

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

Hillsdale College Baseball is what's up next for recent Walled Lake Western graduate Kyle Wade.

Wade will be attending Hillsdale College with help from a baseball scholarship and plans to spend the next few years of his life there.

"It was a little tougher academically than other schools, I liked the facilities, and the campus," Wade said about the school.

Wade is still unsure what he wants to go into but is thinking

about sports medicine, teaching, or physical therapy.

"I've got a wide range of options," he said.

Wade has been playing baseball since a very young age. He started after watching his older brother, Kevin, play little league baseball.

"I always went to his games and then I decided to play," he said.

Wade has also been aided by great support from his parents, Susan and Thomas.

"I don't think my mom's ever missed a game," he said.

This past season was a little different for Wade. His dad

wasn't able to come to any of his games since after September 11 he was activated and sent to Washington DC. Wade said that his dad used to prepare him before games by playing catch and giving coaching tips and it was different for him to go without that.

"He's been coaching me ever since I was little and this year he wasn't able to watch any of my games," he said.

However, Wade did send his dad all the tapes of his games and received a little coaching from his father that way.

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Talent pool a little shallower in spring thanks to graduation

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Well, so far so good. I haven't been hounded too terribly bad about my picks for the most missed graduating seniors.

But, as with everything, I am not sure I am completely understood. I guess I really wasn't clear about this before, so I am just going to add it in again. None of this is based on statistics, team awards, All-Conference, All-Area, All-State, All-Anything. It is just little old me sitting in front of my iMac and telling you, the reader, who I think is going to be the most difficult to replace on a team. That doesn't necessarily mean that it was the MVP of the team, or the best player around, just the one that I think will be the toughest to find a replacement for.

I hope you enjoy reading this, as well as agree with at least some of my picks:

Robbie Harmer, Northville, Baseball — Well, there have definitely been times that Harmer and myself haven't seen eye-to-eye on issues, but I must say from his accomplishments and his inability to ever give up, I think he is probably a good guy. His ability on the mound and on the defensive end of the game helped the Mustangs limp their way through a tough regular season and to a surprising District championship.

Mike Crawford, Novi, Baseball — An athlete that undeservedly was left off of the All-Area squad, Crawford can pretty much play any sport at any level if he put his mind and his body towards it. His ability to pitch a baseball was invaluable to the Wildcats this season and he showed how important a well-rounded athlete is in the sport as he helped lead Novi to yet another conference title.

Mike Pisha, WLW, Baseball — Pisha, Pisha, Pisha. I just love this kid. Truth be told, when I first met him during football season I thought he was arrogant, had tem-

pered and over-rated — now I put my foot in my mouth for ever saying it. Pisha is a great kid. A good athlete, a good student and a good teammate. His whole goal is to win, but not for himself. He's out there to succeed as a team and as a member of that team. Look for Pisha to succeed in whatever he chooses to do, but also look for the Warriors to be hurting without him next season.

Ryan Traier, WLC, Baseball — This senior hurler helped keep the season going for the Walled Lake Central Vikings. Yeah, it was a tough season that didn't have the makings of deep travel into the playoffs, but Traier didn't care. He went out, like he always does, and gave it his all. The young Vikings will have a tough time finding a replacement for his skills and his desire to win in the Spring of 2003.

Megan Colligan, Novi, Softball — An All-Area, All-Star selection, Colligan helped lead the Wildcats

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Kicking like a Mule!

Davis hoping strong leg will find him in the company of Spartans

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

Matt Gorman isn't the only 2002 Novi High School graduate looking for a spot on a Division I roster this fall. Novi's former place kicker Brandon Davis is looking to become a member of Michigan State University's squad this year.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," Davis said. "Maybe my talent will give me enough to get a spot on the team."

Davis is currently working on increasing his leg strength and his all-around kicking. He is preparing for a try-out with the team which will occur sometime after he moves in on August 21.

Davis has been in contact with the athletic office and still needs to arrange a date with another member of the athletic department to set up his walk on attempt.

During Novi's football season late last year, Davis decided that he wanted to try out for the team.

"I decided it would be a good idea and a good opportunity," he said.

He also said that the coaches at Novi have been very encouraging in his decision to try and become a walk on.

"I've had a lot of influence from the football coaches," Davis said.

Davis didn't seek out Michigan State specifically for

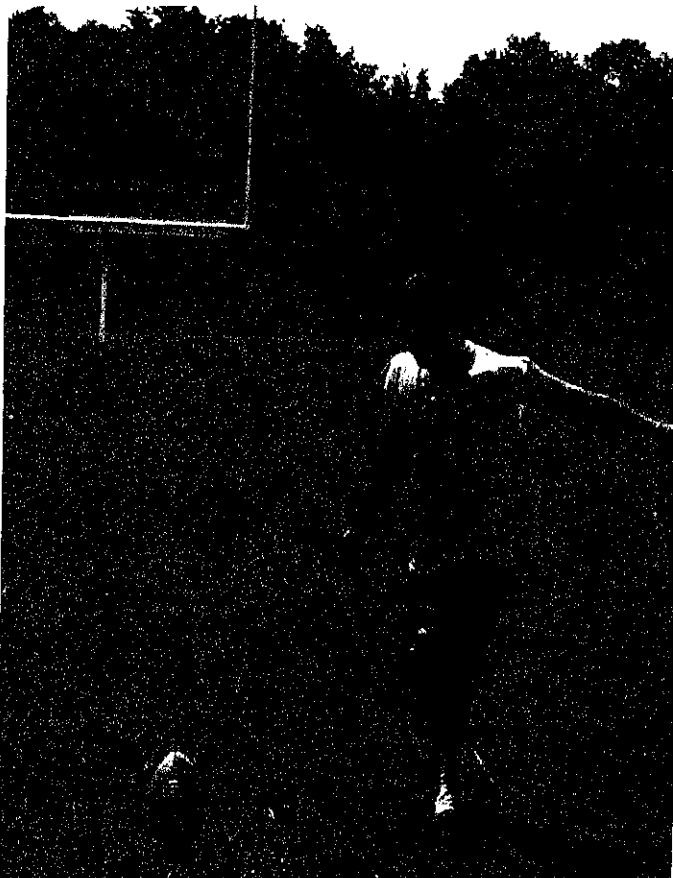


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Soon-to-be MSU student Brandon Davis hopes to be kicking off for the Spartans after a walk-on tryout his freshman year.

He is excited about the possibility of snugging a spot on one of the teams at Michigan State.

"I'm just looking forward to being apart of the team and seeing what it's like," Davis said.

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Ducat, Gorman and Pisha make mark with East victory

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good thing for a defense. Stanton, who was the starting quarterback on Farmington Hills Harrison's back-to-back state championship teams, put on a clinic with his passing accuracy and mobility in the pocket. On the first scoring drive the future Spartan completed five-of-seven passes, the final one to Romulus' Charles Seacy for a touchdown with 2:54 to go in the

first quarter.

The East's second quarterback, Joe DiGiorgio from Ulica Eisenhower, scored on a 19-yard run to make it 13-0 with 10:03 left in the first half. The lead was extended to 21-0 when Darrell Hood, part of the Harper Woods Gallagher-University of Michigan pipeline, scored on a two-yard run then a two-point conversion with 13 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

For a player like Gorman, who is hoping to compete at the Division I level, it gave him a chance to see what the next level of athletics may bring.

"It was an eye opener," Gorman said. "The speed of the game was just amazing. It gives me an idea of how football is going to be."

Without being in the same conference, Gorman, Pisha and Ducat never had the chance to get to know each other, but had plenty of

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Northville Pom Pon has good showing

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

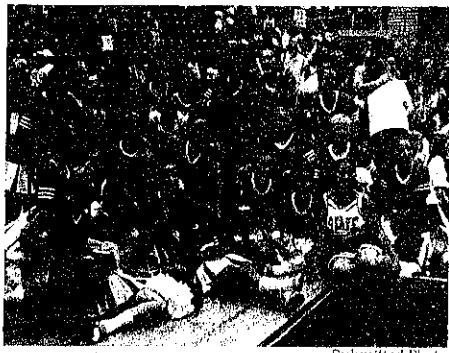
The Northville Pom Pon team is looking forward to what might possibly be their best season ever. Being a team that practices pretty much year-round, the Pom Pon squad competes in the Mid-American Camp at Central Michigan University each and every year, and, like a highly finessed signaling the start of a great new year, the girls brought home the title of Grand Champions of the camp.

"It is a big start off for us," coach Melissa Milgard said. "We took overall first places in all three of the camp categories, so we won a grand champs trophy for our team."

As though that wasn't enough, the JV squad, which is only in its second year of existence, also took home the grand champs trophy for their performance at their competition level.

"This is our biggest varsity team ever, and we only have one member without experience," Milgard said, adding that before their JV program, every new member of the varsity team was inexperienced. "We also have a 24-member JV team. It is incredible the amount of girls that want to be involved and this is especially, hopefully, our best year ever."

Milgard noted that the team has improved steadily each season that she has been head coach — four years now.



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The Northville Pom Pon Varsity squad poses for the camera after a tough day of competition. Pictured (from left to right): Front row: Coach Melissa Milgard, Kathy Garfield, Captain Ashleigh Doidinis, Amanda Kelly, Captain Amy Scheich, Rachel Martin, Lindsey Jones, Captain Lindsey Chomiuk, Staff Sister Melissa. Second: Katie Spinale, Katie Scheich, Laura Searley, Elizabeth Spinale, Courtney Zokas, Megan Keller, Emily Benish, Andrea Petty, Ashlee Handley, Megan Monticicolo, Carolyn Kirkman. Third: Kristi Wysocki, Nicole Timmerman, Kaleigh Bays, Sara Henson, Andrea Stoner, Megan Fidge. Fourth: Kristina Janovski, Megan Roney, Captain Lauren Lininger, Kristin Gutmann, Taylor Miglio and Erica Bivens. Not Pictured: Ashley Dickinson.

Recipient Lindsey Chomiuk

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Well, if leading your team to the title of grand champs of the Mid-American camp wasn't enough, winning a coveted award at the Pom Pon camp would probably add enough sugar to the event to make it also sweet.

Senior Lindsey Chomiuk did just that as she caught the eyes of the judges and took home the "Sparkle and Shine" award for her leadership ability throughout the competition.

"It is kind of like a leadership-motivation award they give out to the girl that displays the most leadership ability throughout the week," Chomiuk said. "I guess they had their eye on me through the whole camp and I didn't even know it. When they called my name, I just sat there with my mouth open while everyone cheered and clapped."

Even though the award was an individual one, Chomiuk expressed her desire to help the entire team with it.

"I hope that it helps us with the administration and getting Pom finally recognized," she said. "This year we have so much talent in both varsity and JV and I hope we can take it to such great heights."

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Spring seniors are going to be hard to replace

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through a real tough season and pass the first round of the playoffs this season. Her hitting ability and her great demeanor are going to be the two things that the Wildcats will miss the most next season. Heck, how often do you see a high school softball player ranking the ball out of the park? Look for her to continue to excel on the Wildcat roster for at least a couple of years.

Sam Cooke, Northville, Softball — I guess it was just a tough season for most of the local softball clubs this year. Northville in particular. Yet, through all of the losses and huge victories, Cooke remained a bright spot with the program. Her ability to hit right field found her throwing out more than one runner before they could get to first base and her leadership was only matched by fellow senior Ashley Kincaid. Don't expect to see Cooke's resilience replaced come next season, nor her stellar right-field play.

Danielle Bonjura, WJW, Softball — A tough hitter and a pre-sender on the defensive end of the game, Bonjura helped lead the charge into the best-ever performance by the Warriors softball team. Her leadership and her talents make her one tough cookie to emulate next year, and her desire to win and do so with a convincing one will be hard to imitate for anyone in the WJWA.

Drew Doll, Novi, Lacrosse — You want to know what I think about Doll? I'll tell you — I think he is one of the best athletes I have ever met. I tell you it is like he has

talent oozing from his pores. I took his hand one time and I could have probably just taken the talent that rubbed off in that brief exchange and played a full season of lacrosse — or not. Doll proved to be the type of leader the Wildcats were looking for in a season that brought them oh-so-close to the championship game. Doll, along with many other seniors on the lacrosse team, are going to be all but impossible to replace in the coming years.

Emily Ott, Northville, Girls Track — A leader in every sport she played, Ott is the type of senior athlete that coaches dream about. A quiet leader that shows what needs to be done by doing it on the competitive field of play. Ott was a valuable asset to the Mustangs in more ways than one. Her experience and her leadership ability made her a very valuable captain for people to follow, but her ability and her talents made her the point-scorer that the Mustangs were looking for as well. As with all her sports, Ott will be missed come next season on the track.

Tim Moore, Novi, Boys Track — Moore is one of those players that no matter who you are returning or what you have up your sleeve, he is going to be all but impossible to replace. I am not even sure if all that should be before impossible in that last sentence — oh well. Moore is going to be away running for some Division I school called Notre Dame, but his spirit and legacy left behind at Novi High School will help push the future track and field

stars to do their best no matter what they are facing.

Ben Maxin, Northville, Boys Track — Quite the athlete, this Maxin kid. His ability and his leadership qualities made him a top-notch senior to have on any team. He didn't care if it was soccer, swimming or track, he wanted to go out and do his best and that is exactly what he did each and every day he went out and competed. I know that Northville had a tough track season, but Maxin was one of the bright spots in the senior ranks this year.

Bethany Kittle, Novi, Girls Track — An all-around tough runner and a competitor that never quits, Kittle showed that being dedicated and determined will help you to succeed. One of the few seniors that managed to make it through the season on a consistent run and without coming up lame with an injury, Kittle was a shining example of what an athlete should look to do when they play. Though she was trading or knew that she was far from the favorite in a particular race, Kittle never gave up and continued to be a solid runner for the Wildcats.

Karrie Smith, Novi, Soccer — A four-year member of the Wildcat varsity soccer team, Smith was a valuable asset with both her skill and her experience. A two-year captain as well, she proved that being a leader doesn't mean you have to be the headline player on a team. Though the Wildcats are going to be entering one of their strongest years ever, the absence of Smith and her senior leadership qualities will probably

be noticed in the opening games.

A. J. Sanson, Novi, Tennis — A tough player who I named as a rising star in an earlier article, Sanson will be off and attending college come this spring while his former teammates are all trying to defend their KVC title. His duties played a tough set of talents to match as he earned victory after victory this season. I expect the Wildcats will be tough next season, but there will be a hole where Sanson once played.

Kyle Dehne, Northville, Tennis — A solid singles player that had a rough year playing in the state of Michigan, Dehne is going to be one tough player to replace next year. The Mustangs should have a fairly strong line-up, but the solution to Dehne's abandoned position may not be a clear one until the nearing of the start of the spring session.

Kate MacDonald, Northville, Golf — Absolutely amazing, MacDonald is one of those golfers that come along once and a great while. Definitely deserving of Miss Golf, MacDonald fell just short in the voting thanks to damaged coverage from our friends at the daily newspapers. Her abilities made her a shoe-in for a Division I scholarship, but MacDonald chose to go Division II so she would gain more playing time on the courses and have a better chance of getting the strokes she needed in order to advance her career. Her season totals were more than impressive, drawing comments from across the board this year as she medaled in every tournament she played in.

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Kyle Wade: Taking step to Hillsdale College and baseball



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Wade's older brother also preceded him and is currently playing collegiate baseball. Wade also has a younger brother, Keith who is going to be a freshman at Walled Lake Western this year.

Outside the realm of family, Wade has always looked up to Chipper Jones, who is his favorite baseball player.

When relaxing, Wade prefers to just hang out with his friends

Joe Mercier, Andrew Mellon, Brian Packer, and Tim D'Onofrio. They usually end up at Mellon's house.

"That's where all of us hang-out," he said.

When not playing baseball, Wade enjoys playing football, basketball and hockey with friends.

He also enjoys watching movies and his favorite actor is Adam Sandler. Not surprising, by his favorite movie is Billy Madison which stars Sandler. When it comes to favorites,

Wade is also a fan of good foods. He noted that one of his favorite places to grab a bite to eat is at The Olive Garden.

His musical tastes encompass a broad range including rap and pop, but he said that country is his favorite genre.

"Tim McGraw is probably my favorite artist," he said.

Wade is currently driving a Grand Am and said that he likes the car pretty well.

He is now preparing to make the move to Hillsdale college which will occur on August 25.

He will be playing with the team year round since they have a full season and indoor facilities for the winter, which will be a slight change from the high school experience. Wade is looking forward to the new experience and post-high school athletics.

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Champs!

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The Kruse Stark Hickey Ford Mustangs ended their baseball season with an impressive undefeated weekend in the NFWB Summer Classic Tournament. The Mustangs finished the season strong with an eight game winning streak while sweeping their last two tournaments. They finished with an overall 19-11 record. They placed first in three tournaments and 2-2 others and qualified for both the USSSA and Super Series World Series. The team ended the season with a number one USSSA ranking for the state of Michigan.

Right to left: Front Row: Christopher Valade, Andrew Valade, Brendan Fitzgerald, Greg Lorrain. Second Row: Colin Talbot, Matt Bonnell, Joey Ferriss, Michael Kruse, Nolan Valleau, Nicholas Regnier, Mason Pew, Garrett Jewell, Clay Moerman, Brett Jewell. Third Row: Coaches: Rick Valade, Jerry Jewell, Dave Regnier and Head Coach Craig Bonnell.

Early Bird victors

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The 10 year old Northville Bronco baseball team won the Northville Early Bird 2002 baseball tournament with a convincing 27-5 victory over the Troy Flanders. In the championship game the Broncos trailed Troy 4-2 after two innings, but erupted with 19 runs in the fourth with each Bronco scoring to put the game out of reach. Davin Montgomery and Jeremy Alain turned in outstanding pitching performances and the hitting was led by Dan Mills and Kevin McCann with three hits apiece. Trevor Grigg, Greg Cheslik, Ricky Gonzalez, and Devin Tovey, Max Vernier, and Tommy LaRouere each scored twice. Pictured left to right: Front Row: Eric Vandenberg, Kevin McCann. Second Row: Dan Mills, Greg Cheslik, Tommy LaRouere, Shane Butwill. Third Row: Max Vernier, Jeremy Alain, Devin Tovey, Ricky Gonzalez, Trevor Grigg, Davin Montgomery. Fourth Row: Coaches: Rick Montgomery, Terry Mills, Bob Kwiatkowski.

Queens of the State

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The Finesse Fast Pitch 12s won the National Softball Association State Championship in Hartland July 7.

Pictured (Left to Right): Front: Melanie Moret, Chelsea Osburn, Katie Osburn, Andrea Dieterle, Amanda Poma, Madison Dresser, Missy Furtie. Back: Coach Dave Wulke, Kayla Parks, Emma LaBeau, Melissa Chomin, Coach Bill Eskew, Sarah Elkus, Samantha Cain, Allison Holmes and Coach John Tonner. The travel softball team finished in the top eight teams out of 72 present at the Pony World Series in Sterling, Virginia.

The Comeback Kings

Submitted Photo

As manager of the NYBL Bronco division Cubs, I would like to formally congratulate the team members and the parents of this years Bronco division Cubs for their dedication and commitment to the team effort. We started out this season with three goals that we as a team wanted to accomplish: First and foremost, to have FUN. Second, for the kids to befriend each other and work together as a team to get to that next level of skill. That we try to end up the year with a .500 game average. That winning would only be the result of the first two goals. Well, I must say that we defiantly had fun this season, and without a doubt the kids became very good friends during the season and while we did not end up .500 for the regular season that really did not matter because we never put an emphasis on winning. Win or lose we always walked away knowing we did our best and were proud of it. Editor's Note: This was a portion of a letter to his team from Dave Modic.

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Make sure to hit the links with the Northville Alumni as they host the 23rd Annual Northville Alumni Golf Outing where everyone will get the chance for some competition and to remember the good old days with their buddies, all while having some fun. The competition will be August 17 at Downing Farms Golf Course, located on Seven Mile

Road in Northville. The tee times start at 11 a.m. with a maximum of 72 golfers.

Cost for the event is \$85 and includes golf, use of a cart and dinner. The event is open to all alumni, teachers, employees and females, or anyone who has ever attended Northville schools.

All entries must be received by August 3, 2002 in order to guarantee places with absolutely no payments being accepted on the day of the outing.

If there is a request for a specific foursome, or for more information, please call Rick Bingley at (248) 348-3851 or at (248) 755-9196.

Youth Tennis Tournament

Northville Parks and Rec announces their annual USTA-sanctioned Youth Tennis Tournament. The Dates of the tourney are August 16-18 at Northville High School, located on Six Mile Road between Beck and Sheldon. The tournament is open to boys and girls, ages 10-16.

The fee for the event is \$40 for residents, \$43 for school district and \$47 for non-residents. Cost includes a T-shirt and there is a two-match guarantee. Entry forms may be picked up at Northville Parks and Rec, at 700 W. Baseline Road. The deadline

for entry is August 12 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Cross Country try outs

The Novi High School Cross Country tryouts for the boys' team will be August 12 at 8 a.m. at Novi High School. Participants will meet in the high school weight room. For more information, or to sign up, call coach Bob Smith at (248) 437-4822 or email him at rsmith@novi.k12.mi.us. All participants must have a physical on file dated after April 15, 2002 and forms are available at the Novi Athletics office.

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