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**Chalk it up to art**

Spectacular. Fantastic. Amazing. Brilliant. These are just few of the exclamations heard from the crowd that braved the winds last Saturday to attend the First Annual Walled Lake Italian Chalk Art Festival.

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# Hospitals, activists square off

## State CON Commission meets June 10 to decide fate of Novi hospital plans

By Phil Foley  
 STAFF WRITER

Three hospital groups, including Novi's Providence, with a substantial presence in Detroit say they need to move hospital beds to Western Oakland County to remain solvent and serve the region's shifting population. Long-term opponents of the request counter that there are too many hospital beds in a region already and that building new facilities will only drive up medical costs.

Regardless of what the state Certificate of Need (CON) Commission does when it meets

in Lansing June 10, the final answer could well be five years and legions of lawyers away.

After taking nearly a full day of testimony on the question May 28, commission members were told by Assistant Attorney General Ron Styka that after the Governor's office withdrew Jean Landerville's nomination to the CON Commission, the commission lacked authority to act. And even if it did have the authority, the provision in the Public Health Code that would allow it to block Providence, Detroit Medical Center and Henry Ford hospitals from moving beds to Novi, Commerce Township and West Bloomfield, respectively, is unconstitutional, according to Styka.

Representatives of the Novi-based Economic Alliance of Michigan urged CON members to vote to block the three hospitals from moving beds when the commission meets again June 10 and vowed court action if they don't.

"There is no need for any new hospital anywhere in Michigan,"

declared Larry Horowitz, the Alliance's executive director. The Alliance, which represents 28 business and union groups, has fought attempts by St. John Health System, Providence's parent organization, to move hospital beds to the suburbs for more than a decade, claiming it would only serve to drive up health costs.

**Stifling competition**

On the other side, representatives of Providence, DMC and Henry Ford say the state's 30-year-old CON process is being subverted to stifle competition.

Critics of the planned move have charged repeatedly that the trio are abandoning the city of Detroit. However, Rob Casalou, Providence's president, noted that one of his institution's most vocal

opponents, Novi-based Trinity Health, closed its last Detroit Hospital, Samaritan (Mercy Hospital), in 2000.

Since 1980, Casalou added, 23 hospitals have closed in Detroit, taking nearly 6,000 hospital beds and more than 18,000 jobs with them.

Novi Mayor Richard Clark noted that financially-troubled DMC, one of only three major health care systems left in Detroit, announced plans to slash its workforce by 1,000. Commenting on plans by some city activists to sue DMC to halt that plan, he asked, "How can you enjoin people from going broke?"

**Improved patient care**

Bruce Muma, Henry Ford's medical director for Macomb and Oakland counties, said his institution's plans to move beds to West Bloomfield, "is a small step for us, but from the patient's perspective, there are huge benefits. He noted that not only does transferring patients from Henry Ford's

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West Bloomfield facility cost the patient between \$400 and \$2,000, but increases the potential for medical errors.

Nabil Khoury an emergency room physician at West Bloomfield told commission members that transferring patients causes "undue stress." He added, "patients shouldn't have disjointed care."

Casalou said that while Novi's population alone increased 43.6 percent between 1990 and 2000, Western Oakland County still has only 4.2 percent of the hospital beds in the county. He noted that a third of Providence's admissions in Southfield come from Novi.

Horowitz countered there are already between 1,200 and 1,500

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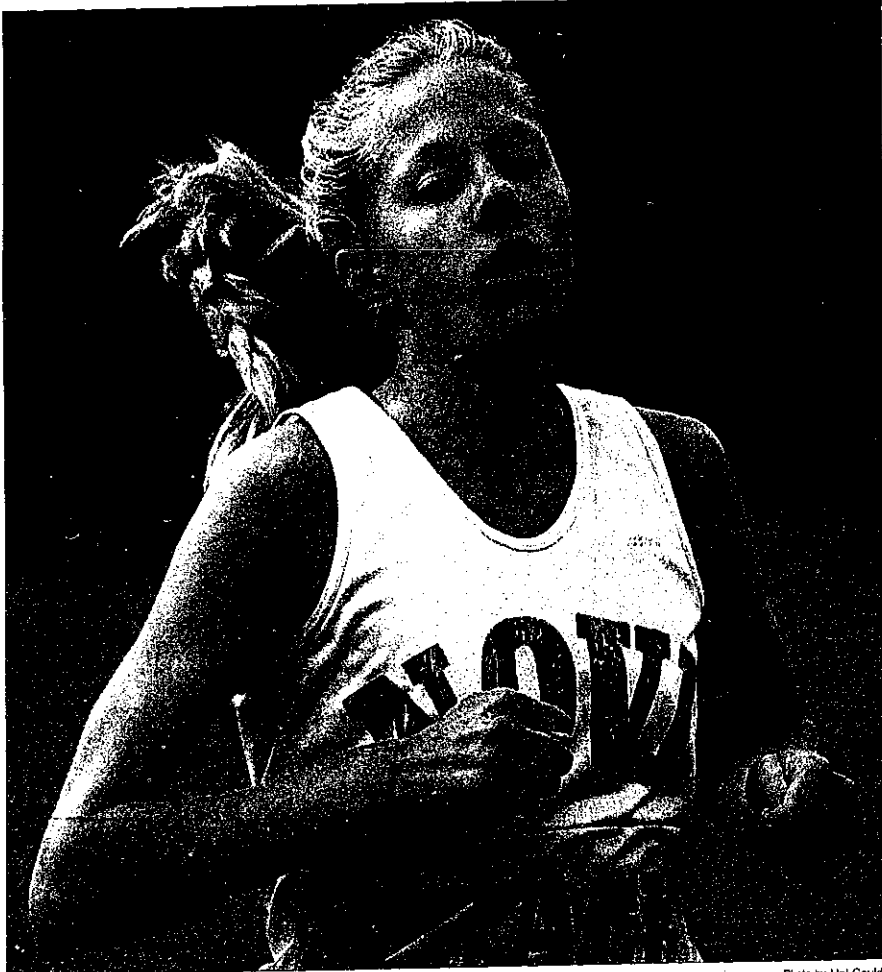
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**Population prompts change**  
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## Fast and first



Novi senior Nina Schmitt qualified for the finals last week. She made her mark by taking first in the 3,200 run and 1,600 run in the regional. Unfortunately, Schmitt battled a bout of bronchitis leading up to the meet. See stories on 1B and 3B.

# Clark won't seek third term

## Mayor's announcement ends months of speculation

By Phil Foley  
 STAFF WRITER

Novi's popular two-term mayor will not be making it a hat trick. Richard Clark announced at Monday's city council meeting that he will not be seeking a third two-year term. With the clock ticking to file for the Nov. 4 general election, only two people, city council members Lou Csordas and Michelle Bononi, have filed for the mayor's seat.

Other potential candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to bring in the signatures of 100 Novi voters or pay the \$100 filing fee for the non-partisan elections.



R. Clark

Clark's announcement ends months of speculation about his future in the mayor's office. Concerns about the mayor's health surfaced in October when he missed the Oct. 7 and 23 city commission meetings. The previous spring he missed several city council meetings and the Pontiac mayoral exchange as the result of some undisclosed medical tests.

While acknowledging that he's been ill, Clark said at the Certificate of Need Commission meeting in Lansing May 27 that one of the prime factors in his decision is a desire to spend more time with his family.

In announcing his decision to step down, Clark observed, "If two terms are good enough for the president, it's good enough for

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## Arts & Treasures comes to Fountain Walk

### Novi Lions Club Show, free children's activities this weekend

By Pam Fleming  
 STAFF WRITER

Arts & Treasures, a weekend of art, crafts and fun, will come to Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi this weekend.

The event will include the third

annual Novi Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show plus a free Children's Arts Village. More than 25 vendors will be on hand selling art and handmade crafts.

Activities will take place in the promenade area off of Orchard Drive in the shopping center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 7 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8. Orchard Drive will be blocked off for the event.

Fountain Walk is located south of Twelve Mile and west of Novi Road just off I-96.

The event will feature free craft projects, entertainment and more, including appearances by favorite children's characters

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such as Cinderella, Snow White and Spider Man.

The first 1,000 children at the event will receive free tickets to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit* at the Detroit Science Center.

This exhibit is the world's only collection of authentic artifacts recovered from the wreck of the Titanic. The display embodies respect for the passengers of the infamous ship and embraces advances in science and technol-

ogy that have permitted the memory of the Titanic to be preserved for current and future generations.

Families can also enter to win tickets to a Father's Day Brunch June 15 at the Science Center for the whole family. The raffle will award tickets to the brunch to 25 families.

Area families who haven't visited the Science Center lately will be in for a treat as the center completed a \$30 million renovation and expansion in July 2001.

Linda Busse of Fountain Walk said the shopping center staff is

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# BUSINESS

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## Three's company for Salon D'Mars owners

**Entrepreneurs open new Novi business in Peachtree Plaza**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The three owners of the new Salon D'Mars in Novi that opened May 13 may be the new kids on the block, but they're certainly not new to the beauty business.

Denise Cook, Mark Gatt and Russell Spaulding have worked in salons for many years in the area and have finally realized their dream of having their own shop.

"We've been together a long time," Cook said.

The business, whose name is a combination of the three's first names, is located in the Peachtree Plaza on the southwest corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

The owners plan to hire two more stylists and provide facials in a couple of months.

The non-smoking, handicap-accessible salon with wood styling stations in cherry and black and chrome chairs presents a clean, open, airy feel.

Plus, with its grand opening under way, the shop is filled with beautiful flowers from clients, family members and friends.

"The kindness and support we've received has been overwhelming. We are very appreciative. It has touched our hearts," Cook said.

Cook said she and Spaulding have worked together for about 15 years. "This is the fourth salon we've worked in," she added.

They worked together at Margo's of Northville salon on Cady Street, the former BRD's salon in the Main Centre building and the former Main Objective salon in Northville across from Guernsey's Restaurant on Novi Road that Spaulding and a business partner owned.



Photo by Pam Fleming

The owners of the new Salon D'Mars, from left, Mark Gatt, Denise Cook and Russell Spaulding, are excited about their new shop that just opened May 13. The salon is located in the Peachtree Plaza shopping center at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile roads.

"The customers love it," Cook said.

Gatt, who's been doing nails for 13 years, worked as a pastry chef for Farmer Jack grocery chain for 12 years and later took a position in quality control at Avery Bakery in Livonia for about a year.

Eventually, however, he felt the need for a career change and attended a nail school in Plymouth.

"My wife, Debbie, talked me into doing nails. She thought it would be a great thing for a man to do. It's actually been a hit with

the customers," he said.

Gatt noted that only 1 percent of manicurists are men. "It's still a woman's man in the salon. But I love it. It gives me a sense of freedom," he said.

Gatt said that more women are scheduling manicures these days and getting away from artificial nails.

"People want a more natural look today," he said.

Cook said the three beauticians had been thinking about opening their own salon for about a year.

"We looked at a couple of buildings, but they didn't work

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Though the mortgage business requires Teresa to be on call 24 hours a day, she still manages time to spend with her 6-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son. An advantage to her business is that she can do a lot of work at home and can even pre-approve people right from her living room.

"When people find a house they like, things need to move quickly. I have the ability to get everything done as quickly as possible to make sure my customers get the house they want," she said.

A hometown girl, Teresa graduated from Milford High School 20 years ago. Though she lives in Livonia, she hopes to someday return to the area.

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Teresa Hartley-Becker, at right, and her assistant Shawna Shetlock are ready to help you with all of your mortgage needs.

# CLASS NOTES

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## Increasing population prompts changes at NHS

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Bulldozers, hard hats and lots of dirt will all be fixtures at Novi High School this summer, as the construction season has officially begun.

Projects ranging from the expansion of parking lots to the total remodeling of the cafeteria and lunchroom atrium to a brand new two-story building are taking place from now until 2005.

According to Novi High School Principal Jennifer Cheal, the philosophy behind all of the construction stems from three charges made by the Novi Community School District's Board of Education:

- to design a facility that will support and continue an outstanding academic program within an aesthetically appealing campus;
- to strengthen career and technical programs; and
- to focus on making "big feel small."

"The community passed a bond in July 11 of 2001," Cheal said. "As the school goes through close to 2,400, how do you personalize the high school? I think that's one thing we have always been very proud about in Novi — it is a personal environment for our students and we work very hard at that. It's very important as we get larger, to maintain that."

Taking these three charges from the board, Cheal put together a committee called the "Research and Design Team." It had a representative from each of the different departments in the building and they worked with Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Rita Traynor in 2001.

"The first thing we worked on was, what do we envision as an exemplary program for students in the year 2005, when this new facility opens," Cheal said. "We had to be visionaries looking ahead and we had to take a look at what a lot of the educational best practices are out there at the secondary level."

Cheal traveled and visited 12 high schools in the last six weeks of that school year, both in and out of state, that were large schools with over 2,000 students to see how they had been designed and how they had been functioning.

"I wanted to do the traveling during the school day because it

was very interesting going to a school where they had designed the philosophy, but the facility wasn't being used to support that," Cheal said. "An example of a school like that had classrooms around the center hub of computer labs. When you went to look at it, the computers had been stripped out of the computer lab and nobody was using it as a hub in that particular facility. There were study rooms off of some of the classrooms, but they were so small, you couldn't even fit a table in it for kids to work. This was a building that had been open less than a year, so they had designed something that wasn't functional.

We wanted to make sure that we didn't fall into that same trap and we have to first design by that philosophy. We learned a lot about what to do and what not to do."

The team came up with ideas that included hands-on/real-life experiences beyond and within school walls, work-based learning and career development; assessment-theoretical, practical and self; interdisciplinary curriculum philosophy and staff; student connectiveness with a sense of pride and belonging and common spaces and efficient use of technology and communication, both internal and external.

"Those were our basic philosophy pieces and then we started designing around that," Cheal said. "Obviously, when you are adding on to a building, you have to work with what you have. If we started from the ground up, I'm sure this facility would look different from what it is now. There is only certain things we can move or places we can add on."

The Tech Center has been designed where the students will be able to have hands on experiences, which the school does not have now. The classrooms are designed to allow teachers to put kids in groups. This, in turn, allows kids to work together collaboratively to apply the content they are learning and then to come back to a larger group setting.

"We have more flexibility to have more kids working in small groups, whereas, if you have a classroom and the only way you can set up your desks is in straight rows, it doesn't allow us to do that," Cheal said. "If you look at our student service center, one

whole wing is the career development center, so all of these components are designed into the school."

The way it is now, Novi High School is organized by department. There is a social studies wing, a science wing and so on, but the new design will call for clusters of inter-departmental staff.

Cheal explained that people will soon see English, social studies, math and foreign language in clusters.

"There will be an inter-departmental philosophy on how we are grouping people," Cheal said. "Right now we have departmental offices for staff, there will be four teaching planning centers in the buildings that will house approximately 40 teachers per planning center and they will be interdisciplinary as well. When teachers dialogue, plan together and work together, they will have the opportunity to dialogue cross content. It's easier for teachers to do that if they have access to each other, so that is being facilitated that way."

One major aspect of the construction that will be prevalent throughout is to personalize the school. "The cafeteria will be turned into two cafeterias, each serving around 400 students," Cheal said. "They will be open, well lit, they will have trees inside so you have green space, benches and it's wireless. My vision is, in the future, kids can come in with their lab top, check their e-mail in the morning or finish up a project. It will be a real comfortable place. Kids need places to gather that are easily supervised and that are comfortable for them to be with their friends and still get work done."

Starting next year, the school will adopt an after school tour program. "We want kids to be here," Cheal said. "We want kids to feel comfortable here, we want them to have good nurturing food. That sense of pride, that sense of belonging, common spaces for kids that gather that are right and comfortable and inviting and safe and all of those other things is what we want."

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**Novi High School Site Plan**

SOURCE: Novi Community Schools

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- \* South Parking Lot-August 18, 2003
- \*\* West Parking Lot-June 28, 2004
- \*\*\* Atrium-November 17, 2004

- 1. Expansion of Parking Lot
- 2. Expansion of Parking Lot
- 3. Remodeling of Cafeteria & Lunchroom Atrium
- 4. New Performing Arts Addition
- 5. Administrative Offices
- 6. New West Parking Lot
- 7. New 2-Story Classroom Building
- 8. Counseling Dept. & Classrooms
- 9. Radio/TV Classroom & Studios
- 10. Pool Addition
- 11. Career Tech Addition
- 12. Athletic Dept. Office Complex
- 13. New West Parking Lot

### BUSINESS SHORTS

**Dakland County hosts finance fair**

Loan officers from area banks, micro loan programs and the Small Business Association will meet one-on-one with business owners at the Small Business Finance Fair from 3 to 5 p.m. June 25 at the New Mt. Moorish Family Life Center at 313 E. Walkton Blvd., in Pontiac.

The Oakland County Business Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration are sponsoring the free event.

This workshop is an opportunity for business owners to meet loan officers from several banks and lending programs as well as a number of agencies who can assist small businesses. For more information, call (248) 858-0783.

**Michigan tourism rebounds**

Tourism activity in Michigan increased between the fourth quarter of 2002 and the first quarter of 2003, according to the Michigan Tourism Index compiled by Detroit-based Commerce Bank. Activity increased 4.1 points.

**Free marketing seminar set**

Business owners, professionals and entrepreneurs who want to learn the newest, most effective marketing, advertising and sales strategies can attend a "Monopolize Your Marketplace" seminar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 12 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., in Novi.

Presenting the seminar is Y2Marketing, a Livonia firm that offers marketing consulting, creative services, Web development, media placement and marketing seminars.

The firm will offer free admission to the first 50 registrants. To secure a free registration, call (734) 953-9220 and use the authorization code 3013. A maximum of two people per company

will be accepted. The seminar will cost \$99 for additional guests. Pre-registration is required with no walk-ups accepted.

Participants will receive a 45-minute one-on-one strategy session at the event.

**Former hockey player to address Chamber**

Todd Krygier, an insurance financial services professional with State Farm Insurance in Northville, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, June 17 Novi Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Carraba's Italian Grill at 43455 West Oaks Drive. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

Krygier received a bachelor's

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### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### School Board election Monday

Elections will be held on Monday, June 9, for the expiring term of two Novi School Board members. Carol Farnsworth and Jason They are the two candidates for the seats. The election is from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Novi Middle School Technology Center, 2000 Lakeside Road in Novi. The candidates are Oakland Hills Elementary School at 41900 Grandview, Novi, and Precinct 3, at the Novi Middle School, 2000 Lakeside Road in Novi.

#### Lizard Of Oz

The 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz" and fourth grade students at Deerfield Elementary School performed on the stage during a musical entitled "The Wizard of Oz." The play was held at the school and musical director Mrs. K. Farnsworth. The students have a strong love for the story and the movie. The play was held on the evening of May 19 and 20. The students were in costume and performed in front of a live audience.

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#### Deerfield Spring Community Service Project

A thank you for all the contributions provided by a local McDonald's franchise owner, Deerfield Elementary School showed its support by conducting a community service project to benefit the Ronald McDonald

House. The Ronald McDonald House, located directly across from Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, provides a home away from home for families of children receiving treatment at area hospitals.

During the past two years, the Ronald McDonald House has provided, at no cost to Deerfield, three character building assemblies featuring Ronald McDonald. 200 bottles of water for the fourth graders during MEAP testing, orange drink for Family Reading Night and fourth grade activities, a personal appearance by Ronald McDonald at Family Reading Night, the opportunity for Deerfield staff to "work" two evenings at the McDonald's on 11 Mile and Grand River, from which a percentage of the sales each evening was donated to Deerfield. \$602.53, as well as discount coupons for all students.

To help show appreciation, students at Deerfield contributed an item or items from the following Ronald McDonald House wish list between May 19 and May 30. The wish list included:

- Food Items: Coffee creamer, coffee filters, canned soups/soups, canned pasta (rasin), etc.
- Supply Items: Aluminum foil, plastic wrap, Tami covers, Dish Cloths & towels (must be new), Paper plates, paper bowls, plastic utensils, Ziploc bags, quart & gallon size.
- Bathrooms: Glass cleaner, liquid hand soap, Kleenex & toilet paper, Room deodorizer.
- Laundry: Dryer sheets, Detergent, Hangers, plastic.
- Miscellaneous: Batteries, size AAA, AA, and D cell, Message Pad, Masking Tape, Permanent Markers.

#### National Student Leadership Conference

Angelina Larson, class of 2004 at Novi High School, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on Business and Commerce, a leadership development program for outstanding high school students. While attending the NSLC, she will have the opportunity to study, experience and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader. This summer, approximately 1,500 gifted high school

students from across the United States and from 45 countries around the world will find themselves immersed in a learning environment unlike any they have ever experienced. These young leaders will return to their schools with increased potential and newly developed abilities that enable them to make a positive difference in their communities.

#### Foundation golf outing

Novi Educational Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Outing will take place Thursday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Links of Novi. All proceeds from the fundraiser will enhance educational opportunities for Novi students by providing support for student enrichment programs, scholarships, classroom equipment, teacher grants and staff development.

One of only two annual fundraisers for the nonprofit foundation, the popular event includes lunch between the 9th and 10th holes and dinner. Participants may register as individuals, as a foursome, or as a hole sponsor. This year hole-in-one sponsors are provided by Varsity Lincoln Mercury, Marty Feldman Chevrolet and Team Lidger Ford.

For more information or registration, please call Bob Schmitt at (248) 449-1263.

#### Students' stocks soar

Fifth grade students in Melanie McFadden's Guest Elementary class placed first, second and third in the Elementary School Division of the Michigan Stock Market Game. The spring session of the Stock Market Game started on February 24 and ended on May 2. The students from Mary Helen Guest Elementary School in Walled Lake were in competition with over 500 students from across the state. The students were given 10 weeks to invest \$100,000.00. Mrs. McFadden's students finished the session with portfolios worth \$137,752.01, \$137,176.48 and \$131,634.97.



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Kensington kids (Right) These Orchard Hills second graders got to practice their outdoor hiking skills on paths at Kensington, where they saw all kinds of wildlife including deer and cranes.

(Above) Second grade naturalists from Orchard Hills Elementary School look for minute water creatures in a sample of the swamp water at Kensington Parks Nature Center. After finding the tiny water creatures, they were able to get a closer look under the microscope.

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## Youth Assistance Teen Center offers new activities for kids

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

The Novi Youth Assistance Teen Center, which will be run from Monday, June 23 through Thursday, July 31 at Novi Middle School, is offering some added field trips, new programs and, as always, a fun place for kids to hang out and have fun during these long summer days. Registration is on June 14 at the Novi Civic Center from 9 a.m. to noon, and the Teen Center will be open Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m.

Teen Center Coordinator Amy Hartland, a former Novi student who now attends the University of South Carolina, said that the Teen Center is a program that is offered to children in the city of Novi who are in the sixth grade and up.

"During the time the kids are at the center, we offer field trips, horseback riding, a wave pool, a ropes course, laser tag, a trip to the science center and a lot more cool things," she said. "We also have various speakers and workshops. The speakers consist of the Novi Police, and new this year, a women police officer is coming in to talk to the kids about what she does. An example of a workshop would be like self-defense, how to lip-hop dance and things like that."

"We have found that we had low numbers of girls at the Teen Center in the past, so to cater more to their liking, we will have a Girls Center," Hartland said. "The girls will get together and do certain things like crafts or making scrapbooks. There are always video games for the boys, but the girls may not always want to do that. Any girls who show good merit throughout the week will receive a reward. Sometimes we will get kids in who are really shy, and we will have some of the girls who will go over and befriend them. At that age, those kids deserve a reward for that."

For more information on The Novi Youth and Teen Center, call (248) 347-4141.

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Novi Police Officer Arthur Tapia visited with students at the Novi Youth Assistance Teen Center last summer.

- #### FIELD TRIPS
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# Clark won't seek third mayoral term

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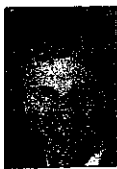
me. We live in a republic and it was never my office; it was yours and you simply loaned it to me for a little while."

Declaring himself to be a small Republican, Clark said, "I firmly believe that boards and commissions should change on a somewhat regular basis."

He said that while he had many reasons for not running again, it was still a hard decision. He insisted that his health problems were "not the primary reason."

Clark said it's been "an honor and a privilege" to be Novi's mayor, but now it's someone else's turn to take a crack at it.

Csordas, who was the first candidate to declare for the mayor's seat, said he's been asking the mayor since January about his plans.



L. Csordas

However, he added, the mayor's decision not to seek reelection has not altered his campaign plans. He said that he had held off his announcement as long as possible out of respect for Clark, but finally decided he had to commit April 21.

Csordas, an insurance executive in Troy, has been on the council since 1999. Prior to election to city council he served on a variety of boards, most recently as chairman of the Novi Planning Commission.

He'll be squaring off against fellow city council member Michelle Bononi, an environmental planner with the Washtenaw County Drain Commission.

Bononi was also first elected to the city council in 1999. She threw her hat in the ring for the mayor's race a week after Csordas. A longtime community activist, Bononi, among other things, has served as president of the historical commission and as a member of the Towne Center Steering Committee.

"There's been all kinds of speculation," offered Bononi. "Now it's a whole new ball game." However, she said the core issues of city finances and

the future of the city's undeveloped areas will remain the same.

St. Rep. Craig DeRoche, who left city council last fall to take his seat in Lansing, agreed that the issues remain the same, but added the mayor's decision dramatically changes the political landscape. He noted that Bononi and Csordas are the "highest profile candidates I can think of." Although he said he hasn't heard of anyone else considering a run for the mayor's job, DeRoche noted, "Novi has a history of people filing close to the deadline, so I would not rule out anything."

With Csordas and Bononi squaring off for the city's top job, that leaves only one incumbent for the three seats up for grabs on city council this fall. Dr. Mav Singhvi was appointed to the council in January to the seat vacated by DeRoche.

Three others have filed for city council seats, including Novi Planning Commission Chairman Antonia Nagy, Novi Planning Commission Member Lyn Paul and former Novi police officer Bob Gatt.

Novi political watchers suggest that things will remain relatively quiet until after the city's Aug. 5 primary date. After that, things are expected to heat up.

Both Nagy and Paul supported Clark in his last election bid. Singhvi, a retired physician, was president of the Novi Rotary Club prior to being appointed to the city commission. The Rotary Club, along with the Novi Lions, is one of the largest and most active service clubs in the city. Gatt is widely seen as having the same no-nonsense straight-out-of-the-chute style as Csordas.

With no real nail to hang their hats on, Clark's possible endorsements are being eyed as a key to the late summer run-up to the fall election.

Saying that he's always worked "for the long-term best interests of the community," Clark said he'll be leaving office certain "the city is in good hands in the future."

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# Arts & Treasures comes to Fountain Walk

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excited that the Novi Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show organizers chose the new complex as the site for their event this year.

"We felt that this was a great way to partner with the community, and the Lions are such a big part of what happens in Novi," Busse said.

"And, we hope to have more community organizations bring their events to Fountain Walk," she added.

The Novi and Northville Garden Club will be on hand both days at Arts & Treasures, with members selling specially designed T-shirts.

Children will also be able to make a special gift and card for Dad for Father's Day as part of free crafts activities.

Laurie Papoulis of Northville will be one of the vendors at Arts & Treasures. She'll be offering her hand-beaded wine charms, napkin rings and refrigerator magnets as well as hand-painted garden rocks.

"I'd always dabbled in art and found it relaxing," she said. "I've been making these items for a couple of years."

Her hand-painted garden rocks feature a "weatherproof" paint. "I've had one in my garden over a year, and it looks the same as the day I painted it," she said.

Papoulis said people love the colorful rocks. "They make you feel good," she said.

Busse noted that members of



Photo by Pam Fleming

Local children recently had a chance to preview some of the free art activities planned at Arts & Treasures June 7-8 at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi. Pictured making mugs for their dads for Father's Day are, Bethanie Dunlap, 6, of West Bloomfield and Grayson Combs, 3, of Novi.

the Novi Lioness Club will have a food booth at the event.

"We'll have hot dogs, chips, walking tacos, nachos and beverages," said Jane Cooce.

The current Fountain Walk restaurants - Buffalo Wings; The

Bamboo Club, serving dishes from the Pacific Rim; and Chuck E. Cheese - will also be open during the event.

Activities will take place rain or shine, with the children's activities moved inside in case of

inclement weather.

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## BUSINESS SHORTS

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### Jobless benefits to continue

Some 95,000 more jobless Michigan workers will qualify for federal unemployment benefits as they use up their state benefits from June through the end of the year.

President Bush signed legislation May 28 extending the federal Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program for another seven months. The program had been scheduled to end May 31.

TEUC benefits are paid to workers who exhaust their state unemployment benefits. The program pays an unemployed worker up to 13 weeks of federal jobless benefits at the same weekly rate they collected in state benefits.

The program began in March

2002 and was continued in January 2003. Since the TEUC program started, Michigan's Bureau of Workers' and Unemployment Compensation has paid out \$662.7 million in TEUC to some 228,600 jobless workers.

### WAVES meeting scheduled

Michigan Unit 32 of WAVES National will host the Region VII Meeting in Frankfort June 6-8. WAVES National is comprised of Women of the Sea Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy and female veterans of these organizations.

Region VII includes Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan.

Novi resident Bettie Johnson is a charter member and current president of Michigan Unit 32 and will co-chair the event. Her unit includes the lower peninsula of the state except for southeast section. If you are a sea service woman interested in joining the unit, contact Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Johnson is also a 35-year member of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) and a charter member of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter. She chaired the ABWA National Convention in 1984.

Membership is open to all working women. For more information or to attend the group's next dinner meeting, call Chris Struwe at (248) 269-2035 or e-mail her at [christina.struwe@huntington.com](mailto:christina.struwe@huntington.com).

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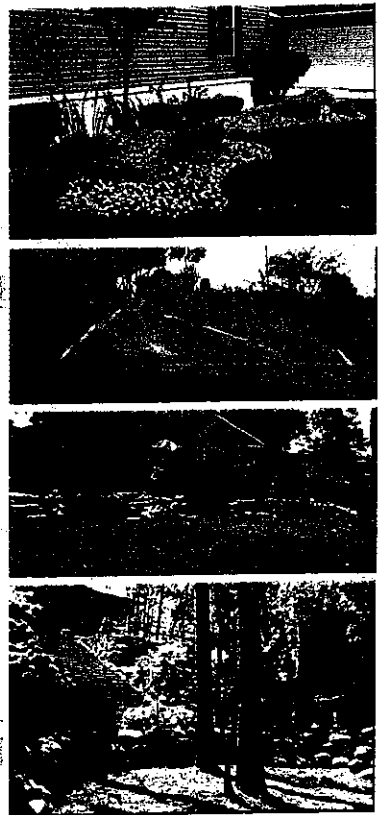
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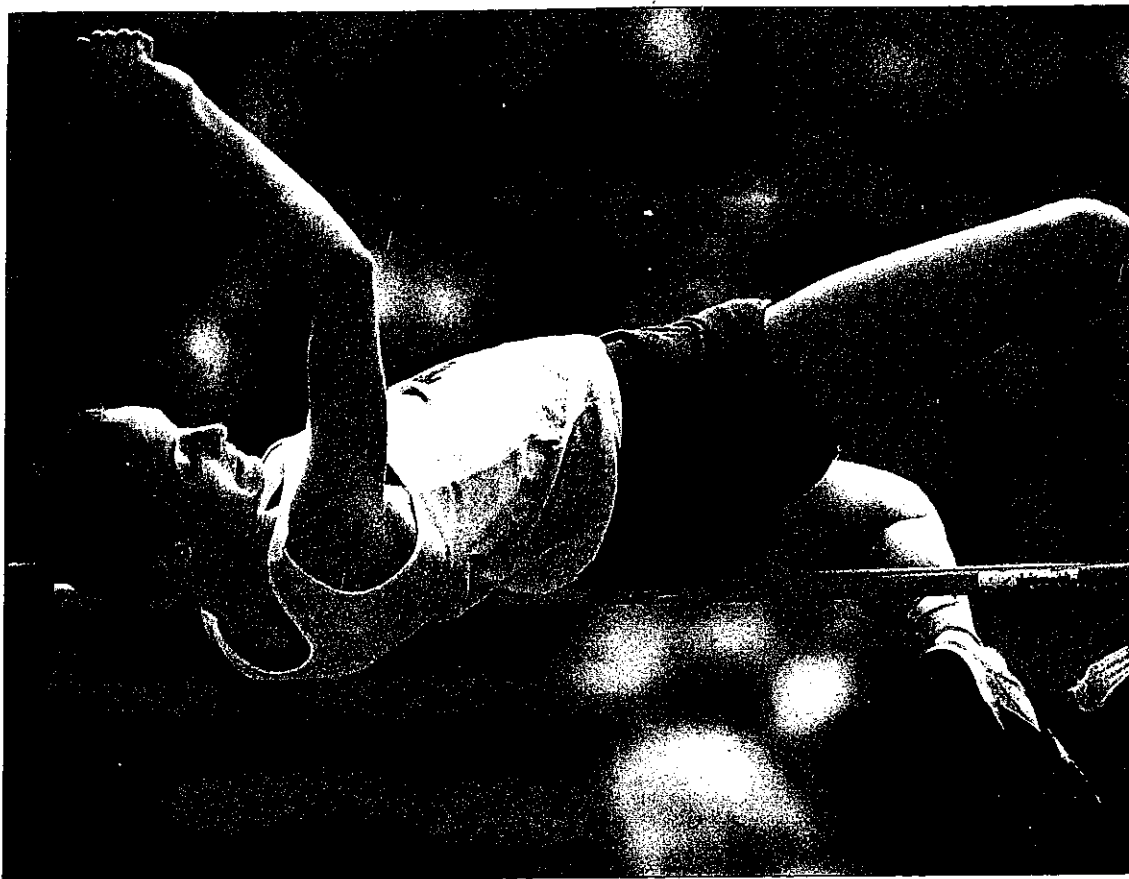


Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi's Christina Lis clears yet another mark while earning a second-place finish in the girls' high jump at the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Track and Field Finals.

## Christina Lis takes second

### Jen Mehl takes ninth in pole vault, Nina Schmitt proves gutsy in mile

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

When all is said and done, it wasn't a bad ending to a first-year of head coaching for Marsha Reid.

The rookie track coach brought three girls to the state finals and left with a second-place finish from All-State sophomore Christina Lis in the high jump and a ninth-place finish from junior Jen Mehl in the pole vault.

"Christina had a PR kind of day," Reid said of the high jumper setting her own personal record. "She hadn't cleared 5-5 before and did that. She just missed 5-7 to make a run at the state title."

Lis isn't complaining though.

The 6-0 sophomore cleared 5-5 and managed to take second place in the state. The girl who took first was also a sophomore, which means Lis will have plenty of competition in years to come.

"That's just fine with me," Lis said, welcoming the future challenges. "I am hoping that I can improve and go on to break the school record. I'd like to do better in other meets and go back to the finals next year."

Lis noted that it sure doesn't hurt to place second in the state finals for Division I.

"It's a great feeling," she said.

"The season feels like it has been so long, and this just makes you realize that all of your hard work pays off."

The stellar sophomore noted that it's nice to have the intense competition of the finals as well.

"I feel I do better under pressure," Lis said. "Having more competition like that around me helps push me to try even harder."

For junior Mehl in the pole vault, this year marked an improvement over last season's showing in the state finals. The veteran vaulter cleared 9-10 in poor conditions that included a rubber tarpac over cement for a run way and some windy and cold weather.

Thought Mehl cleared the same height as the seventh and

eight-place finishers, she had a miss while the others didn't, thus finding her in ninth. With a year to go in her career and only one place away from earning All-State status, the future looks bright for Mehl.

"Mehl, in comparison to the rest of the field, did very well," Reid said. "It was a tough day for jumping in the pole vault, but Mehl managed to place better this year than last year."

Senior Nina Schmitt was the other Wildcats who qualified for the finals. She made her mark by taking first in the 3,200 run and 1,600 run in the regional. Unfortunately, Schmitt battled a bout of bronchitis leading up to the meet.

"She had a rough day," Reid said. "Nina's been battling bron-

chitis since the league meet, so we pulled her from the two mile.

"She ran and awesome mile, but had a hard time breathing and her final time showed it. It was a gutsy performance, and I couldn't have asked for more from her."

While Mehl and Lis will be back next season, Schmitt is going to be a casualty of graduation. She will continue her running career though, participating in cross country at Michigan State University (see page B3 for full story).

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Sam Eggleston

Now and then, and honor is bestowed upon a person and it's one that they would have never expected.

Recently, that happened to me. In fact, it was Monday.

The Northville High School Sports Boosters Club honored the Northville Record for outstanding coverage of the high school sports in the area.

Many times throughout the year, my phone or email inbox will have a message from a particular parent or athlete who feels that their sport is getting shafted when it comes to proper coverage. These are part of the job, and I've been dealing with them since my first day ever as a sports writer. The truth is, you learn to just take what they said into consideration and try to rectify their situation before you realize that there really isn't much more that you can do.

Thanks to the reality that there are only so many things that can be packed into a work week, there is going to be better coverage of this sport or that sport one week and then better coverage of that sport or this sport the next week. It's impossible to give the same amount of space in the sports section to all the sports each week, and I've just come to accept that.

Then, out of the clear blue nothing comes a letter. At first, by glancing at the front of it, I assume that it's probably a notice for advertising costs in the next program or a press release — but it's not.

Inside, there is a letter addressed to little old me which invites me to receive an award to honor the Northville Record for the coverage we've provided the Mustangs this year.

And then it hits me. I've never received such an honor. Yeah, I had a newspaper association say I had the third-best sports writing in their contest, but nothing as meaningful as an award coming from the readers of my sports section on a week-to-week basis.

I can honestly say that this award means more to me than any I've received. And, when I think about it, I'm sure that there is no honor higher than having those who read your work each week decide that you are worthy of receiving such a thing.

And, mind you, it's not just me. It's my special writers over the year like Roger Garfield, Tyler Carter, Ryan Edwards, Michael Zerlich and, most recently, Brian Doyle. It's also the photographs that are taken by our in-house photographer John Heider.

It takes team work to make this work, such as cooperation from coaches and players. It takes some long hours and an understanding that we can't be everywhere at once. Instead, we do what we can and make the best of it.

I want to thank the Northville High School Athletic Booster Club for this award, as well as all of the readers who pick up this sports section each week.

I also want to thank all of the coaches and players who make this not only possible, but worth-while as well. Without you, I wouldn't have accomplished any of it.

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## Wildcats take ninth in tennis finals

### Not a bad showing for Novi's boys in their first-ever trip

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Not a bad showing for their first-ever trip to the state finals.

The Novi Wildcats boys' tennis team took the long trip to Midland to compete in the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Tennis Finals May 30-31 and came away with a ninth-place finish as they collected six points.

"I was pleased with how we played," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We won some of our first-round matches and look no bad losses. In most of the flights, we were beat by seeded teams. I thought we played well and played to our abilities."

The Wildcats earned three victories on the day. Chris Kovacinski and senior Joe Lynch, Novi's one doubles team, beat Frankie Orlando and Justin Vanroekel of Grand Ledge 6-4, 6-0 before falling to Ann Arbor Pioneer's top-seeded Evan Levine and Mike Wagner 2-1, 6-1.

Steve Chiang, at four singles, beat Chris Scroggs of Ulica Eisenhower 6-2, 6-1 before

falling to Ann Arbor Huron's top-seeded John Davis in the quarterfinal.

At three singles was Andrew Laskowski, who was seeded fourth in the state tournament. Laskowski beat Matt Barle of Port Huron Northern 6-4, 6-1 before falling to fellow fourth-seeded player David Midler of Flint Cann-Ainsworth High School 6-3, 6-1.

Jeff Korby and Connor Hogan took a loss in their first match as they fell to Joe Halso and Matt Marshall of Grosse Pointe South in a hard-fought 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2 match at four doubles. Jeff Wallen and Drew Doster, Novi's three doubles squad, fell to Adam Dryke and Joe Wilden of Ulica Eisenhower 6-4, 6-3. Richie Fetters and James Peurach were defeated at second doubles by Birmingham Brother Rice's Noel Castro and Jason Zatkoff 6-3, 6-2.

Taking on the best is never easy, but that's what one singles player Suraj Ramachandran is charged with doing each and every match. Ramachandran took a loss in the first round to Patrick Bruining of Grand Haven 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-4. At sec-

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Jim Hanson  
Novi Tennis Coach

ond singles, Prasanna Venugopal lost to Bryan Karazia of Brother Rice, a fourth-seed, 6-1, 6-0.

In the end, Novi collected six points to tie with Port Huron Northern, Holland West Ottawa

and Livonia Stevenson for ninth place. Brighton was 13th with four points.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the state title with 34 points, while Brother Rice took second with 25 and Ann Arbor Huron was third with 24.

Overall, Hanson said he thought the Wildcats did their jobs all year long.

"I thought we had a very successful season," he said. "I would say that we accomplished all of our goals. This was the first time we ever qualified for the states, and any time you qualify and finish in the top-10 at the state finals is a good showing."

The Novi squad will lose Laskowski at three singles, Lynch at one doubles, Wallen at three doubles and Hogan at four doubles. Robin Lin, who is also a senior, will be graduating as well.

"We are going to miss them," Hanson said. "Laskowski and Lynch have been on varsity for four years and all of them have been a big part of this program."

For Lynch, the loss in the state finals was his first loss of the year, leaving him with a 23-1

record after a line-up change halfway through the season found him paired with Kovacinski. Laskowski was 21-4 on the year, while Hogan finished 15-4 and Wallen was 14-7 on the season.

But, Hanson expects good things from next season's crew. "We have our one and two singles back, and that's a healthy situation," he said. "Steve is back at four singles, and we have James Peurach and Richie Fetters back at two doubles and Kovacinski back too. Drew Doster and Jeff Korby are also back at three and four doubles."

Overall, this was a good year for the Wildcats. They won the Kensington Valley Conference title for the second straight year, and qualified for the state finals for the first time in school history.

"As a coach," Hanson said, "I'm very proud of the way the kids performed this year."

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# Regionals, here they come

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It was a day of firsts for the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team under the guidance of Brian O'Leary.

Fighting their way through less-than-favorable weather conditions, the 'Cats managed to slip away with a nail-biting 1-0 win over the Northville Mustangs to earn the district championship.

The victory marked Novi's first-ever win over Northville in girls' soccer and their first-ever district crown with O'Leary as head coach.

"It was really exciting," Novi senior goalie Kellie Pfeiffer said. "I've played varsity for four years, and my first year in goal we lost to Northville 7-0. So, that's a lot different than now. It's just very exciting."

The victory marked Pfeiffer's ninth shut-out of the season with nine saves as she's managed to be a brick wall between the posts for the 'Cats this year.

The win came off the foot of Colene Brockman. With 20 minutes off the clock in the first half, Brockman managed to take the ball through the Northville defense and find the back of the net for the unassisted tally to put Novi up 1-0 and to ice the scoring for the game.

"She won a 50-50 ball and got past her defender before she fired a shot just under the crossbar and out of the reach of the Northville goalie," O'Leary said.

Northville quickly applied extra pressure in the second half in hopes of scoring a tying goal.

"I don't know if they changed their game plan at all, but they definitely came out stronger in the second half," stellar scorer Maureen Pawlak said. "Our defense had to hold strong and we managed to shut them down."

There were some close calls though. For example, as time was expiring in the game, Northville took a corner kick that almost found them scoring. A hard kick was stopped by Katie Ales as she dove and saved the ball with her foot before rising up and stopping a rebound shot as well.

"They had some corner kicks that gave them some great scoring chances," Pfeiffer said. "In the last minutes of the game, they really had their offense going strong. They can definitely make you worry because they are really good at finishing."

But, in the end, the defense held strong. Ales, Kelly McMann, Lisa Checchobelli and Kelly Hebert were just some of the names that O'Leary was quick to mention as anchors for the defense his squad has been able to bring this year.

Pawlak and Nikki Hermann, usually two of the more potent players

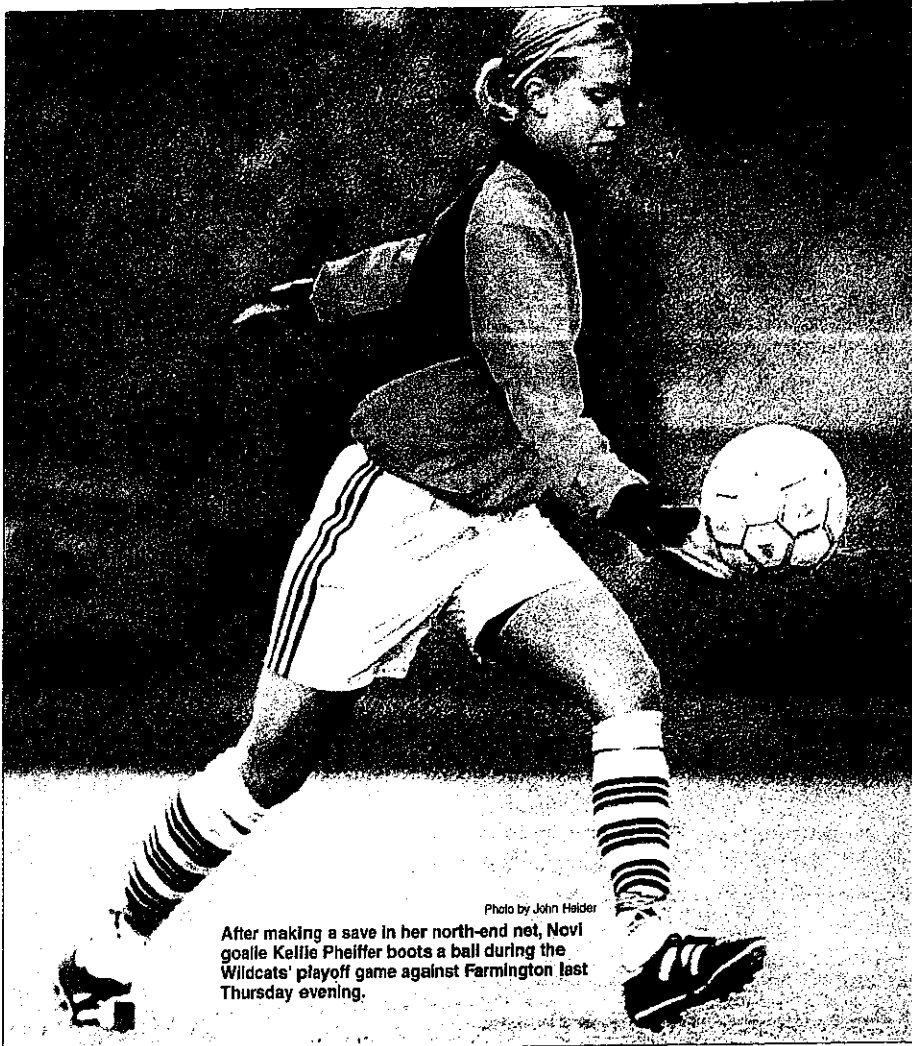


Photo by John Heider  
After making a save in her north-end net, Novi goalie Kellie Pfeiffer boots a ball during the Wildcats' playoff game against Farmington last Thursday evening.

for Novi, found themselves shut down throughout the contest.

"I sort of knew that it was going to happen," Pawlak said. "That Northville girl was completely shutting me down though. We knew that if they took away a couple of our players, our midfield would probably get by them. But, I have to say they definitely shut me down."

Even though O'Leary is the kind of coach that is quite capable of masking his emotions during a contest, Pfeiffer said she saw some happiness peek through.

"I saw his smile a little when he

got the trophy for the district," she said. "He doesn't react to things like a lot of coaches do, but I could tell he lightened up a little and was happy about that district win."

This is just the beginning of the playoffs for the Wildcats. Their next scheduled game was in Dearborn Wednesday (after the Novi News went to print) against a very tough Plymouth Canton squad.

"At this point, all of the games are going to be about the same," O'Leary said. "There aren't going to be any blowouts and neither team is going to be out of it. Most of them

will end with a one or two goal win. It's not going to be an easy road for any team. Any time you play six games in a row like our Northville game, it's not easy."

For the Wildcats, the capture of the Kensington Valley Conference title and now the District crown marked both of their goals from the beginning of the season. From this point on, is anything the squad accomplishes just icing on the cake?

"Of course, we'd love to win the

states," Pawlak said. "But, right now we're just going to take each game one at a time and hope to get as far as we possibly can."

## Novi 2, Farmington 0

In Novi's first game of the district tournament, after drawing a bye in the first round, the 'Cats were able to slide away with another shut-out victory.

"Everyone did their jobs as we

## WHAT'S LUCK GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Like any good sports fan and coach, Novi soccer coach Brian O'Leary knows there's something more than just talent involved in winning.

"You have to have luck to make it to the state finals," he said. "You can have the best offense and defense in the state, but if you don't have a little luck, you're not going to win in some of these situations."

Does that mean that luck had been with Novi all year long?

"I've actually felt that luck hasn't been on our side," O'Leary said, no doubt thinking of incidents like Maureen Pawlak's red card against Brighton. "But, at this point in the season, you need a little bit of luck in there. We beat Farmington and Northville, but we have to win six games like that if we want to win a state championship. You can't do that on skill alone."

But luck has come around in the post season for Novi, rearing its head and helping along two victories.

"So far in the state tournament, luck's been good to us," O'Leary noted. "The other teams had their chances, but we've finished just enough to win."

Well, if luck didn't want to wear green and white and cheer Novi to victory in the regular season, does that mean it will hopefully stick with the 'Cats through the playoffs?

"That's the way I like to think about it," O'Leary added. "That would be nice."

scored a goal in each half," O'Leary said. "It was an overall good game for the entire team."

Pawlak scored the first goal of the game on a nice flick pass from Kirsiti Timar before Timar assisted on the second goal by breaking through the midfield and drawing a defender out of position before laying the ball off to Hermann for the score.

Pfeiffer made seven saves with O'Leary noting that two of them were "outstanding."



Photo courtesy Barbara Herbst

2003 Novi Wildcats girls soccer District Championship team: Front row: L to R - Colene Brockman, Maureen Pawlak, Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer, Kelly McMann, Amanda Church. Second row: Nicole Barndt, Kim Herbst, Kelly Hebert, Danielle Fennelly Third Row: Katie Walker, Kellie Walker, Nicole Hermann, Jaimie Harden, Kerri Timar, Sarah Schmitt, Kristi Timar, Chelsea Atiyeh, Shae Reichley Back Row: Coach Brian O'Leary, Lauren Marchioni, Lisa Checchobelli, Julie Johnston.

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# Northville brings Wildcats' season to a close in district finals game

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't the final showing the Novli Wildcats were expecting to have this season, especially to their cross-town rivals.



The Wildcats, under the guidance of Rick Green, left the sting of a season-ending loss as they fell to the Northville Mustangs in the District title game 7-5.

The Wildcats, down 7-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh, opened up their offense and found themselves swinging for the fences. A three-run homer had the squad nipping at Northville's heels in hopes of turning the tide, but a change in pitching ended the run for the Cats.

In the title game of the contest, the Mustangs turned to junior hurler Mark Sorenson and showcased his arm in hopes of edging the Novli Wildcats—and edge them they did.

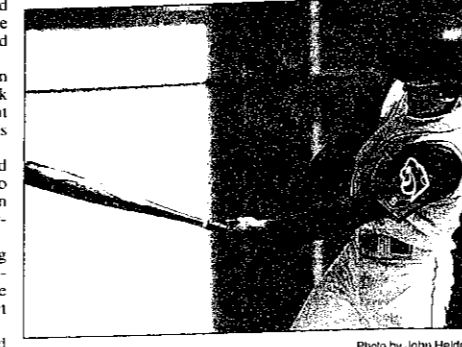
After leading 7-2 going into the bottom of the seventh, the Wildcats found themselves cranking out a three-run homer to cut the lead to 7-5 before earning another base hit. With two outs against the 'Cats and another runner on, Northville coach Mickey Newman visited the mound.

"After that, I brought in Brian Tellish," Newman said. "Mark did a good job, but I brought Brian in to get that last out. He's got some good stuff."

Tellish walked a batter and another slapped a base hit to load the bases and put runners in position to tie the game or perhaps even win it.

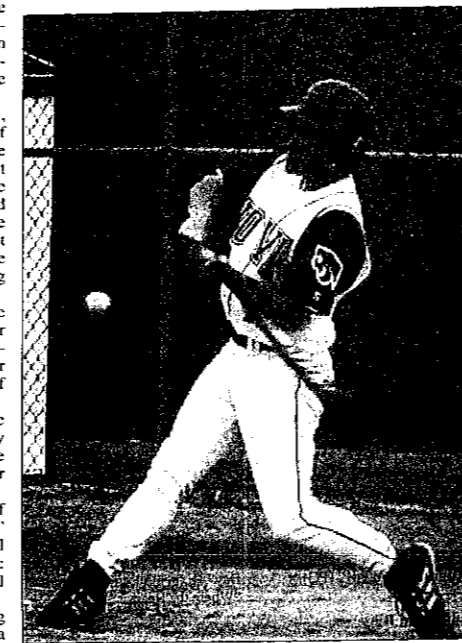
"We played really good defense behind Sorenson and Tellish," Newman said. "Tyler Carter had a great game at second, and Brendan Buckley was outstanding at short stop."

The Mustangs had jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning after Buckley and Steve Beck got on base before sophomore Matt Williams cranked in a run. Carter was next up, hitting base hit to score two more runners.



Wildcat Kevin Cislo takes a cut in a home game against Pinckney in late May.

Alex Richard, who has been Mr. Consistency as of late for Northville, went 2-for-4.



Novi's Adam Brandau takes a swing in a game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's earlier this year.

Novi coach Rick Green was unavailable for comment at the time the Novi News went to print.

# ENTERTAINMENT

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# 'Finding Nemo' has a great message for all

By Sam Eggleston  
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Sometimes, you just want to hold your breath when you're watching this movie.

Following in the steps of pioneers "Toy Story," "Monsters, Inc.," and "Toy Story 2," "Finding Nemo" is the latest and possibly greatest release from Pixar and Disney.

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With a protective determination that is on the edge of obsession, Marlin doesn't want anything to happen to his son.

And, of course, that ends up being the straw that broke the camel's back. Nemo is (fish-napped) and Marlin forgets all deep blue sea to rescue his son.

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memory loss, and eventually runs into sharks, a sunken submarine, a pesky angler fish and even a friendly group of sea turtles.

Nemo finds himself in good company too, but his is far from in the great depths of the ocean.

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## SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner  
THE MOVIE INSIDER

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Mary Davis

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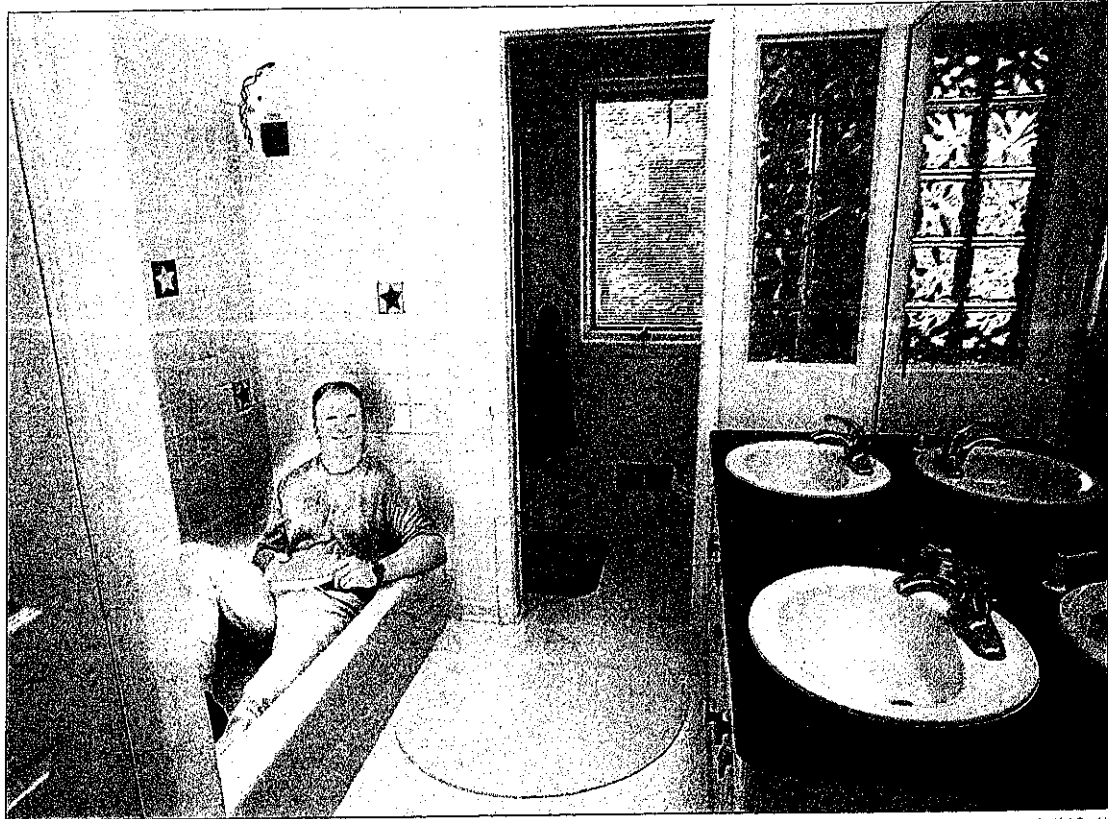
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Jim Faydenko and the bright colors of a child's bathroom.

## Remodeling adds value to existing homes

By Elizabeth Heer

Savvy homeowners know the value of maintaining their investment. Homes are one of the best investments in today's market, and keeping it up-to-date and in good repair is just plain smart.

Remodeling is one of the few services that actually yields some kind of return — value added to the home, according to Remodeling magazine. How much of a return depends on location, costs of materials, the value of similar homes in the neighborhood, and the quality of the remodeler's design and construction.

What Jim Faydenko of Remodeling Remedies hopes homeowners realize is that remodeling dollars are a home investment that you not only profit from but also enjoy. From the standpoint of resale, bath-

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Bath remodels, however, can not only turn a worn-out room into a sanctuary but add to the resale value of the average home.

"You can spend maybe \$11,000 on a bathroom remodel, adding \$8,360 to the price of the home and recoup 76 percent of the cost," said Faydenko.

However, he notes many people find so much satisfaction in the results of remodeling that they are not so eager to sell their home.

"It makes sense to invest in your home and then enjoy the finished work. Why live with all

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Faydenko points out that a kitchen remodel that costs between \$28,000 and \$32,000 to gut and replace can see a 59 percent return in value when it's

time to sell.

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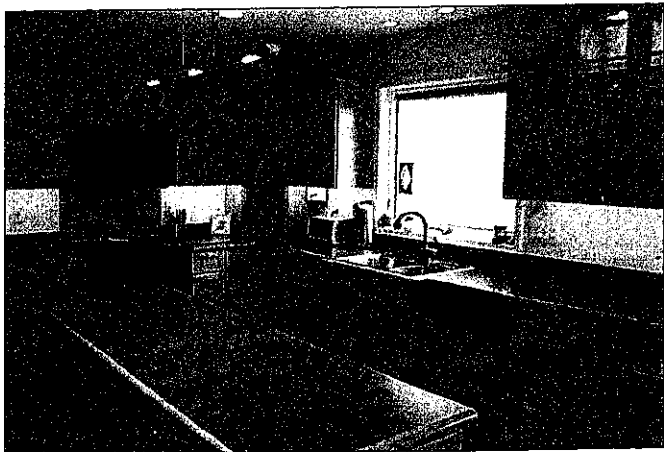
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