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Fate of schools on the The student pictured holding the trumpet at the Memorial Day ceremony in last week's edition should have been identified as

Lydia Katsamberis. Telcom, Credit Union and Lacrosse Training Centers should have been included in the list of sponsors in last week's article on the Kid's Fair.

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Congrats to the grads! The Novi News pays special tribute the Class of 2004, - B Section



Knocked out

Wildcat Steve Gawronski slides safely into second base to beat a tag from Salem's Dave Cardenas, but it was the kind of ending that no one in Novi and much of the high school baseball community could have ever expected. David, once again, beat Goliath. - 2AA

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ENDORSEMENTS

Who we like

With five candidates vying for just, two seats on the Novi School Board, who are you going to voits for? We'll tell you who we'd pick, and where we stand on the two millage propos-als. Four neares of coverage als. Four pages of coverage - 14-17A

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Two millage rewnewals, one new millage on June 14 ballot

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Voters will be asked to approve two millage proposals to help the Novi Community School District combat a \$4.3 million deficit.

The first proposal is actually a enewal of two millages that were

initiated 10 years ago. But administrators in the district aren't very happy about the

off!

\$1,000

students to

purchase a

defibrillator

that made it fun and enjoyable for mostly all the graduates and their families who filled the arena.

As attendees arrived, they were

greeted by pre-graduation music before "Pomp and Circumstance" was played. Proud families were

then asked to sing along as the band played "America the Beautiful," then they listened intently as Class Vice President Ashlea Suries, President Anna

Switzer, Treasurer Elaine Williams and graduating seniors Alison Sansom and Elizabeth

Song all took turns presenting pro-

fessional-sounding speeches that one normally wouldn't expect of high school seniors. Williams even presented a

Williams even presented a check of \$1,000 to Novi High for

the purchase of a defibrillator for the brand new wing of the school, The money was raised by the 2004

class council.

By Ramez Khuri

ording that describes the second millage proposal voters will see on the June 14 ballot:

"Millage proposal to provide ear-marked lunds to operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds." According to Nancy Davis, Novi assistant superintendent of instructional services, it doesn't

mean what it sounds like. If the millage goes through, money generated from it, approxi-mately \$1.9 million, will not be used to build playgrounds. It will be used for operating expenses, educational programs and services. Then why is it called the recre-

ation and playground millage? "It's because the law, which is out of the tax code, says very clearly that we have to call it the

recreation and playground mill-age. It generates money that we are going to use for operating expenses and educational proexpenses and educational pro-grams and services, which then replaces the funding that we already spend on things like play-grounds, overhead lights, heating buildings at night and so on." Bob Schram, executive director of administrative services, said it's very critical that voters under-tend when this millione, and also

stand what this millage - and also the two millage renewals - mean to the district. He hopes that everyone who votes on June 14 knows all the facts and is able to make an educated decision.

"This money is so that we don't have to layoff a Spanish teacher; we don't have to layoff a coun-



For more information on the millages and school board candidates. please turn to page 10A.

selor at the high school; we don't have to eliminate a part-time sec-retary at every elementary school; and so on and so forth," Schram said. "All of that doesn't have to

happen if we can divert money from the recreational millage to pay for those things." "The board came up with a great plan." Schraun added. "They said we're going to cut certain things no matter what to tighten as much as we can. Anything bwared their is as investigat to beyond that is so important to everyone in this community. Some of that we're going to take out of our fund equity and for the rest of it, we want to give the community an opportunity to vote on this issue."

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Parental rights stripped

Father of murdered 2-year-old won't take stand

By Pam Fleming AFF WRITER

John Shawley of Novi, father of the late Anne Marie Shawley, the 2year-old murdered by her stephooth-er, Nikole Frederick, lost his parental rights to his other two chil-dren Monday, Frederick, Shawley's second

wife, is currently incarcerated at Scott Correctional Facility in Northville, serving a life sentence for the murder of Anne Marie

Shawley. The murder, which included severe abuse to the toddler, occurred Labor Day Weekend 2003 at the Shawley's home at Old Durch Darms archite home and ha Mari Farms mobile home park in Novi. The girl had severe head trauma, cigarette and heating yent burns, cig-



tape wrapped around her head, plus areas where the hair had been ripped from the roots when the tape was removed.

Shawley A best inter-est hearing took place June 7 in front of Judge

Elizabeth Pezzetti, Oakland County

Circuit Court Family Division. A best interest hearing is scheduled to determine what is in the best interests of the children. In this case, the hearing was to specifically deter-mine whether John Shawley should be involved any further in the lives of his 5-year-old daughter, Linda, and 26-month-old son. Jonathon

"At this hearing, Shawley could have taken the opportunity to introduce witnesses and evidence to the court in support of his claim that he should still be involved in his children's lives," said Det, Victor Lauria of the Novi Police Department.



Novi High School graduate of the class of 2004 Kerry Kreutzberg, right, and others, listen to a commencement speaker during last Saturday's exercises at Compuware Arena. See section B for full graduation coverage.

they wanted more of them.

they wanted more of them." Then the moment the class of 2004 was waiting for happened. Novi High Principal John Lawrence presented the class to District Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe and he started to give the diplomas out. A total of 446 students were called up to the stage one ho me in alphabetical stage one by one in alphabetical order, each hearing a round of applause, cheers and sometimes even air homs from the audience. Williams, who is planning on attending Michigan State University's pre-medical program,

thought if was quite interesting. "I've been to graduation before, but it was quite different to be the one stepping on stage and receiv-ing a diploma," a relieved Williams said. "It was very excita relieved

ing to see all the people I know walk across the stage." She described the day leading up to the ceremony as "pretty nerve wrecking." "I'd say that most of the day f

was actually pretty grompy, just preparing for my speech," Williams said. "I must have gone

Their behavior was outstanding right up to the point where they walked out of the arena. Hats off to the class of 2004."

Novi High School principal

expected," Lawrence said, "One of my colleagues told me the other day that I need to have fun and I was struck by that. I hadn't really thought about having fun until then. When I saw all the students coming off the stage after they

John Lawrence

that there is always a place for them at Novi High School as our

Lawrence explained that he had been preparing for this night all

ver long. "From the time I was appointed principal of the high school I began thinking about how I can the thick dear meanwhile to the regan turnking about how I can make this day menorable to the students," he said. "I have a fantas-tic staff, the administrative team is next to none and everybody pitch-es in and rolls up their sleeves to get the job done. I was very pleased."

Lawrence did have one regret about the evening that he described as unfortunate. A malfunction in the sound system made graduating senior Lauren graduating senior Lauren Carosio's name not audible when it was read,

Other than that. Lawrence enjoyed the evening very much. "We work very hard to create a

dignified ceremony and our stu-dents were, as always exemplary." said Lawrence. "Their behavior was outstauding right up to the point where they walked out of the arena. Hats off to the class of





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class council. "Every year the class council gives a gift to the school. We talked to some of the administra-tors of the high school and they said that the school was interested in defibrillators." Williams said after the ceremony. "The school after the ceremony. 'The school has one right now. During my speech I mentioned that there was a girl who died in another district and it was kind of a scare for a lot of us. With the school expanding,

After the last student had been called, Class Secretary Samhitha Muralidhar addressed the crowd and her fellow graduates before the night ended. The ceremony was more than I

faces, 1 knew they were having fun. That's what the whole evening was about. You only graduate from high school once and so this is something that we want to make most memorable and certainly to make our graduates feel

received their high school diplo

mas, and to see the smiles on their

2004."

mez Khuri is a staff writer Ra for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at 110 or by e-mail rkluri@ht.homecomm.net.

"He brought a five-page letter into out and wanted to introduce that to court and w

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No left turns at Grand River/Novi intersection

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) announced that all left turns at the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road intersection in Novi will be prohibited beginning sometime next week

The left-turn prohibition is necessary as part of the ongoing reconstruction and widening of

the intersection (the lanes are being widened at the intersection, but no additional lanes are being added). Once initiated, the leftturn prohibition will be in effect for the duration of the inters ection project, which is expected to be completed in November. As an alternative to left turns at

the Grand River/Novi intersec-

tion motorists can use Flint Street, Main Street/Market Street and Town Center Drive/Crescent Blvd. to maneuver around the intersection. These routes will be posted on detour signs at the

Beginning in mid-to-late July, Grand River will be completely closed immediately west of Novi

Road as part of this project so that a culvert under the road can be replaced. Also, there is a chance that the

CSX railroad company will close Novi Road at the railroad crossing south of Grand River beginning on June 14. This closure, so that the railroad crossing can be reconstructed, is expected to fast

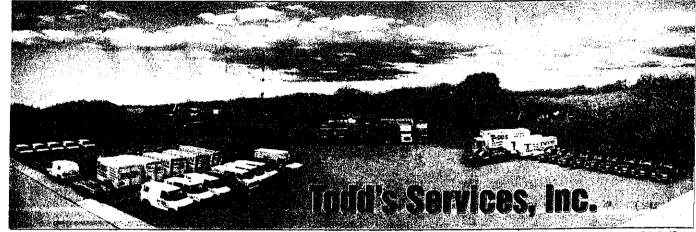
two to four days. If the closure proceeds, the detour route will be 10 Mile, Meadowbrook and Grand River. The Grand River/Novi project

cost is approximately \$2 million, The contractor doing the work is the Six-S Inc. company based in Waterford Townsip.



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scapes in just a short time, typically have worked, planned, managed and persisted, growing TSI into the largest landscaping company in Southeastern Michigan. GROWINGCCT HUMININ BABWING ...

This company that once only mowed lawns, now landscapes entire subdivisions and business complexes. At that time they couldn't even dream about today's reality: sales in the many millions of dollars; their own office building; a fleet of trucks and equipment, including the world's largest Hydro-seeder (that TSI helped to design). What actions did Todd and Kurt take

to grow at such a rate? They aggres-sively expanded their advertising budget our suppliers on time, and they return the favor with good product, good by 400%. Over 1.8 million dollars were prices and good service. The volume of invested in more equipment. Personnel work keeps the stock fresh and we buy were added, the number of crews were in bulk, affording even greater pricing increased so that they would show up

GREAT PRODUCTS, GREAT PRICES industry standard and is thus able to attract qualified people who then stay with "We must provide great products at the best rate. We know that a lawn is not the company and do a great job." Todd just a lawn. If you buy from TSI then says. you end up with a great lawn, landscaping and a comfortable outdoor setting," FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED says Kurt proudly. TSI is equipped to install lawns, retaining walls, sprinkler TSI is a family business. Todd and Kurt handle the business, scheduling systems, trees, shrubs, ponds, custom and production. Sherry LaButte-Birk decks, brick patios, outdoor structures is the office manager; she keeps things hight lighting, scawalls of stone, steel

plexes, condominiums and apartment

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BEATING THE COMPETITION customer's ideas through to completion To expand in uncertain economic

times TSI introduced a new program. illustrated for the client's approval with The Meet or Beat program that promises TSI will meet or beat any competitor's price. "We're having a blast with this program and the customers are getting the best Company and best possible Jub efficiency results from excellent price," says Todd. "If we don't match a competitor's price we give the customer

Todd's Services, Inc. offers to match or beat any competitor's quote. If they can't. They W Madappo al \$50 gifteen factor for

divner - guaranteed. With nothing to lose, why wouldn't you call TSI?

3-days. TSI finishes 8 to 10 projects a \$50.00 gift certificate for dinner. daily and annually between 1,200 We've only given out three and two to 1,500 projects, "Sheer size of our of those customers came back to TSI company is an enormous benefit to all involved," Todd says proudly, "We pay because the job wasn't done right." Todd explained, "Our quality is impeccable. From the materials we use to the Turf Establishment Program where the customer receives four fertilization applications at no cost just because they chose TSI to install their lawn. It is one of our ways of giving back to the people who support us,

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TSI offers new home builders their services so that a new home can be sold complete, with quality landscaping cluded in the selling price. It's terrific for the builders because it gives the new development impressive curb appeal and it's great for the home buyer; a new home, fully landscaped, ready to enjoy, and the cost is built into their mortgage.

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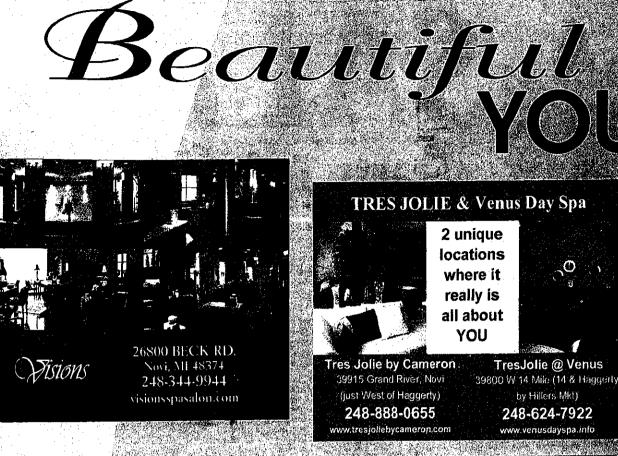
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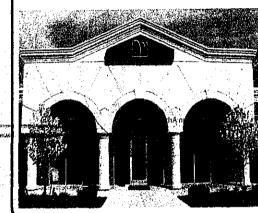
caping, installed but not paid for until the house sells. Todd and Kurt now of fer this concept to homeowners planning to sell their home but have expanded the service to include the entire home, inside and out. The best part is that it is one at no cost to the owner until the home sells.

The concept is fabulous and there is no other company in the country doing "." Todd says. "We help homeowners sell faster and for more money. We do ny work necessary so the home is in pristine shape for the sale. This includes itchens, mechanicals, plumbing, roofing, siding, decks, windows, appliances, carpet, paint, you name it, we can do it and even the landscaping if you would

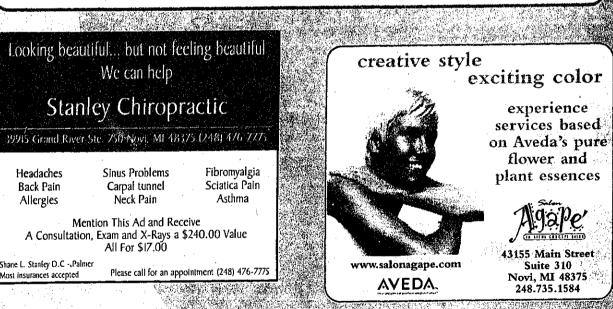
Our representatives handle the entire project, from estimating to scheduling the contractors," Kurt adds, "we get in and out in a timely fashion, it's virtually hassle free for the homeowner. Of course, you receive the same competitive prices and quality you've come to expect from Todd's Services. The best part is that the homeowner does not pay us until the home sells. Curb Appeal Sells s paid out of the closing proceeds



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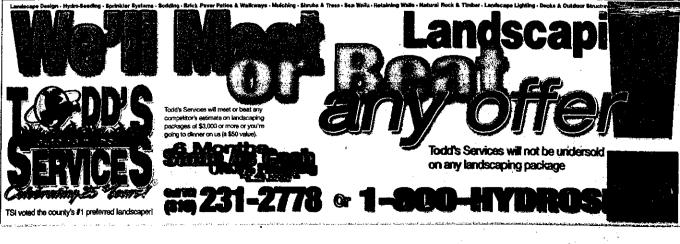


at the job site when promised. Persons were added to make quality control checks on jobs completed to ensure that the customer was satisfied. The com- mercial business has been expanded with an eye toward doing even more work for home builders, sub-division developers, industrial parks, retail com-	EXCELLENT EMPLOYEES "We know how to design landscapes and install them in a highly efficient manner. Our field staff is top notch; the supervisors, foremen and laborers have been relained for years. Our full time office staff if highly efficient and knowledgeable, they do such a great job	some as many as four times." Then Kurt adds, "A lot of good can come from a tough economy." To experience the TSI service first- hand, call them at 810-231-2778 or visit www.toddsservices.com. You won't be sorry you did.	This concept is involved, includ in the process o country. For more inforr at www.curbapt
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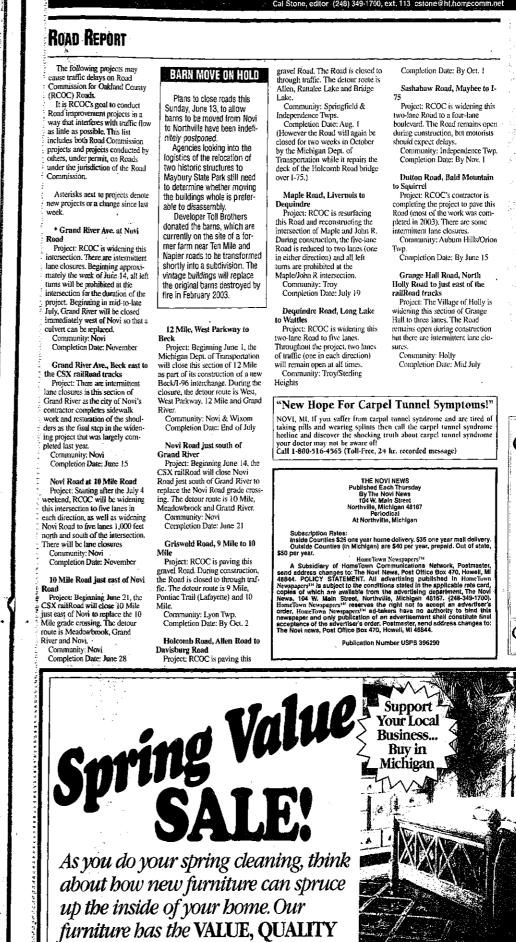
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The City of Novi and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have issued a mandatory boil water notice to all consumers south of I-96, except those south of Ten Mile Road, between Haggerty and Novi roads. A boil water notice means that it is recommended that you do not use water from your tap for drinking or cooking purposes unless it is boiled for five minutes. If the water is used for drink-ing more it chould be cooled in a scaled container.

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ing purposes it should be cooled in a scaled container. Total Coliforn Bacieria Analysis was to begin early yesterday (June 9), and this notice will remain in effect until results are in compliance with the EPA Drinking Water Standards. It is anticipated that this standard will be achieved within 24 hours. A boil water termination notice will be issued at that time. This notice is necessary because of a water main break at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue that was the result of utility con-

tract work associated with road construction. The Department of Public Works initiated repair procedures a night on June 9, which were completed an hour later at 1 a.m. A total loss of pressure, which was necessary to complete repairs,

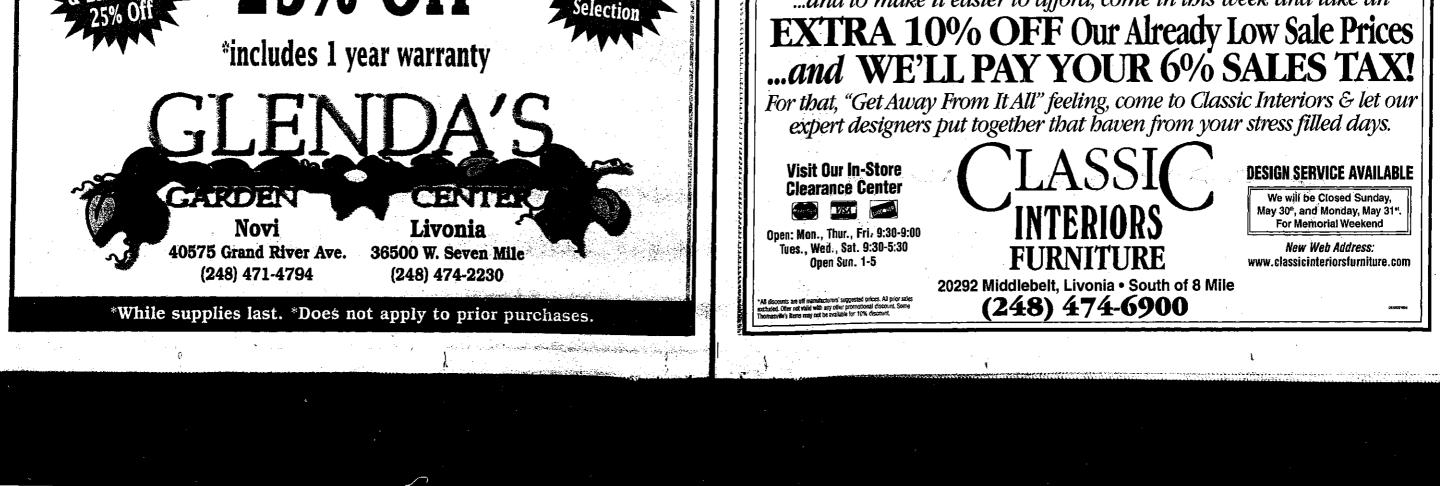
occurred from 12:33 to 1 a.m. This boil water notice is a precauti mended by the MDEQ.

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Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens West Twelve Mile and Novi Road





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· Eric Douglas Dagas

over \$200 less than \$1000;

vehicle/less than \$200.

Extortion: sentence

offense

Breaking and Entering/schicle/steal property

attempted breaking and entering a

• Alan Gunner Lindbloom --

enhancement/fourth or subsequent

Operating under the influence o

liquot/per se/third offense felony

driving while license suspendee

sentence enhancement/second

These are the cases scheduled

court as evidence. However he's not allowed to do that unless the prosecutor allows the court to review the letter or he were to take the stand and introduce it under direct examination and crossexamination." Lauria explained. "He wanted to tell his side of the story without being cross-examined," Lauria said, "That is not allowable,"

Lauria said that after lengthy discussions with his family and attorney, Shawley decided not to present any witnesses or evidence on his behalf.

Lauria noted that Shawley is more than \$8,000 behind on child support payments. The judge ruled that his

parental rights to the remaining children should be terminated immediately. Shawley is the father of 26-month-old Jonathon and 5-year-

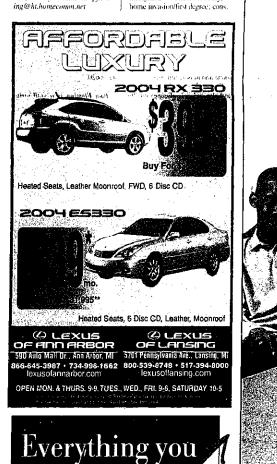
old Linda. Racanna Schmidt of Emmett Mich., in St. Clair County, is

Linda's mother, Convicted murderer Nikole Frederick is Jonathon's mother. Jonathon is still living with John Shawley's father, whose

name is also John Shawley, and his wife, Brenda, in Redford, Linda is living with her mother and new husband, Scott Schmidt,

in Emmeu. Lauria sold that if Shawley's father and wife want to maintain custody of Jonathon, they can either act as foster parents or file adoption papers with the court.

for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 18, 2004: Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be Terry Achinialynn Stringfield reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. (a.k.a. Terry Achiniatynn, Gleeson 105, or by c-mail at plem-ing@ht.homecomm.net Stringfield) --- Armed robberg;



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SLÔOC for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 20, 2004: • Ronald Richard Sicard — Attempt larceny/motor vehicle. · Tanmie Sue Whitmore -Embezzlement over \$1,000 but under \$20,000. These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 21, 2004; • Marchelle Nicole Burks — Four counts of uttering and pub- Iishing
 Michael Wayne Brown — Carrying a concealed weapon;

offense notice; sentence enhance Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than 50 grams.

under \$20,000; two counts break-These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland Count Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 24, 2004: ing and entering a vehicle to steal perty over \$200 but under • Michael Terry Gore — Operating under the influence of These are the cases scheduled iquor/per se, third offense felony; driving while license suspended, second or subsequent offense; unlawful use of license plate. · Duane Curtis Tarket Second degree criminal sexual conduct (under age 13).
 Andrea Marie Burdick — Obtaining controlled substance by fraud; possession of controlled · Robert Scott Musser -

driving while license suspended, second or subsequent offense; and operating under the influence of alcohol/per se, second offense. Daniel Louis Soos — Felony assault: domestic violence, third offense notice • Byron Lamont Turner (a.k.a. Bryon Lamont Turner) - Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense. • Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance, delivery/manufacture (narcotic) under 25 grams; sentence

for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1' District Court for May 26, 2004: • Larry Napale Phillips — Three counts of financial transact substance under 25 grams.
 Alan Gunner Lindbloom – tion device; larceny of over \$200 bat under \$1,000. • Theodore Edward Arocha – Delivery/manufacture of marijua na: possession of controlled sub Felony assault; aggravated assault; stance under 25 grams; sentence enhancement second offense. assault and battery; trespass; sentence enhancement/fourth or sub Operating under the influence of sequent offense. • Jason Eugene Thompson ---liquor/per se, third offense felony Fleeing/cluding, third degree; malicious destruction over \$200 driving while license suspended; sentence enhancement/second hut under \$1.000. Scan Jeremy McCormack – These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland Count Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 25, 2004: Brian Matthew Boisvert — Embezzlement over \$1,000 but under \$20.000

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Three counts of criminal sexual

conduct first degree; Home inva-

Possession of controlled substance

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Tindall has worked as a full-time

before. When he was on the cit-

charter to prevent it. It was one o

the few times that the charter ha been amended," Tindall said.

ning against him, and someone clse is already running as the Democratic candidate in the 8th

Tindall said that since he won'

be conducting his own campaign he will instead assist othe

he will instead assist othe. Democrats in the area in their

races, including John Kerry's bid

"I'm also on the ballot for precinct delegate for Precinct 10 in Novi," Tindall said.

In the meantime, Crawford car

"It makes life easier for him.

Commission," he said.

for the White House

"I was looking forward to run

Crawford may run unopposed

 Novi resident disqualified
 Ellen Davis Halsey, director of clections, Oakland County. The director noted that the said.
 Novi resident boundaries for the two commission districts changed based on the 2000 Census. "The November 2004 after filing for wrong district election will be the second election in which the new houndaries have een in effect," Halsey said.

been in effect," Halsey said, "It was a mistake, but not the first time this has happened," Halsey said, "People have been dis-qualified for different reasons." She noted that filers who make who a mixed here this \$100 fil. By Pam Fleming TAFF WRITER Hugh D. Crawford of Novi

Republican candidate for Oakland County Commissioner for the 9th such a mistake lose their \$100 filing fee. "It's nonrefundable," Hakey said. The county mailed Tindall a letter May 17 informing Commission, will be running unopposed in the November ele due to a filing mix-up with a vould-be opponent. Chuck Tindall of Novi filed last him of the error. Tindall could still have been a

write-in candidate for the 8th Commission but said he doesn't month as the want to run in that district. "No, 1 don't plan to do that, I actually was kind of solicited to run in the 9th Commission by some members of the Oakland County Terlen Democratic Party. It sounded like a

good idea. I was already sure that Crawford was running unopposed, and I don't think anyone should run Precinct 10, C. Tindall part of the 8th unopposed. It was an automatic assumption on my part that I was in the 9th Commission," he said. "When he filed his affidavit of Tindall hasn't ruled out running stop worrying about how he's as a candidate for a future political going to fund his campaign. ntity, he said that he lived in the 9th Commission, which is Hugh awford's district. But he lives in office, however. the 8th Commission," according to "My interests lean more toward Halsey said.

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Novi Public welcome to attend the meeting. which will be broadcast live or cable channel 13. **Discover New Trails** 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 Brochures describing the 2004 Summer Reading Program, "Discover New Trails @ Your Sunday during the summer. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Library," are now available at the library, Sign-up for the program. which is for children in the 4th Road, just east of Taft Road. Call (248) 349-0720. grade and below, begins Monday, June 21. oard Meeting Get Lost @ Your Library The Novi Library Board of tors meets Wed

Kids going into the 5th grade esday, June 16, at 7 p.m. in the City Council and beyond are invited to sign Chambers at the Novi Civic for "Get Lost @ Your Library We'll feature awesome program enter, Community members are

Abracadabra! Jasen Magic, one of Michigan's favorite magicians, appears at the library Wednesday, June 23. †There will be a 1 p.m. show for children age four and up, and a 7 p.m. show for children of all ages. No registration is required for the 40-minute programs.

and prizes throughout the summer.

Sign-up begins June 21.

Magic Show

Drop-In Story Time Story time for children ages four to seven will be held Thursday, July 24. The 30-minute session begins at 11 a.m. No regis-tration is necessary. ture and graphic design, but switched midstream to illustration,"



hoto by Parn Fleming Richard leaman will leature his work at a eception from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Meadowbroo Art Center in Novi. The ecent araduate of the College for Creative Studies specializes in painting portraits, andscapes

Artist plans one-man show

His work with landscapes has taken him to Maybury State Park, Kensington Metropark, Hines Park and Island Lake. He said be enjoys painting local areas because he has a connection to them, and he added that workhe can also relate to att he said. "It gave me the opportunity for more representational work," Seamaa said he became more College for Creative interested in realism, such as por-traits, landscapes and still-lifes. He said he is especially drawn to the work of 19th century American wirth Universe. Studies grad focuses on new that people can also relate to art work depicting scenes from the artists, like Whistler, realism "I would describe Richard's area.' work as the new realism," said Trish Presnal, gallery director at Meadowbrook Art Center, His work The artist noted that the Detroit area is an excellent place to find By Pam Fleming material. "Detroit brings so much diversity is also on display at other galleries STAFF WRITER as far as urban and suburban sub-jects," Seaman said. "I would like to thank the area. His art includes works in color Northville artist Richard Seaman, a 1997 graduate of Novi and black and white. Oils is High School and former resident of Seaman's medium of choice, Meadowbrook Art Center's owner, Novi, invites the public to a recep-tion highlighting his work from 6 to although he does work with water-colors as well. With his career in art just starting, Seaman is looking for jobs. He said Bob Pfeffer, and gallery director, Trish Presnal, for showing an inter-est in my work and allowing me to 9 p.m. Saturday at Meadowbrook exhibit my paintings," he added. Those who would like more Art Center. he's going to try to focus on por-traits and he's looking for commis-The center is located at 41200 Ten Mile Road on the north side of the street just east of Meadowbrook nformation about Seaman's work can visit his Web sioned work. sioned work. "I enjoy painting all different ages and types of people," Seaman said. "I place an emphasis on more formal portraits. My goal is to cap-ture hole to literate and on input. www.undermybrush.com, e-mail Those who attend this special him at richard@undermybrush.com 'Meet the Artist" reception will be or call him at (248) 207-5459. "I'm also open to the idea of net-working with other area artists," able to view and purchase any of ture both a likeness and an inner Seaman's works on display in the center's gallery. Light refreshments will also be character," he said. "I also look at Seaman said. each work as a decorative piece as well. I would call them more situa-tional portraits. The subjects are For more information about the served. This will be Seaman's first reception Saturday, call Meadowbrook Art Center at (248) individual show. A 2004 graduate of the College alone and in isolation, too 477-6620. for Creative Studies in downtown Detroit, Seaman focused on illus-Seamaa has a studio in his home and also paints landscapes on-site, known as plein-air. "This gives you the feeling of Pam Fleming is a staff write tration during his college career. "I started out studying architec-

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for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. being there. You can capture the morrient," he said.

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Three tool firms merge

Three Demoit-area tool manu facturing companies recently annoanced their merger and new company name, Silver Hawk Precision, headquartered in Wixon. The three companies which

omprise the new entity are: Carb appetite for further consumption. R-All and PCD of America, both of Wixom, and Dia-Tool Corporation of Farmington Hills. Wellness programs encouraged The merger happened in late 2003, but the company is just now announcing its new name. The new entity, with private equity backing, has combined manufac-A recent study conducted by St. John Health has found that 76 percent of survey respondents feel it is an employer's responsibility turing capacity to more than douto promote wellness and healthy ble its present volume. Silver Hawk Precision is a spe-cialty tooling manufacturer which living practices to its employees However, only 47 percent of the companies/organizations su services automotive and otherveyed have a formal employee

The projected growth in house

hold spending is based on the

wellness promotion strategy in

manufacturing customers. The company currently oper-ates business out of its corporate office and manufacturing facility located at 46969 West Road in Wixon

Apple offers summer camp

Apple will offer a free summe camp for children at its 77 U.S. retail stores, including the Apple Store Twelve Oaks in Novi, from July 13 through Aug. 5. Parents can get more info and sign their children up at sww.apple.com/retail/camp Space is limited to 100 kids at the Apple Store in Novi. Apple Camp s geared toward children ages 8

Michigan economy lags

through 12.

The Michigan Business Activity Index, compiled by Comerica Bank, lost 2 points in April, to close at 111. A year car-lier the index stored at 108. "Year-to-date through April, Michigan's economy is running 2.5 percent ahead of 2003," said David Littmann, chief economist at Conterica Bank.

Consumer satisfaction up The American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) is pro-

from the first quarter of 200 The ACSI increased to 74.4 on

Hot wheels available at Hotel Baronette Auto leasing

the index's 100-point scale in the firm says Novi first quarter of 2004 as compared to 74.0 in the fourth quarter of location strong 2003, according to a recent report By Pam Fleming improvement in customer satisfac-tion, which historically fuels

If you've always imagined yourself sitting behind the wheel of a classic, exotic or luxury car, but it's not in the budget, check out Classic Auto Rentals at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. The Birmingham-based compa-ny just opened a desk in the hotel lobby about four months ago. With the slogan, "Renting the classics of yesterday loday," the business rents vehicles for a weekend or up to 30 days.

ace. The study found companies with welfaess programs mostly focus on keeping healthy food options in cafeterias and vending machines: offering seminars on stress management and smoking

cessation; and offering discounted memberships to gyms and health and a few other locations. High cost could cause cuts Three-of-four southeast Michigan business leaders say that the cost of health insurance is 1960s and early 1970s. causing them to consider enting health benefits for their employ-

ces, according to an independent survey conducted by the public affairs arm of John Bailey & Associates Public Relation Mongolian adds seafood

It's easy to leave the red meat "Within about the last six which addut the fast six months, we've started to get into-what we call exotic and havary vehicles, including the C5 Corvette, the Porsche Boxster, aguar XK8, the Ford hunderbird, Mercedes, Prowiers, Mussels have been added to a unalley of scalood selections that include shrimp, scallops, calaniari, grouper and haliba. The expand-

he said. Prices on rentals range from \$99 a day to \$349 a day, "On extended rentals, which is two Compiled by Pain Fleming



Photo by Pam Fleming From left: Hans Baren, Larry Zahra and Gerry Vendittelli of Classic Auto Rentals show off a 1965 Mustang and 2000 Corvette C5 outside the Hotel Baronnette in Novi. The firm recently opened a location inside the hotel where guests or the public can rent classic, exotic and luxury vehicles.

"We have a beautiful 1964

Cadillac DeVille that is really popular, plus several other special occasion vehicles," Vendittefli

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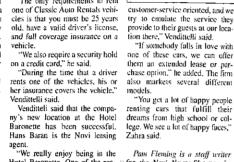
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contex ar in Front Fabricated general manager, "Most of our down substantially," Vendittelli classic cars are in Birmingham said. The company attracts a lot of down substantially," Venditelli said. wedding who want to ride to the All vehicles are allowed 100

"We have everything from a miles per day. After that, the cost limousine, "We have hummer," Wenditelli said. "Our specialty is vehicles from the receive a 20-percent discount." The company also offers a Jue Roebuck and Larry Zahra. Summer Fun Lease in which drivhigh school buddies at St. Cecilia in Detroit who have known each ers can lease a vehicle from 31 days up to seven months. "It's a good-weather lease. You can other since 1960, started the busigono-weather lease, exoti con luxury vehicle for the summer and fall. When the snow starts to fly, you can hand us back the keys and lease a model more suitable for ness several years ago. "This business was Joe's brain-child. He's a car guy from way back. Eve been with the company for about a year." Vendittelli said. winter," Vendittelli explained. He said customers have told them renting one of the firm's

vehicles is a great experience. "We have a 1971 Corvette, One woman rented it for her husband for the weekend for his 50th birth-Crussfire, the H2 Hummer and the Cadillac Escalade. "We also have BMWs and other models. We have well over by chick bin our fleet right now." by solution of the car, the brought it back Monday morning and was of other models. We have well over by chick bin in the day off so they could the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of other the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of other the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of other the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning and was of the car. He brought it back Monday morning morning and was of the car. He back Monday morning morn

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Novi resident biking cross country for cancer

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where we keep our sleeping bags Mahadevan said.

"Along the way, we stay at tion once we reach San Francisco.

"We're planning a big celebra-

and duffel bags," she said

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said. "We eat, shower and fall asleep fund-raisers. by 10 or 11, and we're up by 6 a.m.," she noted. Mahadevan is one of six leaders of the trip. "I'm organizing the trip from Baltinore to Kansas City, Missouri," she said. Three riders are responsible for a third of the Mahadevan said.

country. Two serve as directors and a manager handles money and a manager hardres horey and paperwork. "Yesterday was probably our most event-filled day. I had a little 105. accident, so I spent most of the day in the ER. Someone else fell, and I was right behind them, and my bike flipped over theirs. I hit the

ground with my face, so that's a lit-tle painful. But I didn't break any thing, and it could have been a lot Mahadevan said worse," I "We walkie-talkies, have because a lot of times we're out of cell phone service."

She noted that the cyclists not allowed to go on interstates, but they can travel on n nor highways "I'm a runner, so this is new to

me," she said. The daughter of Mahadevan Subramonian and Mythily Mahadevan of Novi, the Novi resi dent said this isn't the first time she's been involved with ACS "I organized our Relay for Life event on campus this year and last year. This is a way to meet people who've been touched by cancer,"

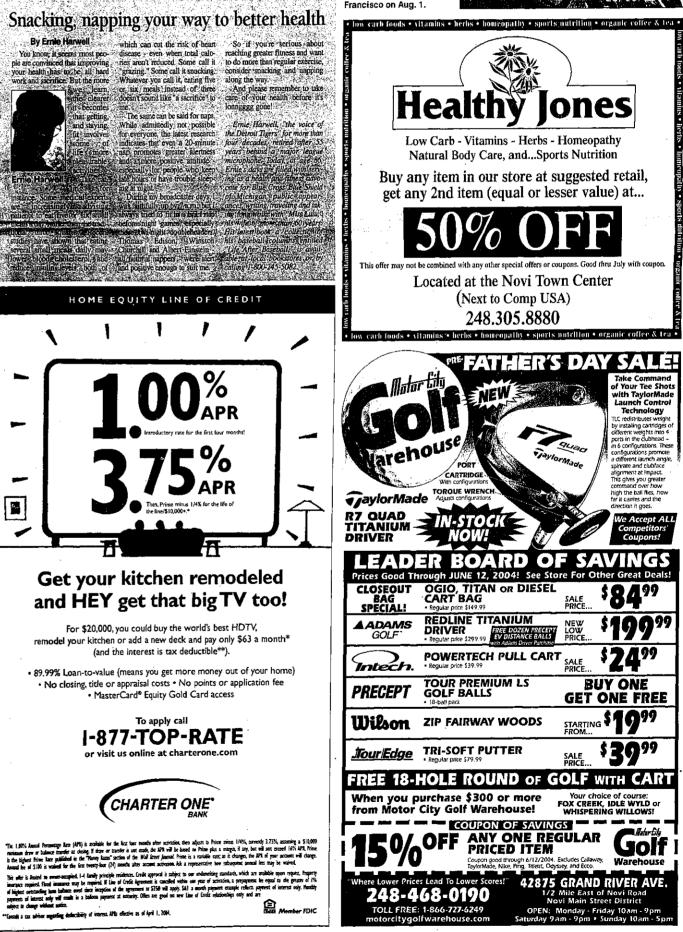
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Photo by Mabadevan Subramoni Vidva Mahadevan, right, of Novi, and a fellow bike dipped their bicycles in the Atlantic Ocean May 26 in Baltimore Harbor at the beginning of the Hopkins 4K for Cancer fund-raiser Mahadevan is one of 27 college students biking

across the country to raise \$60,000 for the American Cancer Society. They should reach San



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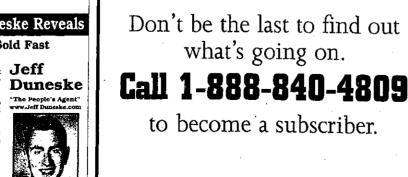
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ELECTION SPECIAL

High school busing could be cut

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Once again, evidence of negative effects on the Novi Community School District will show up if two millage renewals and one new mill-age don't pass on June 14. This time it's the transportation department that will be affected because according to Transportation Director Dan Tooman, there will be no high school busing, no late bussing and field trips would have to D. Tooman

be paid for by external fees. In theory, those three areas will ultimately hurt students attending Novi High in the morning when they come to school and in the afterwhen school lets out. It will also affect those who are involved in co-curricular activities after school than a mile away who are going to have an awfully hard time to get to because there will be no bussing to take them home. In addition to that, all field trips taken by any school in school because there is no public transportation," Tooman said, "It's the district would have to be paid for going to be a real chore because by external fees, which would most their parents might leave too soor likely mean parents would be asked

and they're not going to have a ride, so many will have to walk. It's On a related note, students won't going to create huge difficulties for have to worry about having no late so many kids.

busses because another item on the elimination list if the millages don't go through is all after-school co-curricular activities. In other words, there won't be E ties that kids get home from varsity sports. Tooman explained that

the most, would have to find a way

to get to school on their own. There are going to be some kids who live north of 1-96 and live more

Zeimis' position will be eliminat-

Tooman has some very strong feelings about co-curricular activi-ties. He feels they are a big part of 12th graders don't have cars either, so they also use the busses." Field Trips cost money and the education today and without them transportation department charges by hour and miles. However, many students will suffer. "We're making kids suffer big-time with that," Tooman said. after Fooman pointed out that the charges are less than any other public trans "Extra-curricular activities, to me, portation. "We're not in it to make mone would have to are a big part of everybody's school life. and we're not in it to lose money,

counting About 30 percent of the 1,800 he said, "Having come from anoth plus students at Novi High School-ride the bus. Tooman said with that er district that thought they were good, it's no comparison to this school district. The commitment to excellence that Novi has, which is and people making left hand turns without traffic lights on Taft Road, it students in ninth and 10th

> "Our school is unique because we have two media centers," Zeimis said, "We have a fifth grade media

center and a sixth grade media cen-

ter and we only have one media spe-cialist. If my job was eliminated, there would only be one para pro-fessional and one media specialist

grades, who rely on school basses would cause big time problems. my opinion, something that we work hard to maintain. They would become just words because we're "It's going to take more time to get kids in and out of the schools and drop kids off and get out of not maintaining it any more, we're there because of the amount of peoletting it go downhill because we're ple who are going to be there," Tooman said, "They have thought giving up so much. We won't be putting kids first. Novi has always put kids first and it's up to the peoabout maybe putting one light in there, but there is not one there now, ple of Novi to keep it there. Public education is the last thing we fall I don't know how many kids would be allowed to drive to school and park because they won't have back on. If a kid slips through the enough parking places even with the saves him or her? The jails? We parking lot additions. That will fill have to support public education no up and then some. Many 11th and matter what. It includes everybody."

WHAT'S ON THE LINE JUNE 14

With the June 14 ballot only a month away, the Novi Community School District is beginning to feel the heat of trying to make up a \$4.3 million deficit. The ballot will feature two millage renewals and one new millage that administrators and teachers alike are touting as the most important decision Novi voters will make. If the millage and the two renewals pass, most educational programs in the district will be saved. However, if they don't pass, the

ollowing cuts will be necessary

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they're really comfortable asking for the computers.

ter and we only have one media spe-cialist. If my job was etiminated, there would only be one para pro-fessional and one media specialist for two separate libraries - and we end one in each." This was etiminated, there would only be one para pro-silent reading because there is need one in each." This was etimises that Zeimis shall the kids would miss out on seeing somebody in the subine turbul bucks on the shelves.

helping them find things on the here, so any new books that come among other things. Internet for research projects, she in, Fil give them the numbers for

me for help. Kids can come down

"Th help them if they don't staff and students locate books;

desks and class schedules, she helps

Fifth grade media center affected if millages don't go through

By Ramez Khuri

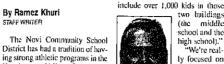
ed if the millages don't go through. Because of her vast responsibilities Many aspects of the Novi Community Sebool District will in the fifth grade media center, change for the worse if two millage many changes will have to be made. renewals and one new millage don't pass on June 14. That's nothing which will not be very beneficial to the students. She said that Sharon new, but what people don't realize, according to Katherine Zeimis, Novi Meadows Media para profes-sional, is that students who depend n the fifth grade media center for

Rose, the media specialist, womo probably have to set up times that kids could come down as a class because there wouldn't be walk-ins Uthere is no adult superobtaining books will be affected ABOUT THIS ELECTION SPECIAL:



Millage failures would take a major toll on district's athletics

■ Middle, high school will be program as well as sub-varsity hit if millages don't pass



ing strong athletic programs in the Kensington Valley Conference since the league formed in 1979. Students usually get started in sports at Novi Middle School.

Kids join programs like basket- C. Ellis

why it harts us in the long term in terms of us being a feeder nor-gram. You're not developing skills, so the impact won't just be skills, so the impact won't just be next year in terms of flaving 1,000 fewer kids participating. We'll see know that when we moved here it us the advect the schools. 1

Half the students participate According to Novi Middle



be in Novi the Walled Lake School District and the South Lyon School District as possible à.... alone, he said. places students might migrate to.

visible thing that our schools do. If that shrinks, not only do I think the kids who are out for lacro or softball or all the other sports. that projects an image out to the It's an enrichment activity for them, it extends their school day surro nding communities, 1 also and it's an extension of our educathink it will tend to crode the spir-it of our own community," Ellis said. "One of the components that tional program. That would all be

eliminated." , Obrenovich has been an employee of the district for 38 years: In that time he has never-seen a situation quite like this before. In fact, he was around to different and the set of the will become a real important key for me if this does not pass is how do we reinstate some of those pro-grams?" grams?" Right now there is a lot of time witness governors put out execu- on a daily basis spent on organiz- man and J.V. sports prepare you tive orders to reduce payments from the state. That was the worst he has ever seen it - until now. "It's never been to this magni-

"It's never been to this magni-tude," he said, "Not certainly as ideas of reinstatement if athletics been eliminated while Yusko was wide spread as this. It's not just Novi that's experiencing this. It's are eliminated however Though, it has been brought up schools across the state and some many times, Ellis is not in favor of will probably be going broke and closing down before next year is at the mon

"I think if the parents under-stand what this millage means and they want to support the quality of education that Novi Schools pro-vides currently, I'm pretty opti-missite that they will vote yes," he added to a support participation fees. But, that being said, if you look at what this millage will cost the average homeowner in Novi, a coaches his sport. Smith esplaned that every var-tice is that they will vote yes," he attrack to a support participation fees to good many of those parents are already paying more than that for Smith esplaned that every var-tice is that they will vote yes," he attrack to a support participation fees to good many of those parents are already paying more than that for

Trickle-down effect The lack of middle school athletics will certainly have a trickle down effect on the high school, where athletics and academics go hand-in-hand. If kids aren't playing sports before they get to high school, they might not be as intergair

ested in trying out for varsity sports as juniors or seniors. Those who do try out may not be as pre-pared to handle the fast-paced action of varsity life in the Kensington Valley Conference as students in other schools would

involved in athletics and it who may not be overly gifted or

"Let's focus on'the positive and assume the millage goes through," ily if the millages don't pass. When the the developed talent

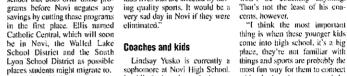
District Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "If it does pass, we will preserve the middle school sports program as well as sub-varsity sports at the high school including freshman and junior varsity teams. That would allow us to continue to connect with and played two sports as a freshman. chunk of it will be just from my

No kids in those "We would miss that," Julic two buildings Sisson said. "Not just the interac-(the middle tion that the kids get from being school and the part of a team and the self esteem issue for one coach. Also, he's school and the part of a team and the self esteem issue for one coach. Also, he's high school," intargets felt from being part of a worried about what kind of trou-"We're real-team, but it keeps them busy. It ble kids may get into if fley did-ly focused on keeps them doing something n't have athletics to keep them because it will 2 p.m. and driving around or "Proposal A has just been a ter-allow us to hanging out at the mall. It builds a rontime to healthy lifestyle in .so many kids services the Sissons moved to Novi charce for our community to right to denot the service and the self service and the service a wrong the service and the self service to be service to healthy lifestyle in .so many ront and it's handeufling us," Smith said. "I see this millage as a a wrong. The Sissons moved to Novi charce for our community to right to denot healthy lifestyle in a so many round a so the service to be service so the service to be service so the service to be service t

want to continue playing, their want to continue playing, their next step is to tryout for freshman or junior varsity teams when they row to to Novi High School. From there their skills are holed as they prepare for varsity level unfortunately, however, many students who are planning on having. Te community to right standpoint that people expect us to have," Eliis added. "If this does to tapes we would be forced to finimate everything but varsity school and no way to connect with their school in a meanineful "That's their niche," Sisson Smith interacts with on a daily basis realize the importance of basis realize the importance voting yes on these millages, he's still a little nervous because he believes that there is still come

complacency in the voting public, "We really have to educate the an impact in years to come in was the schools that brought us, terms of not being able to field Trent's going away to college, but voters," Smith said. "There are real competitive teams for a while until that cycle ends." Allie and Brad are still here and this will affect them." some people who feel that reading this will affect them." "When you start cutting proand writing are the only things in school, but an education is more bas is the fact that Novi is sur-rounded by many schools of choice districts. He said that if how ward spiral and the bar is going to how ward spiral and how ward spiral and how ward spiral and how ward sp than just books. We teach a lot of socialization skills. Skills that

aren't offered in any class where they simply read and write. We teach practical life skills." Rand Helmkamp is a junior varsity football and freshman dle school and sub varsity levels time. It's a trickle down effect. It would be very unfortunate if we didn't have the athletic programs. baseball coach. If the millages don't pass, as it stands now, he There are so many aspects of the student school that does offer those pro- kids lives that are affected by havwon't be coaching anything.



Luckily for her, she made the var with what's going on around the sity pom squad this year, but if she was still on the junior varsity team next year, she would not be able to participate — something school and get a positive feel for what's going on in the school cli-mate," Helmkamp said. "It makes them connected to something, 1 she says would have devastated think a lot of kids individually

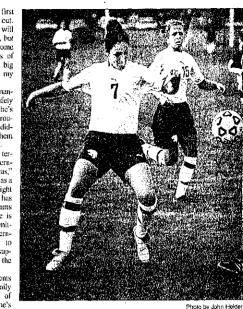
her. "J.V. was a great experience for will suffer because they're not a part of that whole process," Helmkamp helicves that a lot of me and without having been on the J.V. squad there would have behavior issues in students stem been no way I would have been from a tack of activities, "I think able to prepare to be a varsity member," she said. "The fresh

ing, scheduling and making sure game officials are in the right place at the right time. Elits' time a varsity team as we do." still on it, she says she would have had to turn to some other CO-cur-ricular activity. However, most of

instilling a "pay-to-play" program those are on the list to be climinated as well. Robert Smith is Novi High

sity sport is a little different. Some of them have a feeder program in the middle school, fresh-man level and junior varsity level. His program is rather unique,

ics, we go from three coaches for 100 athletes down to one, me," Smith said. "Even if they retain my position as a varsity coach, I physically can't coach 100 kids. There's just really no way, so I would have to be making cuts on



Wildcat Chelsea Ativeh (#7) tries to get a handle on the

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ball deep in the Hartland end during a home game in late April. Athletics, like soccer, in the Novi district will face major changes if the millages fail to pass voter scrutiny.

kids and adults that are not as con- involved in athletics have to be nected, trying to run the day-to-day events that go on at the school classes to stay on the team. He and it probably wouldn't work as said that if there were no sports to effectively as it would otherwise." play, kids might take it a lot easi he said.

"For some, sports is all they do baseball team this year, coached after school," Carn said, "During by Helmkann, He said, if he's not able to play junior varsity baseball next year and he doesn't make the varsity team, that he would just. were one of the things I look for ward to most because I went out for freshman baseball this year the golf team and junior varsity bockey. If all that's gone then

after school."

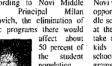
the sports team," Carn said, "But then if you take away the sports teams and if their parents don't Department Head Bill Ayotte both they don't have anything they, would damage there in all they don't have anything they, would damage there in any really need to try for and they continued the environment determinant the set won't get high grades.



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ball, cross country or football,

students who are planning on playing sports at either school next year may not be able to unless they are ready for varsity action. That's because all athletic programs at Novi Middle School and all athletic programs but var-sity sports will be cut from the high school unless two millage osals and one new millage s on the June 14 ballot. One major concern that Ellis



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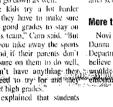
M. Obrenovich "That's not counting all "I think athletics are the most

"Philosophically I'm not in

their kids to go to a summer camp program for a week at a time, Ellis suid. "If you look at it from that perspective and say J'm going to spend \$200 for my kid to go to

a week summer camp, or I can pass this millage and it's going to allow 1,000 kids to be involved in man, sophomores, juniors and sports for an entire year. To me, seniors. it's a great value and a great bar- "If they make the cuts in athlet

A parent's perspective ' Julie Sisson is a parent of three at Novi High School. Trent is a senior, Brad is a sophomore and Allie is a freshman. All are heavi-a sport that's a haven for athletes

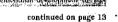


Steve Carn is on the freshman play for the Novi Heat, an inde-

pendent, summer baseball travel team that's not affiliated with the

school. He believes that without and next year I'm going out for

would be nothing for me to do More than just competition Novi High School Counselor Donna Roemer and Counseling

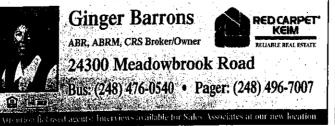


freshman and junior varsity sports, not only will the varsity level suffer, but grade point averages will go down as well "Some kids try a lot harder because they have to make sure they get good grades to stay on

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Many changes at high school if voters deny millages

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Eliminate career counselor

school has a very extensive career

By Ramez Khuri

June 14 is going to be a very important day for the Novi Community School District. It could either mark the end of the way it is run as we know it today, or if idministrators have it there way, it could mark the day that most educational programs will be restored. On Monday, citizens in Novi will te asked to vote on two millage renewals and one new millage that

if passed, will

save many educational

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the district. If

they don't pass, however, many adjust-ments will

have to be made in order

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Eliminatie the high school



to accommodate the losses In addition to possibly losing all athletics except varsity sports at Novi High School alone, Principal

John Lawrence is bracing for the loss of many basic reductions that will be made regardless of the vote. These losses will affect most the other schools in the district as well. According to Lawrence, those cuts will certainly change the way the high school is run and in the long run, have a negative affect on students - something he fears the most, Tve spent my whole career here and I ve watched Novi go from a

very small rural community school. district, to a very large, well known school district, even to the point where we are a recruited school district," Lawrence said. "Universities want our students to come to them

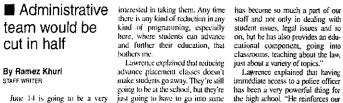
because of our high standards. I don't know if that would hold true if clubs hese cuts go through. Lawrence asked the questions, near and dear to my heart," Lawrence said. "We look at our-What's going to happen to our stan-dards? What's going to happen to

"I've talked to many parents who say they're happy to be here and that they moved here because of the schools," he said. "I'm very proud of that fact because I knowshat I and many other people, have had a hand in that. We have listened to the community and we ve had their support. Now's the time to continue to support the schools and to vote certain ly their conscious, but do what they moved here for. This is why yo oved here. Now is the time to sup-

port that The basic reductions will be made regardless of the vote ou come, so the high school has had to accept them. But how exactly will the other reductions, the ones that will occur if the millages fail, affect

Reduce high school advanced ties. That would be devastating to us myself." placement classes to lose that." "I don't want to ever see a reduc

tion in classes at this high school or Eliminatie high school police a reduction in opportunities for our liaison position students." Lawrence said. Advanced placement classes help "I have been so in promote academics, they help promote Novi High School as an exemplary high school and we have a very high rate of students who are



stance on safety and security for our students he has been instrumenta and he has, I believe, changed some negative behaviors that used to Lawrence explained that the high occur that now we don't see,' Lawrence said.

preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Scholl, the Eliminate both high school career counselor, goes into class deans of students

rooms and works with students on individual development planning According to Lawrence, the dean Students look at their courses, align them their strengths and weaknesses of students positions were created because as the high school grows, programs and and use career pathways, the trend is to add more administraand use career pathways, "Mr. Scholf has provided a wealth of that information," Lawrence said, "It's this train that's moving along the track and new I'd hate to see it fall off the track tors to deal with student issues a they continue to compound. Now, if those two positions are eliminated, it's practically reducing the administrative staff by 50 percent. That creates a problem because the student population is expected to increase dramatically in upcoming years. because that's basically what would happen without somebody pushing that along. It's positive stuff because we are educating students for hope "These deans positions were cre-

ated to be very close to students," Lawrence said. "We all have very close personal contact with students fully a career that they will go into from time to time, but these are very closely connected positions with tudents. The Dean of student activ ities, Jamii Hitchcock, coordinates all of the clubs and all of the events, The high school pianist accompaaies the choir department According to Lawrence, without the prom, all of the things that go on that person, the choir teachers

would have to play the plano and do instruction at the same time. Music dents education will not be as enhanced because the instructor has to play the piano as well as pay attention to the mechanics of the students Lawrence, is that the Hitchcock is developing student leaders with her singing, whereas before, there is a person playing the piano and the instructor can focus totally on

ing with club sponsors and working to develop student leaders. "When students come into this what's going on with the students. high school in ninth grade till they Eliminate all after-school rome out, we have seen them blos om in terms of leadership pos ons," Lawrence said. "Not onl "This is something that is very

that, but they take it outside of the high school and do things out in the selves as educating the whole child. We don't educate just the academic community as a result of interactions and things that they've done portion. There is so much more that We're taking away an opportunity to we have to offer our students and we educate the whole child if her posido that on a regular basis with these tion is eliminated. The other dean, Carol Diglio does

are field to academic areas and they give students an opportunity to fur-ther their education with more of a the assistant principal's plate and/or Lawrence's, "We would all have to absorb hands on application of what they have learned in the classroom. mination of after school clubs would be huge," Lawrence said. "To

"We're pulled in so many differ imagine kids coming to school and ent directions and as we grow it's then leaving at the end of school and going home without any other aca-demics involved is scary to me. It only going to increase," he added. "We're adding on another 150,000 also allows for a lot of socialization square feet and when we're all don and allows kids to interact outside of here we should be thinking about the classroom setting. It's very posi-tive for kids. We want students here increasing the amount of supervision and access that students have to after school participating in activideans, assistant principals an

All supplies reduced by 13 percent

"We make do with what we have certainly need reso teach," Lawrence said. "That's pleased with having a school police liaison officer on this campus," something that is an expanding cos Lawrence said, "Detective Jerrod for everybody. It's the cost of doing Hart has been so instrumental and business,"

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Carol Diglio In her role in pupil account no. Diolio deals with students regarding attendance. She also immédiate access to a police officer has been a very powerful thing for the high school, "He reinforces our works with 10th grade discipline. The majority of her job during the school day is spent being in contact with kids.

Some of that contact is merely being an ear to listen and have time to help a kid who has trouble, or who wants to just chat with somebody

"You're looking at four less people who are going to be available for kids," she said. 'That is all of our worries. We generate money for the school with pupil accounting, so

someone is definitely going to 7

ken up, that's not for me to decide, but I would imagine that somewhere along the lines, someone is going to have to absorb our positions The new wing that's being built at the high school will

behind the scenes, she is there coorconsist of over 150 000 dinating and working with stu-The positive thing that comes out of this process, according to

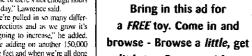
every block," Diglio said. "We job. Not only is she an administrator, have our post and we rotate but she's also an educator in work-

every two weeks. We have live or six of us covering that now and then we're going to go down to three to open a new wing? A lot of that brings up safety issues. We need to be

visible. We make it a point to be visible in between classes and let the kids know that

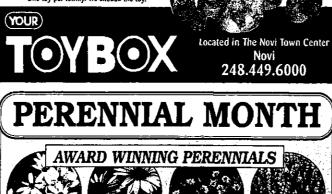
(i) Lawrence said that the participat's support and part of the participation of the parti

> some of that, but, there are some things that we may not be able to do because of there's not enough hours in the day," Lawrence said.



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Athletics in jeopardy if millages don't pass

continued from page 12 them manage their time better.

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not be so positive. Our athletic

director put it in perspective to

me when he said that the new

hinh school. If we're looking at

2,400 kids in 2007. We're over

1.800 now and you're talking

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would affect us tremendously

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School Resource Officers

defines a role of a school

resource officer as a teacher

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A lot of kids know that there is

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Jamii Hitchcock

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all of those fun things we do

Hitchcock said. "They're talk-

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co-curricular clubs and activi-

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process in the school because

alf of our clubs are co-curricu

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Bight now the high school

is looking at about 20 different

clubs that could be cut. There

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there are 1,100 students who

are involved in a club in some

we're looking at, now 1,100

kids are not involved, which

means they have to find other

things to do." Hitchcock said

"Some of those things may be

that got your attention!

They meet after school and

sions of the classrooms.

are some kids who are

involved in more than one

outside of the classroom

"We're talking about clubs,

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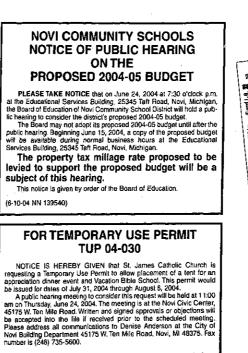
students to get into trouble.

"We are visible in between

oversees all the club and class

dents. Roemer said that when you ask a student what his or her best memory is of high Boosters impacted as well Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club school after they graduate, their Athletic raderie, the friendships that they specified and a different per-raderie, the friendships that they specified and the ready made per the same feelings as many othgroups they get from playing ers - in that athletics are impor tant to the development of the "Athletics is a huge part of our student social life and huge part of their connection to the tically – but as a boosters organschools," Roemer said. "You ization she has been involved in look at all the kids when they get recognized in front of the school board and they have high "We're basically a fundraisgrade point averages. These are ing organization that supports kids who know how to manage the athletic programs, middle their time better and who are school and high school in the very emotionally adjusted. How district," Morris said. "1 think can you tell a this would be student a devastatin that some of the most imporblow to th "We have quality community. In tant things in Novi we have sports programs. always had such strong their high school experi The thing that support for our ence are going to be taken draws people to athletics and such a great from away them? It's Novi isn't the mall, program, really tough. can't jusł believe it's families coming the bend on the community into the schools." issue is that wouldn't be behind and supporting the college applications usually Julie Sisson ask students programs." The boost-Mother of three Novi High School which CO-curstudents ricular activi-ties they parers are cur-rently trying ticipated in, in to come up high school. If they can't name with ways to raise funds. They any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the it will diminish their have formed a fundraising con mittee and Morris has gone to the school board several times schools they apply to "For a lot of our kids, partici- to talk about ways that could pating in multiple sports is a help raise more funds, although way of life," Ayotte said. "From they know that there's no way that standpoint, kids in these that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and the millage. "Our hope is to help the dis-trict to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking academic whole atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always to fund what the millage cuts we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started These kids just have a lot of

athletics and clubs to point them Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous The kids we filter tend to do agter academically a lot of times dur-tion that is what kind of sing of that money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters ican make up for that difference academically a lot of times dur-tion that is what kind of sing of the can make up for that difference a difference a difference in the district if the millage ng the sports season. It makes doesn't pass."



SOMETHING TO DO Teen Center can keep young people

■ Different field parents will be asked to provide marks will be asked to provide snacks during the day. Many original field trips remain on the calendar this year, like Zap Zone and Waterford Oaks, but a few new ones were trips added for

variety this year

By Ramez Khurl STAFF WRITER

really enjoy," Hartland said. "We always have activities going on. It's almost summer and for Novi teenagers that means it's a laways have activities going on. time to have fun. Coming to their we have speakers, we have the aid is the Novi Youth Assistance police department come out, aid is the Novi Youth Assistance to help out with a Teen Center. The annual Novi Youth Assistance Teen Center officially starts on Monday, June 21 and goes through Thursday, July 29. It runs every week from Monday through Thursday at Novi Middle School. It provides kids who are poing into the sixth grade motorcycle police officers and they bring police dogs too. We also have the fire department coming in this year because we have found that kids going into the middle school like to play with fire. We also have a theater group coming in from Common Ground in Royal Oak and we going into the sixth grade through ninth grade a whole lot have a hip hop dancing workshop by Kids Empowered." Other attractions include about of supervised fun, which includes many field trips, special events, a dozen different arcade games

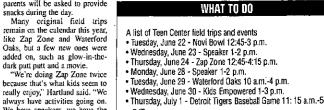
According to Teen Center Director Amy Hartland, it is called a teen center, but it's actu-ally a drop off center where kids that run on free play, which means kids can play them as much as they want without pay-ing. Also, on the second to last Thursday of the program, kids can come and go as they please. "You drop your kids off, they sign themselves in and when will have the opportunity to par-ticipate in a lock in, which runs from 8 p.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. they're finished they sign them-selves out," Hartland said. "We on Friday. Hartland explained that the don't have any set time where teen center usually altracts about 200 Novi youngsters per year, you have to be here between the

ours of noon to 5 p.m." Hartland said that the teen cenwhich means kids are guaran ter, which is funded and adminis-tered by United Way Community ' United Way of that at least one of their friends i going to be there. And if not, it's an easy place to make new friends. Services and United Way of Oakland County, took a big hit in Registration for the teen center terms of budget cuts this year, but that is no reason to believe it will is on Saturday, June 12 from 9 be any less fun than it was last a.m. - noon at the Novi Civic Center. Those registering have to fill out a few forms and pick out Minor inconveniences because of the cuts include increased field trip prices and the field trips their child would



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Monday, July 12 - Common Ground 1-2 p.m.
 Tuesday, July 13 - Emagine Movie and Glow in the Dark Putt

Thursday, July 15 - Waterford Oaks 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, July 19 - Arts and Crafts 1-3 p.m.
 Tuesday, July 20 - Zap Zone 12:45-4:14 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 - Kids Empowered 1-3 p.m.
Thursday, July 22 - Lock-In 8 p.m. Thursday-8 a.m. Friday Monday, July 26 - Party for Participants noon-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 27 - Holocaust Center 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 - Community Lunch noon-2 p.m.

All trins/events and activities meet at the Novi Middle School Cafeteria unless otherwise noted. Any refunds for missed field

from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, The DROP-IN Center features: Movies, Impromptu Activities, Speakers, Video

The Teen Center Program is funded and administered by United

like to attend. The whole process can even register on the last day takes about 20 minutes. "It's good to bring the kids of the teen cer

Ramez Khuri is a staff write along to registration so they can pick the field trips they would like to go on," Hartland said. "If they miss the registration date, for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net. they can register any time. They



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Tuesday, July 6 - Detroit Science Center and IMAX 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

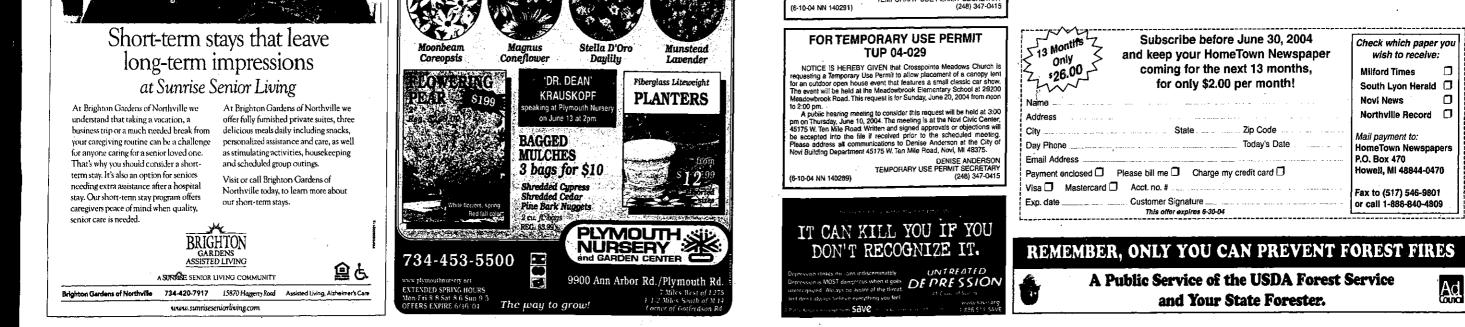
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Thursday, July 8 - Howell Ropes Course 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Putt 10:15 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday, July 29 - Picnic at Lake Shore noon-4 p.m.

trips will be given after the completion of the program. In addition to the events listed, the DROP-IN Center is oper

Games on Free Play. Arts and Crafts and much more. Way Community Services and United Way of Oakland County.



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Five vie for two Novi School Board seats

the school board? I want to "give back to the com-munity," remain a lifetong learner, and continue to see Novi students become solid citizens and contribut tors to society. Our educational pic ture in this state is a bit blurred due to the uncertainty of state funding. This is the time to have the school along the way, I have firsthand board membership remain intact My attachment to this school disknowledge of the curriculum. I make well thought out decisions based on reliable information and citizen input. I maintain open lines trict and its continued growth is evi-dent by my 27 years of volunteer work. I have patterned my life around giving and learning through of communication and welcome various committees and volunteer your comments and concerns. opportunities such as Long Range Planning, Policy, and Finance com-3. What do you hope to accommittees, as well as Art Smart. March Reading Month, and Board From my perspective, a sense of accomplishment is one that is service

2. Why should residents vote for you? I am experienced, approachable

and committed to quality education for all students. I am presently in my 13th year of board service, which has enabled me to see the "whole picture" of our district,

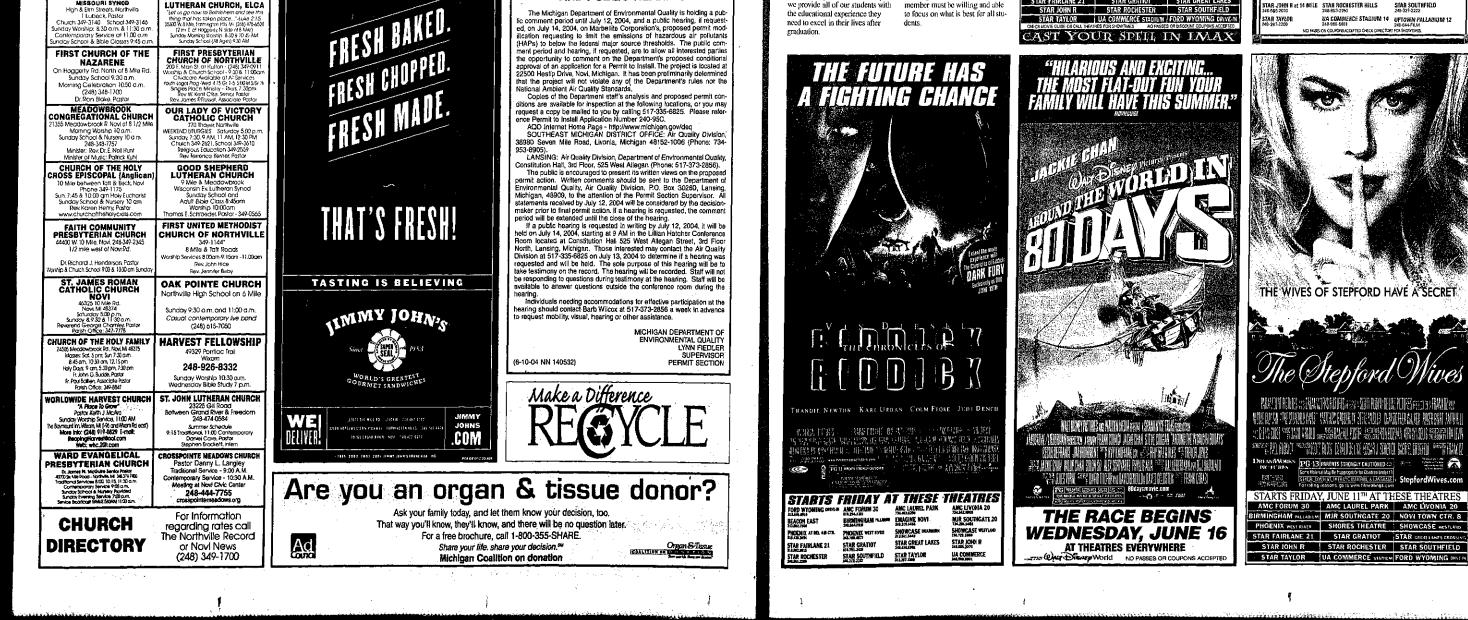
I.Why do you want to be on he school board? As the son of a World War II veteran who instilled in me the mortance of an excellent educa tion, and as one who was born and raised in the area, I believe it is important to give back to my com nunity. I find it especially reward ing to contribute to the school dis-trict that gave my children such a strong educational foundation. In law school one of my favorite pre fessors confirmed that, with the raining and experience we received, we were in a unique position to serve the community. In my rofessional life. Lam a partner in a law firm that represents both public and private sector clients, including many school districts. With my legal knowledge and experience working with school districts, and my sincere desire to do what is best for our children. I believe that serv ice on the board affords me the best opportunity to give back. In my six years on the board I have enjoyed e opportunity to help make the district stronger than ever. Knowing nany of the challenges we face discussed below), and knowing

2. Why should residents vote for you? Residents should vote for me because of my devotion to serving past 17 years, I have provided legal the needs and interests of our shi lents and community, and be of my experience and demonstrated leadership ing the hoard in 1998, I have taken I have been selected by my felon the "tough" issues. Thelped

that we can still improve, I hope t

continue to serve.

low board members to serve as both board president (2002-2004) maintain fiscal responsibility by cutting expenses and passing bat-anced budgets every year. At the and vice president (2001-2002). My leadership capabilities are same time, the board has enhanced ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL



iave no personal agendas, nor do l and increase its financial support of cater to special interest groups. One might say my special interest group public education. is the students, and it is their needs on which I focus. Since I don't work outside the home, I have the

4. What are the top three challenges facing the Novi Community School District and time and energy to spend on school business. Having had three children how would you go about hanattend Novi schools, and having worked with countless students dline them? The top three challenges facing Novi Schools fall under the

umbreffa of finance. First, it is important to stress the need to nase the millage proposals that will be on the ballot on June 14. The millage renewal is necessary for the school district to function. The ccreational millage will allow us to maintain our current programs. As a board member, I will promote the passage of these millages by keeping the public informed, and by keeping our programs intact for the 2004-5 school year.

the academic and extracurricular

programs offered to Novi student and approved the renovation and

ngs. We have also negotiated fai

ontracts for District employees. Continued Dedication and

as board president and vice presi

community involvement has also

College's Presidential Advisory

Commission and coaching soccer and t-ball for Novi Parks &

Recreation and the Novi Jaguars

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palifications for the position

at www.BruceBagdady.com.

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dent, I have also served on the board's Finance Committee, 7

included service on Walsh

expansion of many of our build

ongoing and long-term. Students excited about learning, teachers Secondly, in the event the millinvigorated by imparting knowledge, advanced technology to enhance the learning process, and facilities to house students, is to ages do not pass. I will be ready, with ongoing input from adminis-tration, to make the necessary cuts me, accomplishment. I hope to to balance the budget. I will study keep our schools performing at a options to cut costs that will have top level as I wait impatiently for s little impact on programs as pos-

BRUCE BAGDADY

Resident of Novi: 16 years

Attorney/partner at the

Detroit law firm of Keller

ducation: BA in economics

Michigan-Dearborn;

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Valued Experience: Since joir

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Wayne State University

with distinction. University of

Children: Jennifer, 22; Justin,

Spouse: Carol

20: Andy, 11

Profession:

Thoma PC.



ment costs, and health insurance

options for cost savings will be studied. I will continue to stud Education: Highland Park College, general business

the next few years, mandated retire-

JULIE ABRAMS

The final chattenge is that during

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students, and are funded by private industry. Finding and developing 3. What do you hope to accom-I hope to maintain and enhance similar programs working with

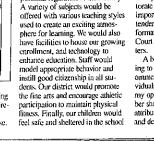
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and for maintaining facilities will also increase. Contracts will have

to be dutifully negotiated and all

of a board member? and assess all areas of finance in The role of a board member is to order to meet the challenge of keeping Novi a "school of choice." function as one of seven people elected by the school district voters to be the legislative body of the school district. Our duties include 5. What hopes and dreams do you have for Novi Schools? Novi Schools should stand out as adopting new policies and review premier environment for lean ing existing ones as necessary, slaying informed about current educa-My hope is that all children would ional issues, and upholding the be inspired to work toward their potential regardless of their ability.

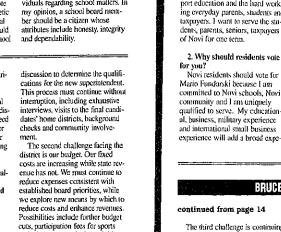
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We have all these offerings it

place now. All we need are the funds to carry our vision forward.

6. What do you think is the

ing to listen to the views and recommendations of groups and individuals regarding school matters. In my opinion, a school board n ber should be a citizen whose ion, a school board memattributes include honesty, integrity



and other extracurricular activities (Novi is the only district in the insington Valley Conference that does not have participation fees), restructured schedules and feebased programs. of three respected search firms and continued on page 15

ave arranged for and led,board CITY OF NOVI

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-031 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Corl Furniture is requesting NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Corl Furniture is requesting a temporary USe Permit to allow placement of a tent form a rental furniture sale in the parking lot at 42350 Grand River Avenue from June 16 - 20, 2004. Cort Furniture is located west of Meadowbrock Road and east of Novi Road on the north bide of Grand River Avenue, A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be heid at 315 pm on Thursday, June 10, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W, Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil 48375.

DENISE ANDERSON TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (6-10-04 NN 140557) (248) 347-041

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1. Why do you want to be on rience to our Novi board, which the school board? no other candidate possesses. I am I believe in quality education the only military veteran in the rall. I am a pro-active, political race. Having voluntarily served activist, who will work closely as my country in the U.S. Navy was an honor. I stand up forwhat Novi a team member with our entire community, administra residents believe and I believe I ers, all support staff and PTOs. will always vote for and set poli Public service is honor and privicles supported by our Novi com munity. I am a firm believer in lege. Serving on the Novi School Board is a very deep responsibiliterm limits for all public offices. School board members should I am committed to this respon-ility. Like many school disserve no more than two terms, like all state executives. I know of school board members who have been on their boards for 20, 30 tricts in Michigan, Novi faces a financial crisis, 1 support a yes vote for the two millage renewals and the new .98 recreation millyears plus. Based on this premise. I will only serve one term. I strongly advise our Novi residents not to re-elect the two incumbents. age. The best solution to resolving our financial crisis is a grow ing conomy, Removal of the cur-rent tax cuts that favor only 1 per-Please elect from myself and the cent of Americans, replaced by a two other challengers. School board members become familiar tax but for middle and lower income tax brackets. This require: with each other and soon they the political defeat of the anti-education, pro-war President G. W.

become like a political oligarchy all voting as a group rather than voting for what if best for Novi Schools. Let the two incumbents return to their families who miss Bush. Another four years of G. W. Bush will be disastrous for Americans and education. W need to elect Congressional, them very much. Legislative candidates who support education and the hard work 3. What do you hope to ing everyday parents, students and taxpayers. I want to serve the stuccomplish?

As a pro-active member of our dents, parents, seniors, taxpayers Novi School Board I will work to keep Novi schools #1 for our stu-dents. As a political activist I will of Novi for one term. 2. Why should residents vote telephone at least 50 residents at random, for each meeting, remind Novi residents should vote for ing them of our school board Mario Fundarski because I am committed to Novi schools, Novi meeting, requesting their atten-dance. School boards are a govcommunity and I am uniquely emmental entity in which particination by the public is the lowest qualified to serve. My education al, business, military experience and international small business This problem has developed over many years because board mem-

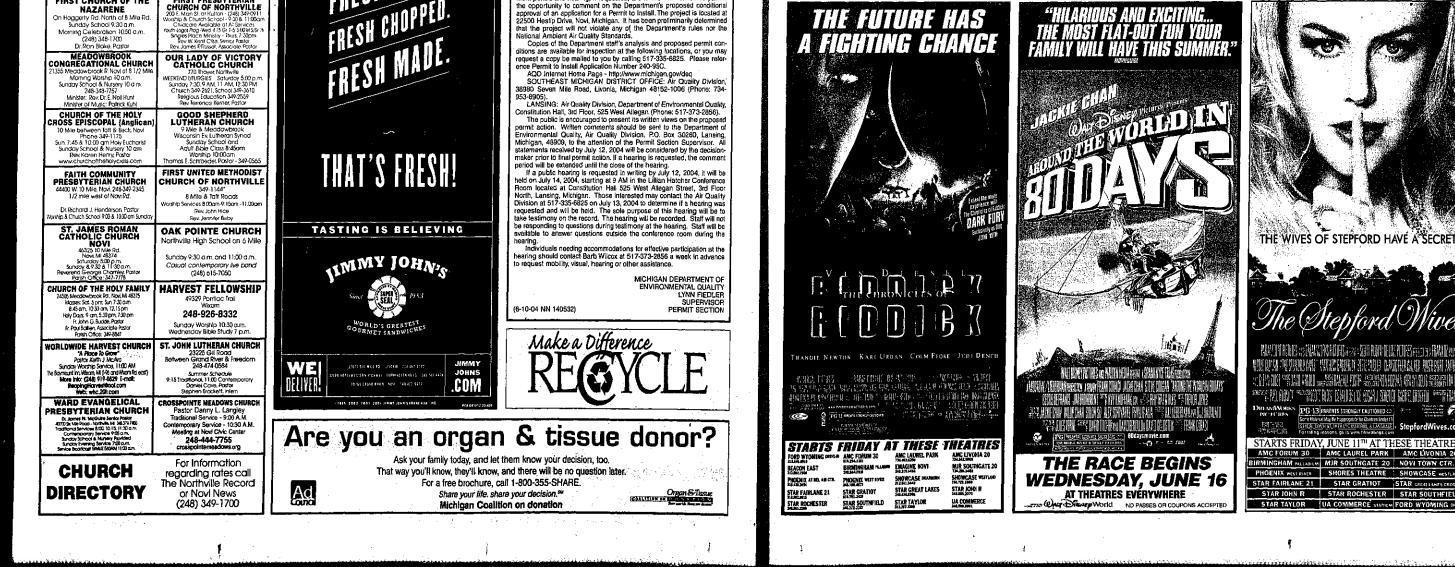
bers become self-serving rather

BRUCE BAGDADY

continued from page 14 6. What do you think is the role of a board member? The third challenge is continuing The role of a board member is to satisfy the mandates of the feder-al No Child Left Behind law. This much like that of a member of the board of directors of a corporation. law requires annual improvement a We do not manage the day-to day each grade level and by a number operations of the district. Instead, a board member assists in the board? of defined subgroups. In other words, every class (and every primary functions of setting district policy, establishing a budget and defined subgroup of every class) must do better than the class hiring and firing. A school board member must before. While this puts high-per orming districts like Novi in a difbring well-informed and reasoned decision-making to the board table ficult position, assessment tools In this regard, an individual must recently approved by the board be cognizant of the issues facing hould assist in meeting this chal the district, must be willing to spend the time to thoroughly invest 5. What hopes and dreams do of hime for Novi Schools 20504 10 Thope that all students receive tigate those issues, must objectively evaluate the issues presented, and must be willing to listen to those e educational attention and inte who may have a different perspec ention they deserve and that we As an elected official, a board can continue to attain the goals of the No Child Left Behind Act withmember should act with profesout the costly obligations imposed by that law. We need to find a way sionalism and dignity at all times; after all, we are the representative io improve our early elementary of the school district. programs, to enhance our LEAP · Finally, an individual must come program, to introduce an orchestra program in the district, and to

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to the board as an advocate for all of its students, A board member expand our extracurricular offercannot seek to represent just oue o ings, including new freshmen the district's schools, or one of its teams and high school clubs as we continue to grow. In short, I hope we provide all of our students with programs or have his/her own per-sonal agenda. Instead, a board member must be willing and able



MARIO FUNDARSKI Age: 59

Resident of Novi: one year Spouse: Grazyna Rataj, deceased Children: none Profession: Professional matchmaker: owner/manao r of Looking for Love Introduction - International

Marriage Agency ducation: Bachelor of arts degree, political science, his tory, Michigan State University



than public servants I will work especially hard for more Federal funding of our Novi schools. We can accon iolish this by working with the Michigan Association of School Boards, We must demand from our Federal

government via our Congressmen

very hard for Federal tax dollars for Novi Schools. dling them?

4. What are the ion three challenges facing the Novi Community School District and how would you go about han-The three top challenges are neing of our Novi Schools; naintaining the high professiona ism of our teachers, administrators, support staff; and under no conditions should Novi schools privatize any exiting services New methods of financing of Novi schools must be found. We cannot continue to rely on the cur-rent system. A blue ribbon com-mittee should be established to

and Senators, President that we

stop giving the government of Israel \$4.3 billion per year, \$2.3

billion to Egypt, unconditional Our Leave No Child Behind pr

gram is unfunded. The funding is

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be used for education. I will worl

search for new means of financing our schools. Our current staff is first class all the way. We must continue to hire well qualified staff to meet the needs of our Novi schools. I am a strong supporter of col-

lective bargaining and the right of those units to strike. Our M.E.A. members and supporting units

would I support privatization of unconditionally giving Israel and Egypt \$6.6 billion per year? We must receive an equal amount of any existing services without the ent the bargaining units repre sented by those services. We must elect a pro-education President, G. W. Bush is not qualified to be president. He is in way over his intellectual capacity. We need to elect a pro-education pres ident. 5. What hopes and dreams do you have for Novi Schools? I am a very pragmatic person. Hopes for Novi schools, I have, I

m no dreamer.

As a board member I will work hard for new methods of financing our schools. I will be a politically active board member. Only 50 percent of Americans vote in our presidential elections. Generally speaking, less than 3 percent vote in our school elections. I will work as a board team member to implement a voter registration program for all of our ers' expense. Last year, 2003, Israel sold \$30 students who turn 18 years of age. I suggest a program whereby when a student turns 18, the stuthe world.

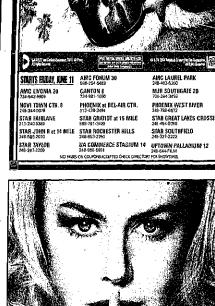
We must stop sending U.S. tax dollars to Israel and spend the money on Novi and Michigan schools.





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them of their lifetime commi give us the best education profes sional available. There is no dollar ment, responsibility, to vote, par-ticipate in all elections throughout amount that can be placed on our employees to Novi Schools. Therefore under their lifetime wherever they chose nent by our to live. We must work hard to fur ther political participation in our America and become a more efore under no condition politically active and responsible society.

6. What do you think is the

role of a board member? The role of a board member should be one of community and political activist. Board member must be a team player with fellow cies that are best for Novi Schools. Although a board mouth -Although a board member must vote for policies he may not agree with, board members must vote the majority of the Novi commu nity. Board members must also work for and vote for policies

which the board member stand for, I firmly believe that U.S. policy towards the governments of Israel and Egypt are wrong: \$4.3 billion per year to Israel; \$9.3 bil lion in three-year loans so Israel can build a "Berlin Wall" in the Middle East at American taxpay

billion in arms sales throughout Israel has over 200 nuclear weapons, and weapons of mass destruction, chemical, biological.

dent will be encouraged to register and empower themselves for life by giving them an honorary certificate for registering by the board of education. The language anguage in this certificate will honor then for registering to vote and remind The LEGEND comes to life on the **BIG SCREEN**

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trict budget is labor - and we don't 1. Why do you want to be on manage our labor effectively or the school board? consistently. For example, element tary school teachers receive plan-I want to run for the school oard as an "extension" of my vol unteer service to the Novi commu ning time for 14 percent of their nity, Since we retarned to Novi inday. Middle school teachers get 28 percent planning time, and high school teachers get 24 percent planning time, if everyone receive 1998, my wife and I felt it was ely important to set a good example for our two teen-age daughters by volunteering at 14 percent planning time, we could church and in the school district reduce our budget deficit by almost SEmillion - without hurting our My wife, Gail, is the past pre-dent of the Novi Band Boosters, children's education. and I'm the publicity director (and ormer vice president) of the Novi Athletic Boosters. With our second child graduat ing from Novi High School next month, I will have the time and energy to focus my passion for vol-unteering on the broader issues that face the Novi Community School

District. 2. Why should residents vote for you? Residents should vote for me because I have the passion, honesty, business skills and dedication to help continue the excellence of nlish? education and extra-curricular activities that have been part of the fabric of the Novi community over the years. We face tough, financial times.

We need to take a business approach to this dounting chalenge. For example, we face a \$4.3-nillion deficit this year, and all the dialogue focuses on raising taxes and cutting programs. Few discuss that 88 percent of the school dis

1.Why do you want to be on the school board? As a member of the Novi School Board, I want to continu

difference and support true learn-ing for our children within a caring community environment. I believ every child learns differently and teachers need to be supported to neet the needs of our diverse pop ulation of learners. The district will be hiring a new ing part time at Berry

fit the district's goals, objectives al our commitment to excellence I will act as a link between the public, the staff and administratio o support best teaching and learning practices for each child. I antiipate my term as a board member will be filled with challenging opportunities for me to reflect

2. Why should residents vote for you?

years ago because I wanted my future children to attend a high quality school. With three children currently attending Novi Schools

supporting Walled Lake Western High School, South Lyon High School and Milford High School, Hiring a new superintendent Children: Sara-Beth, 19: and We do a terrible job of linking with During this four-year term, we will local merchants We need them a be hiring a new superintender be the new leader of a new source of revenue when Profession: Training/marketing consultant, DOCOM Novi schools. That hire is very budgets are tight. They need us to important to the future direction of help them grow their markets. We Consulting, LLC need to help each other, rather than the district, i've had extensive Education: MBA, Wayne State experience in recruiting/hiring/firalways focusing on cutting pro-University, Major: marketing employees in the private, corrate sector. That experience will University of Michigan, 1979 4. What are the top three chalbe valuable to the school board lenges facing the Novi Community School District and how would you go about hanthe next four years. 3) Bridging the gap between the schools and Novi merchants dling them? Direct administration to develop a coordinated, long-term marketing plan (focused on fundraising activ The top three challenges: 1) Balance the budget – Explore and investigate the following: stanties) to raise additional revenue for dardize teacher planning periods; a popular school programs. hiring freeze and elimination of 5. What hopes and dreams do you have for Novi Schools? e on all non-academic pos ate Spanish for ele Image yourself as a member of a college admissions board for any mentary school classes - but offer this service as a fee-based, revenuegenerating program through Community Education; gene major university in North America Or, imagine yourself as an employ-er in a high-tech industry. An applidditional revenue through fees on popular programs - such as addication comes across your desk onal preschool classes, all-day from a student who has had 12 years of education in the Novi Community School District. The ergarten, community educa-adult education classes, athletapplication is filled with lofty ics and clubs; examine and climi-Quality Novi schools translate to a nate duplicating services that the grades, exceptional test scores, multiple Advanced Placement (AP) growing Novi community. Realtors confirm this premise all the time. schools and the city offer to Nov residents (Do we really need two, courses or multiple vocationa Growing communities mean larger separate snow-plowing services for classes and many extra-curricula the city streets and our school parkactivities. Clearly, this is a well-- and more profitable - markets for

Finally, I support the belief that for every child within a caring my volunteer service has spanned the past 10 years serving as com-mittee chairperson, committee 3. What do you hope to member, classroom volunteer and PTO vice president. I have volunaccomplish?

I hope to make a difference within our learning community, have been attending board meetings for the last few months to teaching staff related to differentiafamiliarize myself with procedural conduct and plan to rely on the administration, staff and public to provide current research and data for future decision-making. The future would involve match-My community volunteer activi-ties outside the schools include foring the curriculum to a child's indi-vidual learning needs. Teachers would have the necessary in-service and planning time for these accomplishments. Parents, teach-ers and businesses would develop and participate in mentorship programs to further stimulate, or rekindle, the desire to learn. I want to see all our children engage in nillage proposals and vote on June the learning process to grow and develop a love of learning. The ability to work cooperatively to solve problems with creativity, technological and critical thinking have background consistent with the goals and objectives for high skills is imperative for success. 1

hope that equality means every child working equally hard to learn and each school having the neces-

sary resources to help them.

fairness is meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of each for all students and meet curricu ork expectations. individual child. A caring learning environment 4. What are the top three chalwill be supported by continuation of challenge day programs, con-flict resolution and peer mediatio lenges facing the Novi Community School District and flict resolution and peer mediation programs. Each building is unique and should be celebrated. Principals work how would you go about handling them? Fiscal responsibility and Principals work cooperatively with accountability, maintaining high quality programming and promot staff and purents as partners to novative, childincorporate ini ing community cohesiveness with focused program ideas. Parents caring learning environments are three of the current challenges. and retirces as volunteers could support curricular and after school I support the millage renewa programs. because it is fiscally responsible 5. What hopes and dreams do you have for Novi Schools? The current choice is to fund our schools by supporting the millage proposals - or contribute to their I hope voters frequently contact demise if the millage proposals are their representatives in Lansing to rejected. Students would be paying remind them about their promise for this financial crisis with the to adequately fund education. ated voters have more influeducation. Our community would cease to be desirable to businesses ence than school officials. Our curand new residents and property devaluation would follow. rent board members have done a good job over the last four years The next superintendent must working with the community's, input to make cuts that have not

ment resources would be support

quality programming. We must comply with No Child Left Behind. Professional staff develop Unfortunately, we are at the end of the line. Until funding

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directly influenced our children.



rounded person who received a

world-class education from a solid,

ing lots?); further reduce school

deans at the high school, and we

istration (We can't afford two

aster. That's a reactive strategy. A key role of a board member is proactively structure our educational programs within budget con-straints. That's why I'm supporting Bruce Bagdady, the current Novi school board president, for the second of the two open positions or the school board. He is a leader who deserves re-election because he proactively works to solve budg et problems which, in turn, helps maintain the education excellence we all expect from our district.

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the district, increase achievement

continued from page 16 school to Meadows or from the middle school to the high school it improves, we have to help our is important to communicate the details of the child's learning style selves and vote to accept the mill-age proposals. Community and and needs. The opportunity fo tall support for early assessment, every child to work equally hard in order to learn would teffect followed by appropriately differen lating instruction to meet each district's commitment to excel-

lence

munity is known for - quality education.

seats total on the board.

of education continues in Novi.

cerned and enthusiastic.

years. Combined, these generate over \$20 million.

We strongly urge voters to support both millage proposals.

of nights out on the town for dinner and a movie.

one thing - the welfare of students in this district.

unseat Thad McCotter in the 11th Congressional District.

I would encourage other new

The first proposal is actually a renewal of two millages that are now expiring after 10

The second proposal is a millage that would bring in \$1.9 million. For the homeowner, this .98 mill equals 98 cents for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation. That's equal to a couple

Also on Monday's ballot, voters will have the opportunity to pick two candidates among

We take our hat off to anyone who decides to take on the responsibility that comes with

Of the three newcomers, we applaud both Katie Raeon and Dennis O'Connor for wanting

to be a part of the decision-making process. Both show a genuine love for this district; both

have children in the district; both have innovative ideas; and both want to ensure the quality

We do not feel that Mario Fundarski has the same level of commitment as the other can-

didates. He has ran unsuccessfully for school boards in other districts six times since 1973.

He has been defeated in two bids for U.S. Representative, and he is currently trying to

He has changed his name from Italian (Fundaro) to Polish; his protest of former Red

Wing Vladimir Konstantinov serving as grand marshal in a Christmas parade landed him in

jail on stalking charges; he flew the American and the POW flags upside down underneath

the flag of Iraq in protest of the current war; and lastly, he has only been to one meeting of

The first is Julie Abrams. She has served for the past 12 years on the board and can claim

The other is Bruce Bagdady, current president of the board, who has served for six years. Both these individuals are accessible, intelligent, knowledgeable of this district, con-

This upcoming school year will be filled with challenges for the board: selection of a new

As the saying goes, in pant theore don't far in a contract of the say in a contract of the saying goes in the say in a contract of the say in a co

Incumbents Julie Abrams and Bruce Bagdady have earned our endorsements.

the Novi School Board since moving here one year ago. This is clearly not an individual that residents of Novi want or need on their school

There are two candidates who have already earned the confidence of voters

part of the responsibility for building Novi's reputation for quality education.

five seeking seats on the Novi School Board. The terms are for four years; there are seven

such a position. It's obvious from talking to the candidates that most are concerned with

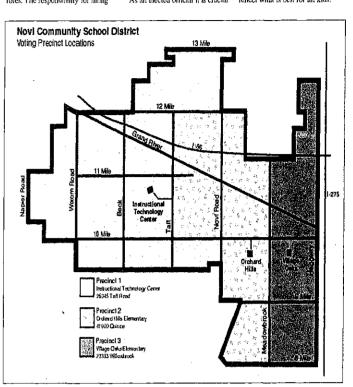
board of education in the next few years. As research in education changes over time, there must be unity members on the board to reflect those changes. 6. What do you think is the role of a board member? The school board is a reflection

KATIE RAEO

contracts will occur next year. I believe in keeping the public commitment to excellence. Each member's role is multifaceted and includes informed decision-making informed, helping them to underto set goals and objectives for stand the importance of public school improvement. Policy and education within the community and acknowledging how their con tributions can help the school disprocedure review, com tion maintenance and prioritization of expenditures are additional trict. As an elected official it is crucial roles. The responsibility for hiring

community members to run for the _____ of the community and our district's ____ a superintendent and approving to be available and really listen to the public's concerns and ideas for ent. The admi and staff provide research, data and expertise to incorporate idea and develop the direction for the district. A collaborative effort is necessary to find solutions to prob lents and make decisions that reflect what is best for all kids

Thursday, June 10, 2004-NOVI NEWS 17A



NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD

TO ALL ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK

N THE EVENING. At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the distric of till terms of four (4) years ending in 2008. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES: Julia Abrams

Julia Abrams Bruce Bagdady Mario Nesr Fundarski

Dennis O'Conno Katie Raeon

Nate Flatent Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following propositions will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the Incomputed intent in the submitted in the vote of the electors at the

gular school election: . OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL This milage will allow the school district to maintain the number of mills required to be levied on all property o enable the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee and renews operating millage hal expired with the 2003 tax levy. Shall the total limitation on the amount of taxes for operating purposes which may be assessed:

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eavy, and against all property exempting therefrom non principal residence and non qualified agricultural property b 5.49 mills (\$5.49 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation; this is a renewal of 5.0510 mills which expired with th 2003 (avy and an increase of .4390 mill reduced as required by the "Headlee" amendments to the Michigan con

stitution), both millages to be for a period of 10 years, 2004 to 2013, inclusive (the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from combined local property taxes authorized herein if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approximately \$22,911,000)? II. MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed. 98 mill (50,86 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2004 to 2013, inclu-sive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds (the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreational program if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approved and 30,000? 2004 is approxim nately \$1,943,000)?

NOTICE OF REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: ONLY REGISTERED SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE <u>AREA</u> OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, State of Michigan, will be held at the same voting places as the regular election of Novi Community School District on Monday, June 14, 2004, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time and will be conducted by the same officials, for those electors of the community college district residing in Novi Community School District. ty School Distric

At the Regular Biennial election of Oakland Community College three (3) candidates will be elected to serve on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees for regular 6-year terms beginning July 1, 2004 and end-The following individuals have been nominated for regular 6-year terms beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2010 (hree to be elected): Kathleen R, Blessing Anne Scott Christenber K Connetiue Janice Simmons





As everyone knows, this is not ing/management; BA, the most glantorous time to run for any elected local office – given the fiscal constraints that all local municipalities and school districts double major: journalism mathematics, secondary face because of shrinking state teaching certification funding. Still, residents who know

DENNIS O'CONNOR

Resident of Novi: 13 years

Ane: 46

Spouse: Gail

Lisa, 17

teered at every school except

Village Oaks and Novi Woods. I

support continuing education and

Plans to foster community partner

ships and volunteers are essential

learning within the classroom

contributions to the teaching and

mer vice president, secretary, edi-

Meadowbrook Glens Homeowners

Fiscal responsibility by main-

taining a balanced budget is criti-cal. I encourage every resident to get factual information about the

14. I would like our children to

tion, not suffer because of apathy

or ignorance. I am excited about

difference, promote community

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ion and No Child left behind.

local merchants.

Yet, I visit Meijer on Grand

River and all I see are large han

me and my family understand that I will make the difficult decisions that are in the best interest of Novi students. It won't be easy, but I'll always keep our students' educaional goals as the top priority. 3. What do you hope to accom-When school districts face budget issues, the mindset of everyone is to look at what programs need to

be cut to balance the budget. I want to change that mindset. That's what I want to accomplish. When we face a budget issue, we should think about how we can raisey money -- increase revenue -- to keep important programs viable. We need to reach out to Novi merchants, and ask them to support us It's in everyone's best interest,

KATIE RAEON

Ace: 46 volunteering my time to make a Resident of Novi: 18 years Spouse: Floyd Raeon Children: Nick Raeon 16. Elissa Raeon 14, and Alex Raeon 10 rofession: registered nurse for 24 years; currently work-

superintendent and Lolan to particpate in that selection process as a poard member. The candidate must



what is important within our com-I chose Novi as my home 18

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(b) A registered elector of the City, Village	e or Township in which he or	she resides.
This Notice is given by order of the Board	of Education of Novi Comm	unity School District, a componer
school district of the Oakland Community Colleg	ge District, State of Michigan.	
		JULIA ABRAM
		RETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION
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All school electors who are registered with		
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I. Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of th	he County of Oakland State	of Michigan, do bereby certify the
according to the records in my office, as of May	11, 2004, the total of all vote	d increases in the tax rate limitation
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deerfield explained

I was saddened by David Hildreth's misguided letter from June 3. The article to which he referred about the "profitability" of full-day kindergarten was taken out of context, What Mr. Hildreth should have realized is that in this era of budget dilemmas what the district looks for are ways to cut costs. What someone in the district did is a bit more long-term analysis to come up with a revisionist idea about the true cost of full-day

kindergarten. They didn't use "poor mathematics but needy took an out-of-the-box thought process when looking at a complex situation. One may choose to continue to believe that full-day kindergarten is a cost center, but it is clear that it isn't a ut and dry as that. There are long-term factors that nter into the equation

I know for a fact that the conclusions they drew are true for many families, I can tell you with certainty that had we not be given a full-day kindergarten slot for our daughter- simply by random lot-tery - we would have had no choice but to place her in a private full-day kindergatten. Coming from two years of a full-time academic preschool, full day kindergarten was the only possible choice. You don't step backwards or reduce their education as your child progresses. To do so would not be in the best interests of the child, and would set them back in their educational process. The cost for the fulllay kindergarten was simply not an issue. We were paying for full-day preschool and would have absorbed full-day kindergarten in stride.

As for his comments about Deerfield, it sounds to me like Mr. Hildreth is also sadly misinformed. Deerfield is not just full-day kinder-garten, but full-day first through fourth grades as

vell with nearly 400 other students as well as 100 kindergarteners. Exactly what would Mr. Hildreth like? For the listrict to abandon or self the building? Where exactly would you place these 500 students?

As for his cor tents about kindergarten being really only half a day and half a day of day care, this is an insult to the tine academic teachers, the Spanish teacher, the music teacher and the staff and idministration that run Deerfield - not to mention the scores of volunteer parents that take time out o their work day or home day to contribute to the educational process of our youth,

Clearly he has not spent much time at Deerfield: if he did, perhaps his spores of observation aren't that keen. His take on foll-day kindergarten at Deerfield at least, is simply incorrect. Most families that have children enrolled in Deerfield love the school. We would gladly pay a premium for our children to attend here, and many parents did offer to pay for this and for full-day kindergarten, but it was not an option. The district decided to offer ful day kindergarten at all the schools by lottery system and at no additional cost. That's being responsive to the needs and desires of today's parents. All of these issues circle back to the ongoing

budget problems. I don't know the answer to the budget difermina but I suspect that we will have to face reality that we willneed to make some funda-mental changes to the way we look at school funding. There are too many inequities in the system at present, and as costs go up we will find more and more anger and more debates and disputes – all destructive things which take away from the

process of educating our children. Is it wise to threaten to remove music and Spanish from elementary education while contin-ing to fund sports at the high school level, when only a fraction of the students participate? Is it wis to continue to raise taxes - while business owners who pay the non-homestead rate don't even get to vote? Is it fair that the retirees on a fixed incom who take very little out of our government and nothing out of our school system today pay the ame tay rate as those families with multiple chil

dren in the school system? All of these things are unlair, as life is 1 appose. These kinds of questions and funding dilemmas have always existed but as costs contin to rise drastically, they will need to be revisited time and time again. What our educators and administrators and state government needs to realize is that everyone has a badget crisis now! Even adjoining towns like Northville and Livonia suffer budget dilemmas with completely opposite situa-tions. Northville has increasing enrollment they can't keep up with, Livonia declining enrollmen that they can't keep up with both resulting in underfunded schools! A generation ago – the 1960s and 1970s – school

budget issues were few and far between. Now every district has them. We have not made any fundament tal changes in funding since the 1960's and that's why fundamental change is needed if we want our headlines to be something other than school fund-

Michael Salemi

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Michelle Sankovic

does the City of Novi. This year the Memorial Day parade came down Ten Mile Road past Meadowbrook road for the first time in 33 years.

Was this a factic to get more school votes? If parents want all of these extras of their children they should be paying for it themselves. Hockey, herosse, a horseback riding team are all new activities within the last five years. Maybe these children should work to save funds for their extravagant sports to be offered by the school. Another item on the millage was a full day of school for kindergartners. I don't think this is nec-essary and do not know of any child that has that type of attention span. Again, if the parents want this they omenand for it thouselves to ground are a All of the items 1 mentioned above are extrava-gant nice-to-haves. I'm surprised we don't start

offering water polo or maybe the school can build its own health club for the students and each sta dent can have their own personal trainer paid for by the taxpayers -- "they are out future" after all. In the May 24 issue of *The Detroit News* there

Someone should be accountable for staying on budget and meet budget targets, not just hold out hard get and need marger angles, not just not out their hand for more money after not budgeting cor-rectly or not managing the budget. I want to tell Lisa Ann Smith (who is mentioned

in The Detroit News article dated May 24) that I don't believe that if we don't offer lacrosse that our city of Novi will turn into a dump because property values will nose dive. Lisa needs to pro vide her own child with these activities. For example, parents who want their daughters in dance classes such as tap or ballet pay for those class themselves. They don't go to the school and expecthem to offer it and have everyone else pay for it. If Laura Henry's mother (another person who was mentioned in the article) wants her to continue to take Spanish to converse with her neighbors from Mexico then maybe Laura's mother should pay for

get to do that unless they pay for it themselves, yet they are holding out their hands for more cash. Gee, too had every homeowner can't do that when they need to make a home repair (we want to keep up the property values, after all). I own my own house, but really I don't since 1

y close to \$4K a year for schools for other peo-e's children. I also drive a vehicle that is 11 years



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lie school districts. In fact, for this year the State decreased our funding by \$500,000, Due to increas-

like Novi, in serious financial circumstances

ing operating costs, this has left many school dis-

The Board of Education has made some tough

choices in order to address this dilemma and to cre

ate a balanced budget for the 2004-05 school year. On April 22, 2004, they adopted a three-tiered plan

that calls for a combination of reduced spending,

using money from fund equity, and raising revenue

through a recreation and playground millage. These choices were hard, but necessary in order to keep

I wish to underscore the importance of this elec-

tion as it relates to the continuing quality of educa-tion in Novi Schools. As individual voters, and col-

quality of education for Novi students on Monday, June 14. Your vote will determine this community's

ient to excellence in education while main

Emmett Lippe

Cathy Schramm

Superintendent of Novi Schools

lectively as a community, you can influence the

The upcoming June 14 school board election is extremely important to the Novi School District.

The selection of school board members will impact

the future direction this district will take. There is

Katie has been a Novi resident for 18 years and

There are those in Novi, who, upon seeing my

However, I am also a Novi parent and a Novi tax-

payer who also knows it is in the best interest of

everyone in this community to keep our school dis

trict of the nationally recognized high quality that it

Proposal A, which promised to "equalize" school

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Voting for Raeon

Our increasing costs combined with reduced income have created a "budget dilemma."

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take a minute and remember when your child was in school, think about when your child will be going to school or think about your child who is antly at the wonderful Novi Schools. Voting s is a vote for our Novi kids

Vote no on millages

I have lived in the original part of Novi near Haggerty for 33 years. To me, the millage does not make sense. Taxes have been going up every year. Novi schools need to tighten up the budget and so

own factosse lessons so they can learn the value of work instead of having their parents hand things to them or worse yet everyone else. We do not need

the school board and help guide us through this critical time. This Candidate is Katie Racon. has been an active community and school volunteer during that time. She has three children currently in the school district and believes in a high quality

was an article saying that Novi plans to cut \$900K out of the school budget and then ask for a millage increase. This does not make any sense. Why would the schools cut money and then ask for more? education for every individual child. Katie under-stands the current issues that parents and children have at all the educational levels here in Novi. She also helieves in fiscal responsibility and accountability at all levels throughout the district These qualities plus the desire to keep Novi as one of the top districts in the state make her the person who has my vote for school board. We that have

worked with her know that she would be a positive and balancing addition to the Novi School Board. Katie Raeon deserves your vote for Novi School millages

are necessary name on this editorial, will recognize me as a Novi teacher and believe me to lack credibility on the millage issue, as it's obviously in the teachers' best that. Laura and her mother should also be thankful that Laura has been able to take Spanish from kindergarten through third grade. Most people don't

funding statewide, has now expired. Whether that legislation actually lived up to its highly touted old since my company is cutting back. But now have to pay for lacrosse for kids. What's next? If promise and was ever fully funded by the state is corporations are cutting back, it's time for the city and the school to cut back as well. certain open for debate, but regardless, its 10 years

and fortunate to work here, and proud to continue the financing of one of the best school districts in the United States; I certainly hope our Novi taxpay Joanne Peurach It's the Domino Effect

I've been following the recent Novi renewal/new millage vote with much interest. Two words come to mind: Domino Effect; and this doesn't just apply to Novi

ational millage. The district is not using so called "scare tactics" to force the passing of this millage; they are, in fact, stating the harsh reality of what less money

will mean to our quality programs, simply keeping voters informed, something which many people find difficult to hear. All of our property values are

directly impacted by the quality of our school dis-

trict, and most people will agree that one of the most attractive things about living in Novi is the Novi Community School District.

I am proud to have raised my kids here, proud

ers will agree.

The entire educational state of affairs throughout Michigan, and the United States, is teetering on a precarious precipice of failure or reform. We, and I ay we because we do have a voice, have a duty to our children to give them an education that involve textbooks, athletics, music, art, and all of the other necessities that have somehow become "luxuries" in the minds of many people today. If not an educa-tion, than what instrument do we impart to the tion, than what instrument do we impart to the future leaders of our world? Material objects, money, cars, clothing, houses, etc. can be taken away - but an education, the ability to think dimen-

sionally and with depth, is something no one can ever take from you. Domino Effect...some people argue that the new millage in Novi, as well as other actions taken by school districts, are unnecessary. So let me ask you this: with no additional state funding, inflation and increased classroom sizes how do you propose we finance all of the things that are necessary to a well-rounded education? No additional funding rom millages and things get cut. Demino Effect...what you don't know is that

when you cut certain jobs, based on seniority, those people bump other district employees (probably our kid's favorite English teacher) and more and nore things begin to change. Domino Effect...educational programs that give

kids the resources and tools needed to make it in an increasingly innovative and technologically depend-ent society are cut and who suffers...the students and your future. Short term, you might not see much of a difference, but think long term. High school graduates never exposed to a foreign lan-guage? Great leaders with all the globalization that is taking place right? Or what about 14-year-olds who don't know how to use Microsoft Word?not far Fantastic, just think of all of the inney utipriand of a ommunication that will happen right? or a DOMINO EFFECT...no athletics? Aren't there

cientific studies that say students who particip in athletics are less likely to use alcohol, drugs, be sexually active? Awesome...let's cut the programs that keep kids busy and teach them how to work in a team and with their peers as well as ma help them get into college (wave good-bye to athletic scholarships) and so forth.

Domino Effect...you want to talk about intimidat-ing, take away all of the programs that will be cut and make yourself a college freshman...not a confi-

dent feeling if you ask me. It's amazing to me how many people will spend thousands of dollars on SUVs, tropical vacations and credit card expenditures but have the gall to balk at an approximate extra of \$100 a year which comes to about \$8,33/month or a mere \$0.28/day! (that's less than a Starbucks' latte) - to fund educational programs and pay salaries that give children an education! Where have our priorities gone? Why is it that in Southfield, the entire district is in danger of being laid off and people moan when they hear of any type of extra money that might come out of their pockets. Funny, I'm sure those same people have one monthly car pay-ment that would equal the annual expense of help-ing to fund our endangered public school system. Domino Effect...it isn't just Novi. But if it can happen to Novi. Then how scary is it for other districts? What about the districts whose average me market value is \$90,000 or \$60,000? That's

mind-blowing. Our priorities are mind-blowing. Education is an investment. It has a return that far surpasses any hot market commodily or option available to an investor today. Do not short-change one of the, if not the, most important system we have available to us today. We lose more than just programs and jobs; we loose our future

> Emilie O'Neil Irving, Texas

OTHER OPINIONS System of drawing voter districts is badly in need of a drastic overhaul

To me, the most telling part of the com-mentary on the death of former President Ronald Reagan had to do with his personal warmth and grace and his ability to work effectively across partisan lines.

His relationship with the then-Speaker of the House, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, offers a striking example. O'Neill was as partisan a Massachusetts Democrat as you could imag-ine, fiercely at odds with President Reagan's conservative ideology. But the two established a warm friendship that

enabled them to find ways to cooperatively disagree without being disagreeable. What a contrast to the fiercely partisan and venomous atmosphere that per-vades our politics today, both ing and in Washingtor n Lansi I recall a recent conversation with Michigan's John Dingell, D-Dearborn, who has served n the U.S. House of Representatives since 1955,

now there Phil Power "In the old days, we might

disagree on matters of politics or policy, but after we got through with all that, we'd go out and have a beer together. Our good personal relationships made it pos-sible to strike compromises that served the

longer than any other member

nation well. But those were the old days. Nothing like that now exists. How come? Surely it cannot be that the personalities of our politicians have radically changed over the past 20 years. Nor have dis-

been mysteriously heightened so as to be utterly unlike those of past years. What has changed is the skill and sophisti-cation the politicians of both paties are now

the GOP. In such districts, there is no political incentive for candidates to appeal to the mod-erate middle. And as a result, the very process upposed to follow the census, which maps population changes from region to region. In order to meet the principle of "one man, one of drawing election districts tends to "parti-sanize" the sort of people who are elected. And this leaves most voters, who are relavote," legislative district lines are adjusted to reflect population changes measured by the census each decade. But politicians — for whom drawing distive moderate partisans or outright independent

trict lines is often the single most crucial act ents, feeling that their representatives in the of their careers — are getting extraordinarily skilled at the fine arts of gerrymandering, i.e. "dividing a geographical area into voting dis-Congress or the state legislature are largel tricts so as to give unfair

advantage to one party in elections." (The term "gerry-mander" was coined after Elbridge Gerry, an early 19th century governor of isetts, who approved Massach a legislative district that looked much like a salamander.) The folks who draw dis-

tricts these days have a whole battery of computer-assisted technologies at their command, enabling them to draw districts to favor one party

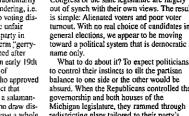
es happen

over another with amazing The net effect has been to

draw voting districts across the country that are either solidly Republican or overwhelm ingly Democratic. John Dingell (who knows lot about redistricting, having been thrown into a district with an incumbent Democratic representative, Lynn Rivers, in 2002) says he

putes between Republicans and Democrats

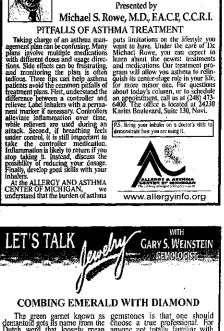
applying to the process of drawing district lines for congressional and state legislative seats. In theory, the process of redistricting is



redistricting plans tailored to their party's advantage. Should the Democrats be in the ion, they surely would d same position, they surely would up the same So I offer a modest suggestion: Let both narties come up with their particular redistric ing plans every 10 years and submit both plans to the voters. Of course, most voters won't know much about the details of either plan. But there will be informed (or, to be realistic, semi-informed) coverage of both in the news media, and the public will get a ge eral idea of whether one plan or another is

outrageously partisan. Both parties will have political incentive to offer plans featuring pointcal incentive to order plans realuring competitive districts that will encourage can-didates to appeal to middle-of-the-road voters Cynics and political experts may pooh-pooh my suggestion. But folks, it would be far better than what we have now. thinks there are no more than 40 truly com-petitive congressional districts across the country. And Bill Ballenger, former state senator and publisher of the newsletter Inside Michigan Politics, lists only 11 state repre-sentative districts out of 110 as "toss-ups." So the real selection of candidates happe

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D-Day memories of a different sort This weekend, this nation will celebrate into the bloody and hell-torn raging inferno friend married him, and Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Helen Thomas went off to Washington. Soon, nobody on campus.... and honor the men who dropped from the that is Europe," he wrote. "They have mount ed the mad elephant of propaganda, and with a other intellectuals of the land will ride him to

the death.

only in primary elections, in which voter

turnout is almost always dominated by the most extreme partisans of either party, ultra

liberals for the Dems and right-wingers for

skies and charged the Nor D-Day. We'll see the old newsreels and modern tributes and hear about Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This will be an especially poignant anniver-sary, because before long, there will be no more survivors to

give interviews. But I will remember a sort of gawky kid who I feel like it new, a kid who bitterly hated the idea of war and everything W. about it. His name was Bob Swarthout, and when it all began, he was a student at Wayne State University, who wanted to be a reporter and

have a normal life Wayne was really just an overgrown city college then, and most of the classes were

in a huge old building that Jack Lessenberry was once Central High School. They called it then, as now, Old Main, and then, as now, Wayne was the best school Detroit-area kids could attend if they didn't have connections or money. What it did have was a good student new paper, and Bob Swarthout rose to be its editor. His best columnist was a young woman

named Helen Thomas, who went on to be a urnalism legend. There is a myth that all mericans, especially the young and progressive, couldn't wait to get into the wa That was, in fact, broadly true of the facul-Wayne students mostly thought that was a very poor idea, because they were the ones who would have to fight it. In blistering editorial after editorial, Swartout denounced war. When a faculty petition called for us to declare war, he went ballistic. "They would plunge the country once again

sity, with a campus and a student union. Then came Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. And everything changed. The next editorial has the headline, today eerily reminiscent of Sept 11. "United We Stand." Now his country

been attacked. "We must lick hell out of them," he pounded out on his manual typewriter. "Every action, every deed, every thought must be calculated on the basis of whether it helps or hinders victory." The next spring, he graduated, and his girl-

ding a job.

example, and live up to your conviction without inflicting them on us, he sport

embered him Then, one day in the fall of 1944, as the Swarthout, who had grown up during the German army was retreating across France, th Great Depression, didn't want death. He Daily Collegian got a letter from someone who had known Bob Swarthout, and had heard him wanted a life. He had belned

slart Wayne's first basketbal team. His columns spoke of alk about the newspaper and the school America's air superiority was pretty much total on D-Day, which was the main reason normal college stuff - he wanted a girl friend; found a girl friend; had the usual the Germans were unable to push the invader back into the sea. Swarthout had been a boni bardier on a B-24 which pounded the con-crete defenses on Omaha Beach. The Nazis elems with his girl friend He spent too much time at the paper, fighting with the shot down very few planes that day. lemic advisor (the day But they got his. It went down in the English Channel, and his body was apparently never found. His death was swallowed up in a tidal wave of

when students could print whatever they wanted hadn't yet arrived) and his grades When the war started, they turned off the light in Old Main's tower, lest it become a target. "It has been a little bit of beauty in our suffered. He worried about ion, he worried about And he worried about caser armchair generals dragging us drab surroundings," he had written. "And in the darkness, students have looked at the ligh into war. He was pleased when a young professor quit the faculty and went to Canada and enlisted. Good. Anyone who wants to be in the war should follow his tower and imagined it as the focal point of a new, enlarged and modern campus Today the light is shining again, and Wayne

State University has a new, sprawling and largely modern campus, and a huge studer Nobody remembers the boy who opposed the war and who died on D-Day, two years

before President Bush was born. And so fr my generation, who grew up to have all the things he missed out on, I say, simply, Thanks.

What he wanted was for times to get better and for Wayne State to become a real univer-

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Why yes votes are needed

Please vote YES on June 14 - if not for any other reason than our kids!

To those of you who either no longer have children in the district, will someday have children in the district or those who have not yet decided which way to vote: Please take a minute to read just a few points that I would like to make in regards to

If the yes vote does not pass, it will be our kids who lose. They will lose their opportunity to partie ipate in clubs (i.e., photography, yearbook, Quest, drama, chess, just to name a few). They will lose their opportunity to participate in sports (i.e., ten nis, gymnastics, cheer, swimming, porn, football, basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, baseball, softball, soccer, just to name a few). Then comes the question - If our kids do not

have these type of activities to keep them busy what will they do? Start hanging out at the mall, 7-11, street corners (just to name a few places). The number of students that participate in these club/sports activities is huge. Not only will our kids lose out in regards to clubs/sports, they will be affected in many ways. No buses for grades 9-12. affected in many ways. No buses for grades 9-12. Can you just imagine what 10 Mile will be like dur ing arrival and dismissal with over 1,000 students office – what is going to happen when a child comes in with a bloody nose, a scrapped up knee, an upset stomach - we surely do not want them to have to take a number until they can be attended to. I could go on and on about the repercussions of a no vote. But I am confident that everyone will

Everyone should vote no on the millage. Enough is enough and people need to be held accountable for the schools budget instead of just asking for more money.

Fleanor Thomason

Dr. Lippe's view

On Monday, June 14, 2004, you will have an opportunity to support a vital resource in this com-munity – our schools. Two proposals will be pre-sented that are critical in the district's effort to keep us from facing a serious financial problem. · A millage RENEWAL will reinstate the "home-

stead" and "non-homestead" millages that the com-munity approved in 1994. The "homestead" millage is what you pay on your home. The "non-homestead' millage is what businesses pay, not home-owners. The millages will maintain the existing \$23 million to the district (approximately one third of the district's operating budget) that we have collected since 1994.

• A NEW recreation and playground millage of .98 mills will allow the district to raise funds to be used specifically for operating costs of publicly used recreation areas and playgrounds. This propos-al will allow the district to reallocate funds in our budget which are now used to fund recreational programs and pay for other educational programs. As you know, this is the second year that the State of Michigan has not increased funding to pub-

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renewal of those mills to continue operating. This will not cost the Novi homeowners anything to renew, but the cost of not renewing it will be devas-

currently is

ting. We also have a number of after-school recreation listing that have been funded out programs in our district that have been funded out of the general fund; taxpayers are not currently being assessed extra for those programs, but the existence of these programs is costly and is being funded out of money guaranteed by Proposal A. Not only has our state funding been reduced due to exist the bactor of Utilization.

to a crisis in the state of Michigan's budget, but the the in every other business in our district has risen, just like in every other business in our state. Our dis-trict receives no cost of living increase in funding; quite the opposite ~ we are at the whim of state and federal lawmakers who continuously cut education

funding in preference of other programs. The bottom line is that our district is finally asking taxpayers to help fund these after-school activities to keep buildings and facilities open after regular school hours. The cost of this to each Novi homeowner is \$98 per \$200,000.00 of your home's value.

Some of our taxpayers and parents have stated that they feel overburdened and have been critical of our school board's perceived fiscal irresponsibil ty, citing various programs available that don't service all students. It seems that many people think that if a program doesn't impact all students then it is a waste of money. The kids who are impacted by these programs would certainly disagree. This short-sighted thinking will prove very damaging to our district if parents choose not to pass the r

Board member endorsing is wrona

Wow! I served on the Novi Board of education for 13 years, moving to Ohio in 1998, when Mr. Bagdady was selected as my replacement. I am writing because I could not believe the letters from Mr. Brown and Mr. Kortland.

When I was on the Board we prided ourselves on continuing education for Board members, and the constant esson was cooperation and unity as a board. Yes, we would disagree, but when the vote on the issue was finished we came together for the good of the citizens and children of the district. Now we have two board members endorsing can didates, one of whom is not presently on the board. How in the world will this board ever come together after the election if the "choices" of these two members don't win. It is all well and good to sup-port folks for office, but a public endorsement such as this can do nothing but drive a wedge into the operation of the Board and the district on a going forward basis.

Could it be power play by a couple of members who want control of the Novi Schol agenda for their own purposes? Novi voters better be careful or they will have a Board out of control, and that is NEVER good for the children.

> Ray Byers Past Novi School Board member and resi

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LETTERS

Capello's comment offensive

Thursday, June 3, I opened my morning Detroit Free Press and read the following quote attributed to Councilman Kim Capello after the city budget vote split down gender lines. "I'm tired of wasting my valuable family time to come here and play games with I find your statement offensive as will event many other people in our community. It lies that the councilmen are able to make rational, sound fiscal decisions for our comnity while the councilwomen are inca pable or unwilling to do so ... they are just

pable or unwilling to do so... use are just playing games. You insuit the intelligence and decision making ability of the three women on the Novi City Conncil and again, the City of Novi is embarrassed in the media. You speak about your valuable family time and that leaves son ne of us wondering if you are raising any da: ghters. Of course, our society really doesn't need any more sons raised with this attitude toward women

Much will be said about the stress and the emotion level of the council as they tried to

haramer out a budget. I have always believed that stressful and difficult situations reveal the true character of a person. Mr. Capello, the U.S. flag passed. It was even more won-derful seeing children stand up without you've revealed your true character to the entire Metro Detroit Area.

parental prompting. Although we were only able to have an abbreviated ceremony at the Civic Center, Mother Nature was kind enough to allow the Judy Haggerty parade to finish before trying to dampen everyone's spirits. For all of us who showed, we were happy with the City's Memorial Day tribute and look forward towards a drier 2005.

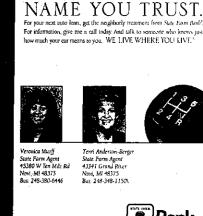
A proper Memorial Day Kevin J. Bartiett Commander, Novi American Legion Post #19

On bchalf of the Veteran's Service Organizations of Novi, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veteran's Alliance, J want to personally thank everyone who helped make this year's Drive rescheduled

The Novi High School Band Boosters would like to thank the community and Farmer Jack Supernarket for their support in the May 22 bottle drive. Despite cancellation Memorial Day Parade a success. Most people were slightly apprehensive over the new parade route. Instead, this route turned out as being the right move. More peodue to inclement weather, some collections ple got up and out of their houses to pay tribwere received. The bottle drive has been the men and women of the military who made 2004. rescheduled for Saturday, September 18, the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation.

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It was wonderful marching in the parade and seeing the majority of people stand up as



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SENIORS

Keeping it fun for Novi senior citizens

By Kim Baker SPECIAL WRITER

Rachel Zagaroli is not particular ly fond of talking about herself. She would much rather talk about those she cares about, especially the sen-tors at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, a senior anartment complex. Zagaroli has only been the City of

Novi Senior Recreation coordinator since February (taking over for Kathy Crawford) but she fits right in, like she has always been there "The Senior Center is just awe-some," she says. She refers to the seniors here as "the most loving group in the world" and describe their caring inquiries of her life, their warm welcome for her and endless supplies of hugs.

recreation coordinator. As Zagaroli plans special themed activ-ities each month, all of which she attends to have fun with the seniors. May's activity was a Cinco de Mayo celebration, "We had three piñatas, she said. "People that you though maybe didn't have the strength...hi them. After about a million whacks they broke open and people were scampering around gathering op all the caridy," she said. She also speaks ondly of the Red Hat Fashion Society's show in which she particivalues and we modeled them with 30 people there."

Zagaroli doesn't only plan big oductions; she is involved in coor dinating all of the activities at the Senior Center, including travel, ice cream socials, garage sales, even meals. Plus the activities are not just for the seniors that live liere. The Senior Center is city-owned and is open to all Novi seniors, so she is

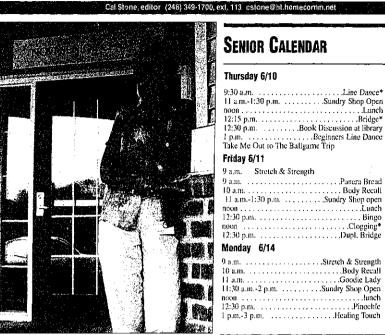


Photo by Cal Store Rachel Zagaroll succeeded Kathy Crawford in February her, I knew that I needed a little Intro to the Center as the recreation coordinator for the Novi Senior Center.

RACHEL ZAGAROLI

Family: Married with three sons and two grandsons, ages two and eight months

Hobbies: When she's not busy at work, her number one priority is playing with her grandsons. She loves taking them to the Senior Center and sharing them with the residents. "You should see everyone. They want to touch and they want to feel a little life. It's like a enewal," she said. Other hobbies include reading ("I'm a voracious reader. I have a

book with me everywhere I go"), working in her yard and playing golf - she is on a golf league and manages the Senior Center's three golf leagues. "Maybe one day I will sneak out there and golf nine with them," she laughed.

commute each way everyday. "We're actually thinking of relocating to Novi. It's such a nice area," she said.



Welcome to the Novi Senior

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.....Panera Bread

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Wednesday 6/16

9 a.m. . . .

izens. The following is her first sub-mission – Editor. have for you! Make plans to join us, I'm sure you will be happy with the new friends you will pot a flower to take home. plants, types to buy and touch or indoor plant care. We will then all



TEEN CHAT - "SEX SELLS" Sex sells. We all know it. I won-. .Cloggiл; der if writing an article about sex will make everyone want to read it. Panera bread 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer Class-Beginners 9:30 a.m. Line Dance* 10 a.m. Asian Pacific this week's contine will be Sex Chat." That should really get people into a nervous sweat. Yes! And it will definitely keep everyone read-ing. Wooboo!! The power I know and love!! . Bookmobile nooii Lunch 12:30 p.m. Bingo . Computer Class-Windows I don't know who watched our hometown heroes (aka The Detroit Pistons) play a little ball last night in . Stretch & Strength Game 1, but they walked all over the Game 1, but they walked all over the Los Angeles Lakers, and they did it in LA!! Who would've though?! Well, the series isn't over yet, and the Pistons are not yet the World. Champions, but they're one game closer. Shawna and I had some teens over last night, and we watched the same toreether in our living room. 0 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Massage Therapy 10 a.m. Body Recall 11 a.m. Blood Pressure

wearing skimpy clothing because it's the "in" thing to do, I'm definite-ly on the adult side of the argument. Unless of course, a scant few adults are on the exposed side. game together in our living room. As we watched the game, a similar scene kept playing over and over on the screen. The camera kept panning onto Lakers coach, Phil Jackson, as he grimaced and ached over every Lakers' miscue. Directly behind Phil's head on the screen was a young lady with a v-neck top on...one that exposed way too much cleavage. It didn't seem that too much of the shirt was missing. It

was just missing at exactly the wrong spot. All the while I kept wondering if she knew she would be on camera, and dressed scantily or purpose. One will never know. At one point, Cleavage Woman adjusted her shirt, not UP to cover erself but DOWN to further expo herself! One of my teen girls had had enough and spoke up. Though typically quiet, Concerned Teen said something like, "Normally girls adjust their shirts so that people. CAN'T see what they've got. She's exposing herself even more!" Anyway, we couldn't believe it. Something like this happening at a national sporting event? Well, I never heard of anything like that

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Pastor Sam ing. One of our grandmotherly types at my church cut out the arti-cle and gave it to me. She knows I'm always looking for material to

I'm normally on the teens' side of things, but when it comes to teens

research on the teen culture.

There was recently an article in one of

the major Detroit daily

about teen girls

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but too often it is girls who expose too much skin. I could also talk about guys wearing sagging pants, exposing their Winnie the Pooh hovers Cours on much shift and the styles they wear because sex hovers Cours on much shift and the styles they wear because sex boxers. Come on, guys...at least retire the Winnie boxers! retire the Winnie boxers! Enough about exposing skin. Let's talk about what it has in com-mon with our discussion about sex. It's my humble opinion, and others', that exposing flesh is an advertise-ment for the opposite sex. Girls, you may not even realize it, but when you show too much skin, guys are watching...and probably enjoying you show too intert skin, guys ac watching...and probably enjoying it. You probably are not doing it intentionally to attract guys to your body, but that's exactly what it's doing. Of course, guys don't HAVE to look, but it sure makes it difficult not to look.

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condoms in a school health class an immodest diva's song, whether it's the clothing rack at a store in the mall or it's the Bump N Grind at a school dance, one thing is sure.

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youth pastor is convinced that Britney and Christina are wearing the styles they wear because sex sells. A latest CD might sell double the volume if its performers are scantily clad. Parents, an FYI for you. I thought it was interesting to note that Christina's online store is called,

Sex sells. Have a great day! God bless!

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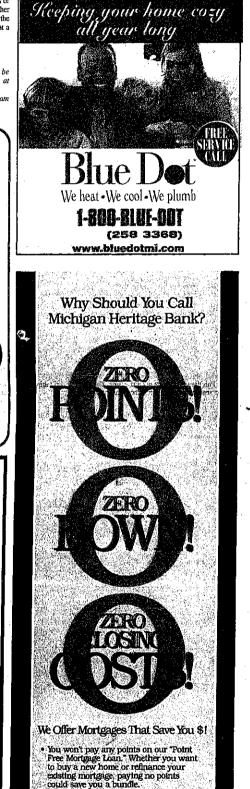
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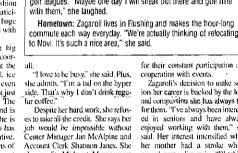
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Faith Community Presbyterian Church

44400 West 10 Mile Road, Novi MI 48375 • (248) 349-2345 Worship at Faith Community Presbyterian Church is at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Both services are traditional and offer Sunday School for preschool through 12 grade. Nursery care is available at both services. Our Senior High youth program meets Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m., and our mid-high group meets Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m. We are currently have Figure Journey receives Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m. We are currently au a sweat shirt and T-shirt sale with all proceeds benefiting the mission committee. Vacation Bible School sign ups are currently being held. VBS will be held June 14-18 – 9:30 a.m. There is no cost for this. W will be holding our 13th annual (but not consecutive) fun run on June 12 at 8 p.m. Communion will be served on Sunday, June 13. AA and ACOA, meetings are held at 7 and 8 p.m. respectively on Tuesday evenings. Our golf league is currently playing on Monday evenings through August at Coyote Creek Golf Coarse.

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for their constant participation and cooperation with events. Zagaroli's decision to make seniors her career is backed by the love far coffee" to a coming type far coffee" and comparison she has always fell for them. "I ve always been interest-ed in seniors and have always planning for a crowd. She also has to deal with all the administrative, programming and budget aspects of the job. None of this phases her at WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES!

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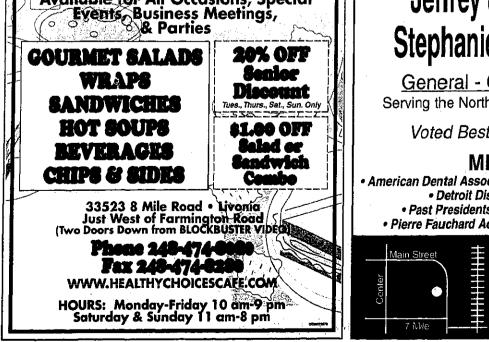
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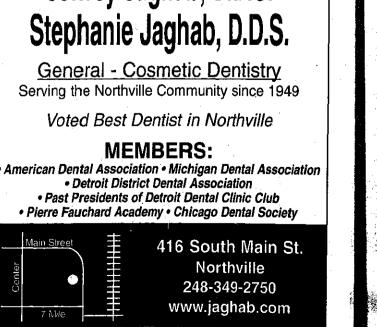
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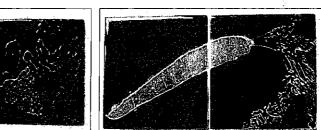




David A. Woody, DDS and staff invite you to join us at our new location in Grand Oaks Centre, Novi. Our office is dedicated to quality care and friendly service and provides a full range of dental procedures, with a special interest in cosmetic dentistry. We offer porcelain veneers and crowns, white fillings, and smile whitening procedures including the new ZOOM! system as seen on Extreme Makeover. Hi-Tech equipment - from a laser to diagnose decay, intraoral cameras and an interactive DVD system to help explain your treatment needs and options, Air Abrasion to remove decay without the need for numbing and drilling, and a state of the art sterilization system - provide for your safety and comfort.



Parkview Elementary School art teacher Jennifer Harvey, with a wave of her hands, tries to explain how watercolor painters try to capture the shape of mountains to an assembly of her students before they attempted to create landscapes in the style of artist Georgia O'Keefe.



A tile of grapes by student A two-piece tile artwork created by third grader Katie

HIGH-LEVEL ART



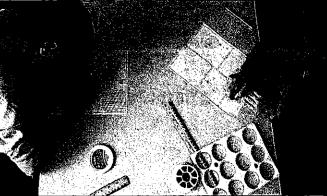
With ruler and pencil in hand, Parkview student Chris Park contemplates how to tackle an assignment on abstract drawing

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An underwater scene pu vear-old first graders.

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Using rulers and circular objects, students Chase Jabbaori, left, and Kirk Sar work on penciling out an abstract of a radio.

Parkview third graders exceed expectations

By Ramez Khuri

student dips a paintbrush into some

vatercolors during a Thursday after-

oon art class.

down and work the other way. It teaches them how to bleed different paints with what ever color they want, like in a red, Mai ever cool may want nice in a red, a magenta or orange." Harvey explained that what she is teaching students are high, college level techniques and they're doing it in third grade. She will teach about light and For those who have always wondered why the artwork hanging up at Parkview Elementary School appears to be a little more advanced than one would normally see third graders produce, the answer lies with Jennifer Harvey. She has her own theory about how to teach art. She believes that the students

limit, and she says that the kids will usu-

ally rise to her expectations. "It's really more of a theory," Harvey said. "It's the way I approach at. I believe that we always underestimate the abilities of children in art and some

terms for their level.

from her is graduated washes.

shadow and how to achieve a more real-...istic look with the paint She will also, teach about how mountains overlap one teach about how mountains overlap one another and how they're rocky as she teaches should have the opportunity to know everything she knows about art, even if she learned it in college. She doesn't start from simple concepts and work up. She believes that the sky is the opposed to smooth. "I don't allow kids to put the sun in

the corner of their drawings because I want them to show the affect of the sun light," Harvey said. "They'll do that at home when they're with their friends, so I know Thm not telling them anything new. I don't tell ihem it's illegal if they do it, there's no sun police, but let's make it look like there's sunlight out there. That makes them more concerned

of that, they are not ready to learn yet because of their developmental level. with with color." In one project, Harvey has taught stu-dents art history, a painting technique, a lighting technique, how to make aesthet-ic choices and how to vary from their usual thinking. She said that third graders, who are eight years old, have studied the same kinds of techniques that the rid in collace but I expose them to all the techniques I know; all the art history I know and whatever is relevant to what we're work-

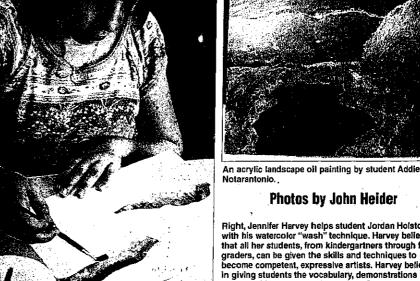
that she did in college. "That's, my job, to impart artistic knowledge to them," Harvey said. "My theory has always been, a small part of art is creativity and imagination. The rest is all problem solving. My job is to spark their imagination and spark their creativity and then teach them all the technia ies I can - no matter what kind

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ing og. If they don't understand it, I help them to understand it. And if it's too complex, then I try to put it in their torms for their load w Harvey likes to start an art project either from a media standpoint, a tech-nique standpoint, an art history stand-point or something the students are working on in their regular classrooms. Since here is little time left in this school year, one of the last things students will I







Student Katle Bedro works on a "wash" watercolor nique.

Photos by John Heider

Right, Jennifer Harvey helps student Jordan Holston with his watercolor "wash" technique. Harvey believes that all her students, from kindergartners through fourth graders, can be given the skills and techniques to become competent, expressive artists. Harvey believes in giving students the vocabulary, demonstrations and peer coaching to succeed as artists. She conveys to her students that she has high expectations of them as student-artists.



REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Managing your Social **Security** income

Five mistakes that can shrink your check

Social Security beneficiaries received a 2.1 percent cost-of-liv-ing increase as of January 2004. The boost is up from 2003's increase of 1.4 percent, but still reflects an economy with low inflation according to the Wall Street Journal. Some might think their check will be enough to live on. Many don't know that for the average couple receiving benefits, the monthly check is just over \$1,500. Even more don't realize they could be making financial mistakes that will shrink their check significantly.

On the topic of Social Security, most Americans are either con-cerned, confused or don't bother to think about it at all, according to Kenneth Osiwala, president of Clinton-Township-based Osiwala and Associates.

"Among younger Americans, there is the casual assumption that Social Security is something they'll deal with far in the future," said Osiwala, a Certified Senior Adviso

"Next, there are those Americans approaching retire-ment who believe Social Security will provide a steady, unassailable source of retirement income," he said. "Finally, there are seniors now receiving Social Security who are very concerned about being able to live on this income. and they have every right to be." Social Security has undergone

some major changes. Created by The Social Security Act of 1935, Social Security began making benefit payments around 1940. At that time, the U.S. Treasury ruled that these benefits payments were gifts that could not be taxed by the U.S. Government. In 1983, Congress changed the law and commenced taxing individual's Social Security benefits by up to 50 percent. In 1993, the law was changed again to tax benefits up

to 85 percent. "Under current tax laws, 85 percent of Social Security income is taxed when a specific amount, called 'threshold income' is exceeded," explained Osiwala. "Many seniors planning to rely on Social Security income to live are surprised to find that their other investments, including pensions, CDs, savings accounts, bonds, money markets, mortgage income and others are all included as threshold income. If you aren't careful, those little investments can quickly add up to a sizeable increase in JRS taxes."

Common mistakes

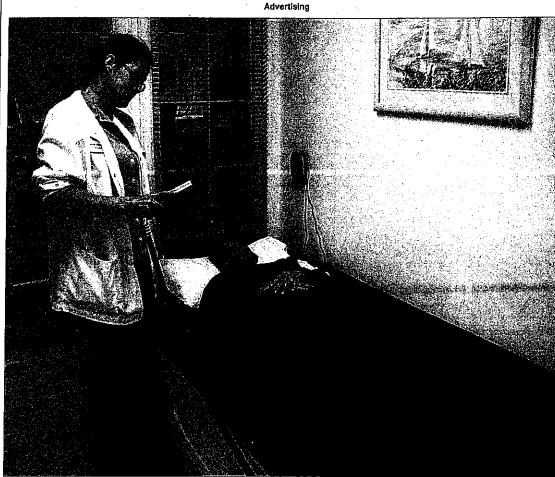
According to Osiwala, there are five common mistakes people make that result in a higher per-centage of their Social Security being taxed. They are:

1. Making investment earnings reportable to the IRS. 2. Earning interest on invest-mente incomments

ments incorrectly. 3. Making inefficient use of

4. Putting required distributions,
 4. Putting required distributions in the wrong place.
 5. Having discretionary income

that is too high. "There are ways to address each of these mistakes and a qual-ified financial planner should be able to show them to you," says Osiwala, "For example, you can avoid a nasty threshold income tax event by simply modifying your investments. All types of earnings, dividends or interest are included in threshold income. except one, the deferred annuity Depending on the person's situation, that might be a way to lower taxes on Social Security income." According to some experts, Social Security will be completely bankrupt within a decade. Others argue that Americans are putting money into a system that will end up paying them 75 percent less than the current benefit rate. Is it any wonder people are confused? Over-reliance on Social Security is risky," says Osiwala. "The only real way to ensure you will have sufficient income to live out your "golden years" is to plan for it "And when it comes to retirement planning, five or 10 years from now should not be viewed as the distant future? Osiwala is president of Clinton Township-based Osiwala and Associates. Contact him at Osiwala and Associates (586) 285-5100 or e-mail at kosiwala@ameritech.net



Louise Austin, a physical therapy assistant at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, demonstrates the new Aqua-Med table for Heather Ray.

Physical rehab offered at Northville practice

By Duane Ramsey CIAL WRITER

Northville Physical Rehabilitation P.C., conveniently located on Main Street down-town, offers physical and occu-pational therapy services to help restore function for people of all ages with limitations from injury or linear

ages with limitations from injury or illness. "We see a number of people experiencing difficulty because of generalized nuscle weakness and limited endurance due to their sedentary type of jobs or lifestyle." said Engerer, a licensed physical therapist who has enserted the local service has operated the local practice since 1985.

Being physically weak for any reason whether the result of illness, injury or lifestyle puts a person at risk for re-injury because they are less able to tol-

erate the physical stress of work or play," Engerer said. Northville Physical Rehab receives many patients through referrals from area physicians in family practice, rheumatologists for people with arthritis, ortho-pedic surgeons for hip, knee and shoulder patients, and even from dentists for individuals with ternporal mandibular joint problems,

according to Engerer. Many potential patients come in and ask if they need a referral from their doctor, he added

"You don't need a referral for an initial evaluation but some insurance companies require a prescription or referral for actual treatments. We try to make it as easy as possible for initial refer-rals," said Engerer.

"We help the patients by con-tacting their physicians and makrendation for tre ments following that initial exam. For those without a per-sonal physician, we can make a

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referral to an appropriate physi-cian," Engerer added. With the staff and equipment at Northville Physical

at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, they can do everything related to physical therapy that hospitals provide without having to travel very far. "They were able to help me get full flexibility and motion in my knee one month after I had a total knee replacement in March," said Al Qualman of Northville. a patient at

Northville, a patient Northville Phy at Physical Rehabilitation.

Qualman comes to the local rehab facility three times a week for his physical therapy and twice a week for extra physical workouts. He likes the fact that they know the appropriate exer-cises to help strengthen his knee. The Northville facility has

some of the latest technology to test and treat many orthopedic, neurological and muscular-skeletal disorders. Some of the more common diagnoses may include neck and back injuries, shoulder tendonitis, balance disorders, joint replacements, sim-ple strains or sprains and trau-matic brain injuries.

A new piece of equipment just acquired is the Aquamed, a table that uses high-pressure water to provide massage to specific body parts without getting wet.

The patients lie on a mattress and receive warm water treat-ment from head to toe. They can adjust the direction, intensity and duration of the treatment.

"Our back and neck patients really like it," Engerer said. "It's effective for many soft tissue diagnoses."

Qualman was pleased with the bed treatments he re

DETAILS Northville Physical Rehabilitation, PC 215 East Main Street (downtown Northville) (248) 349-9339

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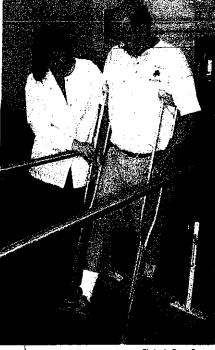
on headphones with music while

receiving the treatments. "I am confident that we have the very best staff, the latest equipment and a broad range of experience to treat even the most challenging cases," said Engerer. "We have earned the reputation in the medical community that gives physicians confidence in us to provide their patients with the best care and treatment.'

The staff establishes a treatment plan to meet each patient's specific needs, physical capabilities and limitations. The patients, their physicians and families are kept informed of the individual's progress and potential for nprovement,

Northville Physical Rehab Northville Physical Renato also provide spersonal fitness training, nutritional counseling and a bealth wellness program. A membership is available for fit-ness training for as low as \$35 per month, said Engerer. In addition to treating patients In addition to treating patients

in its downtown facility, the staff is available to treat patients in



Judy Majewski (left), a physical therapy technician at Northville Rehabilitation, teaches patient Al Qualman of Northville, how to use crutches with the parallel bars.

tion services. Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and most without medical insurance. We Northville Physical Rehabilitation, according to Engerer,

"We accept some patients ment plan based on the treatment provided and the patient's financial ability," he said.

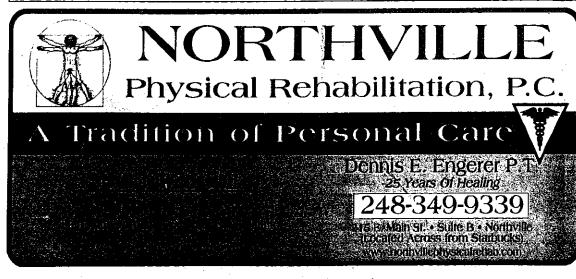
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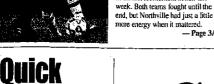
for his chronic neck and back pain. He said it's so relaxing that he can fail asleep when he puts

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Most insurance plans cover physical therapy and rehabilita-



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Unexpected end

The Northville Mustangs managed to oust the top-ranked Novi Wildcats in district tournament action last

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State Finals Run The Novi Wildcats didn't quite have the showing that

could have been expected from the girls' and boys' track and field

teams last weekend, but the rock-solid contributions of

Jenn Mehl continued on as she jumped to a thirdplace finish in the pole vault against some very strong competition

– See full story, page AA3

Tennis takes 12th in the **Division I** state finals

Novi had a good year on the tennis courts this year and they topped it off with an applaudworthy showing at the state finals in Midland last week

Though they finished in 12th, Novi showed that it takes a strong team to compete at such a high level of competition and even win a few matches while they're at it.

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Baseball takes final lum

The Novi baseball team found themselves walking off the field following their

game against Salem in the alem in the District tourna ment just shaking their heads. The squad lost though

they were heavily favored to win the tourney. The Rocks went on the take a loss to Northville in five innings, handing the Mustangs their thirdstraight District title. See full story, page AA2

Summer is coming soon If you've got a sports story idea that you'd like to share with the Novi News, feel free to contact sports writer Sam Eggleston with your thoughts.

High school sports are corning to a close, which means that there is a lot more time to get other stories into the sports section. From skateboarding to pick-up basketball, no story is too big or too small and every thing will be considered evenly.

Sam Eggleston can be reached via email at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Congrats, seniors! The Novi News sports



doubt, if they put the time, effort and dedication into their lives as they have their school and their scorts. they will find themselves a success in the much bigger world that awaits them.

For those who olaved sports at Novi and will move on to the next level: Good luck! it's tough to be the best at your respec-tive sports in high school and just the anverage joe in the collegiate ranks. A lot of work, a lot of pain and even more persperation will hopefully prove you to, once again, be one of the best.

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Kids are the best audience, especially in Novi. The city's

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Novi's Jean Mehl clears more than 10' in an away meet in May at Hartland. Mehl took third overall in the state meet in polevault.

Mehl is the only 'Cat to place in finals

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes, too much of a good thing may just be too much period.

Senior Jenn Mehl was victim of that, taking third place with a jump of 11-feet-3inches at the Division I state finals Saturday at Rockford High School.

"I was getting really tired," Mehl said of the final set of vaults. "I started too early." Mehl said she saw too many

other pole vaulters end up taking a no height for their mark after cratching on their jumps early n. Normally, the senior doesn't start jumping until the later jumps but decided to go at 9-feet-3-inches to solidify her and kicked it off."

The winning leap was at 11-6, while the second place finish was an 11-3 mark like Mehls', though her opponent made it in two jumps instead of on her third.

Though she didn't take the top spot, Mehl isn't disappointed. "Everyone wants to be first, that's obvious," she said. "Top

three isn't bad at all though." Mehl will be taking her talents the University of Michigan

where she plans to walk on. "I think I can make the team

right now just by walking on,' she said. "If I get an equipmen

said. "People just kept telling me to go out there and not worry about what everyone else was doing. There was nothing I could do. I just had to focus on how high I was going and nothing else

Mehl was the only Novi Wildcat out of the boys and the girls' team to place at the state finals. She said she was surprised that boys' discus thrower, junior Ryan Pritchard, didn't get a mark as he was ranked sever heading into the state championship

"I heard he didn't have a good

"That's why I came in so low," she said of her first jump. "I actually missed my first jump at 9-3 and I felt pretty bad, but I switched to a bigger pole. I was definitely worried after missing that first one though?

Mehl, who holds the record at 11-3 for Novi High School girls' track, is well aware that her record will be the goal for many girls to come and go through the

years. She even cheers them on and wishes them the best in their venture. "I guess I'd tell them to just

Jenn Mehl wasn't always going sky high on her pole vault

down and dedicated herself to breaking the school record.

Her sophomore year found

Mehl went 10-6 her junior

Photo by John He

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Not Tooling around O'Tooles offers fine food, friend

ly service, fun, entertainment and merous sports activities in a casu-

al environment with "A Touch of Irish" at the local restaurant that opened last fall in Novi.

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leaps. Instead, she struggled like everyone else until she buckled

In her freshman, year, Mehl went 8-feet-3-inches.

her at 10 feet and looking to go even higher.

year and qualified for the state finals.

jumps. "I think if I wouldn't have done that, I wouldn't have get so tired," she said. "At 11-6, my first two jumps I didn't even try to go over the bar. I just went up

scholarship, it will pay for spikes and poles and the uniform."

Mehl said that if she would've gone up against some better tal-ent in the regular season, she may have had a higher mark over the year. Instead, she had to basically compete with herself throughout the season.

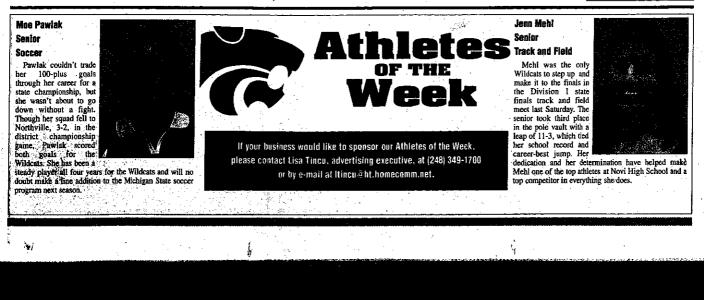
"It's preity tough to do," she

day at al she said. "IE'S because if you have an off day and it happens to be the day of the state finals then there's noth-ing you can do aobut it. It can be pretty bad, but there's a lot of pressure

Even Mehl, who has plenty of state finals experience and a third-place finish to show for it, admits that she gets nervous.

she said. "Just look at me when I was a freshman. I was horrible Mehl cleared 8-3 her freshman year before going 10 feet her sophomore season and 10-6 last year. Today, she is the record holder at 11-3.

"It just takes a lot of hard ork," she said. "The harder you work, the more it pays off." 📕 in her senior season, Mehl set the new school record with a leap of 11-3 and qualified for the state finals. She took third place against the best vaulters in Michigan,



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You're out! Salem Rocks upset Novi in District Tourney

By Sam Eggleston

It was the kind of an ending that no one in Novi and much of the high school baseball com-munity could have ever expect-ed.

David, once again, beat Goliath The Wildcats came into their

game against the Salem Rocks looking to pound their way to victory and a berth into the District title game. That was far from the way it worked out as Salem escaped with an 8-3 victory over their ranked foes Going into the game, Novi was ranked second in the state. Salem was not. Novi had beat Salem twice in the regular sea-

And, yet, Novi-Just. I think it was a case of looking past them to a certain extent," Novi hurler Mike Hart said. "We expected to play Northville for the champi-

onship. Northville was waiting in the title game after beating Canton, 14-8, in the early game of the day. The Mustangs went on to heat Salem, 12-2, in a fiveing advantage of junior pitcher inning mercy

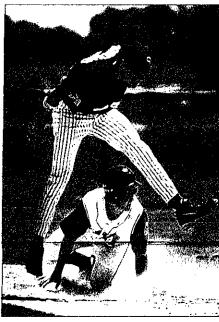


Photo by JOHN HEIDER Wildcat Steve Gawronski slides safely into second base beating a tag from Salem's Dave Cardenas

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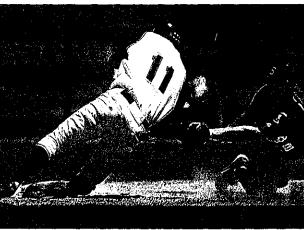
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Wildcat Steve Gawronski, left, tries to avoid a tag at third base by Salem High Rocks' Scott Holka during last Saturday's District 27 playoff game. Gawronksi slid past the base and was called out as he tried to scamble back

Novi found themselves a bit Billy Morrison's fastball early hits the ball better than you do, stunned after the Rocks jumped in the gainte. a pitcher that has what it takes ahead and didn't look back, tak "They bit the ball really to beat your guys or a team that well," flart said. "They won the game. They deserved it, Basically, Salem outplayed us through the entire game For Hart and the 10 other sen-iors on the team, it was a hard season, but saying good-bye to way to end their promising sea-each other.

guys for a while now." Hart said. "I couldn't really ask for a better Kensington Valley Conference title under their belts and what tide under their belts and what toked like a promising run at a state title to be had. It was a played well, Busically, we killed everyone we played. I'm happy hard pill to swallow with the overall season, it was lot of tun.

for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 Chris Scott all waved good-bye to their senior years and their or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net final season as a Wildcat

o play college ball while other von't "For a lot of guys, this was the last time they'll play and organized sport," Hart said. "I was a little mad that we lost, but I was more mad for the guys

play the best team in the state, according to the rankings, in the Regional, Hart said their loss should be a lesson learned by

"At any point down the line, you might run into a team that



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

just wants it more," he said, "Anything can happen. That's why we play the game, right? The hardest thing wasn't st "Eve played hall with these Ranked second in the state, a

hard pill to swallow. Doug Benton, Adam Brandau, Josh Buck, Tyler Farrant, Steve Gawronski, Hart, Kerry Kreutzberg, Kyle Margrave, Dan Morrison, Matt Nickels and

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer

Some, like Hart, will move of

who won't be going on. I've got at least four more years of base-ball. They don't." With Northville moving on to

everyone.

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ons held during the five-day clothes and shoes are required. Fee \$63.00 camp, July 26-30, Monday-Friday Class #2354.401, Grades 3-5, For more information or to sign up for the camp, which is coached by Fisette and some varsity Wildcat volleyball players, please call Community Education at 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m Class #2351,402, Grades 6-9 10:30 a.m.-noon Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Baskethall Camp (Grades K-2) Learn the basic basketball skills (248) 449-1206.

8:30 a.m.-noon Class #2350.402, Grades 6-9

Lp.m.4:30 p.m. Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Shooting Camp (Grades 3-9) This shooting camp will be packed with instruction, tech-

niques, and the drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well

Emphasis will be placed on 3point shooting, free throws, shoot-ing of the dribble, and spot shoot-

ing. Awards will be given to

shooting contest winners. Gym

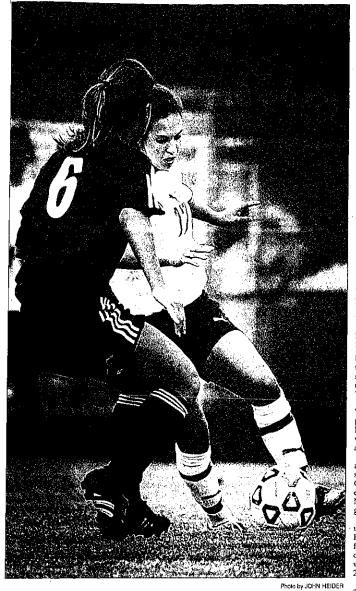
and build your confidence. Emphasis will be placed on drib-Summer basketball camps All of the basketball camps ar directed by Novi High School bling, pivoting, passing, lay-ups Hing, preusing, hysting, hysting, hystis and shooting. Gym clothes and shoes are required. Held at Novi Meadows 6th Gym. Fee \$63.00 July 19-23, Monday-Friday and the state of the state Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Pat Schluter, Schluter was Coa of the Year 2003-2004, and is also a Physical Education Teacher at Novi Meadows School, Camps will be assisted by Novi Baskethall Coaching Staff and Class #2354,401, 8:30 -10 a.m. For more information, please high school players. All camps will be at the Novi Middle School contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206. gym unless noted. Novi Wildcat Boys Basketball Registration begins May 3.

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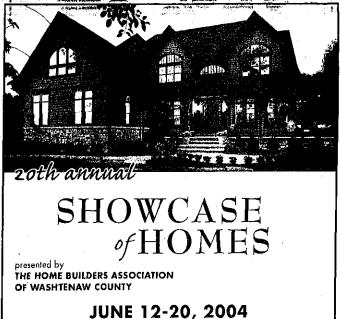
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Novi's Stephanie Crawford, right, faked out her Livonia Stevenson defender and then scored on a shot during last Thursday's playoff game at Northville High. The Wildcats won the game, but went on to fall against the Northville Mustangs in the final contest of the year



Last-minute shot ends Novi's hunt for finals

By Matt Simich SPECIAL WRITER

It was a classic match-up between two rivals. The Wildcats of Novi faced off against the Mustaps of Northville for the district soccer title last Friday and the game proved to be every bit of exciting as any fan could hope for. Earlier in the season the Wildcats win."

defeated the Mustangs 4-1 so Northville was looking to even the score, but Novi was just as hungry to take the district title home to their side of town. Coming into the game, Novi was ranked first in the state by Northville. he coaches' poll and Northville was

anked second. In the end, it was the secondranked Mustangs who took the crown for their own, beating the top-spot 'Cats on a last-minute shot to defenses and goalies did good jobs of keeping the ball out of their respective nets for the first ten minutes of the second half. Then in the vin the title and advance to the Regional, 3-2. 29th minute, Northville's Kubas put

The game started out with a bang as Wildcat senior forward Moe Pawlak swiftly broke through the up a beauty of a free kick that Lauren Hill headed in at 29:54, which tied the score up 2-2. Northville defense and kicked the ball off the left goal post and in to the net. The goal came in the first 20 seconds and was unassisted. The momentum was in favor of the up and it gave us a little trouble," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary "It just took us too long to adjust and that is how they scored their second Wildcats, but not for long, "In the first five minutes, the goal."

Wildcats played with double stop-pers and forward backs," said Mustangs coach Ron Meteyer. "So we came at them with lots of speed and substitutions on the outside." Nine minutes later the Mustangs answered with a long bomb shot by senior midfielder Whitney senior midlielder Whitney Guenther. The shot sailed over everything in its path, including Novi's goalkeeper, for an unassisted goal at 31:27 and a tied game, 1-1. Novi regained their lead six min-utes later with another goal from Pawlak. Senior Nikki Hermann per-fectly placed a free kits that went feetly placed a free kick that went

launched and it hit the crossbar and landed in front of a Novi player. She kicked the ball but a Northville defender blocked it, Northville tried to clear ball out of the zone but Novi took it away again. With another blast from a Novi forward it looked off the crossbar and Pawlak came up

like they were going to score, how-ever Northville was there again deflecting the ball out of the scrum to keep the game tied. Not long after, Novi had another with the rebound and scored at 25:06 for the 2-1 advantage. For the remainder of the half,

chance with Pawlak going toward the net with two Northville defend-ers on her. She managed to get past the two and shot the ball, but it the two and shot the ball, but it News, Comments can be directed to rolled just wide of the net. Novi con- (248) 349-1700, ext.



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short throughout the second half, "We had a lot more chances to "All credit goes to score but we didn't finish when we Northville. They had the opportunity and it cost us the game," said O'Leary. played outstanding With only ten minutes remaining Northville came alive by taking con-

and deserved to trol of the ball and they did not leave the Novi zone for the rest of the Brian O'Leary

gante. "The team started stepping it up and playing like they should," said Mustang Lauren Hill. "We played scared against them during the regu-lar season and lost 1-4. This time mend on a sing started by more more the mend on a sing started by more more started by the started by the started by the started scared against them during the regu-lar season and lost 1-4. This time Noví soccer coach around we just wanted it more and the Northville crowd really helped The second half started right where the first left off. The teams had a hard time offensively. Both

us out With one minute left it seemed that this game would head into over-time. As Northville tried to drive in again, Lauren Hill got a shot off. Novi's keeper blocked it but could not control it. Hill swooped in to get her own rebound and shot the ball in

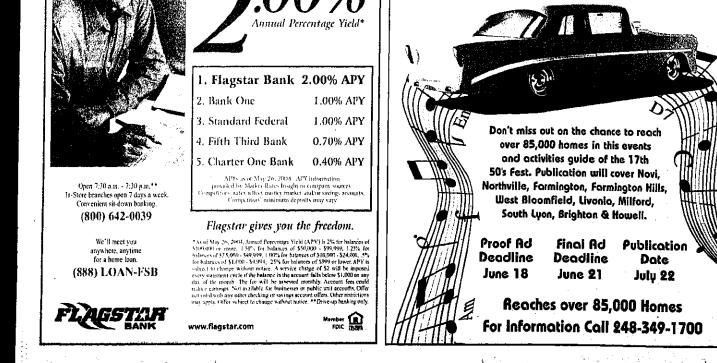
the net with 35 seconds left for the 3-2 lead that would prove to be the "They brought an extra defender game winner. "We've come a long, long way since we played Novi early in the season and we have really jelled as a team," Meteyer said, "I told them to keep the ball on the ground and we

For the next 14 minutes, the teams fought it out defensively before it looked as though the could see that Novi was fading fast in the end," With the remaining seconds on Wildcats got the break they needed. the clock Novi put in a great last 30-Northville's Adkins received a vel-

second effort but as the buzzer sounded the Northville was still on top 3-2. "Of course we're disappointed low card from the official and the spot of the free kick was in scoring range for the Wildcats. The kick from Stephanie Crawford was because we wanted more, but Northville played a great game," O'Leary said, "All credit goes to Northville, They played outstanding and deserved to win.

Both teams should be proud of the way they played and the effort it took to get this far. Although there can only be one winner, each team played like champions and acted like champions as well

great defensive efforts came from Novi's Kelli Contact Novi's Kelli Corless, Jessica Barndt and Kelly Herbert. Loren Tacconelli, Lindsay Hill and Tessa Adkins played the same role for



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Novi takes 12th in final

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Nine will return for next season's team

By Sam Eggleston

It was a season of memorable moments and great match-ups for the Novi Wildcats tennis tearn. The way it ended was full of those same kind of moments and competition as well as the 'Cats took 12th in the state of Michigan Hanson said. in Division 1 competition with even total points. Taking first was Ann Arbor Pioneer with 36 points while Ann Arbor Huron took second along with Catholic Central with 23 points Northville. Novi s cross-town ival, was 13th with six points and Brighton, a conference rival, was pretty good squad inth with nine points. "Relatively speaking, we played fairly well," Novi coach Jim Hanson said, "After we won our first matches and went into the player Kyle Goodman. next mund, we had to face one of the seeds, it seemed like we were drawing either the first or second

seed the entire time Despite all of the flights ending their season in their second match-ups of the state finals, Hanson said hat he was satisfied. "I was very pleased with how the kids played," he said. "They competed with the best in the state and did very well." Of course, it helped to have such a strong regular season, dual-meet schedule. Novi played Ann Arbor Huron and Catholic Central in the

second round.

regular season, losing to them 8-0 Billy Gardner of Birminghan and 7-1, respectively Brother Rice but eventually fell, 6-"They sound like blowouts, but 4, 6-1.



Wildcat's #2 singles player Prasanna Venugopal tracks down a tennis ball, readying his forehand during a game against a Pinckney Pirate.

"They played very well." anson said, "I am really proud of played them very well," haven raid, "I an really proud of Dillon, 6-2, 6-0. In round two, he how they did against some of the had to take on Midland's John The squad will lose four seniors who saw regular playing time and will return eight experienced play-ers with a ninth that saw plenty of best teams in the state." fourth doubles. Ryan Information of the state of the playing time during the regular

gles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3. Murray was "We're fairly young," Hanson said, "Next year, we should have a McDougal and Darin O'Dell. The second doubles team of Kevin Lai and Eric McQueen had In the state finals, the most to fight their way past Jeff Scaff the runner up in his flight. notable showings came from third doubles duo Jeff Korby and Richie Fetters and from fourth singles and Kyle Blackney of Carman Ainsworth, 6-1, 6-2, before earn-ing a step into the second round. "They had to play some great players," Hanson said, "They played them well and ended thei acason with a great match. That's Greg Brown and Elio Truesdell of The doubles team made it to the Ann Arbor Huron, however, cut all you can ask them to do." uarterfinals before falling to avior Zalewski and rent Parshall their runs short and beat the Novi In third singles, Roshan Ramachandran fell in the hardest duo, 6-0, 6-3. At first doubles, James Peurach of Grosse Pointe South, 6-2, 6-3 fought match-up of the day for the Wildeats. In the first round, In the first round, the duo benefitand Drew Doster defeated ed from a bye before beating West Midland's Dan Lefler and Jacob Ramachandran fell to Jeff Paanwe Bloomfield's Aaron Seidman and Preet Guidemella, 6-4, 6-4, in the Frankovich, 6-4, 6-4, but ran smack dab into eventual flight of Holland 7-5 7-6 Hanson said he is looking fo ward to next year. He says he does champion Ann Arbor Pioneer in In fourth singles, Goodman round two. The Pioneer duo of n't plan on retiring and will be Andy Gauthier and Anthony Smith defeated the Wildcats, 6-1, 6-0. carned a bye in the first round before going onto round two and meeting up with Port Huron Northern's Bill Derocha and beat these kids." him 6-1, 6-2. In the quarterlinals, Goodman fought well against

back for the fall girls' season "As of right now, I'm staying, "Taking on any of the top five he said. "I enjoy working with teams was a tough challenge," Hanson said, "After Huron, Catholic Central and Grosse Poin Sam Eggleston is the writer for the Novi News, He can be South, it was wide open." In one singles play, senior Suraj reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 Ramachandran

defeated or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. ويتوالمحد ويشار المرزي

had two assists

final. He had one goal and two

assists in the game, while Smith

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Pelton and lost, 6-1, 6-0. Pelton

was runner up in the state at Division L

Lacrosse bows out of state tournament

with an entire half left to play

Novi's defense buckled down

in the third, keeping Lansing Waverly scoreless while Novi

had 10 shots on goal with none

In the end, the first quarter

By Sam Eggleston

proved to be the poison that ended the season for Novi. Waverly prowled through the It was a season of great achievement for the Novi Wildeat defense, snagging pass after pass and landing shot after shot to score four goals. Though Novi mustered eight shots on Wildcats despite the predictions made by their peers in the world of high school lacrosse. Past records meant nothing, Past performances were quickly ignored. It was a new season, a new year and a new coach to guide them. The wildcats responded, claw-ng their way to a 10-6 record pass from Jeff Policicchio and ing their way to a 10-6 record before falling in the playoffs to a powerful Lansing Waverly squad ast week. The year prior, Novi Unfortunately, that would be the Against Waverly, the Wildcats



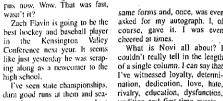
suffered through a dreamy first through the remainder of the Policicchio notched Novi's quarter and fell victim to their half. Lansing, however, tallied final goal of the season with an foes from Waverly, 8-4, two more to make it a 6-1 game unassisted volley for the 8-4

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Novi offers a great experience

Another year, another gradua-tion and another season come and come next year, I'll have spent four football seasons with the Novi Wildcats. Four basketball, four hockey, four everything Isn't it strange how quickly time mes and goes? Kevin Cisto will be a senior. I

emember people talking about tim like he was the next big thing a Novi when he was just a fresh man. I scoffed. They were right. The Woods twins in Jarrel and Sam Eggleston Josh will be the big men on cam-



of expectations while covering Novi, I've seen mediocre athletes test turn into outstanding ones and outstanding athletes turn their I've also witnessed the most talepted athletes I've ever had the joy of covering. From fall to spring, Novi is as jam-packed seasons into rubbish thanks to poor decisions. I've seen coaches hit 200 victories in their career or more like 211 - and I've seen coaches get their first victories and first losses of their promising positions as the helmsmen for their teams. I've argued with coaches, with players, with officials. So far, not with the athletics director. I've been to graduation parties, cele-brations, playoffs and pre-season. I've seen coaches cry and players sob-Fyg-also seen them cheer and journey along. hug one another. Narrow victories to demolishing defeats. So far, Novi has given me everything I could hope made it all such a remarkable for as a sports writer and then experience for me. No. it's prething completely different. It's not victories or losses, it's ome. Twe helped players get into college. I've helped them make not offense or defense. sports teams. I've seen them It's friends. come up short despite hearts as big as any professional athlete. I've seen dreams achieved and I've made more close friend in my time at the Novi News that any point in my life. I've found a dashed in the same season nmunity and a school I've I've been six inches from the Silver Dome. It's hard to believe everything fallen in love with If I con rewind the find pick any pice could have grown up and gone to high school, Novi would have I've seen since coming aboard at



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MEETINGS

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DETAILS: John Kassid, PhD, a

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hroughout the evening and prizes will be awarded for the caraoke event. DATE: Saturday, June 12 TIME: 8 a.m. check-in Acoustic Music Jam Session LOCATION: Faith Community erian Church, 44400 W. T DATE: the second Wednesday of Mile Road, Novi (1/2 mile west of ach month TIME; 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: The proceeds from LOCATION: Mill Race Historic the 13th annual run will go to sup-port Novi Youth Assistance, a com-Village, Cady Inn, just north of Main Street on Griswold in Northville. DETAILS: Bring your traditional

munity program dedicated to the prevention of problems faced by ustic instrument and music to pl PHONE: Mary or Eric at (248) PHONE: (248) 478-0982 60-9694 or MaryH@twnii.r.com 17th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off **Gardeners of Northville &**

Golf Outing DATE: Wednesday, August 18 LOCATION: Links of Novi

DATE: Monday, June 14 TIME: 6:30 p.m. DETAILS: The Novi Chamber of LOCATION: Novi Civic Commerce's 17th annual outing CONTACT: (248) 349-3743 DETAILS: The Gardeners of Northville and Novi invite you to attend our evening program "Ornamental Grasses in **CLASSES**

Companion Planting" with guest speaker Gabe Tiberio. Federal Labor Standards Act CONTACT: (248) 348-2426 or **Compliance Seminars** DATE: Tuesday, June 29

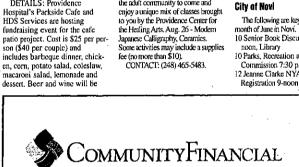
TIME: 8 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Doubletree **Borders Celebrates "M is** Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Driv DETAILS: On April 23, the DATE: Thursday, June 17 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Borders of Novi, United States Department of Labor issued its much-awaited

final Fair Labor Standards Act Vovi Town Center DETAILS: Borders of Novi will regulations. FLSA covered host a family music party featuring employers must now become The Candy Band to celebrate the noliant with these regulation August 23, 2004. This semiase of M is for Melocly; A Music Alphabet, the latest title in Sleeping nar is designed to inform Bear Press's best-selling series of employers of how the new regualphabet books for children. The cele lations will affect business prac tices, potential policy modifica-tions, and where employee ation will kick off with a reading of M is for Melody, followed by a shor reclassifications may be benefitalk by illustrator Katherine Larson. The grand finale will be a set by the cial or required. Enrollment fee one and only Candy Band, made u four rockin' moms (with nine kids is \$195 and must be received or or before the seminar date, CONTACT: between them!) putting their own orig-

CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Karaoke Sing-a-long &

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Evening at the Gardens. Assarian' DATE: Friday, June 18 TIME: 5-10 p.m. DATE: every Tucsday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer LOCATION: MSU Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Mendowbrook Rd, Novi DETAILS: Providence Center, 47601 Grand River, Nov DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and Hospital's Parkside Cafe and HDS Services are hosting draising event for th patio project. Cost is \$25 per per son (\$40 per couple) and includes barbeque dinner, chick-en, corn, potato salad, coleslaw, fee (no more than \$10). macaroni salad, lemonade and



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BUSINESS Novi Chamber of Commerce

Luncheon DATE: Tuesday, June 15 TIME: 11:30 am. LOCATION: Carrabba's Italian Taft and Beck) Grill DETAILS: The chamber will be di@earthlink.net presenting a check to its auction chan ty, Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit; cost is

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Chamber After-Hours Mixer DATE: Thursday, July 22 TIME: 5:30 p.m. Women's Prayer Support

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LOCATION: Cornerstone Dental DATE: every Saturday Studio, Inc. and Goodman Orthodontics, PC, 42430 W. ITME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixon Twelve Mile Road (Parking is behind the church) DETAILS: Bring your business cards, meet area business represen-tatives, make connections, mix and DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hop and prayer as you face life's problem

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922¢ PHONE: 248-348-9138 or joyioval-**Dakland County Health Division** Expectant Parent Classes

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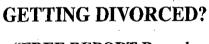
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926-8332 or by c-mail at harvestfel DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi. TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30 a.m.

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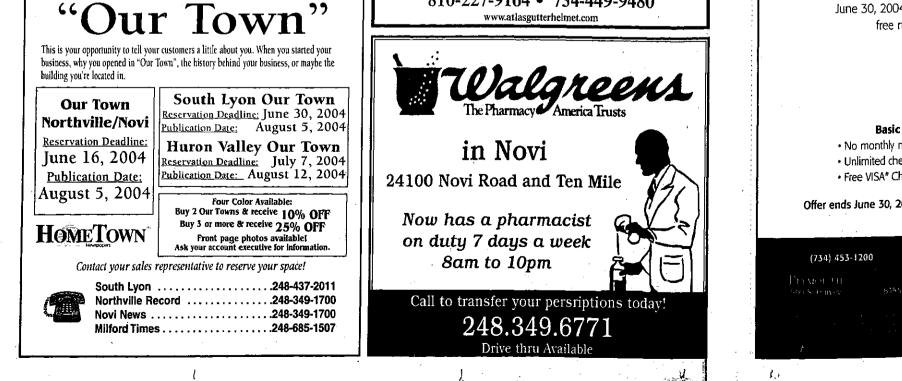
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Why not make these fun and upbeat classes your new exercise routine in 2004? No prior experience is needed, however the beginner class is recommended for first-limers. The intermediate class is fast naced and aerobic. These classes are a great way to get exercise, reduce stress and meet people. No partner is needed. Dance music ranges from rock & roll to country and everything in between. Call (248) 348-9116 for more information. No classes May 14, May 31, July 23 and August 13. The Instructor is Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time, MIA and ACA Member

Beginner Lessons

D <u>ay</u> s Mon Fri	Dales On-going On-going	<u>Time</u> 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	<u>Place</u> Novi Ice Arena Novi Civic Ctr .
interm	ediate Lessons		
Моп	On-going	7:30 to 9 p.m.	Novi Ice Arena
Fri	On-going	7:30 to 9 p.m	Navi Civic Ctr
Practic	e Sessions		
Mon	On-going	9 to 9:30 р.m.	Novi Ice Arena
Fri	On-going	9 to 10:30 p.m.	Novi Civic Ctr.

Fee for entire evening: \$5 resident and/or senior; \$6 non-resident

Adult Softball Tournaments

Novi Parks will now be offering several adult softball tournaments throughout the summer. Participating teams get concession coupons and entry prizes in their lournament packets! Winners and runner-up receive trophies and T-shirts!

JUNE SUMMER SMASH TOURNAMENT

	len's Open and 35 & Over Divisions and Women's Open Division						
Day Sat. Sun	Da <u>tes</u> June 19, 20	<u>Time</u> Begins at 8 a.m.	<u>Place</u> Power Park				
Price S220	<u>Age</u> 18 & up	Registration Until Tues June	15				

JULY 50'S FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT - ISA Sanctioned Qualifier Competitive; Teams can be ISA sanctioned at the tournament (included with registration)

Day	D <u>ate</u> s	<u>Time</u> <u>Place</u>
Sat, Sun	July 24, 25	Begins at 8 a.m. Power Park
Price	Age	Registration
\$220	18 & up	Until Tues July 20

🖬 Karate

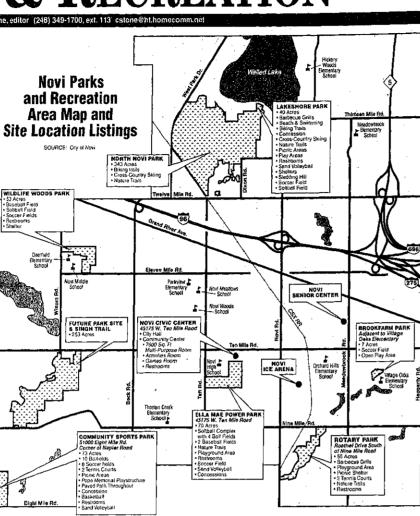
Learn "Tang So Do" style Korean Karate under the direction of sixth degree black belt master, Bob Gordon. A qualified staff of black belts will assist with instruction: No class August 3, 24 & September 21. Black belts pay \$15 per session. The fee is waived for those with black belts who assist in class. All classes held at Novi Civic Center.

Time Price Res/NonRes Age Registration Dates May 18- Jul 6 6-7 p.m. \$32/38 Jul 20-Sept 28 6-7 p.m. \$32/38 8 & older May 3-13 8 & older Jul 6-16 Advanced Price Res/NonRe Age Registration Time Dates May 18-Jul 6 7-8:30 p.m. \$40/48 8 & older May 3-13 July 20-Sept 28 7-8:30 p.m. \$40/48 8 & older Jul 6-16 May 3-13

🖬 Kid's Fair

This new event is sure to be an instant hit with families. Community Sports Park will be transformed into a kid's wonderland, with entertainment and activity stations throughout the park. Kids and parents will hammer and nail fun creations; paint and craft; cuddle, feed and watch animals; play games; learn about fun outdoor activities: race and jump, kick and throw; enjoy wonderful musical enter-tainment and more! Families can bring a picnic lunch to enjoy under the pavilion or purchase snacks at the concession areas. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Novi Civic Center. The event will run from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 at the Community Sports Park.





Learn to Bowl Summer Children will learn the concepts and skills of bowling. The first four weeks features lane instruction and the last 8 weeks is league play. The schedule will be adjusted for holidays. <u>Place</u> Novi Bowl <u>Timę</u> 5 p.m. Day Dates Mon May 10-Jul 26

<u>Аде</u> 8 & up Price Registration \$123 Apr 19-May 6 at the Civic Ctr Price includes 2 games weekly, use of rental shoes and pizza banquet with trophies and personalized instruction.

Youth	Bowling Leagues		
Day	Dates	Time	Place
	June 12-Aug 7	10 a.m.	Novi Bowl
	Jun 15-Aug 12	4:30 p.m.	Novi Bowl
Thu	Jun 17-Aug 14	4:30 p.m.	Novi Bowl
	Registration		Age
	May 24-Jun 10at the 6		8 & up
Price i	ncludes 3 games week	ly, use of rental shoes	and pizza ban-

iet wi	th trophies.		
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Tue	Jun 15-Aug 12	4:30 p.m.	Novi Bowl
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Price Registration \$62 May 24-Jun 10 at the Civic Ctr <u>Age</u> 7 & under Price includes 2 games weekly, use of rental shoes and a pizza banquet with prizes.

Clogging

Clogging is a great form of cardiovascular exercise and oreat fun. Participants will learn routines and new dance steps. The class uses all types of music and the classes are open to people of all ages. Morning Clogging classes are available; please refer to the senior pages.

Easy Level Classes Learn basic clogging steps, terminology and dance routines; class-es held at Novi Civic Center.

 Date
 Time
 PriceRes/NonRes
 Registration

 May 26-July 14
 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 \$40/48
 May 10-24

 July 21-Sept 1
 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 \$35/42
 July 6-19

Intermediate Level Classes One or two new dances per session with lots of review and cueing.
 Day
 Date
 Time
 Place
 Price

 Wed
 On-Going
 7:30 to 10 p.m.
 Novi Civic Ctr.
 \$4 at the door

Club Classes Workshop/lesson/review and open dance. No Class May 31, July 5 and September 6. Day Dates Time Place Price Mon On-going 6:30 to 10 p.m. Novi Civic Ctr. \$4 at the door



Parks office in the Civic Center. No refunds or exchanges. Call (248) 347-0400 for more info Cedar Point 2-day Adult \$63.50 May 8-Oct 31 3-59 48" & over Adult \$33.50 48" & over Child \$24.50 3 & under 48" or 60+ Ecrossroads Village Adult \$8 May 29-Sept 6 13-59 Child \$5 3-12 The Henry Ford Village/Mus Adult \$13.50 Jan 1-Dec 31 13 & over Child \$9.50 5-12 🖀 Kings Island ____ay Adult \$ Apr 10-Oct 31 7-59 2-Day Adult \$44 Adult \$26 7-59 Child \$22 3-6 or 60+ Michigan Adventure \$21.50 May 22-Sept 19 3 & up

Adult \$14.25

Child \$6

5-12

\$ TBD

Aug 14-Sept 26 13 & up

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Aug 11-Aug 22 12 & up

Adult \$10

43" & over

Child \$6.50

May 1-Sept 25

4+, under 54

Adult \$ 32

54" &.over

30"-42"

May 29-Sept 6

AMUSEMENT PARKS The following amusement park tickets are available at the Novi

By Kim Baker SPECIAL WRITER 🛢 Michigan Renalssance Kids are the best audience, especially in Novi. The city's Thursday night summer concert series has seen its biggest audiences at the kids shows that have preceded shows in the past. This did not go unnoticed by Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry. "We've decided to make (the concert series) exclusive-ly a kids show," said Tracie Ringle, event and marketing Centri nasis cangging steps, te ا ما (ا برم ب Michigan State Fair This year's concerts will be held at Lakeshore Park - a great park setting ■ Waterford/Red Oaks Wave complete with concessions, picnic s ter and BBQ grills. Lakeshore Park fe tures multiple play structures and a guarded beach. The park is located on South Lake Drive across from Walled Lake. Nonresidents will be charged \$4 per car enter the park. 🖩 Six Flags Gr. American (Chicago) Child GATE ONLY June 24 African Drum and Dance Kevin Collins and crew have been performing throughout Michigan for years. The program brings African

Six Flags-(Ohio) World's of July 8 Adventure Child GATE ONLY

Obtuse Jugglers Set to lively, beat-driven music, the



The City of Novi's concert series will focus on entertainment for children this year. Last year, crowds like the one pictured above, helped nake the series a huge success for the Parks & Recreation department.

SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS

Summer concert series has new theme, venue

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The theme is not the only change for what is now called the Kid's Concert Series. The regular venue will move from the Novi Civic Center to Lakeshore Park. "It's going to provide families the opportunity to bring a picnic, buy a concession, lay down a blanket. The park setting is something you don't get all over," said Ringle.

Also, with two play structures, the park's atmosphere is more conducive to rambunctious concert-goers. "Some of the kids who can't sit still can still enjoy the nusic while climbing or playing," said Ringle.

Kid's Concert Series is perfect for summer fun, said Ringle. "It's another opportunity for the family to enjoy an evening together." The concerts are all free to Novi residents. Non-residents pay \$4 per car. Should weather prove unsuitable for outdoor fun, shows will be moved to the Novi Civic Center. Despite all that is new, some of the entertainment at the Kim Baker is a University of Michigan-Dearborn jour Kid's Concert Series will be familiar, said Ringle. The

nalisin student and a Novi News intern. She can be stanteached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 109. 109. 109. 109. 109. 109. 109. 109.

The Novi Concert Band will continue their tradition of

performing the last show of the series, which is held at Providence Hospital.

The new, more family-friendly environment of the

KIDS CONCERTS

Smudge Fundaes, a popular act last year, will be back. "They're a lot of fun."

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years. The program brings African	July 29	ture all things Island including beach	ance is Hospita
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Photo by Jul

wi Concert Band e Novi Concert Band, formed in performs in the area all year The 45 members play a range of nusic including symphonic to folk, ous and Broadway. (This perform tal and will be performed on the tal grounds, located at Beck Road rand River.)

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Why aren't there more small private businesses?

Small-business entrepreneurs are dreamers and problem-solvers. They tend to create opportunities where others see only challenges. They have an innate ability to uncover niches and plant enterprises in corners of the economy that others bypass without besitation.

There are currently more than 25 million of these free-enterprise movers and shakers,



coastcoast. Half of all private sector jobs are of their making. Consumers love them. Politicians embrace

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them as the backbone of the

nation's economy. But there should be man more. Why aren't there 30 mil-lion? Or 50 million?

Although the United States has more small businesses per capita than any other nation, it should have many more. What's holding American entrepreneurs back?

The cost of health insurance for one thing. The cost and avail-ability of liability insurance for another-and workers' compensation costs, rising energy expenses and federal taxes on business

According to "Small Business Problems and Priorities," the sixth edition of a study conducted

sixth edition of a study conducte by the NFIB Research Foundation and Wells Fargo, many of the most serious prob-lems facing small-business own-ers are politically generated, rather than spawned from free-market competition. Health insurance, liability

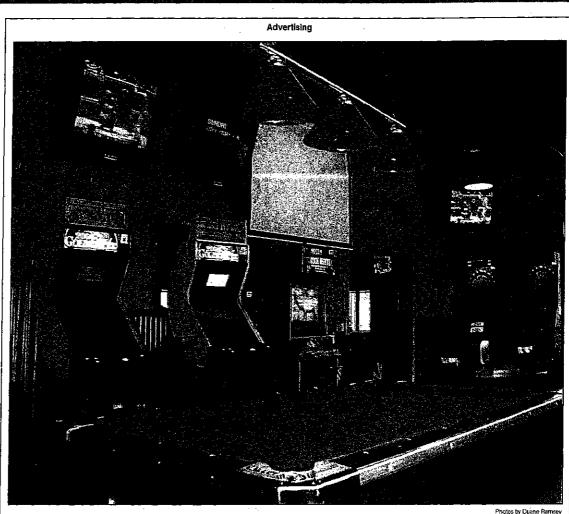
Health insurance insurance and we set the mpen-sation are clearly set as the top three problems for America's small-business owners. All three could be solved in Washington, D.C., if only those who say they love and support small business out on the political stump would do so when it comes time to cast their votes in Washington and in state capitals. Health-care costs have been the

top-ranked problem for small firms for nearly two decades. In this year's study, 66 percent of respondents ranked health-care costs as the "most critical" problem facing small businesses the highest percentage of small-business owners to do so in the history of the study.

Maybe the message is finally getting through. In mid-May, the U.S. House of Representatives passed three bills that could open the way to affordable healthcare through tax-free savings accounts for health expenses, medical lia-bility reform and Small-Business Hea th Plans.

This is the seventh time the House of Representatives has approved Small-Business Health Plans and the president has made it known he'll sign the legislation But some in the U.S. Senate who tout small business as the greatest thing since sliced bread are only willing to offer half-a-loaf.

Liability insurance skyrocketed to second place on the list of small-business concerns, a threefold leap in just four years. This is likely driven by fears of getting sued, researchers believe. And workers' compensation costs



The game room at O'Tooles features pool tables, video games, darts, several television monitors and a big-screen projection TV.

Find food, fun, service at O'Tooles By Duane Ramsey

O'Tooles offers fine food, friendly service, fun, entertain-ment and numerous sports activ-ities in a casual environment with "A Touch of Irish" at the local restaurant that opened last fall in Novi. The owners of the original O'Tooles in downtown Royal

O tottes in downtown koyar oak opened their second sports' theme restaurant on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile Road in October. They completely remodeled the interior of an existing former restaurant at that location, according to owner location, according to owner Steve Wadle.

"We want people to come here for the food and fun environment. Our laid-back down-home atmosphere is ideal for enjoying your meal and watching your favorite sports teams play," said

O'Tooles has daily food specials for lunch and dinner with a fresh menu that includes big

firsh menu that includes big burgers, a selection of appetizers, salads and sandwiches, pizza and an "Irish fayre," fare. It includes Irish stew, shephend's pie, Gaelic steak, New England boiled dine are and fish and chips. Patrons can "build your own burget" for \$5 starting with a three-quarter pound patiy and your own selected toppings from a list of 20 items. A smaller \$3 cheeseburger and fries lunch spe-cial is offered Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. With the Frequent Diner Club at O'Tooles, members can earn 8

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D TOOLES 🛎 Novi location: 24555 Novi Road just north of 10 Mile in Novi

248-349-7038

Royal Oak location: 205 West Fifth Ave. in Royal Oak

248-591-9226

ages, excluding tax and gratuity, O'Tooles recently introduced the 2004 Patio Party held on Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. during the summer featuring the Bar-B-Q for Novi's best happy hour, said Steve. The party includes live entertainment with singer Jon D. Lamb currently perform

ing. They also have live entertain-ment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and a dance floor with a DJ on Thursday, Friday and Saturday rights. nights.

The full menu is offered with outdoor patio seating weather permitting. A deck is also available for banquets or private par-ties, according to Wadle. The local sports restaurant fea-tures two 46-inch, high-defini-

tion plasma televisions above the har and 24 other TVs located ind the restaurant for watchserver projection 19 Partons may also play Club Keno through the Michigan Lottery at flag football leasues play on Sunday mornings and afternoons, beginning June 27. O'Tooles. Eight-person teams can register for the four-on-four, non-contact

Sports are not just the theme at O'Tooles but some are actually played on the baseball diamond and sand volleyball court located on the premises. The restaurant holds competition in softball and volleyball, while sponsoring allstar teams in those sports. O'Tooles recently announced

format until June 22 by filling out a registration form at the restaurant, calling 248-389-1200 or going online at www.flight-zonefootball.com.

Any sports team, sponsored or not, can become an "All-Star Team" at O'Tooles and carn 10 percent of every dollar team

and gratuity. As teams accomu-late credit, they can use it for team parties, uniforms or apply it toward next season's league

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toward next season's league membership. The management team at O'Tooles in Novi includes Carmen Young with managers Scott Niskar and Scott Scirtha. The friendly bar and wait staff will see that each customer enjoys their visits to the restau-

jumped from the seventh spot to the third since the group's 2000 survey, reflecting the cost of medical claims caused by jobrelated injuries.

Energy costs, which include not only gasoline but also natural gas and electricity, rose from the tenth to the fourth spot in the new study. Federal taxes on income was the only issue in the top five that moved downward, but still uns a major deterre nt f small firms. All are politically generated problems.

Why aren't there more small businesses in America? That's the exact question voters should ask when they hear politicians proclaim their love and support of the little firms that are so crucia crucial to this nation's economic survival.

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 found-ed 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.

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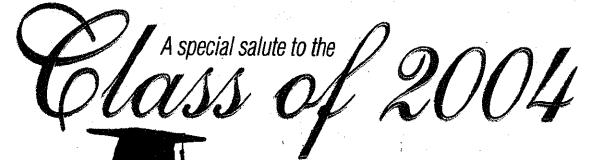
percent of every dollar they spend toward the purchase of food and non-alcoholic bevertures darts, pool tables and sever-al video games with a large-

From left, Jon Eckerly of South Lyon, a customer at O'Tooles, receives special service from waitresses Lindsay Lowlor and Lisa DINuzzo.



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Congratulating the students from NOVI HIGH SCHOOL



Above, Novi High School seniór Shawn Calvin awaits her diploma at last Saturday's commencement at Compuware Arena.

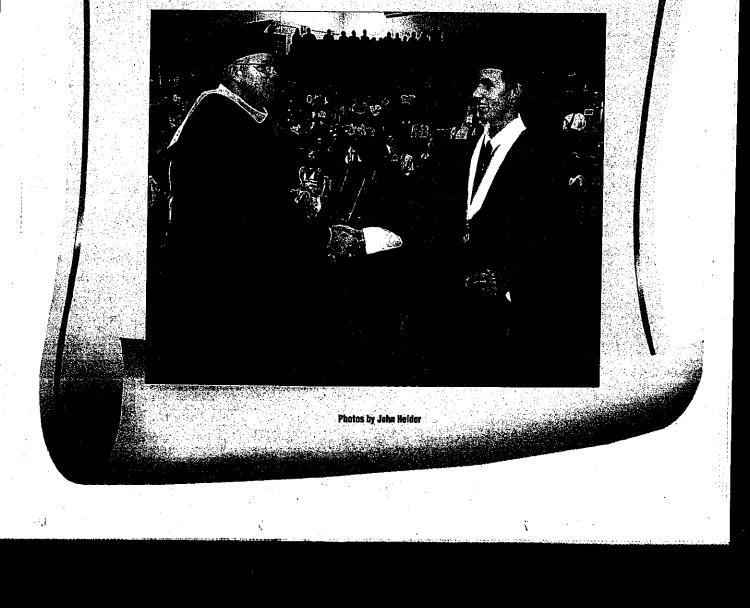
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Right, Novi's Nitasha Ahluwalla receives her diploma to cap off 13 years of education.

Below, Novi High School graduate Ryan Carroll receives a congratulatory handshake from principal John Lawrence.



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ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit Finalist and Scholarship Recipient Honor Roll four years * Graduating Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa Michigan Math Prize Compettion Semi-Finalist 1950.000

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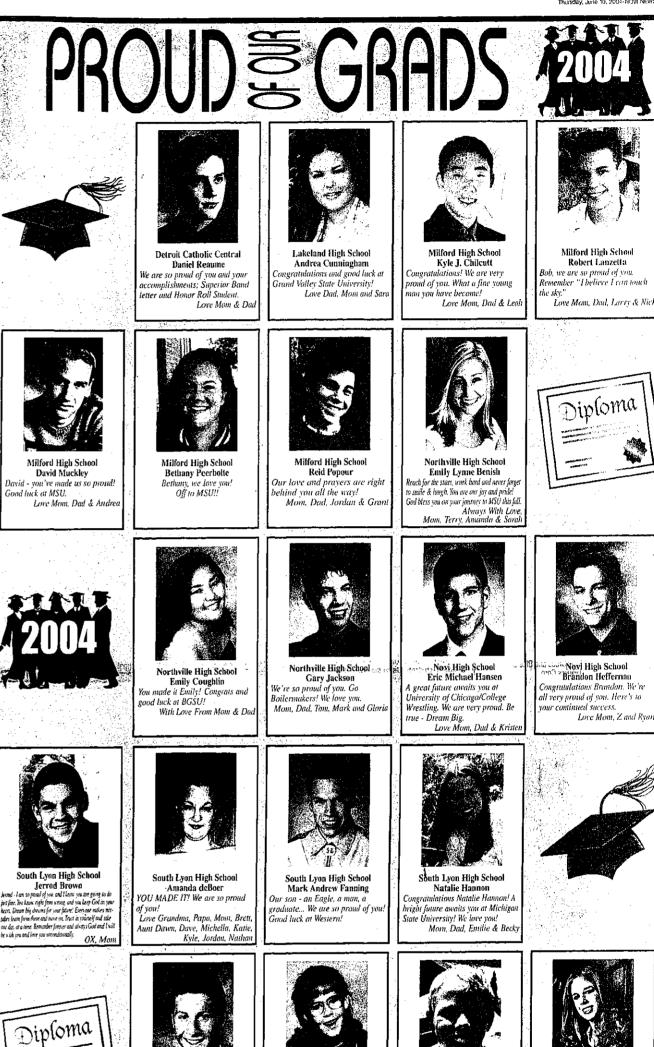
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What a way to end it!

Senior all-night party caps off commencement evening

with graduating seniors

By Rebecca Miller FORMER NOVI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

As the senior class stepped into Novi High School for the final time, they were shocked to discover the sights of the building. "It looks nothing like the school. If I didn't know the school so well I would have no idea where I was," senior Adriane Stanek said. With an entrance way lined with a red carpet and spotlights that glowed for miles, students were filled with anticipation as they entered last Saturday's Hollywood-theme senior all night

party. "I think the theme is very cool because it includes a lot of activities. The strobe lights and -

red carpet in the entrance makes it feel like just like Hollywood," senior Cindy Herman said. Upon their arrival seniots were lead to the "ticket hox" where they were given their VIP nasses and were then sent to "security" to check-in their belongings. From there, stu dents were able to pick up their itinerary and complimentary cameras to commence and capture.

the evening's activities

"I was really grateful they had a place to put they had a place to put our belongings, because otherwise, I would have for the number of a second s lost them throughout the night," senior Kerrie

Comilla said. In a hallway lined with pictures of their past, students scanned the photos in amusement as they made their way into a future full of fun. "I thought it was really cute. It was funny because everyone looks the same for the most part," senior Julie Perreca said. Throughout the rest of the school were other

novie-mocked goings-on, such as The Munimy Theater, where seniors could get their handwriting analyzed. And, The Lord of the Rings where students could be mesmerized by the magician or get a medieval wax-dipped hand. (c) get a medicial wave opper matrix (* My favorite activity was either smoking Collin Cook in the boxing ring for three straight opinites or having Mrs. Glover hook me up at both the bit of his bit whether how me in me.

Hollywood theme a hit with oraduating seniors
Concessions were readily available at a buffet full of donations of pizza, pasta, chicken, cake, cookies, and other assortments of decadent

delicacies. "The food was pretty good and having it out all night long is a good idea, so people area't hungry all night. Itaving all the different kinds hungry all night, Itacing all the different kinds of food that they picked was good because of the variety, senior Brittany Cirka said. Students were once again able to blast into the past as they entered the fieldhouse were they enjoyed carnival games, moonwalks and nutzes. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy a taste of their own stardom by acting in their own music videos. "I thought that the carnival theme was good," senior Breck Roemer said. "I noticed a for of

senior Becky Roemer said. I noticed a lot of kids that enjoyed it, so I think it was a great idea. But I loved the whole party. The music videos were hilarious." While students enjoyed the festivities a group

of volunteer parents walked the halfways to "The kids exceeded our keep the craziness to a controlled level. "The kids exceeded wildest expectations; our wildest expecta-tions; everyone was everyone was happy and happy and excited and excited and expressed their expressed their grati-tude which makes it gratitude which makes it all all worthwhile for the parents," counselor worthwhile for the parents." and organizer Donna Roemer said. After a year of plan-ning and hours of Donna Roemer Counselor and organizer preparation, students

were grateful for all of much time and effort was put into the setup, especially the amount of organization," senior

John Jansens said. To round out the evening, students gathered in the auditorium for a raffle and to watch the senior video,

"I thought it was well put together. I like how they organized the photos from the beginning of the year to the end," senior Amanda Kashat said, In a night full of old memories and making new ones, students were able to come together and celebrate their accomplishments. "It was a lot of fun, and it was nice to see everyone there and getting along. It was a great ending to an amazing year," senior Whitney

Haynes said.



Novi High School graduates Bella Feldbaum, left, and Kristen Giacobbe and Courtney the includes that have been added to be the second sector of the second sector that second have been added to be second the second sector that sector the second have been added to be second the second sector that second have been added to be second to



"The night was what I expected During the day, my family and I went out to a late lunch and going to commencement was really exciting. I got a little nerv-ous going up. I was more happy than sad. I hope that the audience got from my speech that everyone should make a goal for themselves for the future and use he past and rely on family and friends." Anna Switzer, class president, will be in the U.S. Naval Academy in the fall.



Kimberly Koch waits in line to receive her diploma.

"It meant a lot and it hasn't all settled in yet, but it's a momentous occasion. I'm more happy at this point, but i think once it all starts settling in that i'm leaving for school and not going to see a lot of these people again, that will change. I just hope that the crowed realized that there are a lot of memories and a lot of things to look forward to, but that we need to enjoy ourselves while we can and that when we look back on these days, we don't hope that we did things differently."

Elizabeth Song will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and hopes to go into financial studies.

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coming back here after this and it's sad to know we're probably never

going to see half these people again, but it's also time to move on and start your own life.'

Teresa Gracz will be attending Western Michigan University to study marketing and advertising and

"I was really nervous because 1

thought I was going to trip. That was my biggest worry. I had a good time. I'm happy right now. I can't wait for

next year." Lindsay Troher will be attending Oakland University in the fall. She

thinks she is going to play softball

opes to transfer to Arizona State

University to study plastic surgery.

there for a couple years and then she

navbe international business.

"I had a lot of fun, but it was more emotional than I expected. I'm indifferent aht now: I don't know if m happy that it's over or sad that it's over Meghan Pratt will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall to study business edu-

"Commencement was a bittersweet experience. I kind of took a moment to reflect on my whole high school experience. A lot of good memories popped in ny head and now I'm thinking towards the future. I still can't believe this is happening. On the way to icement I was in kind of a shock that I was actually putting my robe on. It was kind of scary, but kind of exciting at the same Drew Doster will be attending Purdue University's management

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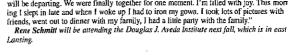
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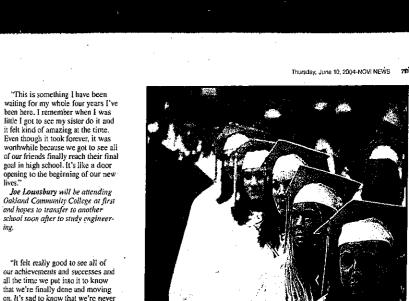
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"I had my 15 seconds of fame. I took about 10 minutes to get ready. I threw or

more happy than anythin right now. I just can't wait go to college." Brandon Potocsky will be attending Western Michigan University next fall to study business







Front to back, Novi High School graduates Emily Michel, Lauren Niffin, Caitlin Parent and Meghan Pratt await their diplomas.

> "The evening was exactly what I expected. Everything was up to the standards that Novi has. All the speeches were great and it was a nice closing to a great year at a great school. I had a couple feelings of sadness just because it was all com-ing to an end, but I also have feelings of joy because I know

Joe Belter will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall and studying biomedical engineering.

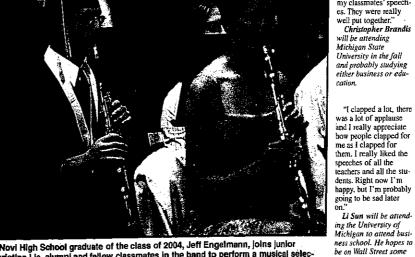
A line of 446 Novi High School graduating seniors enters Compuware Arena at the start of Saturday's commencement. "I thought it was great the entire class was together for the last time and that everyone will be departing. We were finally together for one moment. I'm filled with joy. This moment

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"Commenceme was what I expected. I was really nice. I was actually surprised by



my coat and my cap and headed off really happy about the evening. I'm



A Novi High School graduate of the class of 2004, Jeff Engelmann, joins junior Christina Lis, alumni and fellow classmates in the band to perform a musical selec-

"The evening was more than I expected. It was a little long, but it was a lot of fun and it was a long time coming. It was actually more emo-tional than I thought. I was really sad because I couldn't believe that it was over, but it was fun." Brooke Reynolds will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall to study pediatrics.

day.

Nicole Hermann receives her diploma.

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"It was protty surreal. I enjoyed my time at commencement. I worked this morning and when I went home I revised my speech about 15 times and I rehearsed a lot. All my family came over and we took pictures. I went to the ceremony with my family and it was the time of my life. I hope the crowed got from my speech that they, should never forget what is most important. They shouldn't remember the times that were bad in high school. Remember the times you gained knowledge and things that even your enemies taught you. Appreciate every part of it." AshEa Surtes, class vice president, will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall and possibly medical school.

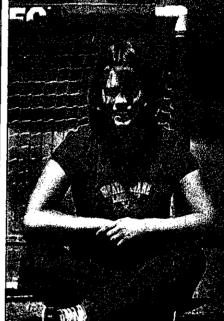
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Amanda Baranowski

- High School: Milford High School

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Parents: Lynne and Jim Baranowski
Siblings: Marissa, age 13
Past Gradunte Plans: I plan to attend Michigan State University in the James Madison College and the Honors College. I hope to attend law school and work for a non-profit organization.
Academic Honors: High Honors every semester and AP Scholar
Extraeurricular Activities: Spanish Club, 3 years, Treasurer Senior year; Varsity Equestrian Team, Most Valuable Player Award; National Honor Society; and Highland Hills Pony Club, 4 years
Academic Influence: Senora (Cathy) Longcore thas influenced me the most in my academic career by taking me to Spain and showing all of us how important it is to be internationally aware. Because of her enthusiasm for exploration of other cultures and other parts of the world, I plan to major in international relations, continue with my Spanish, and learn another language.



Shannon Pennala

High School: South Lyon High School Parents: Donald and Loretta Pennala

Extracurricular Activities: Member of RHOGS (roller hock-

Memoer of RHOAS (totler hocks at Lyon's Marketplace. Academic Honors: Board of controls scholarship; Women's Society of Engineers - certificate of merit; Women Society of Engineers Michigan Tech Chapter - certificate of merit; Principal's list. Post Graduation Plans: Michigan Technological University to study engineering.

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Geoff Calkins High School: Northville High

School Parents: Steve Calkins and

Jean Wadsworth Siblings: Tim, 19; and Virginia, 15 Extracurricular Activities: Vice president of National Honor Society; a capella singing; oboist with DSO Civic Ensemble. Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with

Post Graduation Plans: Attend Yale University and study chemical or biomedical engineer-

ing Academic Influence: Mr. Joe Cisto





High School: Novi High School Parents: Ratna Rao, Mike Rao Academie Honors: AP Scholar with Distinction; National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation; Who's Who of American High School Seniors; Michigan Math League Finalist; Chemistry Olympiad; U.of M Schot Senioras; Blue Cross and Blue Shield Honors Corp : Coca-Cola Scholars Semi-Finalist; Telluride Scholarship; U of M Dean's Merit Award; Gloria & Carlos Bell Research Scholarship Extracurricular Activities; DECA; Seminar Planning Committee; Interact Club; Quiz Bowl; Model U.N.; Annexty International Voluneer; Student Congress: Political careat Club; Quiz Bowl; Model U.N.; Annexty International Voluneer; Student Congress: Political careat Club; Scholars Voluneer; Student Congress: Political Careater Scholarship Volumeer; Sc

Model U.N.; Annesty International volunteer; Student Congress; Political campaigns volunteer; Model Data, Hundson International Foundation Statistics Section 2014 (2014) Teens Aiding the Cancer Community Post Graduation Plans: College of Literature, Science and Arts - Honors - University of Michigan



Elizabeth Song

Parents: Jing Song, Jane Yong Extra-Curricular Activities: International Club President; Teen Court President; Debate Team Capitain; Forensics: DECA Nationals; National Honor Society Secretary; SADD; Model U.N.; Michigan Student Congress; Thespian Society Andormit Renorm Michigan Math Prize English Matienal Marie Scholarship AD Scholars Henry Math

Academic Honors: Michigan Math Prize Finalist; National Merit Scholarship; AP Scholar; Honor Roll Post Graduation Plans: University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business; international business with concentration in finance

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Paul Birkholz

High School: Lakeland High School Parents: Allen and Karen Birkholz Siblings: Kevin and Mark, age 15 Post Graduate Plans: 1 plan to Fost Graduate rans: I plan to attend the University of Michigan College of engineering. I have not officially decided what branch of engineering I plan to study, but I an lean-ing toward chemical engineering. I want to be a chemical engineer. Academic Honors: Michigan Merit

Academic Honors: Michigan Merit Scholarship, all-academic all-state for boys' golf, University of Michigan regent's Scholarship, University of Michigan College of Engineering Scholarship, Boys' State participant, sixth place in MITES competition for architecture, Channel 7 Best and Brightest, and AP scholar. Extracurricular Activities: Captain of varsity golf team, treasurer of the National Honor Society, astronomy chib, quiz bowl, teen court juror, ten-nis team, Christmas in April volunteer, Toys for Tots participant, and Crop

Toys for Tots participant, and Crop

Walk participant. Academic Influence: Pat Barnes, the chemistry teacher at Lakeland High School, has influenced me in. choosing my academic career because she sparked my interest in chemistry.

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