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Slate wins 3 of 4

■ Voters pick Mutch to break up foursome

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

David A. Landry will move a seat over at the next city council meeting as the former Mayor Pro Tem was elected as Novi's new mayor Tuesday over political newcomer Keith Kuhn.

Three out of four in Landry's slate were victorious, with incumbent city council member Kim

Capello and former library board chair Terry Margolis capturing council seats.

The fourth member of the slate, David Staudt, landed in fifth place with 14.92 percent of the votes.

It was a close race for the third council seat between Andrew Mutch and Lowell Sprague, with Mutch receiving only 174 more votes than Sprague.

Justin Fischer, the youngest candidate at 22, came in sixth place in the city council race with 11.38 percent of the vote.

Gwen Markham, who dropped out of the race but whose name still appeared on the ballot, received 762 votes. Voter turnout was low, with

only 20.90 percent of Novi's 32,301 registered voters casting their ballot.

The Northville Public Schools operating millage proposal for Novi residents living in the Northville school district passed, with 633 voters saying yes and 286 voters opposing the millage.

This restores the millage lost due to the reduction required by the state's constitution and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Landry said he was proud of the way his slate conducted the campaign.

"There was more negative campaigning, innuendo than I've ever seen before," Landry said.

"And we didn't engage in any of it. We stayed above it. It's an absolute honor that the citizens would vote to make me the mayor, and I'm going to try to do the best I can and keep everybody's interests in mind."

Kuhn, who watched the results come in at Lucky's with Mutch and Sprague, said he enjoyed the campaign.

"I didn't get a lot of votes, but it was a lot of fun. I enjoyed the challenge immensely. But, I was a little disappointed in the turnout of my constituency," he said.

Capello said, "Even being an incumbent, every campaign is difficult. I'm looking forward to work-

BY THE NUMBERS

■ Mayor (two-year term)

Keith Kuhn 1,329
*David Landry 5,065

■ Council (four-year term)

*Kim Capello 3,938
Justin Fischer 2,106
*Terry Margolis 3,134
*Andrew Mutch 2,959
Lowell Sprague 2,795
David Staudt 2,760

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ing with these people. I think things are moving in the right direction." Margolis said she was surprised and stunned by the win.

"I'm really honored that people saw something in me. I look forward to working to move this city to

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

High steppin'

The Novi High School Dance 2 class works on a routine in the school's brand new room in the music and arts wing. The class is taught by Katy Hinderliter. For the full story, please see page 13.

Schools going wireless

■ Students will be able to access Internet on district equipment

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Students in the Novi Community School District have always had cutting edge technology at their disposal. That's nothing new.

But what they just received is something far more advanced than they could ever dream: wireless Internet service throughout the district.

Gone are the days of marching a class down to the computer lab so they can research the Internet. Instead, students at Novi High School can now stay in their classrooms and have a whole computer

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Daniels living her dream at Emagine

■ VP of sales and marketing can't stay away from the movies

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Ruth Daniels' first memory of attending a movie was at a young age when her mom took her to see "Mary Poppins" at the Fox Theater in Detroit.

She decided right then and there what she wanted to do with her life.

"That experience with my mother is what made me love the movies," said Daniels, vice president of sales and marketing for

experience was like."

Back then her dream was to become an actress. When she went away to Michigan State University, Daniels pursued and earned a degree in theater acting. She landed a few roles in plays here and there, but being in Michigan, it was too difficult to maintain a career. That's when she turned to local movie theaters.

"I got a job with AMC when it came to town and I liked it," Daniels said. "It's fun, it's diversified and there's so many things you can do. I was in management for a long time before getting into the marketing end."

Daniels has many friends who graduated with degrees in human resources or computers, and they're not working in their fields today. She feels fortunate, however, that she is.

"I have a passion for what I do," she said. "What I do is related to my degree. And, who knows, maybe my kids will be actors some day."

That passion has shown in her work, and she has many accolades to prove it.

Daniels has won the Show West in Excellence Award from the National Association of Theater Owners, a coveted honor for those



R. Daniels

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Entertainment, Inc. "I just remember walking down the stairs at the Fox. For the most part, if you ask me about a movie, when I tell you the story, a lot of times I might include where I saw it. People who really love movies remember where they see them and what the

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Corporate campus in the works

■ Ground-breaking for business giant in near future

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Clay Pearson is looking forward to the development of the Novi Corporate Campus.

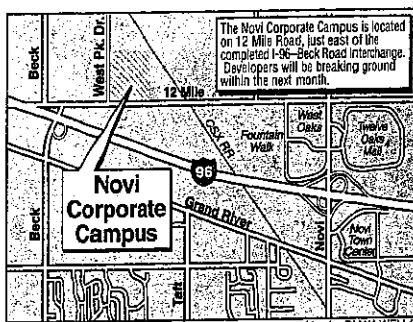
"This development has been through several steps," said the assistant city manager. "We've had quality work done by developer Amson Dembs before, and we're looking forward to this new project."

The campus has been in the works for over a year, and developers plan to break ground on phase one within the next 30 days.

"We were very fortunate to come across this property," said General Development owner Gary Weisman. "We can't get the building permits fast enough, and everything thus far has gone very smoothly."

The two-phase project, developed by Novi-based Amson Dembs and Southfield-based General Development, will bring several types of businesses to the city, including research and development, engineering and light industrial.

"We've already had several customers express interest in taking space in the buildings," said James Harrigan of Signature



SOURCE: City of Novi
Map by DIANA WELLS

Associates. When complete, the campus will house eight to 12 buildings in a little over 500,000 square feet.

Interested parties will be able to lease space. However, Signature officials said there may be a possibility of sale.

Weisman said the campus will also have space for single and multi-story offices.

"This is going to be just the thing Novi needs," he said.

"And when complete, it will bring a lot of new business to the area."

Weisman said he estimated three to four years before the campus is complete. Customers will be drawn from a current pool

of businesses, as well as new companies looking to relocate to the area.

Lynne Paul, Novi City Council member, said she hopes to build up the entire 12 Mile Road corridor.

"This new campus is a big business opportunity for us," Paul said. "The completion of the I-96-Beck Road is perfect and will be making this area that much better."

Paul said she would eventually like to see 12 Mile Road widened to accommodate the traffic from the new interchange and growing development.

"12 Mile is a county road," she said. "But I'd love to see us come up with a plan."

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Landry, Capello win seats

■ Sons follow in fathers' political footsteps

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Doug Cline has worked within the Novi Community School District for 30 years, and he's never seen a coincidence like this.

Cline is Novi Middle School's eighth grade counselor. Two of his students, Jackson Landry and Dylan Capello, won officer positions on student council as president and vice president, respectively.

That's not the unique part. The fact that Landry's father, David, is running for mayor of Novi and Capello's father, Kim, is running for Novi City Council, makes this story quite the family affair.

D. Capello



J. Landry

"This is the first year that both Jackson and Dylan have been on council," Cline said. "I am very impressed with them both."

When he signed up to run for student body president, Landry didn't realize that his father would be running for mayor at the same time. Being around his dad's ideas at home, he has always been interested in politics. He used those ideas in his own campaign.

"My dad gave me certain topics I should write about, but I wrote them in my own words for my speech," Landry said. "It was mostly about equality and how the student council only works if everyone works fairly together. It's not about who's president, it's about everyone working together."

Landry didn't think that he was going to win the seat because of the high number of his classmates running. But he's happy that he and his friend, Capello, could win the seats together.

Landry's job is to run meetings and pass resolutions.

"I'm very excited," he said. "It's fun to be included in all the action of making decisions."

Capello decided to run after learning that Landry was running as well.

"We run together," he said. "My dad and mom helped me write my speech, and I talked about how at Novi Meadows I was real involved. This year I hope to expand my ideas."

Capello's responsibility as vice president is to take attendance and fill in for Landry when he's absent for meetings.

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Novi academy hosts national martial arts seminar

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Erin Austin, owner of a local martial arts business, invites the public to a national seminar this month right here in Novi.

The seminar will feature the president and founder of Choi Kwang-Do — ninth degree Black Belt Grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi of Atlanta.

"He is the highest ranking individual in the martial art and travels all over the world promoting Choi Kwang-Do, the fastest-growing martial art in the world," Austin said.

The Austin Choi Kwang-Do Academy of Novi is located at 2404 Catherine Industrial Drive, Suite 360, just north of 10 Mile

Road and east of Novi Road. "I've known Grandmaster Choi for 17 years, and he is like a father to me," Austin said.

"He is world-renowned and was formerly a master in The Kwon Do," Austin said.

The Grandmaster began studying martial arts at age 12. But, in his early 30s, he became completely crippled by the rigid lockout movements found in The Kwon Do and was forced to retire from the martial arts, according to Austin.

The Grandmaster moved to North America for medical treatment and began to study the biomechanics of the human body and founded the new martial art, Choi Kwang-Do, after studying biomechanics, physiology, kinesiology and sports medicine, Austin said.

"Because the motions and techniques in Choi Kwang-Do are fluid and very relaxed, there are no lockout movements in this martial art. It's much easier on the body, yet much more powerful," she said.

Choi Kwang-Do also differs from other forms of martial arts in that it is noncompetitive.

"The primary emphases are optimum health, self-defense and personal development," Austin said.

English instructors scheduled

On Nov. 17, three instructors from England will also teach classes at the Novi facility as a kickoff to the weekend's festivities.

They are quite high-ranking instructors," Austin said.

An adult class will take place at the Novi facility at noon on Nov. 17. A children's class is scheduled for 4:15 p.m., and a family class, which includes children and adults, is planned for 5:15 p.m.

A Black Belt class for children and adults is slated at 6:30 p.m. "I want to invite Black Belts from throughout the area from other styles of martial arts to come and participate in this special class," Austin said.

The public is welcome to come and observe any or all classes. The facility also offers free introductory classes and will feature these at the same time that the Nov. 17 classes are taking place.

On Nov. 18, a statewide Black Belt examination will be hosted at the Monroe Choi Kwang-Do Academy. Anyone who is interested in this event can call the Novi academy for details.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the Novi academy will offer a youth seminar with Grandmaster Choi, followed by a demonstration team exhibition and an adult seminar in the afternoon with the Grandmaster.

Any martial arts instructors of any style who would like to learn more about Choi Kwang-Do are invited to attend the seminar on Saturday and the instructor training with the Grandmaster on Sunday as Austin's guests. The fee will be waived if instructors contact her ahead of time.

For more information or to schedule a time to attend one of the introductory classes on Nov. 17, call (248) 735-0846.

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Mom/daughter book club popular among middle school kids

Activity allows girls to learn with their moms

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

When Cindy White came up with the idea of creating a mother/daughter book club at Novi Middle School, she had no idea what to expect. But after three years of hosting it, the school's media specialist couldn't be happier with the results.



Photo by JOHN HEDDER/Novi News

Novi Middle School's Mother/Daughter book club meets in the school's library. From left: Maggie Riegel, Joanna Beaton, Samantha Macy, teacher Nancy Cote, Madeline Price, Kelsey Long, student-teacher Sarah Tapley, librarian Cindy White, Hailey Kehus and teacher Jill Schelle.

White said she came up with the idea because she has three daughters and was reading up on how middle schoolers read books.

This year's group, which consists of 10 girls in seventh and eighth grades and their mothers, meets at 7 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Everyone is responsible for making two questions about the book that was expected to be read, which the group answers, and then discusses.

Kelsey Long is an eighth grader who's currently in her second year on the club. Since the beginning of the summer, she has read 78 books, which totalled 21,930 pages.

Cote said, "I remember in the first year, we had a mother/daughter combo who never did anything together. This book club gave them an opportunity to bond with something they could do together."

White explained that some girls join the club because they want to read, but for others, their mothers found out about it and talked their daughters into joining.

White said, "They're all very thoughtful." She said that sometimes she brings up aspects of the books that she didn't notice when she read it.

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Dance class taking Novi High by storm

More students joining as word spreads

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

During the first two weeks of the school year, Katy Hindertler's Dance 2 class had 17 students. After about two months, that number is now 26, with many more wishing to join.

She plans on taking Dance 3 and in the future, teaching dance at local community centers. She would also like to one day be a professional ballet teacher.

Three levels offered

There are now three levels of dance class offered at Novi High School. Katy Hindertler, dance teacher, explained that Dance 1 is for students who have never had dance before, or who have had very little training. They work on basic movements, sequences and memorizing basic vocabulary.

'Cats march at Dome

By Diane Hanson
CORRESPONDENT

Novi Marching Band director Mark Hourigan had just one word to describe his 175 marchers' performance at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals in the Pontiac Silverdome, Saturday: "Fantastic!"

He said that he was proud of his students, and what a time to do it. "Everything lined up and I think this was our best show this year. We all were focused and we gave it our all today."



Photos by Diane Hanson

More than 5,000 band members entertained some 15,000 delighted band fans throughout the longer than 12-hour day.

Other area bands in Flight I included Plymouth-Canton, first, 92.75; South Lyon, second, 87.85; and Milford, fourth, 81.25. Lakeland was seventh, 79.25, in Flight II. Flight III included Farmington Harrison, second, 80.05; and Redford Thurston, fourth, 72.2.

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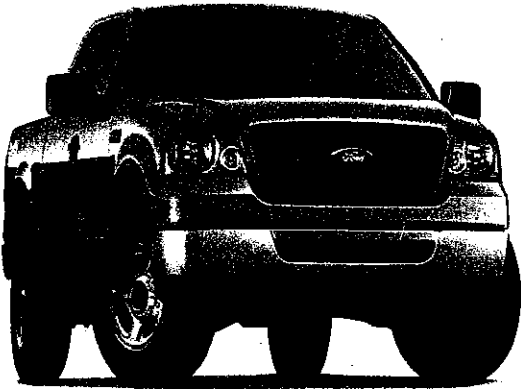
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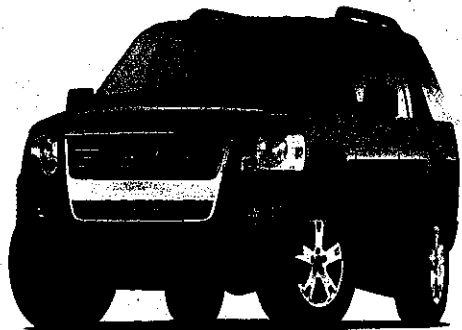
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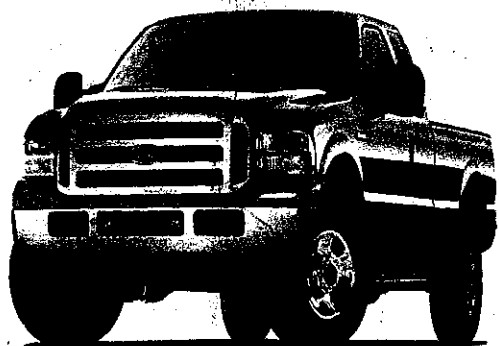
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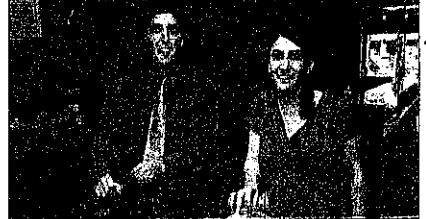
Dribbling delight

It's district basketball time and the Novi Wildcats are playing host to a slew of talented teams. Don't miss out on some intense action, including the Wildcats Monday at 7 p.m. — Page 3B



Rocked!

The Catholic Central 'Rocks couldn't get enough offense going to topple the surging Milford Mavericks in football playoff action last week. — Page 3B



Regional Marketplace

Between infrequent breaks, Tamar Aguilar looks nostalgically through her Milford Jewellers window, watching as Main Street traffic moves slowly past, then bunches up at a nearby traffic light. It's small town America at its best. — Page 4B

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Quick Hits

City champs?

So Milford beat Novi High School and Catholic Central? Does that make them Novi city champs?

Nonetheless, the Mavericks should be applauded. They were expected to lose to Novi and the whispers around town (and the boasts, for that matter) had them getting slapped around by the Shamrocks.

Pat Fox and his boys should be proud of themselves. Now, all they have to do is show Brighton the last time they met up was a fluke.

Mavs to the finals? We can always hope, right?

Go Wolverines!

No, no, not those Wolverines. Sports writer Sam Eggleston attended a tiny little high school in the Upper Peninsula called Mid Peninsula (number 615 out of 619 schools playing football in Michigan) where he was a Wolverine. His teams had a combined record of a few wins and a lot of losses.

Every year, he roots and he cheers for his team even though he's long graduated (once even showing up to a playoff game with face paint and a cape). The Wolverines have done the impossible this year though, beating Gaylord St. Marys and Cedarville for the school's first-ever district title after squeaking into the playoffs at 6-3.

Next up is the undefeated Crystal Falls Trojans.

This has been rumored to be long-time head coach Kim Carlson's last year at Mid Pen. It's a heck of a way to go out.

Way to go, Wolverines and Coach Carlson. We're still rooting for you.

Two face shields?

In high school basketball, it's not very often you see a player wearing a face shield thanks to an errant elbow that snapped a bone. Novi, it just so happens, has two girls on the team sporting the not-so-stylish, yet important face wear.

Jessica Gasierek broke her nose against Hartland way back toward the beginning of the season and Kris Chaklos had her nose

broke against Walled Lake Central a few weeks before that.

What a show!

Novi hockey fans probably remember Jimmy Gates from Northville. He was that pesky goalie who stopped so many Wildcats shots and helped Northville to a few Baseline victories over the last two years.

Well, Gates is doing it again, this time for Albion College's club hockey team. Against Hope — the third-ranked team in the country — Gates allowed 13 goals.

Yeah, that's a lot, but take into consideration that he also stopped 87 shots on goal.

That's a whopping 100 shots on goal in a single night. I'm sure there are plenty of Wildcats that are thankful this November they won't have to worry about seeing him in goal this year.

Running on empty

Wildcats leave it all on the course with ninth-place finish at state finals

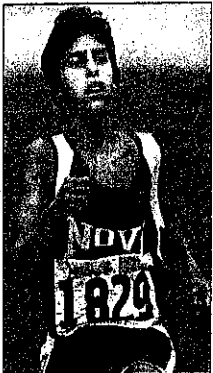


Ricky Manza works his way along the course at the MHSAA state finals.

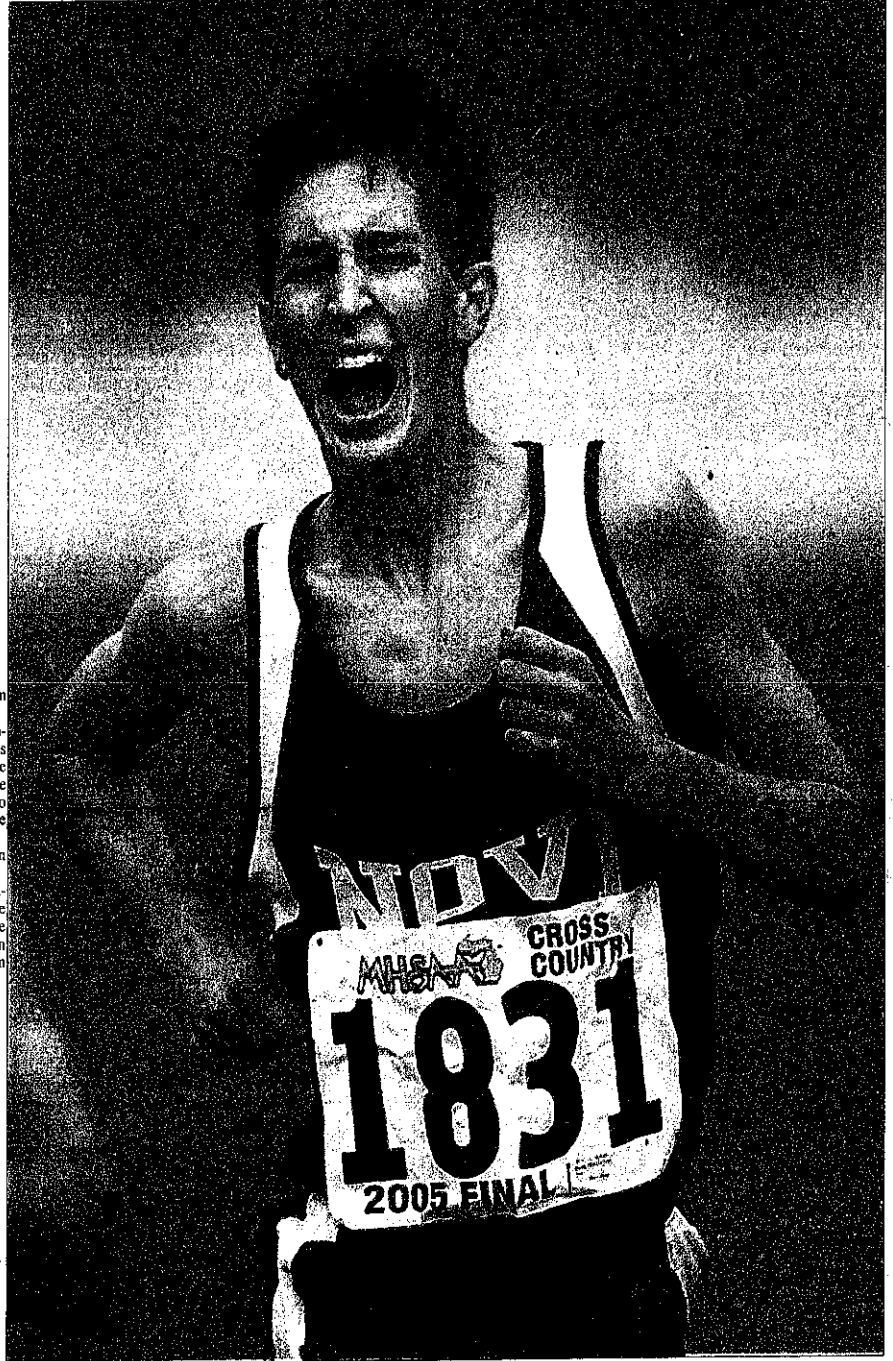
By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's starting to become a bit like an expectation around Novi these days. After seven straight years of coaching the Novi Wildcats boys cross country team to a top-10 finish in the state, Robert Smith's fans have come to just expect him to lead the team to its recognized place as one of the state's best.

Smith didn't let them down again this year. The Novi Wildcats raced to a ninth-place finish in the state finals despite not having any seniors leading the way. Novi was one of four Kensington Valley Conference teams finishing in



Lukas Barnes at the state finals last Saturday.



Photos by HAL GOULD

Kenny MacDonough helps lead the Wildcats to a ninth-place finish in the state last Saturday.

the top 10. Pinckney won the event with Ann Arbor Pioneer coming in second, Rockford in third, Walled Lake Central fourth, Lake Orion fifth, South Lyon sixth, Milford seventh, Portage Northern eighth and Rochester Adams 10th.

"You're really looking at the KVC showcasing itself as the premier conference in the state," Milford cross country coach Brian Salyers said.

The run took place with ideal conditions and managed to miss out on the winds that

toe through the state the following day.

Leading the pack for Novi was Mike Wheat, who took 19th overall with a 16:04 — just 30 seconds off the top spot. Alex Prasad ran a 16:39 for 55th place while Scott Wagner ran a 16:40 for 60th. Taking 96th in 16:59 was Josh Lumley while Lukas Barnes ran a 17:06 for 109th place. Kenny MacDonough ran a 17:17 and Mike Place ran a 17:43 for 127th and 163rd, respectively.

Novi's girls squad was represented by lone harrier Meghan Bannatz. She ran a 20:07 for

147th place in the girls state finals.

The race was run at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. It's a place where some of the top runners have ended up with disappointing times.

Livonia Churchill's Tim Howse is a perfect example. After blowing away the field in the regional, Howse struggled in the finals, coming up with a third-from-last finish.

Northville's two boys runners, Jasen Turnbull and Nick Kolbow, also didn't run well. Turnbull finished 98th overall with a time

of 16:44.4 while Kolbow finished 171st in 17:16.3.

"This is an easy course to miscalculate," South Lyon coach Scott Smith said. "I've seen many great runners totally wreck their races on the MIS course. It is easy to go out too fast and it is easy to get boxed in by the large field of 250 runners. It is easy to make the final kick too early."

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Novi takes third in Kensington Valley swimming

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPORTS INTERN

They weren't satisfied with a tie.

In September, after a 93-93 dual-meet draw with Howell, the Novi girls' swim and dive team vowed to defeat the Highlanders at the league meet. They achieved their goal at the KVC championships on November 4-5, earning sole

possession of third place in both the meet and the conference.

Brighton, with 500 points, was crowned the league champion for the seventh year in a row while South Lyon finished second with 424. Novi scored 293 to Howell's 281, followed by Pinckney, Milford, Hartland and Lakeland.

Novi was in fourth place after Friday's

preliminaries, trailing Howell by twelve points.

"We made up those (twelve) points and then some," assistant coach Ken Stark said. "A lot of the girls moved up spots to gain extra points, and having two out of three relays finish second is pretty awesome."

The second-place 200 medley relay of Julie Schramm, Yukie Tamura, Kerry

Abel and Dana Hapanowicz and the 200 free relay of Hapanowicz, Emily Stark, Yalda Dastmalchi and Abel combined for 68 points.

Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

By the numbers	9th	8	25	26th	29th	16:04	15:34
	Place the Novi Wildcats boys cross country team took in the state finals.	Years in a row Coach Robert Smith has led the boys to a top-10 finish.	Years Novi coach Bob Smith has been at the helm of the Wildcats cross country team.	Place Catholic Central's cross country team finished in the state finals.	Top Novi runner Mike Wheat's finish as an individual at the finals.	Harrier Mike Wheat's time at the cross country state finals Saturday.	Kalamazoo Central's Ryan Grau's time to win the cross country finals.

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ROCKED!

Shamrocks tumble against Milford in district final

By John Mueller
SPORTS WRITER
"Awesome."
It seemed to be the only thing anyone wearing red and white was able to say in the frenzied aftermath of Friday's district title game played at Milford High School.



Shamrock Nick Moores bolts past Milford defenders in last week's matchup.



Senior captain Mike Perrelly looks for an opening in the Mavericks' defense Friday.

But that's what this is. Really, what else can you say when your team has won its first-ever district trophy? And in such thrilling fashion? Milford (now 9-2) topped Detroit Catholic Central, 31-28, to claim the title. The Mavericks' face Kensington Valley Conference rival Brighton (9-2) in this Friday's regional game. The Bulldogs topped Ann Arbor Pioneer, 34-31, last Friday.

The Shamrocks, who have won multiple state championships over the years, took their first lead of the night early in the fourth quarter with a 42-yard touchdown run from Nick Moores, temporarily silencing Milford's fans. But then the Mavericks produced two momentous plays within minutes of each other—an outstanding quarterback sack by Milford senior lineman Kyle Hopkins that put the Shamrocks out of field goal range followed by a dazzling 39-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jake Gowin to junior receiver Cory Williamson—that earned them the lead back.

Novi's Jessica Gasiorek puts up a shot against a Hartland Eagle defender during a game hosted by the Wildcats in early November.



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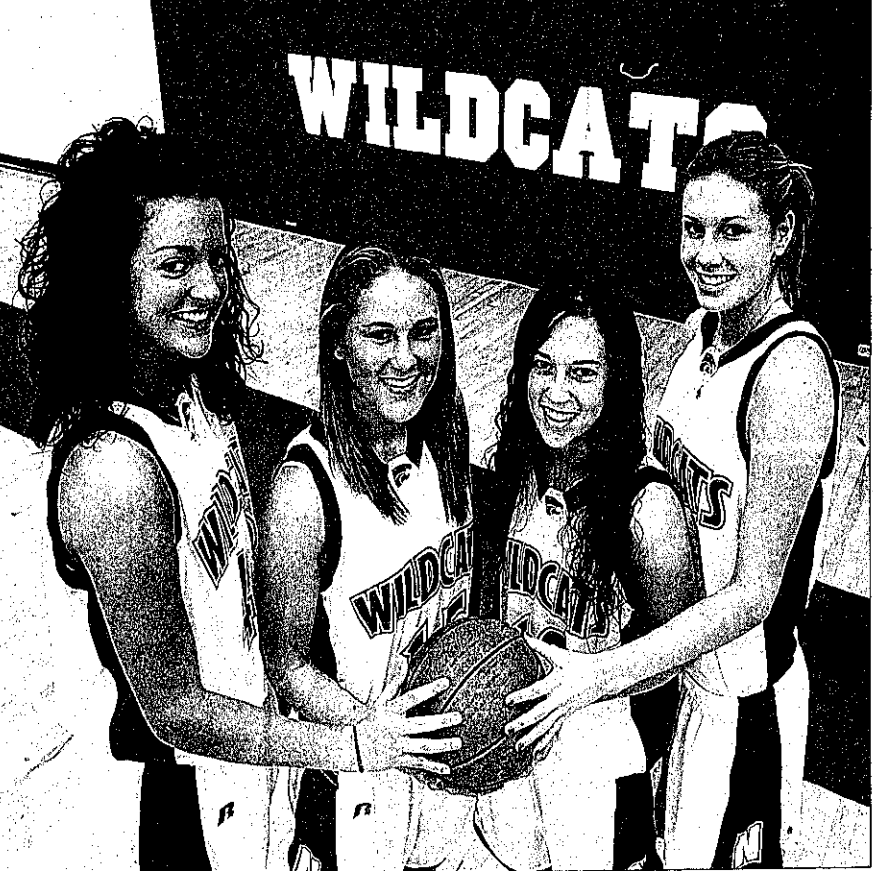
More than just a pretty face

Even a broken nose can't stop Novi's Gasiorek

Novi senior Jessica Gasiorek felt her nose crunch under the assault from a Hartland player's elbow. She went to the floor, her eyes watering and the pain throbbing through her face. "That's her job," he said. "She deserves a lot of credit for the way she's played in our league."



Sam Eggleston



Four of the starting gang of five for Novi High, from left, Nicole Stephen, Kristine Chaklos, Stephanie Crawford, and Jessica Gasiorek are ready for the upcoming playoffs. They'll be joined by starter Rachelle Folino.

Novi ready to host districts

It's a whole new season for the Novi Wildcats as they prepare for the district tournament in the coming weeks. The first round of the district, hosted at Novi High School, will have Northville taking on Canton at 5 p.m. and Plymouth playing Novi at 7 p.m. Both games are Monday.

Advertisement for the movie 'Chicken Little'. Features the text 'THE #1 MOVIE IN AMERICA!', 'TIME MAGAZINE PROCLAIMS "IT'S ONE OF THE FUNNIEST AND MOST EXHILARATING MOVIES IN YEARS."', and 'GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN''.

Advertisement for 'Plymouth Whalers vs London Knights' hockey game on Saturday, November 12th at 7:30 PM. Includes ticket information and venue details.

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Advertisement for 'Computerware Sports Arena' featuring a 'Team Night' on Saturday, November 12th at 7:30 PM.

Advertisement for 'Catholic Central High School Open House' on Sunday, November 13th from 12:00-4:00 PM.

A week of wins helps prep 'Cats for playoffs

Crawford had seven points in the win while Kris Chaklos added six and Gasiorek notched five. Novi will have the task of hosting Plymouth in the first round of the district playoffs Monday at 7 p.m.

Advertisement for 'The Future' movie. Features the text 'THE FUTURE Of Teaching Goodness, Discipline And Knowledge' and 'Now Open in Novi - The Brand New Catholic Central Campus'.

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Avoid Deer Collisions This Season With Allstate Safety Tips

Wixom, Mich., November 10, 2005 — As we enter peak deer-breeding season, more deer will be seen crossing roads and highways. Drivers need to be aware of their surroundings so that they can avoid deer collisions.

"Once the first frost arrives, male deer activity increases and we see more auto and deer collisions," says Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. "Drivers need to be extra cautious from October to December to ensure that they do not hit deer running across the road during peak season. Not only can the deer be harmed, but it is also a dangerous situation for the passengers in the vehicle, not to mention the potential damage to an automobile."

Allstate Insurance Company offers the following tips for avoiding deer and auto collision from The Fund for Animals:

- Always watch for wildlife, especially at dawn, dusk and the first few hours of darkness;
- Be especially cautious when driving on two-lane roads and rural roads;
- If you see one deer cross, slow down and watch for others to follow;
- Glance continually from the road to the roadside, looking for movement where roads are bordered by fields or natural habitat;
- Heed deer crossing signs and reduce speed in deer "hot spots";
- At night, watch for reflection from headlights in the eyes of deer;
- If a deer "freezes" in your headlights, turn your lights off and then on; and
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Jack Chopjian and Tamar Aguilar, siblings and owners of Milford Jewelers in downtown Milford, offer friendly service, affordable prices and high-end craftsmanship at their 441 N. Main St. location.

Milford Jewelers: Giving thanks

Between infrequent breaks, Tamar Aguilar looks nostalgically through her Milford Jewelers window, watching as Main Street traffic moves slowly past, then bunches up at a nearby traffic light.

It's rush hour in small town America, and local residents eager to return home from a long day's work wait for the light to change. Red light. Green light. Right turn. Left turn. Tamar blinks. She knows that's all life boils down to sometimes, the patience to wait out a light, coupled with the courage to choose one direction over another. It's a personal understanding borne of a more humble beginning.

Tamar was raised in Lebanon until she was 11, along with four brothers and a sister, cradled near the Mediterranean Sea where humid, salty air rose up and filled abundant lemon trees with yellow fruit the size of cantaloupes.

Her Armenian parents, Mayda and Arakel Chopjian, had made the French-influenced middle eastern country their home long before their youngest child, a daughter, a gangly marbled-eyed font of unending energy, arrived into the world. They named her after an Armenian princess: Tamar.

But in Lebanon, Tamar lived far from a royal life. Her days were simple, spent playing in Beirut streets, wading through the Mediterranean Sea, oblivious that money was tight for a mother suddenly raising six children alone. Tamar was 2 the day her shoemaker father died.

After that, everyone grew up quick. What choice do you have when the heart is heavy and the country your ancestors once fled to is about to turn over on itself?

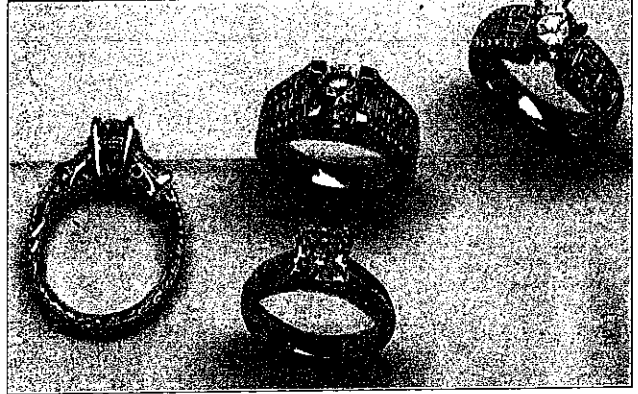
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In 1975, Lebanon, the land of tall cedars, melted into civil war. And those who occupied its lush landscape took refuge whatever way they could.

Mayda Chopjian gathered her children and took shelter each night in the basement of the stone apartment building where her family resided. Days took on an odd routine. The falafel sandwich salesman reemerged with the morning light, as did the bakers who made fresh pita bread. But at night, the bombs began falling again, giant thunder bursts followed by the cackle of waiting mothers and crying children. Men and boys carried guns and patrolled the neighborhood streets.

Mayda Chopjian, up against the world, with little money of her own and six children in tow, suddenly had tough choices to make. Her four sons — Toros, Matios, Onnig and Hagop (Jack) — had been sent away to a boarding school when their father had grown ill, but returned home shortly after he died and the war



A family of rings recently hand-crafted by Milford Jewelers artisan, Jack Chopjian. The rings were designed in-store, then cast at the family-owned manufacturing center. Jack set each diamond and hand-engraved each piece for a tailored look.

begun. Later, Toros, was sent to Paris to join a belt maker uncle who would later teach him about craftsmanship and life.

Mayda's eldest daughter, Nayiri, married an American and moved to Michigan. That left only Tamar, who stayed in Lebanon with her mother, visiting the three boys at school each Sunday, walking part of the way and riding in a clunky taxi the rest.

But it wasn't enough. Mayda knew her family's future lay across the ocean, in America. So for three years she traveled back and forth from Lebanon, continuing her work as a seamstress while trying to satisfy the United States' requirement for a widowed green card holder. The cost of ensuring a brighter future for her children was leaving them behind for long stretches of time, in a country suddenly

at war with itself. By the late 1970s, Matios made the trip to America alone, rejoining his mother and sister. Toros arrived next. Tamar, Onnig and Jack, bound by an unspoken family promise never to abandon each other, waited anxiously for their turn. But there were no guarantees the entire family would ever be reunited.

When they finally arrived at Metro Airport in 1980, the three siblings were anemic and frail, malnourished and naïve. In New York, someone had stolen the only \$20 they had.

Welcome to America. The family worked long days and set the foundation for what is now a platinum reputation within the jewelry industry. Together, they established a state-of-the-art manufacturing center and now independently own and operate four retail jewelry stores in

Milford, Birmingham, Southfield and Southgate. Tamar and Jack, a GIA-certified gemologist, own Milford Jewelers. Their gold standard is simple: be friendly and affordable. The best part: it's no commercial.

It's simply a cornucopia stuffed with life and offered by a family of modern-day pilgrims who understand Thanksgiving at its most basic level and appreciate the delicate taste of freedom.

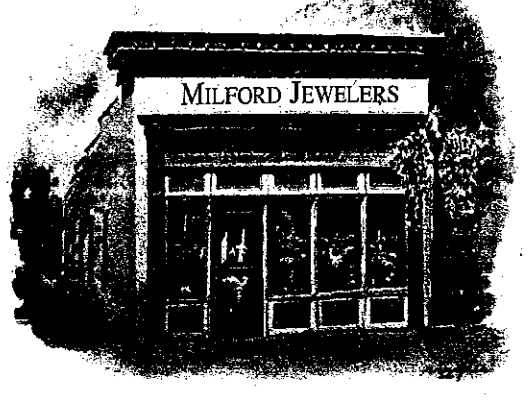
Outside the Milford Jewelers window, a car horn blares. Someone missed the light, which means an entire row of cars is stuck for another round. Tamar blinks, then smiles.

She knows this: Life sometimes takes you home the long way. And other times it takes you barefoot, along the sandy shoreline of a distant sea. Happy Thanksgiving.

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