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**Novi candidates vie for seats in Tuesday's primary**

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

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Ballots for the Aug. 5 primary will feature familiar Novi names as candidates for various offices.  
With current state Rep. Craig DeRoche's (R-Novi) term expiring, Novi candidates Hugh Crawford and Steven Valentini, along with Douglas Curry of New Hudson and

Christopher Maloney of Northville, are vying for the Republican nomination for the 38th District, which includes Novi, the Oakland County portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township,

Wixom and Walled Lake.

The winner of Tuesday's election will face off against Chuck Tindall (D-Novi) in the November election.

With Crawford in the race for state representative, three Novi residents are seeking election as the 9th District Oakland County Commissioner, representing the Republican party. Whichever candidate is elected, Kim Capello,

Lon Csordas or Fred Schlemmer, will run against Karen Zyczynski (D-Novi) in November.

Novi resident Ed Kriewall is running against Joseph Larkin, of Livonia, for the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District. The Democratic candidate will face off against incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter in November.

Three Novi Township incumbents will appear on the ballot. Running unopposed is supervisor John Juntunen, treasurer Ginger Juncker and trustee Tony Galdikas.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said recent redistricting changes will require residents to pay close attention to the precinct on their current voter registration card. Along with redistricting

changes, the polling locations of precincts 3 and 5 will be temporarily relocated due to construction at two of the Novi elementary schools.

All polls will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Anyone interested in receiving an absentee ballot has until Saturday to submit an application. The Novi City Clerk's Office will be open 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**DEROCHE LOOKING AHEAD**

**State Rep. plans return to private sector**

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Craig DeRoche decided he'd like to get involved in his local government 10 years ago.

Now, the 37-year-old Republican finds himself in the final months of a six-year stint as a State Representative, following a four-year role on Novi's City Council.

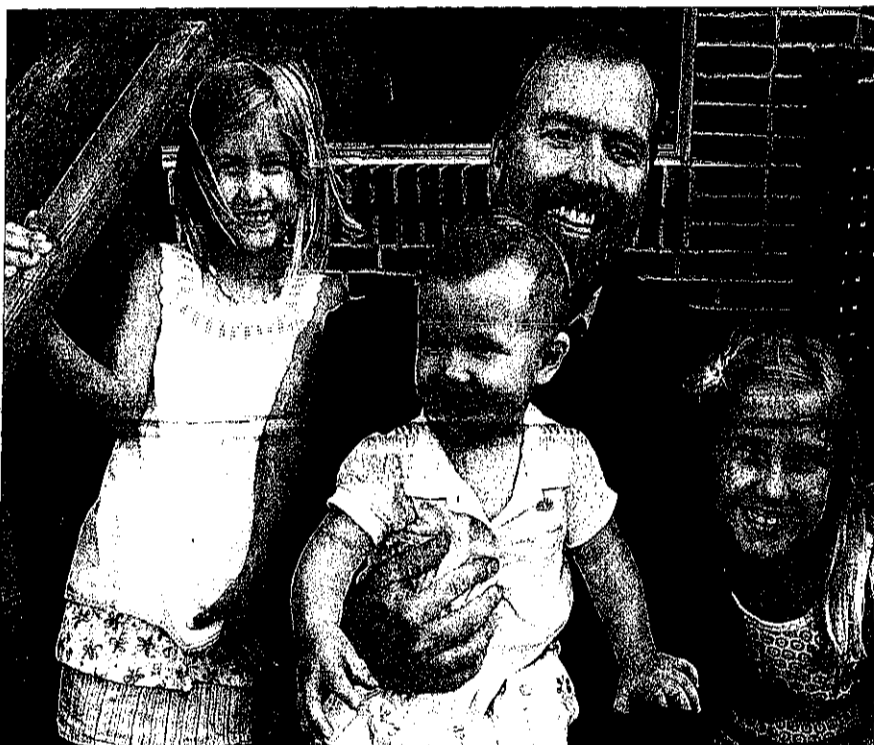
"I consider it a public service. I've learned that, whether it's city council or at the state-wide level, it's just people and the relationships you have with them," he said. "At city council, there's a lot more citizen involvement, which I appreciate."

DeRoche is currently Michigan's House minority leader and serves as the 38th District Representative for Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Lyon Township and the Oakland County portion of Northville. When the Republicans had control of the house in 2005 and 2006, DeRoche was speaker of the House.

With the three-term limit ending at the turn of the year, DeRoche plans to return to the private sector.

"I had to sell and leave the businesses I was in," he said. "I'm starting (a new insurance company) from scratch. I made myself a promise when I got in politics that I wouldn't rely on being elected to office for income."

DeRoche previously operated software company Beta Corp. and Safety National Casualty, a workers' compensation insurer. He was forced to sell Beta Corp. when he



State Rep. Craig DeRoche at his Novi home with daughters Zoe, 4, Phoebe, 1, and Carley, 7.

was elected to the House at the end of 2002 and Safety National Casualty when he was named speaker of the House at the end of 2004.

"I thought it was important to focus on that job exclusively," he said.

DeRoche doesn't have immediate plans for when he would return to government. Being "in old 37," he says he could return in one or two years, or 20.

"I'll look for opportunities. I think it'll be very likely. I'm not one of those people who intend to

retire. I'll always be involved. I like to serve. I'll always be looking for the opportunity to serve," DeRoche said. "For the next year, I'll be looking to get more involved locally, looking to see where my experience and talent can contribute."

During his time as speaker of the House, DeRoche was able to set the state's budget below the rate of inflation both years, a feat he doesn't recall happening in the past 60 years of Michigan's history. He credits his degree in finance from Central Michigan

University as helping him work through the process.

During both of those budgets, in 2005 and 2006, he was also able to increase educational spending, a cause he has maintained since he first took office. He named and wrote the final draft of the Michigan Promise Grant, which provides \$4,000 in college grants for Michigan high school seniors.

He said roads and buildings, such as the development of complexes like Providence Park, have been highlights at the local level.

"The 38th District will continue to grow," DeRoche said. "Lyon Township and South Lyon will continue to develop the next 10-15 years, and the Wixom Ford Plant ... the west-corner of Oakland County is going to change dramatically."

With his time in Lansing coming to a close, for now, DeRoche has endorsed current Oakland County Commissioner and former Novi City Council member Hugh Crawford to take his position.

"Hugh Crawford was actually a mentor to me when I was elected to city council," DeRoche said. "He's somebody who has a lot of fresh, new ideas and I think that's something Lansing needs right now. Both governments (he's served) work. Lansing doesn't right now."

Crawford (R-Novi) is running for the 38th District seat against Doug Curry (R-New Hudson), Christopher Maloney (R-Northville), Chuck Tindall (D-Novi) and Steven Valentini (R-Novi).

**The start**

DeRoche, a Walled Lake Western High School alumnus,

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Bar Louie employee Eman Jarrous will be pouring beer at the Fountain Walk tavern when it opens tomorrow.

**Bar Louie brings cheers to Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk**

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

The bustling nightlife of Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk will open its newest addition at the turn of the month, introducing Bar Louie to the scene.

Bar Louie Novi, of the Chicago-based chain that opened locations in Livonia and Ann Arbor last summer, plans to open its sixth Michigan location

Friday.  
The Novi location will be the first of the six to be owned as a franchise by ZAAM LLC, which stands for the initials of owners Zubin Antia (Novi High School Class of 1990) and Anthony Maroufi.

"The other five are corporate-owned. (ZAAM's) long-term goal is to own all Bar Louie's in Michigan. We have an obligation to be operational for at least six months first," said Lee Klein,

construction manager and business consultant for ZAAM. "My clients are thrilled by this location. We're looking forward to it."

The new bar and restaurant is located on the southwest corner of the intersection that Lucky Strike and Cold Stone Creamery also call home.

Klein said Bar Louie will fit in

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# Shopping by the season

By Tracy Estes  
SPECIAL WRITER

Stacy Tanner wants to help parents save money while raising their constantly growing children. The 39-year-old Salem resident is hosting the first of several of her seasonal children's consignment sales Sept. 27 at the Novi Christian Outreach Center at the First Baptist Church on 11 Mile Road, in Novi.

As a way of starting a new business, which offers sales twice a year in the spring and fall, Tanner hopes to make a name for herself as she helps people looking to get rid of the old and afford the new without breaking the bank.

"In our economy today with so many people losing their jobs or having to be financially minded, they want to look nice and also stretch their dollar," Tanner said. "With this seasonal consignment sale, kids can still wear name brand clothes and have nice toys just at a fraction of the cost."

Tanner's premier children's consignment sale is open to the public, welcoming those looking to sell their children's clothes, toys, furniture, games, baby items, nursing items and more.



Submitted photo  
Stacy Tanner prepares for her upcoming nearly new consignment sale in Novi featuring children's items.

"Unlike other consignment stores and sales, Tanner is giving 60 percent of the consigners total sales back to them. She said the point is to get people to want to consign and want to buy.

"This is a really easy way for people to sell the things they don't need anymore and find new items," Tanner said. "You don't have to sit at a garage sale which takes a lot of time and as a shopper you never know what you're going to get."

"I'm bringing the sellers and shoppers together to make it more convenient for everyone."

### Why consign?

According to Tanner, by signing up as a consignee, you are able to recoup a portion of the money spent on children's items throughout the year.

"You tend to make a greater profit when you consign versus having a yard sale," Tanner said. "Unlike at consignment stores, my sales offer the consignee the opportunity to set their own prices on items."

Tanner's Children's Consignment sales will be held in the fall and spring seasons.

She said her sales are organized just like a store, with clothes in one area, baby items in another and so on, making it easier for shoppers to look for needed items quickly and stress free.

Tanner said she hopes the first seasonal sale goes well and will continue to grow in the future.

"I don't look at seasonal sales as a one-time shopping experience," she said. "This is a thing that will be a need at least twice a year. That's why I'm so confident this concept will work because of the ongoing need."

Tanner said though her sale in September will be a first for her, she hopes to make a profitable business. "Hopefully I will inspire other women to transform their ideas and start up their own businesses," she said. "I was raised by a woman business owner, and I want to inspire other women that if they have a dream or see a need in our community, they can do this and it is obtainable."

Tanner said she is looking for volunteers and consigners to help in the sale. She said anyone involved in the sale will be offered pre-sale hours to shop before the general public.

"I'm both excited and nervous," she said. "Starting a new business is always nerve-racking, but hopefully you work it and put hard work in and it will be a success in the end."

# Pizzeria to open at Twelve Oaks Mall

By Chris Jaccetti  
STAFF WRITER

California Pizza Kitchen will bring its brand of unique and gourmet pizzas to Twelve Oaks Mall when doors open for lunch Monday.

The Novi location is CPK's sixth in Michigan, joining Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Troy.

"We are thrilled to have it here. It's a great addition to the stores and restaurants we have here," said Peggy Hayes, marketing and sponsorship director for Twelve Oaks Mall. "There's been a pent up demand for this since we announced it last year. People have been calling and coming in asking about it."

The new eatery will give shoppers and residents a new idea about what can be put on a pizza. With toppings ranging from barbecue chicken, shrimp and goat cheese, to pears, mangos and avocados, a seemingly endless array of options mixing meats, cheeses, fruits and vegetables is possible. Larry Flax, co-founder and co-chief executive officer for California Pizza Kitchen, said the restaurant is the "Raskin-Robbins of pizza" because of the wide variety being offered.

"Being on the outskirts of the mall also makes it easier for the restaurant to be involved with the community."

"We do intend on being a part of the local community. It's an important thing to us," Flax said. He said tours for school classes before the restaurant opens for lunch and involvement with local little leagues are just a few of the things CPK restaurants commonly do.

The Novi location already has offering take-out services.

"Of our 200-some restaurants, a lot of them are in malls. We always try to be toward the outside of the mall," he said.

"It's full service and very family oriented. We want to be the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

The California Pizza Kitchen restaurant will open Aug. 4 in the mall's Nordstrom wing.

meeting place of the minds where parents and kids are both happy to go," he said. "If the description interests you, it'll deliver. We have one of the best salad menus in the country. We change the menu twice a year and test everything."

Flax said the restaurant, located at the mall's east entrance between Nordstrom and Lord & Taylor, hopes to capitalize on the foot traffic of the mall while also offering take-out services.

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well with the area, offering dining from 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

"It's more intended to appeal to a more refined crowd. It's not anywhere as loud as floozers. You can bring your family," he said. "The normal attitude is, by 9-9:30 p.m., any families will be done dining and gone, and anyone left will be the adults."

Although the menu suggests the restaurant will transition into more of a bar as the night goes on, Klein said the kitchen will be going constantly and the only real change throughout the day would be fewer waiters and more bartenders.

"The bar is right in the middle of the restaurant and allows clientele to come in after work and get a drink and catch whatever games are on," Klein said. "We sort of look at Bar Louie as a Cheers for a little more upscale clientele. We don't consider ourselves a sports bar."

He notes that anyone is welcome, and anyone 21 and older can enjoy the venue's 40 beers on tap and assortment of high-end alcoholic beverages that include 27 specialty drinks for \$5 each.

"(We have) a lot of unique menu items," Klein said. "The nature of their selection of alcoholic beverages... You will not find that kind of selection of alcoholic beverages at any other restaurant or bar I know of."

The 6,800-square-foot venue will continually play sporting events on 22 52-inch televisions, primarily based around the centrally-located L-shaped bar, but are viewable from anywhere in the venue. Bar Louie is wide open and has an extremely high ceiling, so people can see each other from across the venue. An outdoor patio is also available for those looking for fresh air or to eat in the summer sun.

"That's in front of the corridor leading to the Imagine Theater," Klein said. "People will go over and see a late movie that gets out at 12 or 1 a.m. and come over after and get a drink, get an appetizer."

Seating is arranged for more than 300 patrons amid the 4,400 square feet dedicated to the dining and bar areas, with 48 of those seats available on the outdoor patio.

The targeted Aug. 1 grand opening will hang on whether the 80 employees, who first set foot in the venue last week, can complete training in time.

"The only question is if we can train our staff. It's going to be a soft opening with a grand opening celebration in late August or September," Klein said.

General Manager Matthew Ganiz said the bar will always have one manager pouring drinks alongside the bartenders and food from the kitchen is always made fresh on site, meaning an order will always take 12-15 minutes. Last call for the kitchen and bar are both 1:50 a.m., he said.

Another unique asset of Bar Louie Novi is a license allowing patrons to purchase an alcoholic beverage to go, which Klein said is rare for most bars with a similar liquor license.

**DEROCHE**

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hasn't gone far from home. Although he lives in Novi, he's right near Walled Lake - the body of water - where his family has a boat they enjoy weekends on.

He became involved with government in college. As a student at CMU, he participated in Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program and signed on to help with local events.

"I worked a job in college for a congressional primary," DeRoche said. "Former Gov. (William) Milliken told me to not ever get so cynical to think that individuals don't make a difference. He told me who was responsible for setting the drinking age in Michigan and (other laws). I've had that reasserted to me several times since then."

Politics weren't always the fight of DeRoche's life. He worked as a ski instructor years ago, which is where he met his wife, Stacey. They've since had three daughters, Catey, Zoe and Phoebe, who have kept him busy at home during the time he's served in Lansing.



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State Rep. Craig DeRoche outside his Novi home.

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**Swinging good time**

Claire Kalina, 10, left, dances with Emma Frasier, 10, at a Sizzling Summer Series event at Novi's Civic Center. The Detroit Police Department's "Blue Pigs" band provided the music for the kids' waltz.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

**Novi Police Briefs**

**Thrown eggs damage vehicle**

According to recent police reports, on the night of July 16, an unknown suspect threw eggs at a Chevrolet, which was parked on Joyce Lane, near 13 Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Police said the eggs damaged the paint on the hood of the vehicle and on other vehicles in the area were egged.

According to the victim, he was in a car accident several days prior to the incident and the driver of the "hit" vehicle seemed upset.

There is no additional information at this time.

**Attempted theft of a vehicle**

Between midnight-7 a.m. July 24, an unknown suspect attempted to steal a pick-up truck from Beachwalk Apartments, near 14 Mile and Novi roads.

According to police reports, the owner of the vehicle said he parked it in the carport and in the morning, it was pulled halfway

**Road rage leads to damaged vehicle**

The owner of a black 2008 Mazda 3 reported damage to the vehicle between 2:50-3:55 p.m. July 20.

According to the victim, while near Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road, she was involved in a traffic altercation with a male driver of a baby blue and silver Ford Freestar. The woman said the man flipped her off and wanted to get into a verbal argument, but she pulled into the parking lot of Pet Supplies Plus, on 10 Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road and noticed the suspect vehicle turn onto Cherry Hill Drive, just north of there.

The victim said she was in the store for about an hour and when she came out she noticed four deep scratches in her passenger-side door.

According to the report, there was no physical evidence or witnesses, and the woman doesn't know if the suspect was responsible.

Police advised the man to contact the apartment management to change the locks to prevent breaking and entering by use of the stolen keys.

**Fire items of interest from Monday's City Council meeting**

Triangle Development, LLC, approached council requesting approval of a revised preliminary site plan and phasing plan for the proposed MainStreet development. Due to current economic conditions, the developer removed the proposed preliminary site plan and phasing plan from the plans and replaced it with a surface parking lot, shifted a proposed office/retail building to the east and removed a five-story office/retail building. Members of council voiced concern regarding the addition of a parking lot, as opposed to a parking garage because they felt it was like a Main Street. Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello suggested moving forward with the first phase of construction, the medical office building, and making a portion of the parking lot temporary, so when the economy turns around, the developer can construct another building there. Council approved, by a 4-3 vote, the developer's request, with Capello's additional conditions.

Council unanimously approved the resolution for water rates for the 2008-09 fiscal year, which will go into effect Sept. 1. The City of Novi purchases treated water services from Detroit Water and Sewer Department which, on average, raised all customer rates by 12-15 percent, said City Manager Clay Pearson. Novi was on the high side of the increase and will be

**Meeting notebook**

experiencing a 23.8 percent increase. Pearson said the main factors in Novi's higher increase are distance from the water source, the elevation and topography and the amount of usage during peak hours. Pearson said the city is already looking into storage options to lower the city's usage during the peak hours and have been meeting with Novi's 10 largest customers to discuss conserving or reducing water usage. Combined with sewer, the city's overall increase is about 18 percent.

Council unanimously approved a strategy for pursuing high-tech Michigan Economic Growth Authority projects as part of the city's economic development attraction efforts. The city's local contribution would consist of things such as allocating funds for public infrastructure improvements. Guidelines recommended for businesses eligible for local contribution include being a high-tech MEGA project, providing a letter of intent, creating a minimum of 10 new jobs in the first year and 25 no later than the fifth year, having a minimum average salary of \$50,000 per employee and being a long-term stable business that can demonstrate and substantiate growth, among other things.

Novi residents Maria Dismony and Thomas Harvey were recognized by Mayor David Landry on behalf of the City of Novi for their lifesaving actions July 7 on Walled Lake. Dismony and Harvey came to the rescue of two Novi residents after they were thrown from a boat while on Walled Lake.

Council approved, by a 6-1 vote, to award Anglin Civil Constructors, Inc. the contract for the 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads intersection improvement project, in the amount of \$290,244, about \$57,000 less than what was budgeted. The plans include widening the eastern leg of the intersection to add a dedicated left turn lane and installing a new traffic signal. Councilman Andrew Mutch recommended using the money saved on the project to install decorative mast arm traffic signals, which cost about \$92,000, but council approved the original contract.

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for Oakland County Commissioner  
District 9: Novi - Northville

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# Salon, Music store exit Novi Town Center

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

A series of speculated moves at Novi Town Center have been taking form as six of the storefronts have moved or will move by year's end.

General Manager Jim Clear and the Town Center's management office, as well as Edward Jones financial advisors, have both moved from the southeast edge of the complex by mid-November.

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**Cutting out**

Owner Nadwa Yono said Salome Nadwa will be out of Novi Town Center by mid-November.

"We decided just two months ago," she said. "I just feel Novi and Novi Town Center is just dying. I don't feel Novi is as happening as it used to be."

The salon will reopen at the Boardwalk Shopping Center at Maple and Orchard Lake roads in West Bloomfield under the new name Nadwa Hair Spa.

"I just think it's an awesome location. I can pull people from the east and the west. It's a good location and a lot is happening," Yono said. "Novi Town Center is just not happening anymore. We've been there 14 years. I just feel a day spa is a thing of the past."

She said the salon at Novi Town Center nearly moved to Building 3, a newer structure on the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Town Center Drive, but decided against it.

"I negotiated with them and was about to sign the lease (in July 2007) and I backed out at the last minute. I was disappointed with the end results of Building 3," Yono said. "They had told us, two years ago, they looked at moving us because they talked about Target coming in. That put the moving bug in my head. They really want me to stay, but I need to do what I need to do. I told Jim I'd change."

"I got out at the right time. Having two empty anchors on either side of the world has been the kiss of death," said Thomas Donovan, owner of Music Go Round. "That was the real killer in Novi. Traffic just evaporated completely. I got to the point I was only seeing the same faces. You can only sell so much to the same people."

"Being as far off Novi Road as I was, with Fifth Third (bank) and Kim's Garden blocking the view of my store, I was pretty much invisible from Novi Road. It's a complete 180 here."

Music Go Round opened up shop at the Novi Town Center in August 1997 and began shopping for a new location late last year.

"Five years ago, there were all sorts of promises for great things and then Mervyn's closed," Donovan said. "Whenever you asked Jim, you couldn't get an answer out of him because nothing was signed. He always had something big on the horizon, but could never say what it was. I was waiting to see what would happen, but the offer from Farmington was looking better and better, so I jumped on it."

Donovan said he tried to keep Music Go Round in the Town Center, but was faced with rent prices too high for the income his business was earning.

"When my lease was up, I approached the Town Center about moving to a different location in the center and they weren't interested. They said, if I wanted to pay less rent, I'd have to have a smaller space," Donovan said, adding that a move was imminent. "They couldn't guarantee my existing space would survive any construction done there. They couldn't sign me up to a long-term lease in that space."

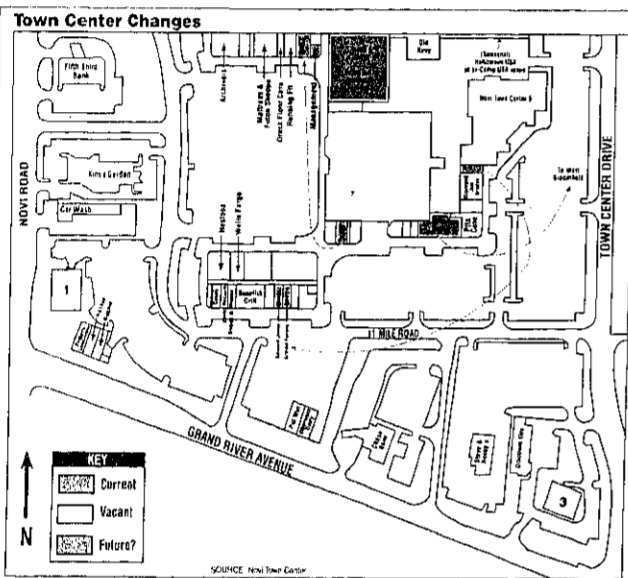
"It was kind of disappointing after spending 10 years there and they didn't try to stop me when I walked away."

"While we were in different parties, we worked on different bills through the process," he said. "The highlight of the program, for me, was getting to know so many different people and getting to know their points of view on the world. It was probably one of the most unique experiences I could have ever gotten."



Salome Nadwa owner Nadwa Yono, left, works with stylist Holly Panozzo on customer Monica Shaba's hair. After 14 years at the same location in the Town Center, Yono will be leaving Novi this November for West Bloomfield.

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**SUZETTE WEST PISTAGNESI**  
Age 80, of South Lyon, passed away July 27, 2008. A Funeral Service will be held July 31 at 11 am at Casterline Funeral Home, 52255 10 Mile Road, South Lyon. 248-445-1171.



**CAPRICE RENEE WAGNER**  
Age 24. Born April 30, 1984, in Tawas, Michigan. Died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at University of Michigan Hospital, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, following a short and courageous battle with lymphoma. Resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ms. Wagner attended Novi High School and graduated from Olmstead High School in Ann Arbor, in 2002. She graduated Cum Laude from Grand Valley State University in 2007, with a B.A. in Non-Profit Management. She was a Graduate Assistant for TEA.M, an innovative non-profit organization, discovering solutions for displaced south-west Michigan workers. She was also currently working on her Master's Degree at Grand Valley State. She was a Certified Massage Therapist. Survivors include: Parents: mother - Robyn Lynne O'Grady of Clarkston, MI, father - Donald J. Wagner, II (Dad) of Novi, MI. Grandparents: Charles H. O'Grady (Carol) of Rochester Hills, MI, the late Phyllis C. O'Grady, Donald J., Sr. and Mildred Wagner of Lincoln, MI. Collins and Nancy Avery of Northville, MI. Flanck, Joshua Dick of Grand Rapids, MI. Visitation was July 30, 2008, at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2800 Crooks Road, Troy, Michigan. Memorial Services Thursday, July 31, 2008, 12:00 Noon at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 East Fourteen Mile Road, Birmingham, with The Reverend Ray E. Schenck and The Reverend Carl M. Gronowicz officiating. Visitation at church begins at 11:30 AM. Share memories at [obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

## MY EDUCATION

### Novi student grows during international program

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School senior Dexter Zhuang has an interest in two things: Debate and government. For the past month, he was at an international conference, expanding both.

The 17-year-old joined 11 other American students and 35 students from Europe and Eurasia, all ages 15-19, at The Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative conference, hosted by Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The trip, which lasted from June 28-July 10, included classes in comparative constitution, global politics and world issues, as well as a week-long field trip through Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Virginia.

"We had a lot of debates and discussions with professors at Wake Forest and the state departments. We met the president of the AFPIR for instance," Zhuang said. "We had a number of simulations. We had a Darfur simulation. We split up into groups representing the major players in Darfur."

The final week of the program focused on parliament simulation where Zhuang was elected speaker of the parliament by his peers.

"While we were in different parties, we worked on different bills through the process," he said. "The highlight of the program, for me, was getting to know so many different people and getting to know their points of view on the world. It was probably one of the most unique experiences I could have ever gotten."

Zhuang is a member of the Novi High School Model United Nations, debate team, speech forensics council, International Club and the City of Novi's Youth Council. He



Novi High School student Dexter Zhuang recently returned from a month-long conference where he participated in the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative.

said the experience at Wake Forest will help him with each of those groups.

"The program has really convinced me to take (Model U.N.) more seriously," Zhuang said. "I think it'll change the way I discuss things when we hold meetings and such. A lot of people from other countries do things differently."

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attending preschool. Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1713 for rates and availability.

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### On Campus

#### Boston University

James M. Tardella received a master of science degree in project management and Wenjing Zhong received a doctor of dental medicine in dentistry from Boston University this spring semester, 2008. Both are from Novi.

#### Calvin College

Two students from Novi graduated spring 2008 from Calvin College: Heather D. Balon, daughter of Michael and Denise Balon, earned a degree in speech pathology and audiology and Megan E. Dotinga,

#### Central Michigan U.

The following students were named to the spring semester honors list for earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average: Dustin Ahrens, a 2007 graduate of Novi High School and Kara L. Yadach of Novi; James Beil and Jonathan C. Serra of Walk Lake; and Stacey M. Bell and Elvis Vushaj of Witom.

#### Ferris State University

The following students from Novi were named to the Academic Honors List for spring semester 2008: Kristin Morse, Corey Simone, Ryan

#### Walsh, Chinwendu Awaraka, and Benji Mendis.

The following Novi students graduated in May 2008 from Ferris State University: Kristin Morse, earned a degree in nuclear medicine technology and Corey Simone earned a degree in welding technology.

#### Partua University

Lindsay A. Williams of Novi, a student in the College of Engineering, attained Semester Honors and Citation on the Dean's List for four consecutive semesters, including Spring 2008. Williams also received the Society of Women Engineer's Outstanding Sophomore Award. She is the daughter of Timothy and Salliane Williams.

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A Novi Police officer stands near the Budweiser Clydesdales, as they finish a demonstration, at last week's Michigan 50's Fest held at Novi's Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.



Miller Spectacular Shows employees Carl Wiseman, left, and Teddy Hudson work to set up games and prizes at the festival in Novi last Thursday afternoon.

# MICHIGAN 50'S FESTIVAL



The Drifters perform songs from the '50s and '60s at this year's Michigan 50's Fest.

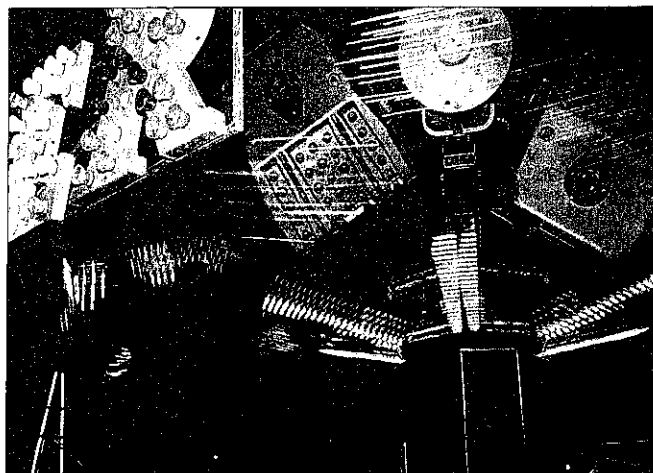


A look down the midway at this year's Michigan 50's Fest.

Photos by **JOHN HEIDER**  
Novi News



Tammy Jones dances with her young daughter Abbey during The Drifters set last Saturday night.



One of the festival's carnival rides twirls around in the dusk last Saturday.



Sidharth Swamy, 3, hangs onto his mom, Rishmi's, hand while holding onto a toy ducky he won at the carnival.

# 2008 38th District Republican State Reps.

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## Douglas Curry

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 Marital Status: Married  
 Family: 3 children  
 City/Town: New Hudson

Education/Degrees: B.S., Health & Physical Education, Wayne State University, 1970  
 M.S., Health & Physical Education, Wayne State University, 1972

Occupation: Retired teacher with several part time jobs  
 Experience: Member, South Lyon Board of Education 25 years

Community Involvement: Scouts, Youth Sports Coach, Numerous School and Community Committees

Endorsements: Do not seek PAC endorsements. Have received endorsements from citizens

What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?  
 All of the candidates for this office should be commended for offering themselves up for consideration by the citizens of the district. In these difficult times for Michigan, our state must have

leaders that possess a strong passion for the state, have a vision for Michigan that will move the state forward, be optimistic that, in this defining moment for Michigan, we have the power to bring this election site into the place we want to continue to proudly call home, and commit to working cooperatively with all to make decisions that put Michigan first. I will do exactly that.

Which is more deserving of tax incentives, Michigan's auto-based manufacturing industry or other emerging industries?  
 I do not believe it should be the role of government to try to pick winners. I believe that it is the role of government to establish an economic environment that gives every business an opportunity to succeed. We must focus on the things that create jobs through business friendly tax and regulation policies, economic and knowledge based support, marketing assistance and infrastructure development. If tax incentives are to be given they must be in the best interests of our state and clearly be for the maintenance and development of more jobs. The success of the

health and wellness.  
 What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?  
 I bring a refreshing idea that we cannot wait for results. We need results now. Like most people in this state, I don't have time to wait our state lawmakers wander around and wait for someone else to do it. Nothing is being done. I sit or swim with the rest of our citizens who see prices increase, and nothing is done. When those payments fall behind, with little support to make changes from our lawmakers, when jobs are lost, it is the state, with no end in site. I bring ground level experience and an idea that the time for speculation has long since

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Experience: Novi City Council 15 years, Oakland County Board of Commissioners 8 years  
 Community Involvement: Member, Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Chamber of Commerce, Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce, Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Novi Lions Club, Multi-Lakes

Washington, D.C.  
 Experience: Over 20 years educational leadership resulting in training at both the technical most prestigious technical institute: M.I.T. Sloan School of Industrial Management, and one of the world's finest scientific research universities: the University of Chicago. Over 20 years industrial leadership in the automotive and defense industries on projects exceeding 1 billion USD in research and development costs with profits in the multiple billions USD. Twenty years of community leadership as demonstrated through my community involvement and service.

Which is more deserving of tax incentives, Michigan's auto-based manufacturing industry or other emerging industries?  
 Historically, I have been an automotive and defense industries leader in industry and entrepreneur. Michigan's economy is critically dependent upon the success of our American designers, engineers, managers, and manufacturers at Ford, GM, and Chrysler, as well as General Dynamics, and hundreds of thousands of contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers of all ranges and sizes. The automotive industry is the bone, muscle, and brain of Michigan's economy. It constitutes the most educated, creative, and entrepreneurial workforce in both the country and the world. It is the source of business leadership having created both Harvards and M.I.T.s business schools. Our American automotive industry must be protected at all costs. Its growth and success must be maintained. With my point, I am offered by my opponent Hugh D. Crawford weak leadership since he routinely does not take a stand on what is right. He flip flops between the automotive industry, which is one of Michigan's crown jewels, and emerging industry, not

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## Steven Valentini

Web Site: www.stevenvalentini.com  
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 Age: 48  
 Marital Status: Single  
 Family: Brothers: Ed and Bryan, sisters: Tabitha and Kristi, mom: Stephanie, dad: Athos, stepmom: Iris  
 City/Town: Novi

Education/Degrees: 1988 Northville High graduate  
 Occupation: Real Estate Agent  
 Community Involvement: Motivational Speaker, Mentor for

Which is more deserving of tax incentives, Michigan's auto-based manufacturing industry or other emerging industries?  
 I would find it surprising that Michigan's auto industry allows AND create situations that would allow new businesses to tap the overwhelming pool of experienced workers in Michigan. We cannot focus on just one solution.

What can state legislators do to provide fair, affordable, comprehensive health care to all Michigan residents?  
 Reorganize spending to allow for citizens' affordable health care.

What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?  
 My 23 years as Novi City Commissioner has prepared me for this next step in public service. In addition to having chaired several committees at these two levels, I have demonstrated fiscal responsibility at both levels and will continue to do so at the state legislature.

What can state legislators do to provide fair, affordable, comprehensive health care to all Michigan residents?  
 We must present voters with a clearer sense of the health policy choices facing the state. Many citizens are beginning to realize how their access to health care is being affected by stringent controls put on the medical industry in this state. It is imperative that we work with the voters of this state to derive a compromise between the hemorrhaging costs of medical care and the rising demand for comprehensive care.

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Experience: I am the only candidate who has courtroom, boardroom, and large-scale business management experience. For the last 14 years, I have tried both criminal and civil cases in Federal and State Courts. I have also been in the courtroom as a General Counsel and executive with several large organizations including, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago, I have real world business experience setting priorities, writing and executing policy, meeting budgets, making personal decisions, and handling human resource issues. In these tough economic times we must elect a prosecutor who is a fiscally conservative business leader. Approximately 95 percent of the job is not trying cases, but running Oakland County's largest public law firm.

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## Zoo millage proposal would create authority

Oakland County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$100) on the assessed value of real and personal property to provide revenue for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.1 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of 10 years, being years 2008 through 2017. It is estimated that, if approved and levied, this new millage will generate approximately \$6,474,597.63 in 2008. Will this proposal be adopted?  
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personnel would continue to decide which animals to purchase and which exhibits should be expanded, Poisson said.  
 "From Brooks Patterson's perspective, the zoo is a cultural gem and an economic touchstone we use when we are trying to lure new jobs, especially knowledge-based jobs in the 21st Century," Poisson said.  
 Oakland County is mindful of the \$60.7 million in economic activity generated by the zoo, he said.  
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Zoological Society and the City of Detroit ends, this contract would also end, Poisson said. The City of Detroit cannot retain the property while there is a contract with the Zoological Society, according to Ron Kagen, zoo director.  
 The 15-year contract began in 2006, when the City of Detroit's finances became "challenged." The Zoological Society took over operations, management and governance.  
 Last year, the zoo had 1.1 million visitors. There are 200 employees and 1,000 volunteers. About 85 percent of the visitors come from private donations.  
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# 9th District Repub. County Commissioners

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**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Experience:** Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Novi 3 years; Novi City Councilman 7 years; Chairman, Novi Planning Commission 3 years; Planning Commission 7 years; Novi Chamber Board of Directors 3 years; Housing and Community Development 3 years; Practicing attorney 31 years.

**What makes you most qualified to hold this office?**  
 First, and foremost, my experience in representing the citizens of the 9th District. I have served on the Novi Chamber Board of Directors for the past 15 years. I have given me the experience of knowing how to bring residents' concerns to local governing bodies. Issues that we have addressed at the local government level are similar to issues that will face Oakland County in the future. Unlike the other candidates, I live and work in the community. I understand what goes on in the community 24-7, not merely a few hours after work. As part of my professional career, I represent...



CAPELLO

## ZOO

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and zoo memberships are from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

Among considered options for operating the zoo was privatization.

If that happened, Kagen said admission prices would probably double. He added that privatization is a "legitimate dialogue."

County Commissioner Mike Rogers said it is important to get some economic vitality in Oakland County.

Kagen said he has found limited success with federal grants, which are scarce.

"We do pursue grants all the time from different agencies and foundations," he said. "It is just not a huge part of the budget."

Kagen added that grants have been used for educational purposes.

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## Fred Schlemmer

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**Occupation:** Corporate Financial Controller for SteelPro Group of Companies  
**Experience:** No previous offices held.  
**Community involvement:** Since last October I have been spending a considerable amount of time in Lansing first fighting to repeal the sales tax on services and then to enact corrections in the new Michigan Business Tax. The new MBT and its companion local law enforcement departments. The budget and funding will have a major impact on these services.

**What are the three most important issues facing the county, and how would you address them?**  
 1) Obviously, finances and the budget is number one. The trick is to cut costs, without cutting county services.  
 2) One of the most controversial challenges the Board of Commissioners will need to address is the maintenance of public safety to provide support for local law enforcement departments. The budget and funding will have a major impact on these services.  
 3) The county needs to continue to market itself to bring new businesses to the local area, which in turn will create jobs. New business and jobs will feed life into our local economy.

**What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?**  
 Roads would be number one, however, the County Board of Commissioners has little control over road construction and maintenance. Any impact on local roads will be through building relationships, and not through direct commission involvement. Public safety must be maintained (at a minimum) at its current level.

**Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?**  
 "Kate Runner"

**What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?**  
 "Get Smart"



SCHLEMMER

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**Community Involvement:** Mayor, City of Novi - City Council, City of Novi - Planning Commissioner, City of Novi - Southwest Oakland Cable Commission, many years of coaching Novi youth baseball, basketball, soccer, floor hockey and football.  
**Endorsements:** L. Brooks Patterson - Michigan Association of Police Organizations (MAPO). This organization includes 19,000 law enforcement members with The Michigan State Police, Michigan Association of Police and Police Officers Legal Council - City of Detroit - Retirees Association.

**What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?**  
 I have nine years of public office experience and 25 years of private sector leadership experience. I have extensive experience in budget development and I have a consistent record of fiscal responsibility. While Mayor of the City of Novi I required a 15 percent budget surplus and always made sure the City lived within its means with no tax increase. I am a licensed and certified health insurance expert and I manage a team to large group health plans for municipalities, school systems and private sector entities. Health insurance costs are skyrocketing upward and I understand the actions needed to ensure that the taxpayer does not overtaxed for these benefits. My record in public office was one of fiscal responsibility and common sense.

**What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?**  
 1. The reduction of tax revenue. I will cut county costs and not raise taxes.  
 2. The rising cost of employee and retiree benefits. I will make recommendations to reduce these costs utilizing my experience as a health plan administrator.  
 3. Maintaining the roads and infrastructure. I will work within the budget restraints and ensure that Novi and Northville gets our fair share of attention from the Oakland County Road Commission.

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**Age:** 43  
**Marital Status:** Divorced  
**Family:** No children, but I do have a 4-year-old German shepherd named Buddy  
**City/Town:** Livonia  
**Education/Degrees:** Birmingham Brother Rice HS, University of Michigan, AB in Political Science, 1986 University of Michigan, Juris Doctorate, 1988  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Experience:** Twenty years as a practicing attorney in a wide variety of civil and criminal cases representing a wide variety of clients, individuals and businesses, etc.  
**Community Involvement:** Member of Michigan Association for Justice, Member of Catholic Lawyers Society of Michigan, Member of Livonia Bar Association, Volunteer for a wide variety of nonprofits, business and elderly at St. Patrick's Senior Center, St. Alysius, St. Dominic, etc., through volunteer programs with St. Maurice, St. Edith and Focus Hope, 3rd Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, Assistant Coach of 1999 Livonia Knights AA Hockey (Silver Stick Regional Tournament Champion, Brad Stone Fall Classic Champion, and LCAHL Mite AA - Division 3 Champion)  
**Endorsements:** UAW, Pipefitters, Steamfitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Local 616, 11th Congressional District Democrats Club, Northville Democrats Club, Westland Democrats Club, Garden City Democrats Club and more to come.

**What makes you most qualified to hold this office?**  
 I have a strong financial background and I understand the budget and how to look for cost savings. Our next commissioner must have the ability to look for savings in the current budget and hold line on tax increases, but he or she must address how to structure the county's finances for the future to put the county on a solid financial footing.

**What are the three most important issues facing the county, and how would address them?**  
 First, and most significant is the budget issues facing the county and how to put the county on a firm financial foundation for the future; Second, jail overcrowding, the county should consider alternatives to keeping inmates housed at the jail such as, expanding the tethering program and consider privatizing the jail; Third, delivery of county services to seniors, veterans, and Novi residents.

**What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?**  
 The Sheriff department.

**Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?**  
 "John Adams" by David McCullough

**What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?**  
 "The Lives of Others"



LARKIN

# DEMOCRATS 11th District Congress

## Edward Kriewall

**Web Site:** kriewallforcongress  
**Email:** ekriewall@mi.rr.com  
**Age:** 67  
**Marital Status:** Single  
**Family:** Two daughters, two grandchildren  
**City/Town:** Novi  
**Education/Degrees:** B.A. political science, Detroit Inst. of Technology M.P.A. Master of Public Administration Nova University  
**Occupation:** Retired Novi City Manager  
**Experience:** Novi City Manager 25 years, Novi DPW Director 3 years  
**Community Involvement:** Past member Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Rotary and member of Michigan Fifties Festival

**What makes you most qualified to hold this office?**  
 I have 25 years of experience as a public servant. I understand the needs of the community and how to bring residents' concerns to local governing bodies. Issues that we have addressed at the local government level are similar to issues that will face Oakland County in the future. Unlike the other candidates, I live and work in the community. I understand what goes on in the community 24-7, not merely a few hours after work. As part of my professional career, I represent...

**What are the three most important issues facing the county, and how would you address them?**  
 1. The U.S. invasion of Iraq is a mistake. What action should be taken now?  
 2. The U.S. Supreme Court overrules the Roe v. Wade decision and return abortion regulation to each state, effectively making abortion illegal in Michigan?  
 3. What changes would you support in the nation's energy policies?

**What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?**  
 I support universal health care. It is long overdue. Health insurance premiums are crippling. Those who do not pay for health care get it free anyway. We are paying for that in the cost of our premiums.

**Should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn the Roe v. Wade decision and return abortion regulation to each state, effectively making abortion illegal in Michigan?**  
 No.

**What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?**  
 "Charlie Wilson's War"



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# MY OPINION

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## Endorsements

### Crawford is better choice for 38th District state representative

Although Doug Curry demonstrates a strong skill set for problem solving and a refreshing outlook, we endorse Hugh Crawford for District 38 State Representative. Crawford has a realistic view of partisan politics and the experience needed to get things done. Crawford is a current Oakland County Commissioner and a 15-year veteran of the Detroit City Council. He has a background in education and Medicare and has a realistic approach to making decisions on program cuts, reworking the state's approach to retaining and maintaining our business sector all while promising to be "a fresh face with new ideas in Lansing."

### Cordas is better choice for 9th District county commissioner

Although we applaud and regard highly Kim Capello's experience and dedication to the City of Novi, we endorse Lou Cordas for county commissioner of the ninth district. Cordas believes the county should be run like a business and has the professional experience as vice president, corporate communications, U.S. Health and Life Insurance Company to get the job done. He has the support of L. Brooks Patterson behind him and a strong interest in building relationships to tackle the county's bigger issues, including increasing health care costs. Cordas is the right man for the job. He vows to work within the commission to represent the needs of the district while being on hand to work toward resolving on issues including roads, while making tough decisions like re-evaluating county programs during hard economic times. He also reserves the right to offer his private sector experience to help guide the county through its multi-million lawsuit against Blue Cross Blue Shield. Cordas said he is committed to keeping in touch with the citizens of the district by regular reporting to the communities he will represent.

### Larkin is better choice for 11th District nomination

Whoever wins the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District will have a long, uphill battle to unseat incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter.

Despite McCotter's support for the unpopular war in Iraq and his solid party-line voting record at a time when many voters are disenchanted with Republican positions, McCotter remains a formidable candidate. As chair of the House of Representatives' Committee on the Status of the United States, McCotter is respected within the ranks of his party and with the party's conservative base.

McCotter hasn't faced a well-known elected Democrat since his first congressional race against then-Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelly. That holds true in this election. Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin has never run for elected office. Former Novi City Manager Edward Krawiec served in appointed governmental positions. Both candidates are running as moderate, conservative Democrats.

Larkin and Krawiec share many of McCotter's views on immigration, gun rights and even trade agreements. Larkin describes himself as a pro-life Catholic convert. They both say the war in Iraq is a major reason they decided to run.

While Krawiec has more government experience, he doesn't give Democratic voters a clear alternative. He admits voting for Bush in the two recent presidential elections. However, in the congressional races, he was not so easily led to a Republican candidacy.

Larkin makes a stronger case against the war, for alternative energy, fair trade and measures that would help people keep their homes in the foreclosure crisis.

For the Democratic nomination, we support Joseph Larkin as someone who will offer voters a clearer choice.

### Secotine best for Oakland prosecutor position

Whoever follows David Gorecya as the next Oakland County prosecutor will face a mighty challenge.

He or she is going to face a reduction of at least \$660,000 in the prosecutor's \$19.2 million annual budget. Lawoffs are probably necessary to make up that deficit.

Several high-profile child abuse cases have left Gorecya on awkward terms with the media. In particular, he has decided to no longer talk with reporters at The Detroit Free Press. That leaves the next prosecutor to patch up the feud.

The next prosecutor will need to grapple with the ongoing problems of jail overcrowding. While it's up to the judges to determine sentencing, plenty of pressure will fall on the prosecutor's office when it comes to decisions about plea bargains and alternative sentencing recommendations.

All of these issues will require an experienced person at the wheel. With that in mind, we're endorsing Kandy Secotine in the Aug. 5 primary.

A 17-year veteran of the prosecutor's office, Secotine will have first-hand knowledge when it comes to making tough decisions about which areas of the department can be trimmed without impacting public safety.

He's fought in the trenches. Secotine is the only candidate running for prosecutor, regardless of party, who's conducted a murder trial. His family has operated a business for 55 years in Oakland County, giving him an important perspective on customer service — a critical asset when it comes to the prosecutor's office.

For those reasons, we believe Secotine is the best Republican candidate to face Democrat Jessica Cooper in the November election.

### Vote 'yes' on zoo millage

These are tough times to ask taxpayers to approve yet another tax.

On Aug. 5, voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote on a 10-year, 0.1-mill tax to support the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. If approved, the tax would generate about \$12 million annually and cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$10 a year. The annual operating budget of the zoo is \$24 million. The rest of the zoo's budget would be covered by admission fees and private donations.

Zoo officials have argued that the new tax is needed to fill an \$8 million annual operating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned over operations to the Detroit Zoological Society.

The ballot proposal would create taxing authorities in each of the three counties with the legal authority to levy a tax.

Questions have been raised about putting the millage on the August ballot rather than on the November ballot, when many more voters are expected because of the presidential election. Ballot supporters argue that they want the issue on the August ballot so that, if it fails, they can return to voters in November, a common practice for tax questions.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

What is he holding?  
Kids and their parents enjoy an educational show at the Novi Public Library by animal collector Mark Rosenthal. He's holding a desert lizard. He also showed off dozens of tarantulas at the assembly to go along with the library's summer reading program theme: catch the reading bug.

## PHIL POWER: Reform Michigan Government Now raising eyebrows

It's hard to remember a ballot proposal in recent years that has had our entire political class

hyperventilating the way the proposed "Reform Michigan Government Now" amendment has.

"The proposal threatens 'the GMGN' for short was initially billed as a neutral, 'good government' attempt to amend the current state constitution. And indeed, it has some attractive features, such as making redistricting a truly non-partisan activity.

But the veil fell quickly after a PowerPoint presentation — supposedly prepared by RMGN advocates — was discovered on a United Auto Workers' union Web site last week.

The slide show indicated that the proposal's real objective is "changing the structural obstacles to Democratic control of state government in 2012-2020."

That sent critics immediately jumping all over the proposal, labeling it "cynical," "deceptive" and "disgusting." The Michigan State Chamber of Commerce promptly said it will sue, alleging violations of the Campaign Finance Act. (Though supporters filed far more signatures than officially needed, it has yet to be certified for the November ballot, and all sorts of court challenges are likely.)

Supporters of the amendment promptly fired back at critics, rolling out a poll showing 70 percent support statewide, with even more Republicans endorsing the proposal than Democrats.

Opponents quickly labeled the poll a "bogus mountain of garbage" ... and so on and so forth. Not your average reaction to a supposedly neutral bi-partisan proposal, is it?

Yes, beyond the sound and fury, and regardless of the merits of this particular proposal or the motives behind it, some things are becoming clear. For example, there are problems embedded

### About Phil Power

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Michigan's too-frequently amended constitution, problems that have contributed to an atmosphere of intense hyper-partisanship in Lansing.

To mention just two of the most obvious: Term limits and the ways legislative districts are drawn. Voters added term limits to the constitution in 1992, limiting state representatives to three terms of two years each and senators to two four-year terms.

After that, they can never serve again as long as they live. Although term limits remain popular with the public, anybody who has had anything to do with the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce promptly said it will sue, alleging violations of the Campaign Finance Act. (Though supporters filed far more signatures than officially needed, it has yet to be certified for the November ballot, and all sorts of court challenges are likely.)

Inexperienced lawmakers often have little idea what they're talking about and lack the time to master the subtleties of crafting legislation. And they can't possibly achieve the time-consuming process of building relationships across the aisle that are essential to crafting compromise agreements. Facing a necessarily short tenure, newly elected legislators quickly start raising money to run for the next office rather than doing their jobs.

Worst of all, term-limited lawmakers often adopt a short-term mindset, preferring to duck the tough votes and instead sticking to the can down the road to the next occupant in office. That was a large part of the reason for last year's budget disaster.

Drawing new district boundaries is equally political.

RMGN proposes to amend this system through an independent nine-member reapportionment commission. That is fine. But at the same time, it requires nearly three-quarters of each new district be drawn to be

safe for either Republicans or Democrats.

That's no help at all, as the net effect would be to legally disenfranchise millions of Michigan voters.

There's also more wrong with the proposal. But it may just be that the biggest effect of this whole brouhaha will be to focus attention on whether to call a constitutional convention.

Two years from now, we will face a statewide vote on that, as our current constitution requires.

Until now, I've been firmly ambivalent.

Argument in favor: There are sizeable problems with the present constitution that require thoughtful consideration of a convention rather than piecemeal and expensive amendments through the ballot initiative process.



## LETTERS

### Support Novi Candidates

Novi appears to be an excellent training ground for politicians. We can further their reputation by supporting Hugh Crawford, Lou Cordas and Ed Krawiec. Fortunately, they're seeking different offices so Novi will be well represented in the State Legislature, the Oakland County Commission and the U.S. Congress.

Go team, go!  
Since we are unable to vote in both primaries, I encourage you to vote for these candidates in your party. Although I've been a staunch Democrat all my life, and would most likely support Ed Krawiec in any race, the main reason for supporting all three is their past performances. Not only are they professional in their deeds, they each have demonstrated a non-partisan "got-it-done" spirit.

That is a definite plus in my estimation.

**Patrick M. Downey**  
Novi

### The Best Choice

It's so easy to get caught up in the rhetoric of a political campaign. Look what I did! I even thought we were but a single spoke in a wheel.

It's rare that we get a candidate like Kim Capello. Honest, trustworthy, friendly and articulate are only some of the adjectives that can be used to describe Kim. Experienced, educated, motivated and modest should also be included.

Kim and his family have been my friends for over 15 years. I've always marveled at Kim's enthusiasm for Novi and Novi's residents and business owners. In the fall, you will find Kim and his family at many of the High School football games. The Capello family has always supported the Novi schools and all that goes with that. You'll also find Kim and his family at the Novi Center for the Arts and the Novi Chamber of Commerce. And, of course, you will also be able to find Kim at his business office on Taft Road in Novi or at our local 52nd District Court. Always promoting Novi, always working to improve Novi, always helping us to grow. That's why we're proud to credit his many accomplishments.

It's been my privilege to sit next to Kim at the council table as we wrestled with the tough questions that came before us. And it was always a relief to listen to Kim Capello begin to talk as he shared his legal opinions on the complex matters. And, while in the "back room" of the council chambers, where we dealt with legal issues, Kim was the same person, always helpful, always advising. Never bragging or taking credit.

As you drive north or south on M-5 and see the new business growth there, please silently say thank you to Kim Capello for his efforts to give us quality services, fiscal responsibility and by controlling revenues. Hugh, no doubt, would continue those efforts at the state level continuing to serve our county and district.

The name Crawford has been synonymous with quality service and outstanding citizen representation for many years and can continue well into the future. I encourage every registered voter to not only visit the polls on Aug. 5 but to vote for Hugh Crawford. My support and vote will be obvious, will be for Hugh. Thank You.

**Tim Shroyer**

### Don't Touch Term Limits!

Term limit opponents argue term limits lead to a dysfunctional legislature that lacks institutional experience, but none will follow that statement with an admission that they were unqualified to ask for your vote in their first election, back when they likely supported term limits and probably told you they were ready to hit the ground running. Being a good lawmaker requires common sense and the ability to learn, not 15 years on the job training. Rotation in office has a long tradition. Until the '70s, almost no legislator ever maintained tenure in office beyond three terms.

Lawmakers even share the necessary tax hikes on term limits; but the party that openly advocates for higher "investment in government" had just taken effective control of the legislature when the tax hikes were passed, so go figure. Would be careen as we deserve and serve that which they systematically blame any problem on term limits, hoping that, if they say it often enough and loudly, that people will fall for it. Now some are hatching a Trojan horse plan to use an attractive legislative deal as a loss leader for a Ballot Question to repeal or gut term limits. The ambitious Mark Meadows, an officeholder with long experience, should read his own rulebook first. Joint Rules for the Michigan Legislature (Rule 13) states: "The same joint resolution shall not propose an amendment to the Constitution on more

than one subject matter." Legislative salary term limits repeal are two different subjects.

So the 148 guys who make the rules in Lansing would have to break their own rules to log-roll this question past the voters, after over 400,000 petition signers put it on the ballot, and 60 percent of the voters approved it, when Term Limits was enacted in 1993. That won't pass the smell test. While some blame only an unbalanced high 97 percent re-election rate in Michigan, 66 percent of voters still say they would vote yes all over again. Whatever causes the awesome advantage of incumbency (access to campaign money, non-coverage, tax-fund, constant street mass mailings), the fact is that incumbents use the power and prestige of public office to devastate political challengers.

Limits on a tenure in office promote rotation in office by insuring regular, periodic open competitive elections at least every second house or third senate election. Before term limits, entrenched incumbency had reduced voter participation and has led to an electoral system that is less free, less competitive and less representative than the system established by the Founding Fathers. Term limits don't change human nature; politicians who obtain power still cling to it. Term limits can't do everything; they can't force people to get involved, to write letters, to get together, to directly engage in election campaigns and to make their own contributions rather than leave that to the special interests they wonder why they control things. But term limits empower citizens and make our democracy more democratic. That's a step in the right direction.

**Greg Schmid**  
Saginaw

### Vote for Lou Cordas for Commissioner

As a long time resident of Novi I am pleased to see Lou Cordas seeking office to represent us at the county level. He demonstrates a high level of integrity, fiscal responsibility and by controlling revenues. Hugh, no doubt, would continue those efforts at the state level continuing to serve our county and district.

The name Crawford has been synonymous with quality service and outstanding citizen representation for many years and can continue well into the future. I encourage every registered voter to not only visit the polls on Aug. 5 but to vote for Hugh Crawford. My support and vote will be obvious, will be for Hugh. Thank You.

**Sylvia Bruno**  
Novi

### Vote for Lou Cordas

I am voting for Lou Cordas and I hope you do too. When Lou Cordas was on city council, he was always prepared and represented the taxpayers with integrity. He was always approachable, which is a rare trait these days as far as politicians go. Lou Cordas was at city hall on Saturdays so we could talk with him and express our concerns. He was always willing to listen and help a resident. He cut the red tape and made things happen without any public fanfare.

My friends involved in the community tell me that he was far too work with even when there were differences of opinion on city council. That tells me he is more a statesman than a politician.

I agreed with his positions on spending our tax dollars because he was fiscally conservative. As a 36-year resident, I liked his sense of pride in Novi's history. Having the barns painted at 10 Mile and Taft with no cost to the community was a nice touch. I am sorry to see they have been demolished.

Lou Cordas is the kind of person L. Brooks Patterson needs at

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Pied Piper Preview in the Park TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10. LOCATION: Lakeshore Park, 601 South Lake Dr. DETAILS: Preview of the Novi Theatre's new play followed by a magic show.

Pied Piper of Hamelin TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-15; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45715 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: This Novi Theatre production features area youth ages 7-18. Visit cityofnovi.org for more information.

Kelly Miller Circus TIME/DATE: 2 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10. LOCATION: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Road, Wixom. DETAILS: Circus elephants start erecting the Big Top about 9 a.m. circus morning for the two afternoon shows. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children and available at Parks and Rec. office, Wixom Comm. Center until Aug. 8. On day of circus, tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children and available at Park.

Inaugural Wing Shooting and Sporting Clays Seminar DATE: Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-15. LOCATION: Detroit Gun Club, 2275 East Oakley Park Road, Walled Lake. DETAILS: Sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society. Receive shooting instruction from two living legends during this two day event. Chris Baha and Andy Duffy will provide analytical and hands-on shooting instruction. Limited to 16 participants, the seminar consists of two daily four-hour periods (morning and afternoon) with participants receiving separate instruction from both Baha and Duffy. Cost is \$1125 per person and in addition to instruction, includes an open bar reception from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13 plus receptions on Thursday and Friday evenings, lunch both days, open shooting and awards. Reservations required by Friday, Aug. 1. To register, contact Mike Tilley at (248) 515-7027 or e-mail at tillem@sboglobal.net. Major credit cards accepted. Proceeds will be used to restore and protect grouse and woodcock habitat. For more information, visit www.ruffedgrousesociety.org.

Used Sports Equipment Sale TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15. LOCATION: Wixom Community Center. DETAILS: Come and browse the used sports equipment. Cost is \$2 at door. Sellers - tables are \$20 each; set up 8:30 a.m. day of sale, sellers keep own profits; fall/winter sports equipment in good condition only; reserve space by Aug. 8.

Muscular Dystrophy Association Fundraiser TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15. LOCATION: All Outback Steakhouse Restaurants in Michigan, including the one at 48020 Grand River Ave. DETAILS: Residents can enjoy a meal while helping fund important research of Friedrich's Ataxia, one of over 40 forms of Muscular Dystrophy that MDA cures. The lunch includes a bloomin' onion, choice of steak, chicken or ribs, salad, soft drink and dessert with a \$20 donation per person to MDA. All proceeds go directly to funding research. Tickets may be purchased at the door or prior to the event by contacting your local Outback Steakhouse or MDA district office. CONTACT: For more information, contact Steve Nacarato at (734) 416-7076.

EMU GOLD Alumni Party TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21. LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road. DETAILS: Join the EMU Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) and friends for a night of live music, networking and fun. A private reception will include music by the Killer Flamigos playing hits of the 80s and 90s. The event is \$5 which includes admission to the reception, an appetizer buffet and the band performance. Alumni and friends are welcome. CONTACT: For more information, or to RSVP, contact Acadia Hanbrock, EMU Office for Alumni Relations, at (734) 487-0250 or alumni.relations@emu.edu.

Hollywood Nights Movie Marathon TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22 until 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. LOCATION: Emagine Theatre, Twelve Mile Crossing. DETAILS: This 24-hour event supports children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Pledging a minimum of \$105.10 in raises will get you admitted to the theatre for 24-hours of watching your choice of current-run movies, a catered lunch, dinner and continental breakfast, snacks and all the pop and popcorn you can eat. A "Family Pack Special" for a family of four allows parents and two children to arrive on Friday at 5 p.m. and watch two movies, have dinner and enjoy pop and popcorn, all for \$105.10. Individuals ages 13-17 may only participate until 10 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The top fundraiser for 2008 will win a one year pass to Emagine Theatre. Register online at www.leukemiainchicago.org or call (800) 825-2536.

Bichon Bash Picnic TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. LOCATION: 123 Brighton Area, Dodge Site, Recreation Area, Dodge Site, Brighton, Exit south on Kent Lake Road. DETAILS: Join us for the 3rd Annual Bichon Bash Picnic. Fundraiser for Small Paws Rescue. www.smallpawsrescue.org. Silent auction, food for purchase, and games for all, pet professionals and Bichon information. Park entry \$5. Please RSVP or contact us for an invite and information. CONTACT: Jill Simmons (574) 439-0286 or jillybean3@comcast.net, Jane Cameron (313) 590-8292 or janeway5999@aol.com.

Senior Variety Series "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century!" DATE: Sept. 11-21. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

45175 W. 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: The Novi Theatre invites those ages 50 or older to join in the Senior Variety Series. Meet new friends and hone your performance skills. Rehearsals begin on June 3 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. No past experience necessary and there are no auditions. You can register at the first meeting or online. CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 735-5615 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Life Story Writing Workshop TIME/DATE: Oct. 2 and 9, Nov. 5 and 17, and Dec. 4 and 15. LOCATION: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: This six-session workshop is for those who wish to reminisce and reflect on their life, and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lessons learned in life. Author and writing coach Rose Tutay shows you how to gather and write your favorite memories and events from your life and make a lasting gift to your children and grandchildren. Class size limited to 15. Please register online at www.novilibrary.org or call (248) 349-0720.

Wixom Village Center Summer Concert Series TIME: 7-9 p.m. every Thursday. LOCATION: Village Center, Sibley Square Park, across from City Hall. DATE: Tonight - Lady Sunshine and the X Band. July 31 - The Warner (Blues). Aug. 7 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings (Blues). Aug. 14 - Mass Transit Band (Blues, Steve Ray and Clapton style).

Farmers Market - Walled Lake TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday. LOCATION: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Decker Road and Postage Trail, Walled Lake. DETAILS: The Farmers Market begins in May and runs through the end of October. Some of the items available at the market this year include: Fresh vegetables, eggs, honey, jams, jelly, fruits, annual and perennial flowers and garden accessories. Vendor space is still available. CONTACT: Janell at the City of Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake or call (248) 624-4847.

Novi Chamber of Commerce LOCATION: 41875 W. 11 Mile Road, Suite 201. The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site and involvement with local charities. CONTACT: Call for membership information, (248) 349-3743. Register for all events online at www.novichamber.com.

Membership Luncheon TIME/DATE: Noon Wednesday. LOCATION: Hotel Baronette. DETAILS: Pre-registration required. \$30. Business Breakfast TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12. LOCATION: Biggiey Coffee. DETAILS: No fee. 21st Annual Golf Outing DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 13. LOCATION: Mooseridge Golf Course. DETAILS: Call to register. Merge Celebration TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21. LOCATION: The Post. DETAILS: Pre-registration required. \$15.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom,



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Room with a view

Assarian Cancer Center employee Heather Taub takes a look at Jim Quinlan's art currently on display at the Providence Park's Center for the Healing Arts.

Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake. CONTACT: For more information, visit lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2896.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT need/worship group in Youth Area; all levels welcome. Senior Book Discussion TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month. DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian; please call to join. Library Board Meeting TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each month. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers. DETAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board. Broadcast live on cable channel 13.

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. CONTACT: (248) 347-0410.

Novi Community Education Corner CONTACT: (248) 449-1206. Novi Community Education's Spring and Summer Brochure is now available. Sign up today for adult and youth classes, camps and summer programs. Online registration is available 24/7 at www.novik12.mus.edu/distric/communitEducation. For more information, please call the Community Education office at (248) 449-1206.

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third Thursday of every month. LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus. DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a non-threatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed on Sunday until Sept. 7. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720. WEB SITE: www.novilibrary.org. Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Summer Reading programs for adults and children are now in session. For more information or to register online, go to novilibrary.org. Museum Adventure Pass DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurespass.org for more information.

American Business Women's Association Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month. LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel). DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships. CONTACT: abwa-novi.org. Tax Tips and How to Minimize Your Contribution to the IRS TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13. LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 Sheraton, Dr. (west off Novi Road, north of I-96). DETAILS: Get the latest in tax tips from local businesswoman Peggy Aniol. Cost is \$16. RSVP before Aug. 6 by calling (248) 330-6353.

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to admin@walledlakeilibrary.org. Classical Music Series

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month. Friends of the Library Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month. Adult Book Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month. DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current book selection. August 19 - "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. Library Board of Trustees Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of every month. Catch The Reading Bug: 2008 Read-To-Me and Summer Reading Clubs DATE: Registration ongoing. DETAIL: For ages 2-10; must register in person. Read eight books by Aug. 9 to participate in the closing party on Aug. 12. Tuesday Programs for Club Members Only TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday. DETAIL: Open to "Catch The Reading Bug" members only. For ages 2-10, under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. All programs take place in the Community Services Ballroom unless otherwise noted. DATE: Aug. 5 - "Just itching to Tell You" Fantasic Fridays TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m. DETAIL: For ages 2-6 with an adult; stories, songs, crafts and fun. All "Catch the Reading Bug" members welcome to attend. DATE: Friday - Bug Off

NOVI SENIORS

Novi Senior Activities Center LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. CONTACT: (248) 347-0414. Massage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. Thursday 9 a.m.: Mixed Golf League 9-11:00 a.m.: Line Dance - Int. 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Line Dance-Beg. Noon: Lunch 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1-2 p.m.: Chair Yoga 1:30-3 p.m.: Computer Lab Open 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance Friday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall 11 a.m.: Medicare with Jack Main Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Duqil, Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo Monday 8:45 a.m.: Men's Golf League 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall, Walk Michigan Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Tuesday 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 9-11:00 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. cancelled 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific Noon: Lunch 1 p.m.: Bingo 1:30-3 p.m.: Computer Lab Open Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 9:15 a.m.: Women's Golf League 10 a.m.: Body Recall 11 a.m.: TOPS, Blood Pressure Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging 5:30 p.m.: Beg./Int. Clogging 7:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each month. TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church; 24505 Meadowbrook Road. DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available; registration continued on 21A

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What's Novi Reading?

See what books your Novi neighbors are borrowing the most at the Novi Public Library during the month of July 2008. Look up these titles, or any item, in the online catalog available from our Web site, www.novilibrary.org. If our copy is checked out you may place a hold on the item via the online catalog or call the reference desk for assistance at (248) 349-0720.

- 1. Fearless Fourteen by Janet Evanovich
2. Sail by James Patterson
3. Where Are You Now? By Mary Higgins Clark
4. Tribute by Nora Roberts
5. The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch
6. Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
7. Love the One You're With by Emily Giffin
8. A New Earth by Eckhart Tolle
9. Twenty Wishes by Debbie Macomber
10. The Beach House by Jane Green
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**Novi Briefly**

**Novi-area Play It Again Sports Achieves 'Gold Standard'**

Play It Again Sports in Novi, located at 24287 Novi Road, has gone gold. The local sporting goods provider of new and quality used sport and fitness equipment was recognized for achieving a "Gold Standard" measurement.

The "Gold Standard" is reached when a store achieves a set of standards set forth by the franchisor during the evaluation process. The Novi Store achieved the customer satisfaction, store operations and product quality standards to earn "Gold Standard" recognition in 2008.

To identify a Play It Again Sports "Gold Standard" store, look for the "Gold Standard" seal at the store or visit [www.playitagainsports.com](http://www.playitagainsports.com) where "Gold Standard" stores are recognized on the retailer page.

"Play It Again Sports provides a place for parents to trade in their quality, used sports and fitness equipment and trade up to new gear for their ever-growing kids - saving them time and

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money," said Ian Somerville, owner of Play It Again Sports in Novi. The Novi location sells a wide selection of new name brand sports and fitness sports equipment as well as buys, sells and trades quality used sports and fitness gear.

For more information on Play It Again Sports, please contact Ian Somerville at (248) 449-4544.

**Board of Education Election 2008**

The 2008 Board of Education election will be held on Tuesday, November 4. Two positions will expire at the end of the calendar year (Dec. 31). The newly elected Board members will serve a four year term beginning on Jan. 1, 2009 and expires on Dec. 31, 2012. Potential candidates for the election must file petitions with the Novi City Clerk's office no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Candidates also have the choice of paying a non-refundable \$100 filing fee instead of petitioning. Once filed, the deadline for withdrawal is 4 p.m., Aug. 15.

**Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update**

by Barbara Hayes, P.T.

**STRAINING CREDIBILITY**

Strained, or "pulled," muscles make themselves felt immediately. While severe strains cause a popping sensation, less severe ones typically cause soreness. In any case, a strained muscle will be tender to the touch, painful to use, and may even become black-and-blue. Strains occur when a muscle is forcefully stretched and contracted simultaneously, which results in torn muscle fibers. For example, lunging for a ground ball can strain a short-leg quadriceps thigh. The important thing to remember is that, when a muscle strain happens, all activity should cease and the injured person should rest, with his or her injured muscle elevated and iced. Physical therapy, with gentle stretching and massage of the injured muscle, followed by a progressive strengthening program, promotes recovery.

Our goal is to meet each patient's individual rehabilitation needs, with the highest standard of quality care. We work together and build friendly relationships with patients who require physical therapy care after a strain injury, call NORTHVILLE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PC, quadriceps thigh, the important thing to remember is that, when a muscle strain happens, all activity should cease and the injured person should rest, with his or her injured muscle elevated and iced. Physical therapy, with gentle stretching and massage of the injured muscle, followed by a progressive strengthening program, promotes recovery.

U.S. The little movement following a strained muscle can lead to stiffness and muscle weakness.

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE PETITION FILING DEADLINE**

Member of the Board of Education for Novi Community Schools Northville Public Schools Walled Lake Consolidated Schools

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Affidavit of Identity and petitions for Novi Community Schools, Northville Public Schools and Walled Lake Consolidated School District Member of the Board of Education are available at the office of the City Clerk at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The Affidavit of Identity and petitions must be filed with the Oakland County Clerk, Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341 by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2008. When filing the Affidavit of Identity and Receipt Form, candidates also have the choice of paying a non-refundable \$100 filing fee in lieu of petitions. Once filed, the deadline for withdrawal is Friday, August 15, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

(7-31-08 NN 424448)

**NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

Bid proposals for Musical Instruments will be received by the Novi Community School District, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374, by mail or hand delivered by 11:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, when the bids will be opened and read publicly. Bids received after the specified date and time will not be considered or accepted. Faxed or e-mailed responses will not be accepted. All bids must be submitted on the official form provided. All submissions should include One (1) original, one (1) printed copy and one (1) electronic copy on CD and shall be delivered in a sealed package, addressed as follows:

Novi Community School District  
BID: MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS  
Attn: Gail Credit, Asst. Superintendent-Business  
25345 Taft Road  
Novi, MI 48374

Bid documents will be available for examination and distribution beginning July 23, 2008. Specifications and bid documents may be obtained and/or examined at Novi Community School District, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374, and are also available on the district web site at <http://www.novisk12.mil.us>.

Your bid proposal form shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employees of the bidder and any member of the Board or the Superintendent of the school district.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularities in the bidding and to accept bid alternatives. The Owner also reserves the right to award a contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in the Owner's sole discretion, to be in the Owner's best interests.

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Nomination petitions and other election materials are available at the city clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. If you have any questions regarding election procedures, please call Maryanne Cornelius, Novi City Clerk, at (248) 347-0456.

**Premier Relocations donates furniture pads to Make-A-Wish Foundation**

Premier Relocations, a local agent for Mayflower Transit, announced today that it has donated 500 moving pads to the 21st Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour. The donation will be used to wrap bicycles being transported to Traverse City, where volunteer riders meet the bikes for the 300-mile trip downstate.

The Wish-A-Mile 300, or WAM 300 is a three day, 300-mile bicycle ride from Traverse City to Chelsea to raise funds and awareness for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Last year, WAM raised enough funds to grant 167 wishes to Michigan children facing life-threatening

medical conditions. This year they hope to raise enough to grant over 200 wishes.

"As a proud member of the Novi community, giving back is important to us," said Kirk D. Hensler, General Manager of Premier Relocations. "This is an amazing event that supports a great cause."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is an organization that is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of thousands of Michigan children battling life threatening medical conditions.

Headquartered in Novi, MI, Premier Relocations specializes in household and office moving, local and long distance, storage, and local distribution of furniture, fixtures, and equipment. They service Oakland, Genesee, Livingston, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. Premier Relocations is an agent for Mayflower Transit, which was founded in 1927 and is one of the nation's largest and largest van lines. Mayflower transports household goods, electronic equipment, trade show exhibits

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORCHARD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BID PACK NO. 2**

OWNER: Novi Community School District  
25345 Taft Rd.  
Novi, MI 48374

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Skanska USA Building Inc.  
41900 Quince Road  
Novi, MI 48375  
248-347-1938

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT invites qualified contractors, including MB/EW/B/S/E firms, to submit proposals/bids for the above-referenced project for the following Bid Category(ies):

BID CATEGORY 2A - HARD TILE  
BID CATEGORY 2B - PAINTING  
BID CATEGORY 2C - VISUAL DISPLAY BOARDS

BIDS ARE DUE BY 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday August 7, 2008. A Pre-Bid walk-through has been scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2007 at 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Novi Community School District, Education Services Building located, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374 for the following bid categories on this project 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2008. The Board of Education of the Novi Community School District will not open, consider or accept a Proposal that is received after the date and time specified above for Proposal submission.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:10 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2008, at the:

Novi Community School District  
Education Services Building  
25345 Taft Road  
Novi, MI 48374

On or about Wednesday, July 23, 2008, bidding documents will be made available to the Construction Manager at the 41900 Quince Road, Novi MI 48375.

Documents will be available for examination at the following locations:

Office of the Construction Manager (248) 351-0220  
McGraw Hill, Detroit (313) 342-6449  
Road Construction Data Room (800) 699-8640

Bidders may obtain one (1) complete set. All bid documents remain the property of the Owner and shall be returned in good condition within ten (10) days of the bid date.

Bids must be addressed to the attention of Ms. Gail Credit, Assistant Superintendent - Business, at the Novi Community School District, Education Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. Bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement.

For bids \$20,102 or more, a minimum of 5% bid security, either in the form of a Bid Bond or Cashiers' Check payable to Novi Community School District, must accompany each bid. In accordance with Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.201, successful contractor(s) must obtain Performance and Payment Bonds for any Bid Category exceeding \$50,000. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be in an amount equal to the contract amount. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan and be listed in the Federal Register or have an A.M. Best Rating of A- or better.

Novi Community School District and Skanska USA Building Inc. reserve the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive irregularities in bids and to accept any bid which is in the Owner's best interest. Voluntary alternates may be a basis for award of a contract.

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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT invites qualified contractors, including MB/EW/B/S/E firms, to submit proposals/bids for the above-referenced project for the following Bid Category(ies):

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BIDS ARE DUE BY 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday August 7, 2008. A Pre-Bid walk-through has been scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2007 at 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Novi Community School District, Education Services Building located, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374 for the following bid categories on this project 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2008. The Board of Education of the Novi Community School District will not open, consider or accept a Proposal that is received after the date and time specified above for Proposal submission.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:10 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2008, at the:

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Education Services Building  
25345 Taft Road  
Novi, MI 48374

On or about Wednesday, July 23, 2008, bidding documents will be made available to the Construction Manager at the 41900 Quince Road, Novi MI 48375.

Documents will be available for examination at the following locations:

Office of the Construction Manager (248) 351-0220  
McGraw Hill, Detroit (313) 342-6449  
Road Construction Data Room (800) 699-8640

Bidders may obtain one (1) complete set. All bid documents remain the property of the Owner and shall be returned in good condition within ten (10) days of the bid date.

Bids must be addressed to the attention of Ms. Gail Credit, Assistant Superintendent - Business, at the Novi Community School District, Education Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. Bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement.

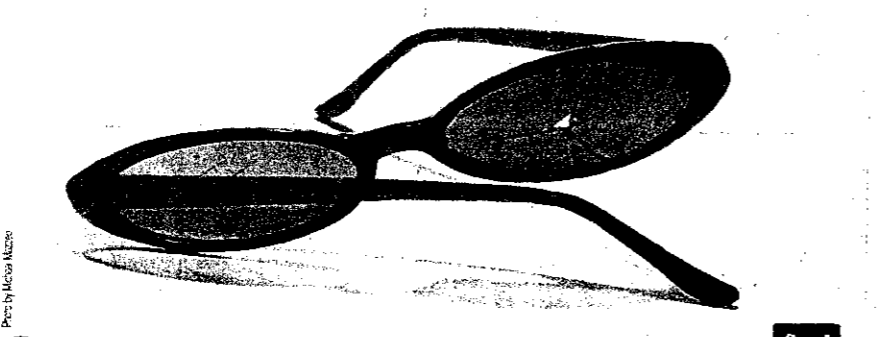
For bids \$20,102 or more, a minimum of 5% bid security, either in the form of a Bid Bond or Cashiers' Check payable to Novi Community School District, must accompany each bid. In accordance with Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.201, successful contractor(s) must obtain Performance and Payment Bonds for any Bid Category exceeding \$50,000. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be in an amount equal to the contract amount. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan and be listed in the Federal Register or have an A.M. Best Rating of A- or better.

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**Sing-a-long**  
Novi Senior Center visitor Lauretta Heaphy sings along with George and Caroline Gleese during a sing-a-long. The singing takes place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Novi Senior Center on Meadowbrook Road.

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required.  
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)  
334-3585

**Bereavement Support Group**  
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center;  
45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,  
Doctorate of Ministry

**Angela Hospice Groups**  
DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilting

group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia  
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)

953-6012  
General Grief Support Groups  
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
DETAILS: Open to all losses.

Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group  
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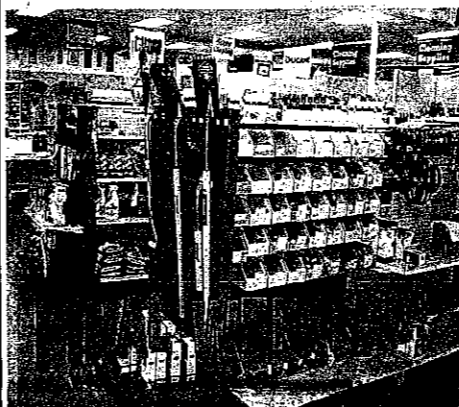
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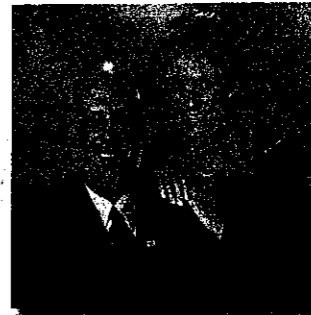
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**NEWSPAPER ENDORSEMENTS**

**Detroit News**  
Four Republicans are battling to replace DeRoche. We support HUGH CRAWFORD, Vice Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. The Novi resident wants to streamline state spending in most departments.

**Detroit Free Press**  
Four Republicans stepped up to compete for the seat being vacated by Rep. Craig DeRoche, the former GOP leader and former member of the House of Representatives. We support HUGH CRAWFORD, Novi's longtime county commissioner and a 15-year veteran of the City Council, for a post that has been on government expense lists. He has earned endorsement to the full term.

**Spinal Column**  
HUGH CRAWFORD, on the county board of commissioners since 2000 and current vice chair of the board, is the best choice for the post in the race for the house seat now held by Craig DeRoche, who can't run again due to term limits. Crawford brings a variety of government experience to the table, through his past city involvement and his county elected position. Possessing a strong understanding of the county, he would best be able to lead a spirited

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**Men In Grief**  
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.  
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DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.

**Hearstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child**

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month  
**Grief Support Quilter's Group**  
 TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month  
 DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012

**DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups**

LOCATION: 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce Township  
 CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

**Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
 DETAILS: No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 937-3314.

**AI-Anon Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
 DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

**Alaleen Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month  
 LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance)  
 DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-3314.

**Breast Cancer Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month  
 LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women; next to the hospital's South Garden entrance.

DETAILS: This support group is for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

**Breather's Club Support Group**

TIME/DATE: Noon the third Wednesday of the month  
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**H.U.G.S. Group for Parents**

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month  
 DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suf-

fered a pregnancy or newborn loss; no pre-registration required.

CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for more information.

**Journeys Cancer Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month  
 LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center

DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

**New Parents Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each month  
 LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center

DETAILS: A supportive environment for families to share their struggles; learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting.

CONTACT: (248) 858-7766

**Postpartum Depression Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every Thursday

DETAILS: Postpartum depression can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating,

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CONTACT: (248) 937-5220

**Support for Smokers**

DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge; no pre-registration.

CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.

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**SEASONS OF CHANGE**

**Novi placed into Central Division**

By Jeff Theisen  
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The Kensington Valley Conference has come and gone. So has the Western Lakes Activities Association.

But with their passing comes the birth of a mega-conference — the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The KLAA consists of all the teams from the KVC and WLAA with a new school from South Lyon and a pair of schools from Waterford involved.

The massive snag in what was supposed to be a 24-team league, was Howell's newest school, Parker, not opening. This leaves the new league with 23 teams in its inaugural year.

Every sport will see changes. Opponents will be different. How titles and championships will be decided will be different.

But the biggest thing the schools were hoping to get worked out, worked. Travel will be much less for all the teams, thanks to dividing the teams into six-team divisions (except for the West Division which was supposed to include Parker).

The following is a look at how the Novi fall teams will be affected with the changes.

Novi is paired with schools being very close in proximity, including arch-rival Northville to make up the Central Division. The other teams include South Lyon, new school South Lyon East (which has every class but seniors this year), Livonia Stevenson and Salem.

The South Division fills out the other half of what is known as the Kensington Conference. The South consists of Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Wayne and John Glenn.

The 12-team Lakes Conference consists of the North and West divisions.

In the North are Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

The West includes Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford, Pinckney and Parker (when or if it opens).

**Football**

Football will see some major changes in the schedule, with only one former KVC foe in the same division (South Lyon), the Wildcats will see several new teams.

Livonia Stevenson joins the

tray after a trip to Ford Field and a runner-up finish last year.

The Wildcats have been one of the front-runners in the KVC, along with South Lyon, but Stevenson appears to be the early leader in the six-team group.

Northville is under a new helm, and South Lyon East is completely untested and doesn't have seniors.

Novi's head coach, Tab Kellepourey, said Salem returns a boatload of players from last year and should be much improved this year.

"It's different," Kellepourey said. "You don't know your opponent yet. It's just like the playoffs when you play a team for the first time."

"These experiences of playing somebody for the first time, it's definitely going to be a challenge."

Kellepourey loves the proximity of the Wildcat opponents. Most drives will be less than 10 miles.

"All the teams in the Central Division are so close together," he said. "The student body and families should be able to travel. I like the fact that it's going to be short drives for people."

Though he admits to being a guy that doesn't adjust to change very well, Kellepourey knows the league is going to start soon, so he will just deal with it.

"We left a league we were in for 29 years. Once you get a couple of years of playing, you get to know each other," he said.

**Soccer**

Brutal will be a word associated with the changes the KLAA will bring for Novi soccer.

Powerhouses Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Stevenson and Salem will be in the same divisions.

"It's going to be tough," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "The top two in ours and the top three from their league will be in one division."

"All five could be in the top 10." Stevenson was first in the WLAA last year, with Northville second. Salem was third or fourth according to O'Leary, but should bring back a very strong team. Novi finished tied with South Lyon for the KVC title.

"Literally, looking at the team that comes in fifth could still be a pretty good team," O'Leary said. "We're up for the challenge. You've got to make some adjustments. Every game is going to be difficult."

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Plymouth	Wayne Memorial	W. John Glenn	Salem	South Lyon	South Lyon East
Lakeland	WL Central	WL Northern	Brighton	Hartland	Howell
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Novi goalie Craig Demshuk makes a save. The Wildcats will be moved into the Central Division of the KLAA with rival Northville and fellow soccer powerhouse Livonia Stevenson.

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**Broncos just miss out on semifinals**

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Northville put itself in position to move on, but the Summit City Sluggers ended all hopes of a Broncos trip to the semifinals.

Two wins — one Friday evening and Saturday morning — left the Broncos in the running to be the second Northville team to make it out of pool play since the NABF World Series went to a pool-play format more than 10 years ago.

But Saturday's second game left the Broncos a very respectable 2-2 for the tournament, but one game away from moving on.

"I'm very proud of the way they played," Northville head coach Bruce Gerish said. "I think

**World Series**

- Thursday
- Astro Falcons (Ohio) 10, Northville Broncos 0
- Friday
- Northville Broncos 4, Long Island Titans Blue 2
- Saturday
- Northville Broncos 8, St. Louis Tigers 6
- Summit City Sluggers 17, Northville Broncos 0
- Championship Game
- Summit City Sluggers 14, Long Island Mustangs 1

the kids did a great job in a great tournament. It speaks well to the Northville program, and the way

they've developed athletes.

"We hope that we did the community proud."

The Broncos started with a disappointing 10-0 loss Thursday. Everything fell apart defensively, on the mound and at the plate.

Northville surrendered nine walks, committed seven errors and had just one hit.

But to their credit, the Broncos didn't sit and stew. They got back to work and pulled off a 4-2 win against the Long Island Titans Blue.

"The boys felt they hadn't shown their best effort in the first game," Gerish said. "They knew they could be competitive. They came out of the gate strong. They were pretty excited with the first victory."

The momentum kept rolling

with an 8-6 win against the St. Louis Tigers on Saturday morning.

Northville faced Summit City Sluggers later Saturday, with the winner moving on to the semifinals.

It never became a game. The Sluggers turned a 1-0 lead into an 8-0 by the third inning, on their way to a 17-0 victory and the right to move on.

"We were really looking forward to the fourth game," Gerish said. "If we would've won the game, we would've won our bracket."

"The Sluggers won the championship. They were obviously a good team. You can't make that

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

**Northville Bronco's pitcher Jake Wilson works in Friday's game against the Astro Falcons from Ohio.**



# KLAA brings plenty of changes

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"Nothing is an off day now, at all." O'Leary said injuries could play a huge part in what team comes out on top. With so many top-level games, teams will be at a major disadvantage if their top guns or depth becomes depleted. "It's rather play close games all the time," O'Leary said. "Blowouts, doesn't really do much for us."

A true league champion will be decided in soccer. Once the divisional games are over, the teams will play crossover games with the South Division to determine the Kensington Conference Champion. Whoever is the champ, will play the Lakes Conference champ for a KLAA championship.

## Girls Swimming

Another brutal division for Novi to be in. The Wildcats will be one of four teams in the division which finished in the top 11 at the state meet last year.

Stevenson finished second, South Lyon was third, Northville fifth, and Novi 11th.

Wildcat head coach Scott Teeters summed it up best: "It's the best swimming division in the state."

But having a such a tough divisional schedule isn't just a bad thing. It will make the kids together as the year goes on.

"You go compete against the best and you get seasoned," Teeters said. "It's a chance to get better in one day. You go against some good kids and if you beat them, you get better."

"With the girls team, I'm really happy that we merged. The Western Lakes was always competitive. It's going to put the premium on the top kids to come through."

While talent is heavy in the Central Division, so is coaching experience. Teeters is excited to mix it up with coaches he knows and respects. "For swimming, it's just a wealth of experience for the coaches," he said. "Nobody wants to lose."

## Boys Cross Country

Things couldn't get harder for the Wildcats, but that doesn't mean things will be easy.

State champion Pinckney is on the other side of the KLAA, along with Milford (sixth at state), and that's just fine with Novi head coach Robert Smith.

"I kind of like it," said Smith of the change. "It's exciting to run against different people. We haven't run against Stevenson or Salem in a dual meet ever that I can remember."

"There's some good and some bad with it. All in all, I'm excited about the change."

Though Smith is looking forward to the new challenges, he said some of his runners are going to miss going up against the former league foes.

"They wish they still had Pinckney and Milford to run against," he said. "They loved the level of the competition."

"Our kids look at things from the state level."

But losing Milford and Pinckney doesn't make things a cakewalk. Northville qualified for the state meet last year, and the Wildcats did not.

"I think the competition will be very good still," he said.

Smith said he appreciates the proximity of the other schools in the divisions, which should make for things going a little quicker.

The Wildcats will be involved in a divisional and conference race that will determine the champions. The KLAA will not have a full, 23-team meet.

## Girls Cross Country

Things won't be much different for the Wildcat girls in cross country. Gone are Brighton (ninth at state), Milford (12th) and Pinckney (15th), but Livonia Stevenson (18th) and rival Northville (qualified two runners for state) are in the Central Division.

Things should be pretty wide open as Novi's two state qualifiers return to help try to get the Wildcats in position to win their first titles in the new league.

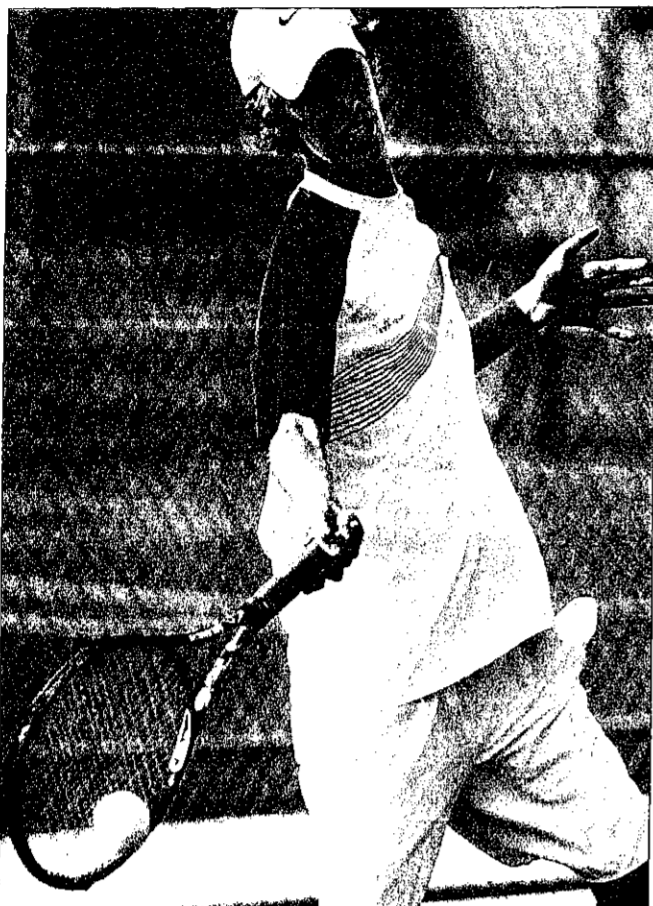
The titles will be handed out the same as for boys cross country.

## Volleyball

Novi has been a fixture near the top of the KVC volleyball standings for years, but last year was the Wildcats' breakthrough year. They made a run all the way to Battle Creek.

But things will look very different this year as part of the Central Division.

The new division should fea-

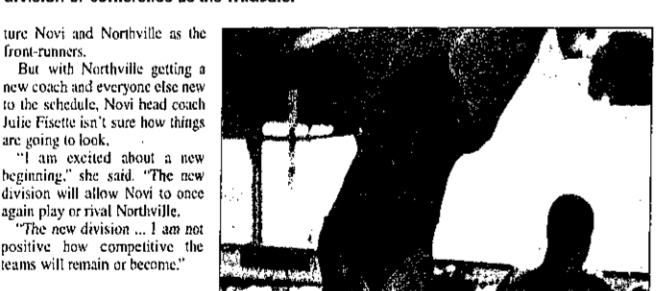


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Novi's Carson Crandell practices with the varsity squad. Novi and Northville will not only compete in the regional, they will play each other twice in the regular season.



While Milford will be on the Novi schedule this year, the Mavericks are not in the same division or conference as the Wildcats.



## Girls Golf

Novi will not have to face Brighton (fourth at state) to win a divisional title, but it does pick up rival Northville (third at state).

Also joining the Central Division is Livonia Stevenson, another one of the top teams from the WLA.

The only familiar face to the division will be former KVC foe South Lyon. Salem and South Lyon East fill out the division.

Teams within the division will play home-and-away to decide the division winner. A conference tournament will also take place.

## Boys Tennis

Tennis should look much like it has in recent years, with Novi being a leader. But being paired with Northville and Livonia Stevenson should provide the Wildcats with a bigger challenge.

Novi tied for sixth at state with three other teams. Northville was just four points back in 13th, and Stevenson pulled out one point to finish in 16th. Salem also made the state meet but did not register any points.

The hardest part of Novi's schedule is usually its non-confer-

ence games, and this year shouldn't be any different.

Head coach Jim Hanson likes to compete against the best so the state finals isn't such a shock.

But the league divisional title should be more of a test for the Wildcats.

## KLAA Cup

The KLAA Cup will be another first this year. Schools will gain points by how they finish in sports that feature at least 75 percent participation of the schools.

In sports that crown an Association Champion, the Association Champ wins 24 cup

points. Descending points until last place (1 point).

In sports that only crown up to a Conference Champion, the Conference Champion wins 12 cup points.

Descending points until last place (1 point). An additional 1 point is given to each Divisional Championship team.

If a school does not have a varsity team in that sport, they will receive zero (0) points. For a sport to be on the list, 75 percent of the schools must offer it.

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Mustang Lindsay Hagan, left, keeps pace with Wildcat Laura Sheeran during a dual meet at Cass Berton Park.



## Novi's Natalie Krick gets ready to tee off at the 18th of Oak Pointe in Brighton during MHSAA divisional play.



Novi cross country runner Jacob Carless works out during a practice at Maybury State Park.

## BASEBALL

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many mistakes against a good team."

The Sluggers went on to dominate in the final, beating the Long Island Mustangs 14-1 in the finals.

## Highlights

The only highlights that came from Thursday's game involved throws to cut down runners. Josh Strautz kept the game within 2-0 when he threw out a second runner at the plate, trying to score on a single to right.

With only one Bronco hit, the player of the game was Astro Falcon's pitcher Jacob Dando. Joey Close had the lone Northville hit.

On Friday, things went much better for the Broncos.

Greg Cheslik put the Broncos on the board with a sacrifice fly in the first. Close added to the lead with a run-scoring double in the third for a 2-0 lead.

Gar Harrison reached on a walk and eventually scored on a balk, and Caleb Rankins singled and scored on a wild pitch in the fifth for a 4-0 lead.

Strautz went the distance to get the win, allowing a pair of unearned runs in the seventh.

"Jesh was throwing strikes, and they kind of fed off that," Gerish said.

The win against St. Louis required a comeback. The Broncos went up 3-0 before the Tigers rallied for a 6-4 lead in the third. Jeremy Albin came in to get the final out in the third and didn't allow a run the rest of the way to get the win.

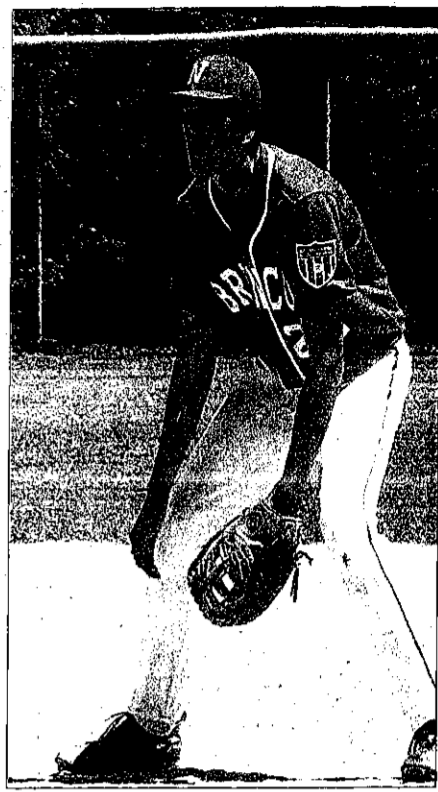
Strautz doubled home a run and scored on a pass ball in the fifth to tie the game at six.

In the sixth, Rankins walked, stole second and went to third on a bunt single by Greg Lorrain. Rankins scored on a fielder's



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Northville's Gar Harrison locks in on a pitch during the World Series.



Broncos first baseman Colin Gerish gets set as a pitch is thrown.

## choice by Close.

Colin Gerish added an insurance run by doubling home Alain in the seventh.

The final game was very similar to the first loss. Lots of control and defensive problems. At one point, the Sluggers had 13 runs on just five hits.

## Wooden bats

Though some games got out of hand because of control problems, several games were dominated by the pitchers in low-scoring outcomes.

The reliability of a game-changing home run was switched to when to have the runners mov-

ing and how to use the small game.

Bruce Gerish said he was a fan of the wooden bats.

"I think what you saw was that if you got pitchers that threw strikes, you got competitive, low-scoring games — not just in our games," he said. "Wooden bats

are the way the game should be played."

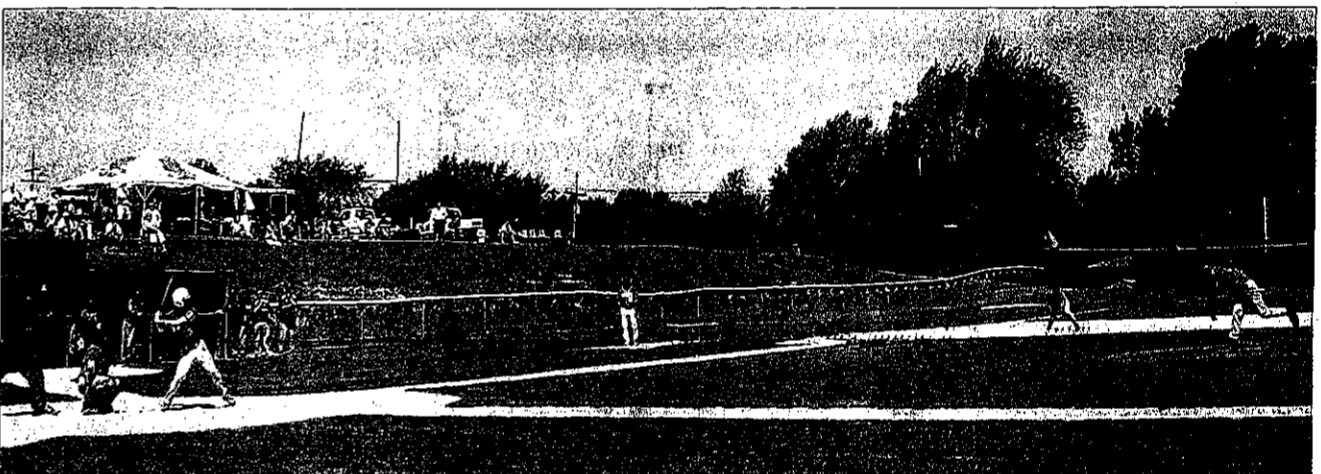
"It brings in more of the strategy of the game, rather than hitting them off the handles and getting doubles."

But it was the Broncos that got the most surprising double, a pair of wins against some of the best

teams in the country.

"I think it was a great experience for Ken (Cheslik), myself and the kids," Bruce Gerish said. "It's such a well-run tournament."

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The Northville Baseball-Softball Association hosts the NABF World Series at Hillside.



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## Hitting the sled

Novi High varsity football linemen hit the dummies during July's football camp.



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## Inferno too hot

The 14U Novi Inferno won their second tournament of the season at the South Farmington Classic. This was their final tournament of the season and finished 14-4-1.

Bottom row (from left): Matt Stefan, Derek Poppenger, Alex Davis, Kiefer Haffey and Austin Dixon. Top row: Coach Tim Rush, Chris Nally, Zach Masserant, Matt Brasili, Alex Robert, Austin Wertheimer, Justin Rush, Masahiro Mizuno and coach Rob Reilly.



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## Volleyball camp

Participants work on their setting game at last week's volleyball camp at Novi High.



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## Red Hot

The U9 Novi Heat placed second at the USSSA World Series Tournament in Columbus, Ind. The Heat started as the 11th seed in an 18-team tournament that included three state champions.

The U9 Novi Heat Baseball team finished 37-9 overall and won the Kensington Valley League Eastern Division.

This year's U9 Novi Heat consists of Alex Bageris, Scott Beaton, Jac Colliau, Tim Elliott, Nathan Lys, Mitchell Lys, Noah Mathews, Conner Moors, Tommy Pierce, Jared Robson, Michael Uile, and Anthony Zugaro.

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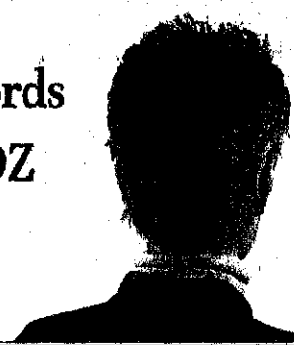
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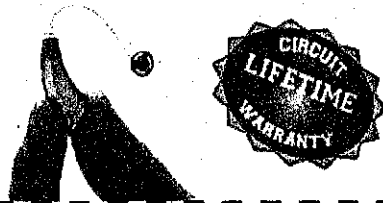
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