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City musters support in \$40M lawsuit

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Michigan Municipal League has agreed to support the City of Novi in a possible appeal of the \$40 million Sandstone Associates lawsuit.

Whether or not the city will need to appeal the judgment could be decided today, when Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard is scheduled to consider a request for an amended judgment or new trial filed by Novi's lawyers.

Should Howard ultimately not grant Novi's request at the circuit court level, the case is then expected to proceed to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

In preparation for that, the city's appeals attorney Mary Massaron Ross said she has already asked Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to consider state involvement on Novi's side, in the form of an amicus curiae, or friend of the court, brief.

"I have spoken with Jennifer Granholm about that as a possi-

bility because the court's ruling would impact all municipalities that are involved in road construction," said Massaron Ross, of the Detroit-based law firm Plunkett & Cooney.

"We'll see whether they'll decide if they have the resources to file an amicus brief or not. Of course, there's always the possibility that Judge Howard will give us relief."

With an amicus curiae brief, a party not involved in a lawsuit volunteers information about a point of law to assist the court in reaching a decision.

At the city's request, the Ann Arbor-headquartered MML has agreed to file an amicus curiae backing Novi.

"There was some language in the opinion that was issued by the court in that matter, concerning what we refer to as a taking that may be of concern to municipalities as a whole and not just Novi," said MML Associate General Counsel Sue Jeffers.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Home from a nightmare in Yugoslavia, Vicky Berishaj waits tables at Joseph's Coney Island.

Northville woman trapped in war zone

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

On a busy day at Joseph's Coney Island, Vicky Berishaj scrambles from table to table, scrambling orders on a small notepad. She's not much on casual conversation, mainly because there are lunches to be served and hungry diners waiting for their food.

There's a faint smile that purses her lips when she takes orders and scurries back to the grill. It's the same smile she wears when the tuna melts and bowls of chili are hustled to the patrons. Yet behind that smile is a woman who's had an experience few in the United States, let alone Northville, have ever had.

Berishaj came face-to-face with the bombs and missiles that have rained down in Yugoslavia.

"It was one of the scariest things I've ever dealt with in my whole life," she said. "It was awful."

PRELUDE

Berishaj is not an American citizen — yet. She's an Albanian from Yugoslavia who's still trying to jump through the Immigration Department hoops of full citizenship. She's spent five years on this side of the Atlantic, most of which have been here in Northville, along with her co-worker and husband, Nick.

But Berishaj still has relatives

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Rotary begins Kosovo campaign

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In response to the suffering of the Albanians of Kosovo, the Novi Rotary hopes to raise a sum for the refugees equal to five dollars for every man, woman and child in Novi.

That's over \$250,000. And as of 1 p.m. on April 15, when the campaign officially began, only \$249,000 was left to go.

It's an ambitious goal, but one

Rotarians Mav Sanghvi and Bob Limbright, as well as Mayor Kathleen McLallen, believe can be met in this affluent community.

Novi residents will reach into their wallets in response to the human suffering they see on TV daily, McLallen said.

"Your own children are watching this every night after dinner and they're seeing children just like themselves," she said.

"This is, I believe, a very

momentous project for our community and the greater area."

For Sanghvi, this attempt at large-scale charity is "a celebration of unity among diversity and humanitarian compassion."

While he's never been a refugee himself, Sanghvi, an immigrant from India, witnessed the massive forced migration of people in 1947 when the British pulled out of the subcontinent and it was partitioned into India and Pakistan. In

response to that catastrophe, he took food to the train stations when railroad cars full of exiles arrived.

"I saw what happened to people when they are displaced from their roots. I know what that does to people. That's why I felt very strongly about getting involved," he said.

While money is being collected

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Chuck Tindall, spokesman for PARKS, battles golf course.

PARKS mulls plan for charter change

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Chuck Tindall, a leader of People About Reserving Kids Space, gave the Novi City Council a May deadline to adopt a ballot question calling for a ban of a golf course on public park land.

If the council doesn't do so by its May 3 meeting, PARKS will play through with a petition drive seeking an amendment of the city charter that would bar any golf course and/or banquet facility on property owned by the city prior to Nov. 2, 1999.

To get what would be first attempt to amend Novi's 30-year-old city charter since the 1980s, PARKS would need 1,600 signatures.

"You can save us all that work.

You can propose this. Then it can go to the voters. This is all we've ever asked," Tindall said.

"Let voters decide if they want a golf course."

Several council members said the two-week deadline thrown out by PARKS is unlikely to be met.

"I think it would be ill-advised to change the charter," Council Member Bob Schmid said.

"I don't think it will pass. I think it will go down in large numbers," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford agreed with Schmid.

"If we were going to spend major taxpayer dollars, I would be the first to say, put it on the ballot," he said.

"Everybody has the right to try

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Schools approve 180-foot monopole

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The first time it was presented, the residents objected.

The second time, the residents were nowhere to be seen.

Now, residents living near Novi High School will be seeing a new cellular monopole rising into their skyline.

The Novi school board unanimously approved a lease contract April 15 with AT&T that will allow them to build the tower on Novi High School property, just west of the football field.

AT&T had submitted a similar

plan to the Novi City Council last spring, but it was turned down because many area residents spoke out against it. The plan was to place a monopole for cellular phone use near the baseball fields behind the Novi Civic Center.

School officials said they have not logged any complaints about this new plan from any area resident since it was first brought before the school board for discussion last October, even though the site for this monopole is only about 300 yards from the site AT&T proposed to the city.

However, because of AT&T's

past experience with the city, a clause has been added to its monopole contract with the school district giving the phone company the option to back out of the deal if the City of Novi claims zoning jurisdiction on the tower.

According to City Manager Ed Kriewall, this is not going to happen.

In fact, Kriewall was envious of the school district and said he just wishes the monopole could have been on city property so the city would get the revenue.

Kriewall added when AT&T's plan came before the city council,

his staff recommended it.

While Kriewall insists the city will not interfere with the school district's plans, one city official said he will be looking into it further.

Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch said he will soon be asking the city attorneys for an opinion on the matter.

"If he feels the city can (claim zoning jurisdiction), then we should go ahead and ask for zoning on that," Mutch said.

"My personal opinion is, I think

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Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Students of Northville art teacher Sandy Banks dab their vision on the wall at the Sports Club

Art hits the wall at local club

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Laura Hirschfeld, 12, estimates as much of the colors ended up on her as on the wall when she painted a castle and a snail as her share of the new masterpiece at the Sports Club of Novi.

She's one of 18 budding muralists trained by Northville resident Sandy Banks, who teaches art classes in her backyard studio, The Creative Cottage.

The young students were asked to fashion an undersea theme for a 20-foot stretch in the club's Kids Center and spent much of last weekend in a frenzy of creativity.

"It was a lot of fun. I used just

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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, April 22

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbri at 348-6504.

City Council

Novi City Council meets in a budget session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Sunday, April 25

Concert Band Performance

The Novi Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, April 26

Cable orientation

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission will host a Cable Production Orientation at 7 p.m. in the SWOCC offices at 24021 Research Drive in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 473-7266 for more information.

City Council

Novi City Council meets in a budget session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Tuesday, April 27

Cable Commission meeting

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission meets at 4:30 in Farmington City Hall. Call (810) 473-7266 for more information.

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at Kirby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9909.

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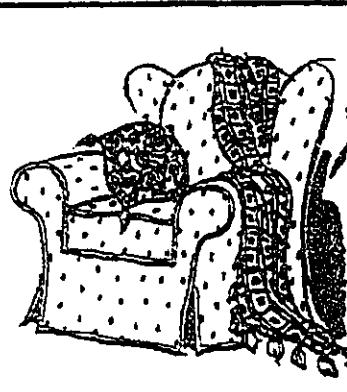
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ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tuff Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Novi Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0130.

Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, April 28

Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

ter for its regular monthly business meeting.

Thursday, April 29

City Council

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Monday, May 3

City Council

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Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, May 4

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Seniors meeting

The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

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Police bust drug rep imposter

By JEREMY MCBAIN

Staff Writer

The Novi police successfully captured a convicted drug user when he attempted to swindle Walgreens to satisfy his drug habit.

While many drug busts are made with trained undercover officers and specialized drug enforcement teams, the Novi police managed to pull the arrest off with no back-up, minimal staff and using a normal drug officer with no undercover experience.

Working on a tip, officers from the Novi Police Department arrested 45-year-old Lincoln Park resident, William Julius Samu, as he attempted to take several drugs from the Walgreens' drug store near the intersection of Ten Mile and Novi roads. Samu, an admitted drug user, said he was going to use the drugs as payment to dealers.

Gatt said the investigation leading to this bust started with a phone call at about 8 a.m. April 10 informing him a drug company received a bogus drug order to the Walgreens.

The caller said the order was going to be delivered to Walgreens that day but did not know the exact time of the delivery.

The Novi police received another call around 5 p.m. from Walgreens informing them a man called the drugstore claiming to be a representative of the drug company that was delivering the order.

The man said he was going to come to the store to pick up the delivery because it was made in error, Gatt said.

The man actually was not a representative of the drug company, but the same man that called in the bogus order.

"We didn't have a lot of time to prepare," Gatt said.

Gatt added the department had no undercover officers available and the Drug Enforcement Agency does not work on the weekend.

To make matters more difficult, Gatt said he also received information that suspect had a previous drug conviction and may be armed and dangerous.

"We didn't know what to expect," he said. "Within an hour we had to come up with a plan of action."

Gatt pulled Officer Kevin Rhea off his normal street beat, had him dress in civilian clothing, gave him a Walgreen's employee's apron and placed him inside the store.

While Rhea waited inside for the suspect, Sgt. Gatt and Officer Keith

Woutinen waited nearby in their police vehicles.

"By 5:30 p.m. we had everyone in place," Gatt said.

Around 6:30 p.m., the suspect finally arrived. Wearing black jeans, a black WSU Pharmacy jacket and carrying a clipboard, the man entered the store and approached the counter, not knowing he was standing next to a undercover officer.

Samu, the suspect, told the pharmacist he was there for the "mixed-up" order consisting of various controlled drugs totaling \$2,869.05. While the pharmacist was gathering the order for Samu, Officer Rhea moved to the front of the store and alerted the officers waiting outside.

When Samu exited the store, he was immediately greeted by four officers, including Rhea.

Within seconds he was against the wall and handcuffed, Gatt said. "It was a textbook operation."

Samu was searched for weapons and found to be clean.

However, while placing Samu under arrest, a police dog was brought in to search his vehicle, Gatt said. During the search, the dog found two rocks of "crack" cocaine.

Samu was transported to the Novi Police Department and was questioned.

Gatt said, Samu revealed he attempted to take the drugs in order to pay off a \$2,000 debt he had with some drug dealers.

Samu said he almost left the store out of fear of being caught, but he was afraid of what the drug dealers would do to his wife if he did not get the drugs.

He added he has committed similar crimes in the past and has spent 18 months in prison for a related type of crime.

Samu was arraigned and charged for taking the drugs from the Walgreens and possession of the cocaine Monday at the US District Court.

Although Samu was arraigned on federal charges, Gatt stressed the entire bust was set up and executed by members of the Novi Police Department.

"I want to assure every one of your readers that incidents like this prove, once again, that the men and women employed here are the finest officers in the country," Gatt said.

Submitted Photo

Submitted Photo

Farmington Hills man attacked in Novi

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills man was sent to the hospital around 4 a.m. April 17 after he was attacked by an unknown group of men at an unknown home in Novi.

The man said at approximately 2:30 a.m. he was sitting at the kitchen table of a Novi residence playing cards with a group of people. When an unknown Latino male took \$45 belonging to the man off the table and walked outside.

The man followed the Latino male outside, where the Latino male met up with a group of about six other unknown males.

The Farmington Hills man questioned the group about his money and all of them denied knowledge of it.

At this point, a unknown Asian male attempted to get inside a car to leave and the Farmington Hills man shut its door before he could leave.

The Asian male pushed the Farmington Hills man, who pushed back. He was then struck in the back of his head by a closed fist and pulled to the ground.

Once he was on the ground, the group of men began kicking and punching him. The Farmington Hills man was able to get up, but he knocked down again and the men continued to kick and punch him.

After beating the man, the group got into a dark late model four-door vehicle and left the area. The Farmington Hills man was taken to Bousford Hospital for treatment on his injuries.

Even though he was attacked,

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the Farmington Hills man refused to request prosecution of his attackers.

RECKLESS AND VIOLENT DRUNK

A 29-year-old Clarkson man was arrested around 11:30 p.m. April 18 on the #1000 block of Lamier drive.

Officers were dispatched to the area to investigate a report of a reckless driver.

When they arrived, witnesses told them a vehicle entered the mobile home park in a reckless manner. It ran over some lawns and struck a rock and street sign.

While investigating the incident, one of the officers was called to the scene of a report of a domestic violence in progress.

It turned out, the man involved in the assault was the same man witnesses saw driving recklessly. The officer responded and found the man standing on the porch of a home, with his blood on his hands and face.

Officer also observed a one of the home's windows was shattered. On contact with the man, officers smelled a strong odor of intoxicants.

The man admitted to drinking and admitted he was the driver of the vehicle witnesses saw driving recklessly.

GANG GRAFFITI?

Graffiti was found spray painted on the back wall of a building at Estate Square on Novi Road on April 15.

On inspection, officers found several symbols spray painted on the wall of the most north-eastern building in the storage complex.

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Novi Briefs

Spring cleaning

Volunteers are invited to join the Michigan Mountain Bike Association Saturday, for a clean-up of the bike trails at the North Novi Park.

Meet at 10 a.m. at the entrance to the trails at Lakeshore Park, just off of South Lake Drive and be prepared to work up a sweat, said the association's vice president Lynda Roney.

"Bring rakes and pruners and a healthy spirit," she added. "There are weeds to cut, debris to move off the path and even a few old appliances dumped at the park to haul."

Coffee and bagels will be served and workers can stay as long as they like. Typically, the clean-up lasts from two to four hours, Roney explained.

Hazardous waste day

Novi residents are invited to dump off their hazardous wastes, including household chemicals, at a Saturday collection day at the Wixom Fire Hall Number One.

The time is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the place is 1345 N. Wixom Road, between Potter and Charns roads.

For more information and details on materials to be accepted, call the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County at (248) 208-2270.

And to the republic

Pack 54 Cub Scout Michael Douglas was the first to stand up and volunteer when Novi Mayor Kathleen McLaughlin recently asked for more scouts to lead the city council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

McLaughlin said Michael just showed up at the council chambers Monday night and announced his mission.

"He was adorable," she added. "To thank him for his community service, McLaughlin gave the Cub Scout a potted pine tree, a souvenir of Novi's Arbor Day celebration."

"I think this is outstanding," she told him.

Off to see the Wizard

The Novi Theatres production last month of "The Wizard of Oz" was the company's top ticket seller ever. Over 1,400 tickets were purchased for the Novi Civic Center event and all four shows were sold out.

Rehearsals are currently in progress for the theatre's Performance Plus group for a May production of "Picnic At Hanging Rock."

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'Scary' bill prompts reaction from board

By JEREMY MCBAIN

Staff Writer

Novi school board members fear a "scary" new plan to allow non-public school students to take part in public school activities will hurt public school students.

In effort to protect extra-curricular activities in Novi schools, school board members will vote on a resolution condemning a state bill to open extra-curricular activities at Novi schools to outside students.

"This is a scary bill. It is not fair to the students in our district and it takes away opportunities from our children," board member Carol Elfring said.

According to Elfring, if the state legislature votes in support of this upcoming plan, extra-curricular activities at all public schools would be open to students attending private, parochial and charter schools.

Extra-curricular activities include school sports and academic clubs, such as a school yearbook or newspaper. Under the state plan, students attending these schools would be allowed to take part in the extra-curricular activities of a public school, even though they are not public school students.

"How do I explain to a parent why their child was cut from a school team to make room for a student from another school," she said.

Elfring added, the bill is very open-ended and does not include additional operating money for a school that has private and parochial students taking part in its programs.

Plus, she said, under this program, league rules would no longer apply and the Michigan High School Athletic Association would have no power.

With students from other schools taking part in their extra-curricular programs, school districts would not be able to enforce their participation rules such as grade-point requirements, Elfring said.

While the board did not have a draft of this resolution before them, Board President George Kortlandt said one will be written by the May 6 board meeting.

Members will vote to approve or disapprove of the resolution at that time.

"We may want to take action on this as soon as possible," Elfring added. She said the bill may be brought up for a vote sometime in the next six to seven weeks.

Bids approved for new school's construction

By JEREMY MCBAIN

Staff Writer

Work may be just starting, but school officials say construction on Deerfield Elementary school may stay under budget.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for Business and Operations, presented the school board with five of the remaining nine bid categories for construction of the school on April 15. There was a total of 19 bid categories for this project.

The total estimated construction cost for all 19 bids for the project is estimated at \$7,545,297, Koster said. The total bid awards to date and the estimated budget for remaining categories are, at this point, \$477,577 below budget, he said.

Board members approved Koster's five choices for the contracts in a unanimous vote.

Koster recommended the following companies for the following awards:

• Asphalt paving — A's Asphalt Paving Company of Taylor. The award was for \$150,739.

• Site concrete — McCarthy Construction Company of Walled Lake. This award was for \$180,500.

• Landscaping — C&H Landscaping Company of Waterford. This award was for \$128,500.

• Shingle roofing — CEI Roofing of Howell. This award is for \$571,300.

• Plumbing — R&M Mechanical of Farmington Hills. This award is for \$294,800.

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Engler hopes school bills will erode school lines

Gov. John Engler is using a money bill to see policy changes rolling the lines between school districts and between public and private schools.

It's called a "supplemental appropriations bill" because it would supplement the regular \$10 billion school aid bill with \$188 million.

The idea is encountering fierce opposition from public school teachers and school administrators. The big fear is a loss in the

long term of jurisdiction.

The state PIA bulletin this week reported that "A spontaneous opposition has erupted. House Republicans to the 'abandon ship' order" for this portion of the bill. Two of the 15 Republican sponsors have withdrawn their support because of opposition by public school groups. Rep. Paul DeWiese, R-Williamston, favors the concept but has called the idea a "dead issue."

A second big item is a new "blended" method of counting pupils - one day in February worth 20 percent and a monthly count for eight months in the current year. Purpose is to reward schools that retain students beyond the first week of classes.

A school "day" is defined as at least four hours beginning in fiscal 2001 (Oct. 1, 2000). Anything less will be counted as a fraction of a day.

Engler also calls for "schools of choice" beyond intermediate (county) district boundaries.

Finally, there's more money for schools. Basic funding in fiscal 2000 will go to \$5,652, with no district receiving less than \$5,550. The bill is in the House Appropriations Subcommittee in School Aid.

against gun manufacturers. Daniskiss seeks it as an amendment to the AG's budget bill. "If we allow government to hold gun makers liable for the felonious actions of some criminals, what's next? Will we sue automakers because of the felonious driving of some drivers?" Daniskiss said.

• Sen. George Hart, D-Deerborn - requiring state inspectors from Consumer and Industry Services to survey nursing home residents to see if they are happy with facilities. It's a companion bill to another measure to create a nursing home consumer rating index.

• Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, to require inflationary increases in the homestead property tax credit, currently a maximum

\$1,200 credit on the income tax. Her amendment was inserted in another tax bill. If it had been passed last year, she said, the credit in 1999 would have been \$1,219.

Meanwhile, the House unanimously passed a bill by Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, to regulate investigations by county medical examiners of suspicious deaths involving a fire. It was prompted by a Southfield case where a woman was beaten to death by her husband, who set fire to the house. Her death was ruled accidental until the state fire marshal ruled it was arson. HB 4084 goes to the Senate.

Gov. Engler has appointed:

• Dr. Yaha Basha of West Bloomfield to the state Civil Rights Commission for a term ending Dec. 31. Basha is owner, director and radiologist for Basha Diagnostics, PC, in Royal Oak. He studied at the University of Damascus in Syria and served his internship at Mount Carmel Hospital in Detroit. The Civil Rights commission investigates allegations of discrimination on the bases of religion, race, color and national origin.

• Renee Turner-Bailey of West Bloomfield to the Certificate of Need Commission for a term ending Jan. 1, 2000. The CON promotes the availability of health services at reasonable cost.

APPOINTMENTS

Library to offer Asian exercises

An ancient Chinese mind and body exercise form will be taught to novices in a free class at the Novi Public Library on May 1.

Tim Sun will offer pointers on Falun Dafa, which was historically passed down by single disciples. But the practice was introduced to the public by Li Hong-Zhi in 1992.

The program of five sets of exercises has one claim that ought to appeal to a wide audience; it helps reverse the aging process, Sun said.

The initial stage of this exercise enables practitioners to release tension and anxiety, as well as strengthen their physical, mental and spiritual bodies.

More than 100 million people practice Falun Dafa throughout the world.

The Novi library introduction, which will include a slide and video presentation, will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The library is at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.

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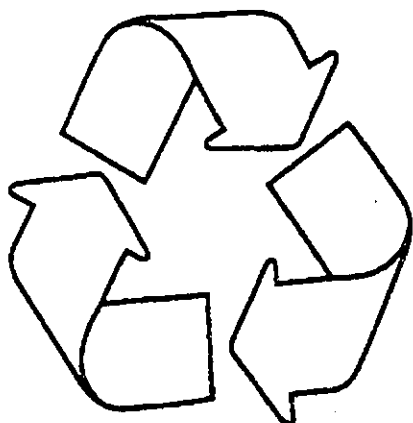
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School may not start until after Labor Day due to bill

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Schools would be discouraged from starting classes before Labor Day under a bill before the Michigan Senate.

If passed, the bill would require that public schools and academies be closed on the Friday before Labor Day for the years 1999-2001. That would set up a four-day Labor Day weekend but wouldn't prevent a pre-Labor Day opening.

Meanwhile, a seven-member task force would be created to report back to the Legislature and governor by the end of 2000.

The Senate Labor Committee reported out the bill April 14 on a 3-2 party line vote. Supporting it were Republicans Loren Bennett (chair) of Canton, Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids and Leon Stille of Spring Lake.

"It's a local control issue," objected Democrat Gary Peters of

Bloomfield Township, joined by Burton Leland of Detroit.

Sponsor is Walter North, R-St. Ignace, whose district includes some of Michigan's prime vacation land - the eastern Upper Peninsula and the northeastern counties of the lower.

Resort owners have pushed for a post-Labor Day opening. They argue that August openings cut off a choice chunk of their summer season.

The task force would be required to study "the economic and educational impact" of 1) no classes on the Friday before Labor Day and 2) no opening until after Labor Day.

The governor would pick members. They would be picked from lists submitted by teachers unions, Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Travel Michigan unit of the Jobs Commission, Travel Commission, Michigan Chamber of Commerce

and general public.

Peters submitted the amendment to let the Michigan Education Association and Michigan Federation of Teachers nominate teacher members.

A similar bill, sponsored by then-Rep. Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond Island, died in the House last session. It was generally opposed by area school districts because.

• School calendars often were part of collective bargaining contracts.

• Teachers wanted to make K-12 calendars match university calendars so they could work on master's degrees during summer.

• Schools need flexibility to make up for closures during "snow days."

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Novi school board passes resolution against vouchers

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

No school vouchers. This is the message sent to state lawmakers last week by the Novi school board.

The Novi school board unanimously approved a resolution, at its April 15 meeting, condemning a possible proposal to create a school voucher system in Michigan.

According to board member Carol Ellring, groups from outside the state are pushing to have this issue placed on the 2000 ballot.

Under a school voucher system, portions tax money previously sent to public schools would be diverted to private schools, Ellring said.

This is done by issuing tax vouchers to students. Tax vouchers take the tax money that the student's family would normally pay to a general state public education fund and send it only to the school the student attends, regardless if it is a public or private school.

Ellring said under this plan millions of dollars will be lost for public education.

Ellring added, because it takes away money for public education, school vouchers are outlawed in the Michigan State Constitution.

Because of this, the constitution would have to be changed.

To combat school vouchers, the Novi school board drafted a resolution condemning the plan at its

April 1 school board meeting.

The resolution was brought back up at Thursday's school board meeting as an action item for board discussion.

"I am really in favor of taking action of this as quickly as possible," Board member John Streit said. "Right now, it is unconstitutional to even have school vouchers. That alone should be enough to not support this."

Board members signed the resolution after the vote. It will now be sent to school boards in other Oakland County school districts, the Michigan Association of School Boards and elected local and state officials, including Governor John Engler.

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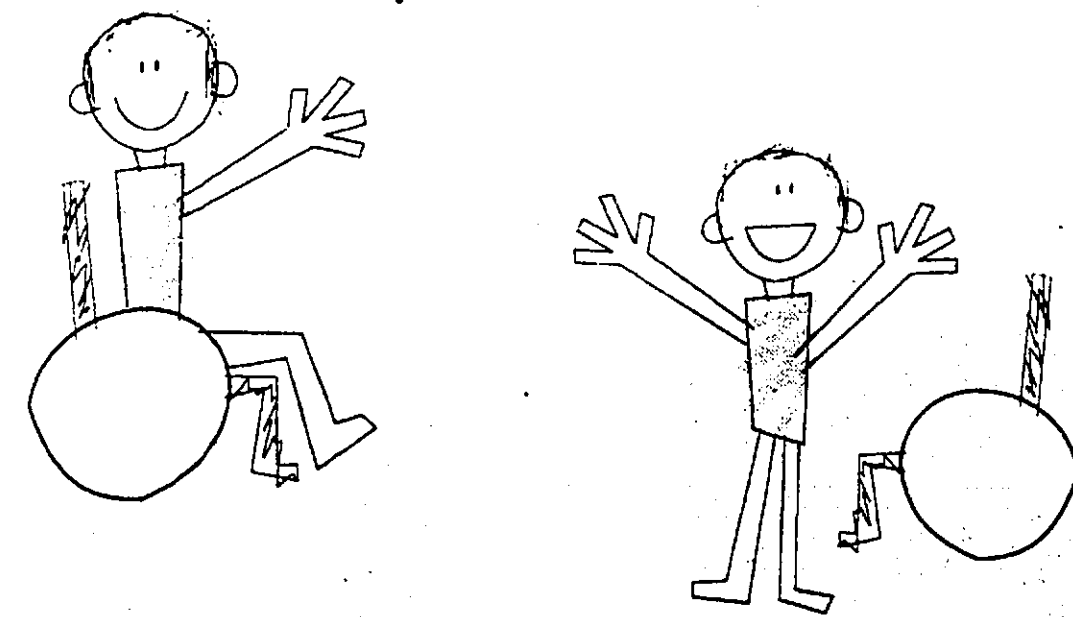
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Obituaries

RUTH F. SWIETLIK

Ruth F. Swietlik of Northville, formerly of East Grand Rapids, died April 13.

Mrs. Swietlik was a member of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Park, Park Congregational Church, and a teacher and head cook for the East Grand Rapids School.

She is survived by her son, David W. Swietlik, and two grandsons, Eric D. and Jeffrey B.

Mrs. Swietlik was preceded in death by her husband, William V. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 10100 E. Grand Rapids, with the Rev. Dr. Philip Johnson, Pastor, officiating.

Memorials to the American Foundation Michigan Chapter would be appreciated.

MARGARET M. PRIEMER

Margaret M. Priemer died April 11 in Grand Rapids, Fla. She was born May 2, 1906.

Mrs. Priemer is survived by her companion, Harry Wingrove of South Lyon; daughter, Kathleen (Donald) Stempel; stepchildren, Jerry, Mike, Marilyn, Marty, Murray, and Marshall; brother, Paul Galt; sisters, Irene Love, Rita Gresham, and Mary Wilson; grandchildren, Christopher, Jessica, and Rebecca; and 16 step grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, April 16 at St. Joseph Church in South Lyon. Interment was in Washington Memorial Park Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to the Hospice Foundation of your choice would be

appreciated.

JOSEPH A. O'BRIEN

Joseph A. O'Brien of Northville died April 13 in Florida. Mr. O'Brien was a retired pharmacist. Born in Detroit, he was the owner of O'Brien Drugs on West Seven Mile Road in Detroit for 20 years.

He is survived by son, Joseph; daughters, Julia O'Brien-Sinn and Joan Eithorn; eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Mr. O'Brien was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary.

Services were held on Saturday, April 17 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

JEANETTE M. ZALEWSKI

Jeanette M. Zalewski (Prenickzy), 69, of Novi died April 16 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was born June 5, 1938 in Detroit.

Mrs. Zalewski was a resident for 20 years, after moving to Novi from Farmington Hills. She worked as a clerk and cashier for Kroger's for 30 years.

Mrs. Zalewski enjoyed traveling and playing golf. She was a team member of the Celebrity Golf League for 15 years.

She is survived by her two sons, Larry of Howell and Terry of Wayne; and her daughter Sherry Decker of Fowlerville.

She is also survived by her mother, Frances Prenickzy-Miser of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; her brother, John Prenickzy of Gaylord and sister

Shirley Dugolamo of Milford, as well as, eight grandchildren and her dear friend, Shirley Evans.

She was preceded in death by her father, John.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 9 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, at 33603 Grand River Avenue in Farmington.

Mr. Leonard Partensky will be officiating.

Interment will be at St. Patrick's Calvary Cemetery in Brighton.

JOHN E. FRY SR.

John E. Fry Sr., age 56, passed away April 15, 1999.

He was born December 4, 1942 in Detroit to Aaron J. and Mary (Green) Fry.

He was formerly from Brighton and moved to Novi in 1993.

John was the beloved husband of Karen Fry of Novi. Loving father of John Jr. (Julie) Fry of Pinckney, Mark (Angela) Fry of South Lyon, Kelly (Robert) Denson of KY.

He is also survived by stepsons: Rob, James, Vince and Dave; daughter, Mary Fry; one brother, one sister, five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1980.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and his funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street in South Lyon.

There will be a final visitation at 10:15 a.m. with Rev. Robert Beddinger officiating. Interment will follow at South Lyon Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Foundation, PO Box 102454, Atlanta, GA 30368.

Additionally, Stoll was told she had been given a free gazebo if she paid cash for the hot tub.

"I kind of felt sorry for (Newton)," she said. "He told us a story about his family and how he was just getting his business going. I believed every word he said."

The \$7,000 porch was installed last fall up to Northville Township code, Stoll said.

However, the tub she paid \$5,000 for has yet to be delivered. And even though Newton informed her a week before closing shop in Northville that "he would take care of her," Stoll said she plans to file a claim against Gold Coast Spas for money lost.

Problems rooted in the Gold Coast

Spa apparently weren't limited to hot tubs either.

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Newton said he's lost about \$300,000 in his Gold Coast Spas venture and Ilitch said that the business is in the process of filing for bankruptcy.

As of April 19 though, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Eastern Michigan had no record of Newton, Ilitch or Gold Coast Spas filing for bankruptcy.

Additionally, Northville Police Chief Jim Petres said the department has begun investigating Gold Coast Spas for fraud after a formal complaint was filed against the company.

Ilitch said Gold Coast Spas "absolutely" will work with its older customers to wrap up existing business deals.

Additionally, Ilitch said the possibility of Gold Coast moving onto another city and opening shop isn't likely.

"I've lost enough money already," she said.

Group fighting for to get back taxes

A group of area taxpayers is asking the state Court of Appeals to force the state Department of Treasury to return \$172 million in property tax overpayments over two years.

The group contends that Treasury bulletins used an inflation rate of 2.7 percent instead of 1.7 percent as the amount of allowable increase in property assessments.

That 1 percent (difference) is further compounded into an automatic overtax in 1999 and every year thereafter," said Bill McMaster, Birmingham publicist and chair of Michigan Taxpayers United.

Among the plaintiffs are Stewart Oldford, Hartland resident and owner of lumber companies in Hartland and Northville; Dominick Vincenzi, Oxford resident and chair of the Oakland County Taxpayers Association; Mary McMaster, Orion resident and secretary of the Oakland taxpayers group; and Rose Bogart, Dearborn Heights resident and chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association.

Attorney is Jeffrey Meek of Livonia.

Here is where the Engler administration erred, according to McMaster.

Proposal A of 1994 limits assessment (tax base) increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation in the consumer price index (CPI). The Treasury Department sent notices to county equalization officers.

The CPI, measured year to year during January, is 1.7 percent. But Treasury calculated the rate by adding the monthly increases and dividing by 12, yielding assessment increases of 2.7 percent.

The taxpayers group also charges there is a discrepancy between total state revenue reported by the state Treasury and state revenue reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The federal figure is about \$10 billion higher, McMaster said, asking for an independent audit of the state.

The Treasury Department has several weeks to file a reply brief.



Sticking to the drum beat

members of the Crash, Bam, Boom troupe pound on each other with drumsticks during their Monday afternoon performance at Thorton Creek Elementary School.

Photo by JOHN HEDER

Northville musical 'cruising'

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

If you get seasick easily you may want to consider skipping Northville High's upcoming production of the musical Anything Goes.

Like the setting of where the Cole Porter play takes place, the entire auditorium from the stage to the lobby will be made to resemble a cruise ship.

The transformation will occur during the next week as the crew of the musical prepares for the play's run April 29-May 2. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. except May 2 when the 60 students involved in the pro-

duction will put the play on at 2:30 p.m.

"It's like a mini-Titanic," said Lisa Milnes, assistant producer of Anything Goes. "Except it's a love story that's kind of funny."

The stage setting of the "ship" stretches all the way out to the second row of where the audience sits. Additionally, ship flags decorated by elementary school students will be featured.

Milnes said the crew starting rehearsing the place in February and has been rehearsing at least 12 hours a week since. Milnes said the size of the crew for Anything Goes is about average for a play at

Northville High. Plays put on at the school in the past have included: the Diary of Anne Frank; Hello Dolly; the Crucible; Fiddler on the Roof; Nothing but the Truth; Oklahoma.

Milnes said the play the school puts on is dependent on what other schools in the area are doing and what plays Northville High School students have put on in the past.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending April 18. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, APRIL 12
Medical: 44264 Chertworth, 3:57 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical: 45182 West Road, 4:30 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical: 45095 Lakeside, 1:48 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical: 36092 Springlake, 7:18 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
Medical: 24500 Meadowbrook Road, 12:23 a.m., Squad 1.
Investigation: 43525 Galway, 3:43 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical: 23934 Landonberry, 12:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical: 43420 West Oaks, 6:51 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical: 45125 Ten Mile Road, 7:39 p.m., Engine 3.
Investigation: Ten Mile/Novi Road, 8:29 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical: 39027 Celeste, 8:40 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
Injury on road: 1369/Novi Road, 9:28 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical: 23211 Kingspointe, 10:08 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical: 41717 Onaway, 4:36 p.m., Squad 3.
Trash fire: North Haven/West Road, 5:38 p.m., Engine 2.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
Medical: 45125 Ten Mile Road, 5:46 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm: 39750 Grand River, 7:14 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Service call: 23245 W. LeBoist, 8:39 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm: 25195 Tait Road, 8:59 a.m., Engines 4 and 1.
Medical: 39469 Tuscany Court, 4:26 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical: 39505 Ten Mile Road, 5:44 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical: 14 Mile/Haggerty Road, 9:31 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation: 41550 Grand River, 9:50 p.m., Engine 1.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Medical: 45182 West Road, 1:02 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical: 22689 Summer Lane, 10:22 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical: 45182 West Road, 12:53 p.m., Squad 2.
Car fire: 196/1-275, 2:34 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical: 24371 Catherine Drive, 2:34 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical: 45620 Timberlane, 3:41 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation: 40630 Rock Hill, 11:17 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical: 22644 Woolsey, 11:36 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
Medical: 42600 Eleven Mile Road, 8:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical: 31264 Springlake, 9:14 a.m., Squad 2.
SUNDAY, APRIL 18
Truck fire: 45175 Ten Mile Road, 6:38 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical: 27550 Novi Road, 11:28 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical: 41620 Manor Park, Squad 1.

Attorney General issues opinions for legislators

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has issued three opinions in response to legal questions from state legislators. An AGO has the force of law until overturned by a court.

LEGISLATIVE AIDES
A full-time aide to a state legislator may serve as an elected member of a school board within the legislator's district.
Citing a 1991 opinion by her predecessor, Frank Kelley, Granholm, a Northville resident, said the conflict exists where "(1) one office sets and approves the compensation of another office, (2) where one office has the power of appointment or removal over another office or (3) where one office reviews the accounts of the other public office."

But Granholm found that "A legislative aide does not have any authority to review, supervise, or pass upon matters affecting a local school board."

PLANNING V. ZONING
The same law prohibits more than one member of a township planning commission from simultaneously serving on the same township's zoning board of appeals, Granholm ruled.
Reason is that the ZBA reviews decisions of the planning body. The Legislature expressly required one person to hold the dual office. "However, that requirement is limited to one member," Granholm said.

The opinion was sought by Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison.

DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE
A person under age 18 may not authorize a "do-not-resuscitate" order. Nor may a patient advocate under 18 execute a "do-not-resuscitate" order.

The 1996 law, as explained in a legislative analysis, had this purpose: "Hospitals and many long-term health care facilities have developed policies and procedures for honoring do-not-resuscitate requests from seriously ill patients, but no such system has evolved for handling the cases of persons outside a health facility — a bill 452 creates a legally recognize d means whereby such orders will have to be honored."

But sec. 2 of the act limits such orders to persons 18 or older.

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Four candidates seeking Northville school spots

BY ANDREW DIETTERICH
Staff Writer

One of the five candidates vying for two open Northville board of education seats has dropped out of the race.

Carol Pienisch announced April 16 that she would not run in the race and decided to support two of the other candidates.

"This was a very hard decision because I really care about the schools," Pienisch said. "But I feel like I can work in other ways for the schools and the community."

Pienisch said she decided to drop out of the race after she learned that Gregory Pele and Jerry Rupley also would be running for the spots.

"I could go out and fight like I did in the senate campaign and to me that was worth it because I didn't think my opponent was a good candidate," she said. "Here, I don't want to fight against someone who I think is equally as good as I am."

Among other things, Pienisch said she was giving her support to Rupley for his experience with past school issues and to Pele because of his technical work experience in the Dearborn schools.

The Northville Record met with each candidate during the past week to further discuss background information of each candidate. The background capsules are as follows:

Sharon Fleming
22694 Bertram Drive
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Age: 51.

Education: bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University.

Family: two stepsons: William, 31; Stephen, 29; and Matthew, 11.

Work experience: worked as a substitute teacher in addition to working in the insurance industry for 20 years in Livonia, Troy and Detroit. Last position held in insurance business was as a vice president of marketing.

Activities: actively involved in Cub Scouts Pack 746. Also involved in church, St. Paul's Lutheran of Northville.

Why are you running for school board?
"I feel I have something to offer the community with the experience that I'm in a position now where my son is getting a little older and some of my other responsibilities are no longer as pressing," she said. "And I have the time and energy to devote to something that I feel is critical."

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outgoing Northville school board member

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Gregory Pele
43972 Cottisford Road
Novi
Age: 43.

Education: associate's degree in science from Henry Ford Community College.

Family: wife, Nancy; daughter, Emily, 14; son, Adam, 11.

Work experience: employed with Dearborn public schools for 25 years. Pele said he worked his way up the ladder to a maintenance supervisor by starting as a custodian.

Activities: president of the Dearborn schools operating engineers association; assisted with millage committees and interviews with board members and superintendents in the Dearborn district; 1984 Northville district Future Facilities committee.

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No melodrama for okay of 180-foot monopole

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that (monopole) is not exempt from zoning ordinances."

He added he believes since the tower is not for educational purposes, the city should assert its jurisdiction.

This issue began after AT&T was turned down on its monopole plan by the city. When this happened an AT&T attorney, John Riley, approached the school board in October with a similar proposal they submitted to the city. He said AT&T needed to lease land in order to place the 180-foot monopole on Novi High School grounds, in order to meet a need for cellular coverage in this area.

The board said it was interested in the plan and asked Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Jim Koster to look into it further.

Since that October meeting, AT&T has been working with Koster on a lease deal to propose to the board.

Its final proposal was presented at April 15 to a favorable school board. School board members received a copy of the final draft the night before the meeting.

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Board President George Kortlandt added he thought the final proposal gave more to the school district than what was originally proposed by AT&T.

"I think it is going to be a win-win situation," he said.

According to the plan, AT&T must complete construction on the

180-foot tower by August 11, in addition to having cellular antennas and equipment, the pole must also have stadium lights hooked up to it so it can serve as a light pole for sports events.

AT&T must also pay the school district \$40,000 at the execution of the lease and make another pay-

ment of \$60,000 on July 1. Additionally, it will also pay a yearly rent of \$11,250 for the next four years.

At the end of the four-year lease, AT&T will have an option to renew its lease with the school for a payment of \$11,071.20 a year until the year 2009.

In 2009, it will get a chance for a second renewal, which will cost it \$13,464 a year until the year 2013.

AT&T's third renewal in 2013 will cost the phone company \$16,368 a year until 2018, when the price will jump to \$19,924. As part of the deal, AT&T will also be able to rent out tower space to other cellular companies.

School board members joked

that this space could be rented out to the city.

Kriewall said the city has no need to rent out space on the school's new tower. The city has all the space it needs on its towers at the Department of Public Works Building on Delval Drive.

Novi Superintendent Emmett Lippe said the school district does not have any concrete plans on how to spend this additional money yet. But, he said, the money may be used to build a new concession stand at the football field.

Cystic Fibrosis walk needs assistance

Oakland Baptist Church is looking for volunteers who want to get in a bit of exercise for a good cause, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Hikers will also get a peek at the interior of the church, formerly the historic Methodist Church, that was moved to the current Beck Road site from Grand River Avenue, Pastor Tim Whyte said.

The six-mile walk begins on Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m., returning and beginning at the church on 23893 Beck Road.

Volunteers seek sponsors who will donate money to help research

in Cystic Fibrosis, a hereditary chronic lung disease.

Afterwards, the church tour begins. Oakland Baptist members are restoring the Victorian building themselves, although students from an Oakland Community College organization have also helped out.

Hauled to its present location in 1997, a lot of work remains to be done on the interior, but passersby are typically impressed by the exterior of the classic rural American church.

To volunteer, contact Pastor Whyte at (248) 414-0935.

Furniture painter demonstrates skill

Newton Furniture in Novi will host renowned master furniture decorating artist Tom Jahn from the Jasper Cabinet Co. on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, from noon to 5 p.m.

Jahn will demonstrate his highly specialized hand-painting skills at the Novi store, located at 27772 Novi Road on the Twelve Oaks Mall service drive. There is no charge for this event.

Jahn hand decorates and rubs

finishes on heirloom-quality curio cabinets, chests, entertainment centers, credenzas and secretaries produced by the Jasper Cabinet Co. of Jasper, Ind.

Newton will be giving away hand-crafted, personalized jewelry boxes every hour during the event. Each jewelry box will be hand-inscribed by Jahn. No purchase is necessary to qualify to win a jewelry box. Also in honor of Jahn's visit, anyone ordering hand-painted furniture will save 40 percent.

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Karlee Kage, 11, of Northville mixes paints for the new mural.

Kids encouraged to paint on walls

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about every color," said Laura, a Novi Meadows student.

As thanks for their work, the budding artists will get a treat. Leonardo Da Vinci, Diego Rivera and other great painters who used walls as their canvas might have enjoyed a pizza party around the club pool.

Connie Sabol, director of the Kids Center, said her charges love their new decor, especially the fish.

"It's great. Everybody who comes in comments on it. It brightens up the room," she added.

This is the second mural Banks' students have painted; another was completed two years ago at the Baby, Baby store in Northville. This spring, they crafted a paper sculpture display for the window of Rebecca's On Center restaurant, also in downtown Northville.

Some 60 kids, from first graders through high school students, take private art lessons from Banks, an artist and former advertising agency designer with a degree from the Center for Creative Studies.

After staying home with her own children for a few years, Banks sketched out a dream career for herself helping other people's chil-

dren realize their potential in the visual arts.

"Sometimes the kids will say, 'is this what you do for a job?'" Banks laughed.

Seven years ago, she and her husband converted an old garage at their Seven Mile Road home. Her classes have grown by word-of-mouth, no advertising. While kids who love sports, music or dance have plenty of opportunities to pursue their interests, youngsters who enjoy painting, drawing and sculpting don't have as many opportunities, Banks said. She tries to offer the kind of instruction she would have loved in her own youth.

"I've done a lot of soul-searching about what's important to kids," she explained.

Classes have an enrollment of ten to 12. Banks believes giving her students right from the start high-quality art supplies, including charcoal, acrylics, pastels, pen and ink, water colors in tubes and all the proper brushes.

"No stock school paper and newspaper. The kids are just thrilled. They produce the most beautiful things," she said.

"You can see them grow through

the year."

Kids choose their own subjects. "When they leave here, they have something unique to themselves. And they don't have to look across the table and say, 'I'm not as good,'" Banks said.

For the Sports Club mural, the young artists first sketched out the castle, treasure chest, fish and other marine critters. Then, Banks transferred it onto the wall with carbon paper.

Not only is the public exposure for their talents good for the art students, but in learning how to paint a mural, each acquires a new skill.

"It's a wonderful way for me to teach them that I can't do over here," she said.

Two assistants helped Banks do the prep work and organize the thirteen-hour, two-day blitz: her daughter, Katie Banks, 15, and Jessica Bechtel, 14, both students at Northville High School.

Non-toxic and washable wall paint that would not be damaged when touched by the small fingers of the regulars at the Kids Center was used for the painting.

"It was a lot of hours, but it's definitely worth it when you see the

final product. I knew they were kids who were up to the product," Banks said.

There's only one drawback for Banks about the success of her classes. Sometimes it's hard to find time for her own work, which includes commissioned portraits of homes and children executed in pencil and pen and ink, as well as water colors.

Sull, she has the satisfaction of helping young people develop a love of art that, with any luck, will enrich the rest of their lives.

"Not all kids here are extremely talented in art, but they love it so much and we have such a good time. It's been extremely rewarding," Banks said.

"I hope they will look back fondly on their experience here."

For information on The Creative Cottage, contact Sandy Banks at 349-6865. An open house and student art exhibit will be held at the studio at 46920 W. Seven Mile on Sunday, May 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the public is welcome.

The first of two Summer Art Camp sessions begins June 21.

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Novi Rotary aims to raise \$250,000 for refugees

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now, a big push will come at the Memorial Day Parade on May 31, when the Rotary Club will be out marching and volunteers will be circling the crowd with donation cans.

"There was some concern in the past that our Memorial Day was forgetting the meaning of Memorial Day. This will be a time to remedy that," McLallen said.

Sanghvi plans to contact every church, PTA, homeowner's group and business in Novi, as well as the school district, to win backing for the refugee assistance fund. He's already recruited the Novi Lions to join in.

"I would like to make this a patriotic and humanitarian project rolled into one," he said.

He met with McLallen two hours before the Rotary meeting to plot out the fund drive. McLallen im-

mediately agreed to donate \$500 to the cause and the Rotary is matching that from its own treasury.

McLallen announced the campaign at a Rotary Club chicken and rice lunch at the Novi United Methodist Church.

Rotary President-elect Bob Limbriht said the organization, which has 42 members in the Novi chapter, is dedicated to public service. The Novi Rotary has a track record of assisting needy people overseas,

including impoverished rural women in Bangladesh.

"Rotary is a humanitarian organization. Our motto is helping people. And what better way to help people than when they are in a crisis," Limbriht said.

The money will go to the non-profit Novi Rotary Foundation, to be sent to the International Rotary for distribution to the refugees. Every cent will go to those in need, Limbriht said.

"When they send money to the Rotary Foundation, nothing goes to administrative costs, nothing goes to middlemen. It ends up directly helping the people," he explained. Americans watching the tragedy unfolding before their eyes on cable TV news channels may feel moved, but helpless, the Rotarians say.

The effort also brings back mem-

ories for McLallen, of her school days "You had a little box and you got pennies to help the children somewhere," she said.

Contributions are tax-deductible. Those who donate \$100 or more will be listed in The Novi News.

Donors are asked to write checks to the Novi Rotary Foundation and mail them to the Rotary Kosovo Relief Fund, in care of The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Northville Albanian escaped from Yugoslavian war

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aplenty in eastern Europe. Up until two months ago, one of them was her uncle, Peter. Berishaj said she received word that Peter had died right about the time the verbal conflict between Yugoslavia and NATO was escalating.

"I was very close to him," Berishaj said. "It hurt everyone in the family very much when he died."

While Berishaj and her family dealt with Peter's death and made plans for a funeral and a close on his estate, the war of words between NATO and Serbia was growing more intense by the day. Berishaj said that she, along with thousands of other ethnic Albanians were convinced that Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic would back down and not pursue a course of action that would lead to war.

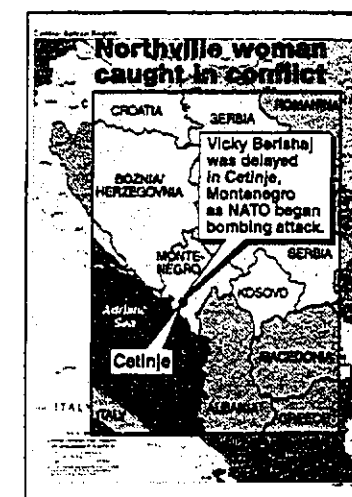
Believing that Milosevic would take NATO to the brink but then give in to the demands of the allied countries, Berishaj made plans to join 18 other family members in the city of Podgorica, Montenegro, a republic within Yugoslavia. There she would stay with the parents of her husband in a home only five miles from the airport in Belgrade.

"We knew Milosevic had a peace contract, but he never signed it," Berishaj said. "Had I known that things were going to get that bad, I would have never gone over there."

THE SIRENS

Following Peter's funeral, Berishaj and her family needed to remain in Yugoslavia for a few additional days. She was slated to leave the country and return to the United States on March 20. Those plans, however, would soon change.

As the days wore on and as NATO and Serbian forces engaged in a military stare-down, Berishaj



Northville woman caught in conflict

Vicky Berishaj was staying in Montenegro when NATO and Serbian forces engaged in a military stare-down.

said she was still convinced that a peace would be found and a war averted. It wasn't just a feeling she had — it was a feeling held by thousands of other residents in Montenegro.

"NATO kept issuing deadlines and Milosevic would keep ignoring them, so another deadline was issued," Berishaj said. "It went back and forth for so long. We had heard that when NATO made its final demand that (Milosevic) could still submit to the demands and avoid being bombed, even five seconds before the missiles would be fired."

But when twilight fell across Podgorica on March 24 — one day before she was scheduled to return home — the wall of air raid sirens pierced the sky over the grassy land. That sound was replaced two minutes later by the thunder of explosions accompanied by a red-dish-white glow in the distance. No more talk. The time for NATO action had come.

"It was like a nightmare," Berishaj said. "I couldn't believe this was actually happening to me. No one ever thought Milosevic would try messing with the rest of the world."

IT CONTINUES

The morning following the first wave of allied bombings and missile attacks, life was subdued but nonetheless carried on in Podgorica, Berishaj said.

"Life had to go on," she said. "What were we going to do?"

What they did was remain fixated on the news, which was mainly CNN altered into local languages.

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Vicky Berishaj, Owner, Joseph's Conley Island

Almost as quickly as the attack had come, though, the attack stopped. Within a matter of seconds, Berishaj said the roar of planes and missiles was silenced and people scrambled to their television sets and radios to learn of what had happened.

The news couldn't have been much worse for Berishaj. As it turned out, one of the alliance's first strike targets was the airport she was counting on using to get out of the country. Now she would be forced to find another route.

Berishaj was okay, physically speaking, and she wanted to assure her husband about that. Unfortunately, telephone communications were such that she could only receive calls from the United States, but couldn't make an outgoing call. In the days that followed the initial attack, Berishaj said she talked with her husband four to five times each day. It was, for all practical purposes, her only connection to the world beyond Yugoslavia.

Within a very short time period, Berishaj said it became clear to her that an exodus from Yugoslavia was absolutely necessary. Actually having that happen was another story altogether.

Amid tens of thousands of other refugees on the run, Berishaj was looking for her own way out of the country. Going to Serbia was not

an option, as she was of the very ethnicity the Serbs were fighting against. Getting into Croatia was impossible because that government required her to carry a Croatian visa, which she didn't have. (Sixteen other members of her group had such documentation, however.) It was feasible for her to get into Albania, but because of the bombardments, all civilian air traffic had been brought to a screeching halt.

Berishaj was now in the middle of an awful waiting game. She was held up near the Yugoslavia-Albania border, but she had been told that the earliest possible date for commercial air service from Tirana was around April 15.

"There was no way I was going to wait that long," Berishaj said. "I had to get out of there."

ESCAPE

Back in the United States, husband Nick was working the phones with travel agents. To the surprise of no one — including Vicky Berishaj — word had it that all flights from Tirana, Albania to Rome were booked solid for a long time.

But realizing that getting out of the war-torn region was going to be a slow process, Berishaj said she volunteered to have herself placed on an airline waiting list. In the event some passenger would have a change in plans.

While she waited, Berishaj said she overheard conversations of refugees fleeing Yugoslavia. One of the saddest involved a pregnant woman who walked for 48 hours to the border crossing, giving birth to twins along the way.

"There were families who had become separated making the trip," Berishaj said. "It was so depressing to see."

Finally, a break came. Nick called Vicky on April 3 and said he informed his wife that planes from

Tirana would be getting off the ground earlier than had been expected — the following day, to be exact.

One major hurdle remained: getting across the Yugoslavian border into the neutral territory. Unlike the border between the U.S. and Canada, many European nations are separated by a half-mile-wide international strip.

Whether it was good moods held by border guards or just plain luck, Berishaj got the OK to cross. The final step was to get from the Albanian border to Tirana, some six hours away.

"We hired a taxi to drive us there," she said. "It would have cost someone in Albania an entire month's salary to take the trip, but for us, it was about 100 dollars, American."

When her plane left the next day with other stops in Zurich and another in Chicago, where she had a four-hour layover before her final flight to Detroit.

"I didn't care at all," she said. "When I was in Chicago, it felt like I was already home. It was so nice being back in America."

And though she took an extended weekend to catch up on some heavily-needed sleep and to reunite with her husband and other members of her family, she was back at Joseph's less than a week after her journey to Yugoslavia.

"Northville is my home," she said, the trademark faint smile pursing her lips again. "This is where I belong."

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City seeks support for appeal, prefers new trial

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"Generally, the league would not become involved in cases that are particular to one municipality."

Howard found when the city barricaded the Decker Road extension, which was built as a special assessment district on land donated by the Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership, home buyers

could not find their way into The Vistas site, located between Thirteen Mile and Twelve-And-A-Half Mile roads.

The city in essence "took" Sandstone's land without due process, Howard ruled on Jan. 21, because the closed road closed down the developers' business.

The \$40 million judgment was in compensation for this.

A brief from the municipal league, which represents over 500 Michigan communities, and any others that accompany Novi's appeal will be important in an appeal, Assistant City Attorney Watson said.

"It can have a lot of significance. It depends on the issue before them and who the brief was filed on behalf of," he said.

Howard is expected to rule today if Novi will be allowed to call witnesses for an evidentiary hearing as part of the motion for a new trial, Watson explained.

In seeking the new trial, among the elements focused on by Novi's lawyers are the money that Sandstone made peddling The Vistas land to several other developers shortly after the trial concluded.

Howard's ruling gave Sandstone "a windfall," Novi's lawyers say, because the developers sold 117 acres of their land to the Singh Development Company for \$7.5 million, additional property to S.R. Jacobson for \$3.5 million, as well as another portion of the site to the Fram Building Group.

In addition, Sandstone kept the commercial portion of the site.

Sandstone's expert witness testified that in a "forced sale" of the land, the developers would only make \$7.8 million.

Novi's lawyers are also protesting that the city was not permitted a trial by jury on the case.

Foes to golf course may seek change in city charter

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to change the city charter, but that is typically not the kind of issue that is used to change the charter."

However, Council Member Craig DeRoche said that within the month he expects to "force" the golf course issue by bringing forward a ballot question that he will ask fellow council members to place before voters.

"I believe it should be on the ballot. I believe the original ballot that passed was for park land," DeRoche said.

"I think the citizens who voted on it to purchase the land should vote on whether or not they want to change the use from a park to a golf course."

If the council doesn't opt to put it on the ballot, Tindall said PARKS will be "on the streets, taking this to the voters."

The proposed charter amendment would read: "Development of City Property: No property owned

by the City as of Nov. 2, 1999 may be used for the purpose of a golf course and/or a banquet facility. The city may develop a golf course and/or a banquet facility only on property acquired after Nov. 2, 1999, specifically for such purpose after voter approval at a general city election."

In the past, city officials have tinkered with the concept of a banquet facility on vacant city-owned land on Walled Lake. A golf course clubhouse might also offer similar amenities.

A draft update of the city's parks and recreation master plan recommends that Novi build a golf course. The master plan is expected to come forward for a public hearing within the next 60 days, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

So far, the only formal action taken on the greens has been several consultants' studies. If the council wants additional research on a golf and mixed-use plan for

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Craig DeRoche,
Novi City Council member

the North Novi Park, Davis said he has preliminary figures for consultants' costs.

The council will discuss the Parks and Recreation Department's budget at a 7:30 p.m. meeting tonight at the Novi Civic Center.

Tindall said a group of citizens opposed to a golf course on the North Novi park began plotting a strategy in December to get the question before voters.

"We tried to be reasonable about it. We realize council people have just done what they're elected to

do, research the issue," Tindall said.

Because the council has not formally adopted a golf course plan, PARKS can't opt for a referendum petition drive to force an election to overturn such an action. For a referendum, PARKS would need to collect 4,800 signatures, from 15 percent of the city's 32,000 registered voters.

But for a charter amendment, under state law for home rule cities, signatures of five percent of the voters would be needed, or 1,600, would be needed. PARKS

already was able to gather 750 signatures of those opposed to a golf course on the park in an earlier, informal petition drive.

"We're going to give the council two weeks. If they don't take action by then, we will," Tindall said.

"We're going to be out pounding the pavement. We have until 90 days before the election to make the ballot."

Charter amendments have not been common since Novi incorporated in 1969. City Manager Ed Kriewall said that about 10 years ago, the city council put a successful amendment proposal on the ballot to update Novi's purchasing processes.

Fifteen to 20 years ago, residents petitioned and passed two road-related charter amendments. The first bars the city from assessing residents of mile roads for road improvements through special assessment districts. The second prohibits the use of SADs for resurfacing subdivision streets.

For supporters of the golf course, such as Crawford and Schmid, the money wouldn't be coming out of taxpayers' pockets because the recreational facility would be built with revenue bonds. A feasibility study indicates a golf course would make money that could be used to develop other city parks. Not all of the North Novi park would be taken over by the 18-holes and clubhouse; city officials have said they want room for nature trails and other passive recreation.

"The city was not spending money for park land for a backyard for a minority of citizens," Schmid said.

To DeRoche, Novi has other, more pressing needs.

"I think a city that just lost a \$40 million judgment and needs to spend tens of millions on roads should have priorities other than spending money on a golf course," he said.

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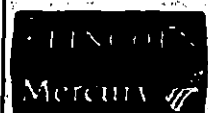
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Thirteen area restaurants have been named to the Honor Roll - they made the grade for serving healthy food. Not only did they respond to the Oakland County Health Division's annual survey, but they were selected as restaurants which offer a Great Option in Low Fat Dining. The Oakland Heart Health Coalition's annual GOLD Plate Restaurant Survey was mailed to 2,000 establishments in Oakland County. Of those, 132 responded, although not all were named to the Honor Roll.

Whether or not a restaurant completes the survey and returns it to the Oakland County Health Division, is completely voluntary.

Questions on the one-page survey which is used to determine whether a restaurant becomes a Gold Plate Restaurant include whether items like dressings, sauces, or gravies can be served on the side; whether lowfat or fat-free salad dressings are offered; and if egg substitute or egg whites are available for an egg entree.

Other questions ask whether patrons can order a variety of entree serving sizes, if they can ask that a menu item be prepared without salt or ask for a low fat substitute in place of a fried side-dish item.

The restaurant must also serve two entrees on a regular basis that are low fat which is considered three grams of fat or less per three ounce serving.

Novi and West Bloomfield had the most restaurants listed with 10 each.

At the Library Sports Pub & Grill, the healthy menu items include some grilled chicken breast entrees, according to co-owner Bob Barnett.

"We have a cashew chicken salad, it's baked chicken that's diced up and cashews and diced tomatoes and green peppers," Barnett said. "It has avocados, but they are the good fat."

As for filling out the survey, Barnett was unaware of it and thought perhaps his co-owner and brother, Al, must have completed the form.

Barnett said that they offer some healthy selections obviously to give people a choice to eat healthy foods but also so that they can attract a more diverse customer base.

"We are not just a bar that serves food but also a restaurant," Barnett said.

Along with head chef Dave Harvey, Barnett and Al, put together the menu selections.

"It's definitely a group effort," Barnett said.

Library Sports Pub also has a garden burger on the menu that is all vegetables.

"That is definitely low fat," Barnett said.

Keys to dining lean, according to the Oakland Heart Health Coalition, include looking for words like "broiled, roasted, grilled or baked" on a menu when dining out. Ask for

salad dressings, sauces and gravies to be served on the side. Substitute ketchup, mustard or barbecue sauce in place of mayonnaise or special high-fat sauces.

Since most restaurants serve ample portions, sharing an order with the person you are with is another way to eat healthier.

Not all selections on a restaurant's menu are healthy. Some restaurants will designate those that are. When in doubt, ask the waitperson to suggest those selections that are healthiest.

The Oakland Heart Health Coalition was created in 1992 to reduce cardiovascular disease risk factors: tobacco use, poor nutrition and lack of exercise. Health professionals, business, and community representatives are working to educate and motivate Oakland County resi-

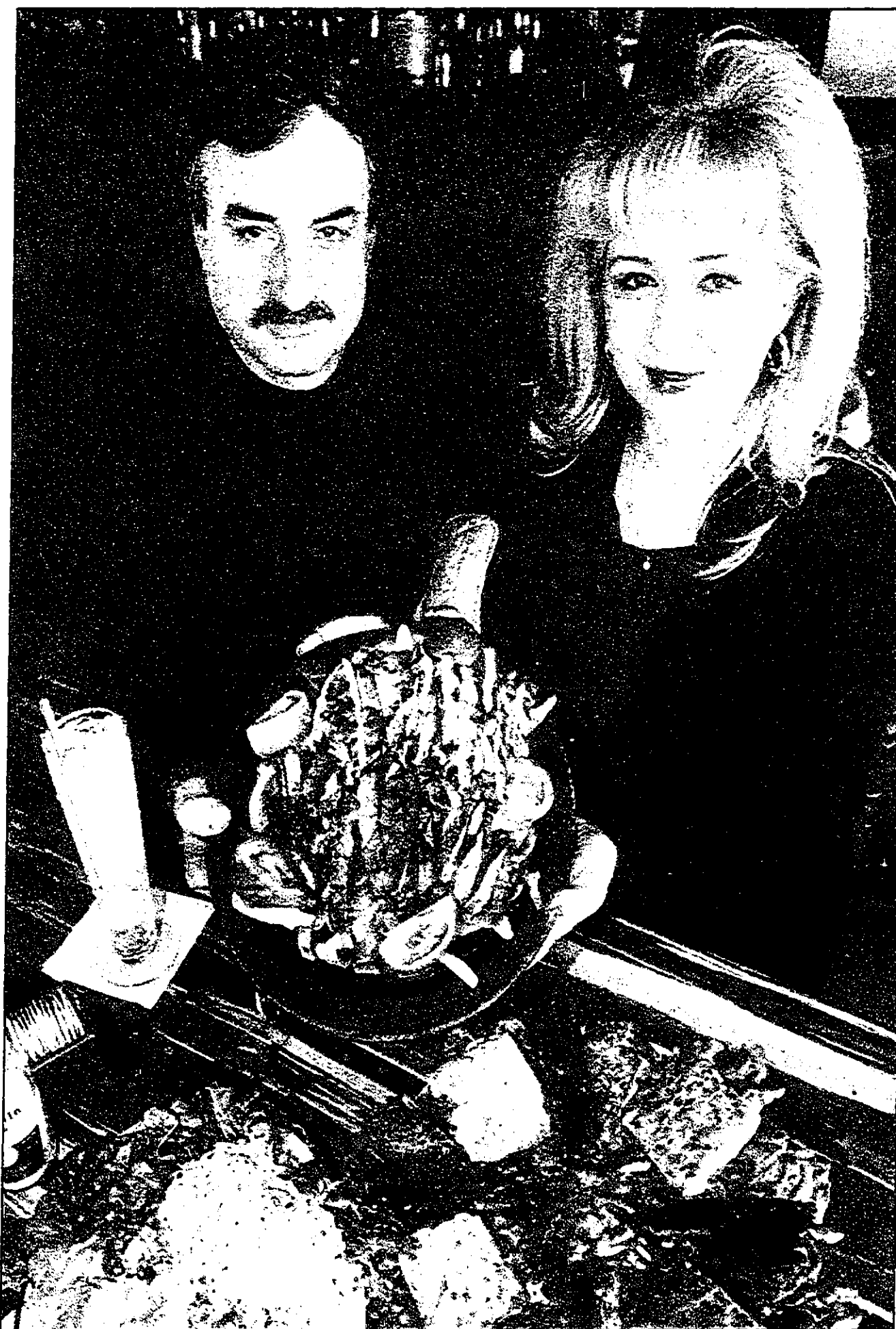


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Novi's Border Cantina, owned by Joe and Melissa Jancevski, were included in the Health Division's Honor Roll.

dents to make lifestyle changes that improve their heart health. Membership is open to all individuals and organizations.

The coalition has four subcommittees. The nutrition

subcommittee, which conducts the annual survey of Oakland County restaurants to determine those that offer lower fat food choices, will distribute the Honor Roll certificates to the qualifying restaurants.

Dream becomes reality

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

At 21-years-old, Novi resident Jeffrey Michael has achieved more than most musicians do over a lifetime, and he achieved it all on his own.

Michael is the owner of his own recording business, Fireheart Music. Fireheart Music has a selection of five compact disks of new age music for sale that were all written, recorded, produced and marketed by him.

"I never wanted to be on a major record label so they could tell me what to do. I wanted my own company so I could maintain my life," he said.

This musical dream that flourished into a self-run business started simply as a self-taught hobby for Michael at an early age.

When he was 6-years-old, Michael became fascinated with his family's piano and started fooling around with it.

He became even more interested in the piano after his older brother started taking lessons. Being the jealous type, Michael started playing more and teaching himself to play tunes by ear.

He became so proficient at this, that by the time he was eleven, Michael had written his first song.

And soon, this hobby would become more.

When Michael was in high school, like many kids his age, his father wanted him to go out and get a job. But, instead of flipping burgers at McDonalds or selling shirts at the mall, Michael turned to his hobby.

Since he had already written several songs, Michael recorded them to tape and sold them around town. Soon, he found himself pulling in a profit.

This continued throughout his high school career and expanded when he graduated into his own company called JM Music Productions, which has now become Fireheart Music.

"Basically I play from the heart, that is why I called it 'Fireheart,'" he said.

Michael kept writing and recording music for his fledgling company while taking pre-med classes at Eastern Michigan University. During this time, Michael learned he enjoyed writing and playing music more than learning the intricacies of medical sci-

ence. So, Michael quit school and worked on his music and recording business full time.

The first thing he wanted to do was get his music out to more people thereby increasing his sales. He achieved this by simply visiting Mediaplay, a music and bookstore.

During this visit, Michael made a deal with Mediaplay. If they would sell his CDs on a consignment basis, he would give free concerts at the bookstore.

Under this deal, Michael found himself touring all of the Mediaplays throughout the midwest. He also used this as a way to create similar deals with Boarder's bookstores and Barnes and Nobles bookstores.

Now, Michael is watching as his CDs are being sold in all Mediaplay's, Barn's and Noble's, Sam Goody and Borders.

He also takes part in many area art fairs, where he can be seen selling his CDs and entertaining crowds with his music.

More recently, Michael can be seen April 29 to May 2 at the Women's Show at the Novi Expo

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Jeffrey Michael will perform at the 1999 Michigan International Women's Show.

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Community education brochures are now available

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Community Education's new spring and summer brochures are available at the Novi Library, Civic Center, Educational Services Building, or by calling 439-1206. The children's program brochure will be sent home through the elementary schools and mailed to students at the middle school level.

Walk-in and phone registrations started April 19. Registrations can be made at the Community Education Office or the Novi High School office. Madras registrations are in the brochure; a \$5 fee is charged for those who do not live in the city of Novi. Registration for the summer C.A.R.E. program is now in progress and will continue until May 14. A calendar of events will be available during the first week in June.

Safety Town is once again being offered, starting in June. Mail-in registrations for Safety Town are being accepted; the final date to register is May 7. For non-residents of Novi, registration will begin June 1. Location for registration is given in the adult community education folder.

Some classes in Arts and Crafts will begin April 26 for children, grades 1-4. Pottery begins April 27 for the same grade levels. Gymnastics for ages 2 1/2 will begin April 26, the Royal Kids is for age group 3 1/2-4 1/2. Gymnastics is for ages 4 1/2-6 years; and the Zebias group is for ages 6 and up. Ballet/Tap for ages 2-10 will start April 26.

NOVI CHORALAIRES

"WWW.NOVIChorales.com" is the title for the Novi Choralaires traditional spring concert on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Novi High School. For many Novi residents, this marks the beginning of the "Mother's Day" celebration for their families.

The Choralaires group is known as Novi's Community Chorus. This year they are presenting a musical celebration of many familiar and loved songs of the 20th century, with a prelude into the 21st known as the computer age.

The group feels that their presentation of the show will be narrating the generation gap between the "X"ers and the Baby Boomers. Starting the program will be "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll" featuring The Supremes, Elvis, and the Beach

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Boys; moving on to "Turn Me On - TV" starring the Addams Family, Happy Days, Bewitched, Beverly Hills, etc. Featured in the program will be songs from favorite movies: "The Way We Were," "Pretty Woman," "Saturday Night Fever," "Man in Black," etc. Then comes reminiscing time with both old and new Top 40 songs: "Turn the Beat Around," "Sweet Dreams Are Made of This," "My Heart Will Go On," and more.

Interesting information to the newcomers in Novi: the Choralaires are an auditioned choir celebrating their 23rd year in the Novi/Northville area. Members come from Novi, Northville, Livonia, Redford, Walled Lake, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Brighton, and Plymouth. The group is under the direction of Jan Wassiliak and accompanied by Trena DeGraw. This year's concert is dedicated in memory of Don Sill, their beloved bass fiddle player. Vicki Davis will be playing percussion.

Tickets are available at Parks and Recreation, 347-0400, or from choir members at an \$8 charge for adults; \$6 for seniors and children 12 and under. For further information call Kathy Crawford at 347-

0400 or Karl Miller at 348-3398.

MEADOWBROOK CHURCH

The Women's Service Club of the church will conduct their rummage sale on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The sale will continue on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to closing, 1 p.m. The church is located in Novi on Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile Road.

Included in the sale will be household items, clean clothing, small appliances, toys, linens, crafts, dishes, books, etc. however, there will be no furniture.

Operation Clean Sweep 1999 will take place the following weekend. The church has been assigned the area bounded by Joy Road and McNichols between Greenfield and Burt/Lahar. This decision was presented by the S.E. Michigan Association of Congregational Churches/Missions Committee. Operation Clean Sweep has been in existence for six years. Records indicate that 26,000 people from the city of Detroit and suburbs volunteered in the past and picked up 320,000 bags of trash - indicating a spirit of coop-

eration between the city and suburbs. Volunteers are needed. If interested in helping, call the church at 348-7757 for more information.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, a baby shower will be held for Indian Trails Mission, with the Board of Social Services sponsoring this activity.

Sunday, May 16, at 4:30 p.m. the church will sponsor a dinner and concert honoring the ministry of Professor Ray Ferguson. The dinner charge is \$10 per person; prepaid reservations are required. The concert will follow dinner at 7 p.m. with a free offering, proceeds of which will be used for special music at Meadowbrook.

NOVI LIONS CLUB

Friday, April 23, starts a ten-day campaign for this year's White Cane Week being sponsored by the Lions Club. This will continue through May 2. Not only will this event raise funds and help many charitable functions, but it also helps educate everyone about the meaning of White Cane Week. In charge of the drive this year are co-chairmen Otto Greiner and Paul Faulkner. Various stores have been contacted and Lion members are soliciting funds and passing out literature regarding the White Cane. Workers will be at

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limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show.

The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. Applications must be received by May 7. To obtain an application, or more information, contact the Department of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

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The Michigan Renaissance Festival has fund raising opportunities for charity and non-profit organizations. During the Festival's seven-week run, Aug. 14 to Sept. 26, local organizations can earn valuable donation dollars by providing volunteers in Renaissance costumes to operate beer, wine and food booths or to serve these items during many special events.

For more information or to receive an application, call 1-800-601-4848.

Musician will perform at upcoming event

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Center.

He is also looking to the future and is working on plans to go to the Berkeley College of Music and later write musical scores for movies.

"I love the thought of putting music to motion pictures," Michael said. Perhaps this is because he gets much of his inspiration from sites and movies he has seen.

Michigan International Women's Show

Fashion shows, entertainment, health, fitness, financial planning and career information, parenting resources, cosmetic makeover and hair styling, food sampling and cooking demonstrations, home decorating ideas and accessories, shops and boutiques, and child care are all available at the 1999 Michigan International Women's Show which will be held at the Novi

Choir to kick off spring with concert

The Novi Choralaires will present "WWW.NOVIChorales.com" a musical celebration of the best loved retro songs of the 20th Century with a prelude into the 21st, the computer age.

Jan Wassiliak will direct Novi's community chorus on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Pierist Auditorium at Novi High School.

The concert will kick off with some old time rock 'n' roll featuring the Supremes, Elvis and the Beach Boys. The "Turn Me On - TV" segment which follows includes "The Addams Family," "Happy Days," "Bewitched," and "Beverly Hills," to name a few. The line up continues with selections from favorite movies like "The Way We Were," "Pretty Woman," "Saturday Night Fever," "Men in Black," among others.

Library to host Chinese self improvement class

A workshop in Falun Dafa will be held at the Novi Public Library on Saturday, May 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The mind and body exercise workshop is an introduction to the ancient Chinese cultivation/self improvement system.

Participants will discover the five sets of smooth external exercise release tension and anxiety; strengthen their physical, mental and spiritual bodies;

reverse the aging process; and introduce them to the universe within themselves.

The workshop includes a slide and video presentation on "Falun Dafa Around the World," which includes an explanation of exercises, principles of Falun Dafa, etc., and instructions on the five sets of Falun Dafa Exercise.

The workshop is free of charge. The Novi Public Library is located at 45245 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.



Novi Choralaires include Dick Bayer as Gomez, Laura Desgraves as Morticia and Lynn Nichols, front, as Wednesday.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24525 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Masses: Sat. 5 p.m., Sun. 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Father Andrew Caporale, Pastor Father Andrew Caporale, Pastor Parish Office: 349-8847	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21200 Telegraph Road, Novi 48060 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Hwy) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Discipleship Service 6:00 pm (nursery provided) Dr. Carol M. Luth, Pastor
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Engagement



Andrea Ushman/Eddie Davis

Edward and Susan Davis of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Eddie, to Andrea Ushman, daughter of Gary and Judy Ushman of Clarkston.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Andrea graduated in 1998 from Central Michigan University and is currently employed with Target in

Holland, Mich.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School.

Eddie will graduate this year from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in broadcast and cinematic arts.

A summer wedding will take place in the year 2000.

Church Notes

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 10700 West Ten Mile in Novi, which worships on Sunday at 10:30 a.m., will install the Rev. Matthew M. McMahon as the new pastor on Sunday, April 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Contemporary worship services are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-0296.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will present a panel discussion and information forum on "The Y2K Challenge" on Thursday, April 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Concerns such as what individuals can do to prepare for Y2K and what problems to expect will be addressed by the panel. Among the panelists will be Y2K consultants and a representative from the Emergency Management Division of the State Police. Each panelist will make a 20-minute presentation as well as answer questions. The goal is to present a range of view points on what to expect concerning the Y2K situation. The public is invited. For more information, call (248) 374-5807.

A "Lasting Promise" seminar will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an independent lunch break. The workshop will teach couples how to problem solve relationship issues and still remain lovers. Included will be tips to avoid the pitfalls of marriage and tips to nurture love for a life-long relationship. Skills are based on methods proven to be effective in maintaining marriages. Workshop presenter will be Janice Vanderbok, a licensed marriage and family therapist.

There will be a materials fee of \$15 per couple.

The 15th annual Eagle Run Classic will be held at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, May 8. Events include 5K and 10K races, a one-mile fun run/walk, and live entertainment. The church will also provide a picnic lunch for an additional \$2. Eagle Run is not just for singles and runners, so bring the family and friends for a day of fun. Net proceeds will be donated to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Five weeks of Daycamp for children entering grades 1-6 will be held from June 28 to July 30. Children may be registered for one or more weeks at a rate of \$90 per week. Activities include two weekly field trips, Friday "fun lunches," recreation, stories and crafts. Field trips will include Greenfield Village, Trout Farm, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Putt-putt golfing, Four Bears Water Park, and trips to the library. Daycamp hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., extended care is available. Registration and information is available by calling the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5877.

For more information, call (248) 374-5878.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY, 770 Thayer in Northville, will continue its three-concert celebration of the great 50 days of Easter on Sunday, May 2, at 7 p.m., with a performance of Our Lady of Victory Ministry of Music with Frances N. Brockington. The final performance in the celebration will be on Sunday, May 16, with harpist Christa Grix at 7 p.m.

A wine and cheese reception will follow each

concert.

Tickets are \$5 for each concert. Family admission is \$10 each. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-2621.

Adult Christian Education at **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main Street in Northville, continues "Christianity and Contemporary Ethical Problems" in April with Dr. Jim Tubbs, professor of ethics and religion at University of Detroit Mercy. Tubbs concludes the three week series with "Assisted Suicide" on April 26.

All are held in the Forum Room at 7 p.m. Childcare will be available. Addition Place and the Alzheimer's Association will begin meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning April 22. All meetings are free.

For more information, call Sheri Landry at (248) 305-9600.

ANTIOCH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 33360 Thirteen Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will hold a rummage sale on April 30 and May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted between April 24 and 28 at the main office.

For more information, call the church at (248) 626-7906.

Arbor Hospice continues the five-session program at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, on the "Journey to the End of Life: Opportunities, Considerations and Decisions" on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 27, and May 11 and 25. All are invited to attend. Reservations are needed by 8 p.m. on the Sunday before.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-1144.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 44400 Ten Mile Road in Novi, is holding New Member Orientation classes on April 25 and May 2 after the 10:30 a.m. services. Everyone is welcome to attend, get acquainted, and learn about the Presbyterian Church in the United States and Faith Community Presbyterian Church, in particular. Light refreshments and babysitting will be available.

Dr. Thomas G. Long will preach "Kindness: Simple and Not So Simple" on April 25 at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services. Plan on staying after the second service to enjoy a conversation with long at noon. Refreshments and childcare will be available.

Recognized in "Newsweek" magazine as "one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world," Long is presently the director of Congressional Resources and director of Geneva Press for Presbyterian Publishing and the author of 13 books, including "The Senses of Preaching," "Whispering the Lyrics" and commentaries on Hebrew sand Matthew. From 1990-1997 he was the editor of "Theology Today." He is the senior homilies editor for the "New Interpreter's Bible."

Mom's Offer Mom's Support (MOMS) is a Christian fellowship and activity group for

women regardless of the age of their children. The group meets twice a month on Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

If you would like to attend an activity, reservations are necessary.

For more information, call (248) 349-5666.

The Women's Service Club of **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will hold the Semi-Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7757.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21260 Haggerty Road in Northville, and Artists Against Violence present the PeaceMaker Tour featuring Bleach and special guests Viva Voce, and Glisten on Sunday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Modern rock band Bleach is touring in support of their second release "Static." Originally from Kentucky, Bleach spent last year crisscrossing the country for over 200 shows. The song "Epidemic Girl," from their first album, received a Dove award for Modern Rock/Alternative Recorded Song of the Year. "Static" features the band's guitar-driven sound with elements of disco and glam rock.

Viva Voce features husband and wife duo Kevin and Anita Robinson. The group's first album "Hooray for Now" was released on Cadence Communications in 1998. They have played dates with Sunny Day Real Estate, The Call, Starliner 59 and Five Iron Frenzy.

Glisten is a new band on the KMG record label.

Artists Against Violence was formed in the summer of 1998 in partnership with New Life Clinics, Youth Development International and artists like Beach, Temple Yard, Identical Strangers, and Deniece Williams. They were created out of a sincere desire to address violence by and against youth, both in home and at school.

The concert will be held at the church. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST-UNITY which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, Sunday school and nursery are provided.

Youth education is available for all ages. Fellowship follows the service.

The Singles Group meets on Fridays at Meadowbrook School from 7 until 10 p.m. in the lounge. The 41 Prosperity Class meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. Artist Work meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Meditation classes are held every Thursday at a member's home.

Women in Unity will meet on April 24, May 1 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. at the Novi Library.

The church has an active and ongoing Drama Club. For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out the web site at www.cotwest.com.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by a brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On April 22, the topic will be "I'm Okay, You are Not Okay" with Harold Ellens, Ph.D. There will also be an Open Forum led by Dianne Griswold on "The Book of Questions" at 8 p.m.

The topic on April 29 will be "Growing Interactions" with Ken Kiurski or an open forum with facilitator Darlene Sweeney on "What is Your True Personality?"

The cost for each is \$4.

Upcoming activities include Dinner/Movie at Laurel Park and Contra Dance on April 24.

Upcoming workshops include "You & Me: Making the Connection" with speaker Amy Owens on April 24. The cost is \$2 in advance by April 22 or \$49 at the door. A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held from May 13 to June 24. The cost is \$30.

Professional Interior Designer and Feng Shui practitioner Joy Naylor will present "Intuitive Feng Shui (The Art of Placement)" on April 28, May 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 in advance or \$9 at the door.

On Sunday, Single Place meets for coffee and dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville, and for Tennis at Square Lake Racquet at 8 p.m.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

Call Single Place at (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 550 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help you in your single life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation including: Single Style for young adults, Single Support for widows and widowers, Grief Support for those experiencing loss from death or divorce, and People Active in Christian Study, a study group.

Single Parents meets on the first and third Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Parlor Room C317. There is also a Wednesday evening discussion group which meets at 7 p.m. in the SAM office which follows a 5:45 p.m. dinner at \$2 per person.

Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The 15th annual Eagle Run Classic will be held at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, May 8. Events include 5K and 10K races, a one-mile fun run/walk, and live entertainment. The church will also provide a pic-

On Campus

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that area residents were among the first of nearly 1,100 Merit Scholarship winners of 1998.

Residents and their scholarship include: Laura Breitenbeck of Northville and a student at Ladywood High School, Federal-Mogul Corporation Merit Scholarship; Precious Shah, a Northville resident and a student at Northville High School, Unisys Corporation Merit Scholarship; Kristen Vanuyl, a Novi resident and student at Northville High School, BASF Corporation Merit Scholarship.

Scholars were selected from students in the nationwide National Merit Program who advanced to the Finalist level of the competition and who met corporate sponsors' preferential criteria. Almost all corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards are offered specifically for Finalists who are children of the sponsor's employees or members, residents of communities the company serves, or Finalists who have career interests the sponsor wishes to encourage. Award recipients are the candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic achievements and skills, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Most corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and may range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Some, however, are non-renewable single payments of between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

nic lunch for an additional \$2. Eagle Run is not just for singles and runners, so bring the family and friends for a day of fun. Net proceeds will be donated to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at the church. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment.

Biking is held at 11 a.m. every Saturday at various locations.

The Walking Club meets on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the hospitality area in front of the library.

Single Point Coffee House will be held on the fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5.

For more information, call (734) 374-5920.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONAL, is a social group for singles ages 25 to 45 who can participate in over 350 activities each year.

Upcoming activities include: Euchre, Pinochle and Dinner at Tom's Oyster Bar every Monday at 6:30 p.m.; and Wallyball every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. On April 23 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Singles Coalition Benefit Dance at the Novi Hilton Hotel Main Ballroom to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan. The FSP hotline is (248) 851-9909.

SUBURBAN SINGLES, meets at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile in Redford, on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public ages 21 and up. No jeans allowed. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m.

Every Sunday the group meets at Bonnie Brook from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 7:30 p.m.

Call the hotline at (313) 842-0443 or (313) 842-7422.

Dancers plan performance, competition

Dance Ensemble West will present "Dance Collection 1999" on Saturday, April 24, at 3 p.m. at Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater.

Northville resident Sarah Carlson will be among those dancers performing in the annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works.

Dance Ensemble West has dancers from Northville, Novi, Plymouth Canton, Livonia, and Farmington Hills who dance in one of three divisions - apprentice, junior or senior company.

Sarah, who is a senior at Northville High School, is a member of the Senior Company.

Sarah has been dancing for 15 years and has been a member of Dance Ensemble West for nine years. She choreographed a dance for the upcoming concert to Fleetwood Mac's "Big Love." This will be Sarah's last year as a performing member of Dance Ensemble West.

However, she has been teaching classes at Dance Ensemble's sponsoring studio, Dance Unlimited, and may continue to keep her association with the company in a teaching or mentor role.

This fall, Sarah will be majoring in dance at the University of Michigan. She has also been affiliated with a professional dance company, Jazz Dance Theatre of Ann Arbor, for the past two years. She has developed her abilities as an accomplished dancer, emerging choreographer and well-liked teacher-mentor to her young students through years of hard work and dedication. It was not unusual for Sarah to have dance classes each day of the week, in addition to the company rehearsals and private classes she took to perfect her dance skills.

Members of Dance Ensemble West are chosen through auditions



Submitted photo

Members of Dance Ensemble West include, clockwise from top left, Cathy Ehehalt, Andrea Miller, Colleen Badgero, Kristine Roulo, Beth Berzac, Christen Ogden, Valerie Miller, Julie Godfrey, and Sarah Carlson. Not pictured is Anne Bresler and Kim Svenson.

each year in September and are not required to be dance students at Dance Unlimited.

The Senior Company of Dance Ensemble West has been invited to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival May 6-8 on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

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a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. The adjudication process involves over 60,000 students statewide. Of these, 1,000 of the most outstanding students are invited to attend the festival. They share their talents with their peers and the public through performances and exhibitions. In addition,

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Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 84515 N. Canton Center Road south of Joy Road, Admission is a donation of \$5.

For more information, call (734) 420-4430.

News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Neely betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date.

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HELLO LOVE
 Friendly, outgoing SWCMF, 45, 6'1", who enjoys working out, outdoor activities, the theater, music, long walks and boating, wants to meet a kind, caring SWCMF. Ad# 7079

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KEEP IT REAL
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the NOVI NEWS Sports

Netters top Bulldogs

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

In tennis, getting tough competition on the schedule is a must for seasoned, veteran teams. Having seen tough competition early helps schools against those same tough teams and others as the season progresses. Novi wasted no time in scheduling their tough foes.

The Wildcats opened the 1999 season with a 5-3 loss to Baseline rival Northville, but followed it up with a 6-2 win over archrival Brighton in the Kensington Valley Conference opener last Wednesday.

Both the singles and doubles corps were 3-1 against Brighton, a great improvement over its performance against Northville. The four doubles teams were 0-4 against the Mustangs.

David Casarrubio double bagged Brighton's Todd Heath 6-0, 6-0 in the days' shortest match. At second singles, Glenn Gabriel picked up a straight-set win over Dusty Hittman 6-3, 6-4.

Brandon Bear did the same at three, a 6-0, 6-3 winner over Ryan Stech. Junior Ryan Rose fell to the Bulldogs' Andy Schwegler 2-6, 7-5, 6-6 at four singles, as did the fourth doubles team of Yuta Ito and Albert Kim. They both lost to Graener and Mark Bachus 4-6, 2-6.

The first, second and third doubles teams experienced little trouble, picking up straight-set wins. Amir Nagar and Tim Torosian topped Mike Burris and Jerry Bostwick 6-1, 6-1 at first doubles. Tom Messink and Clayton Perry were winners at second doubles, defeating Jason Lisecki and Ryan Moore 6-1, 6-3. Sean Henderson and Geoff Wang finished the match with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Tim Ruffini and Mike Leahy.

"We did the things we needed to do to win," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We didn't give away any free points. You can't expect to win in tennis if you do."

"It's nice to get an early win in the conference, especially against one of our main rivals."

NORTHVILLE 5, NOVI 3
 As a whole, the singles corps did well through while the doubles struggled in Novi's first loss of the season April 13.

Northville swept the doubles competition, with all wins coming in straight sets. Novi did, however, win three of the four singles matches, including the top two spots.

Casarrubio beat Northville's Dean Conway 6-3, 6-3 at first singles, and Gabriel followed that up with a 6-4, 6-2 win at two.

Bear fell to Chris Gerlica 4-6, 0-6 at third singles, while Rose fought the Wildcats' Kyle Daigne 7-5, 6-3 at fourth singles.

TOP DOGS:
 Bulldogs top Novi in KVC baseball action-10B

1ST TIME IN 10 YEARS:
 Boys track team dominates Brighton 91-46-10B

THREE DOWN:
 Golfers drop three-straight matches-10B

STAYING HOME:
 Lady track team keeps Novi Relays title at home-12B

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Softball team tops Brighton, twice

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

Wine like the ones Novi picked up on Monday sure didn't come often, and they don't get much bigger either.

The softball team swept a road doubleheader against state-ranked Brighton Monday afternoon, averaging a 3-1 season-series loss to the Bulldogs last year. The Wildcats won 5-3 and 7-2 in the doubleheader, which turned more than a few heads in the Kensington Valley Conference.

"It's still early, but it's still exciting because this is what we've been working towards for three or four years now," an ecstatic Novi coach Carol Diglio said. "This really gives the kids a confident outlook."

Novi junior Joelle Franz came up huge on the mound, getting the win in both games while allowing a total of four hits in the two contests. In the first game she went the distance, allowing two walks and striking out seven Bulldogs. She also started Novi's rally from a 3-1 deficit in the top of the sixth inning.

Franz reached on a fielder's choice and moved up on a Sarah Bajorek single. Freshman Victoria Kaiser came through with a game-tying two-RBI double which scored Franz and Bajorek. Another freshman, Megan Colligan, then came up with a one-out triple that scored Kaiser. Colligan would then score on a hard line drive by Adrienne Farrell.

"It was a total team effort," Diglio said. "We're experienced now. We were able to beat them once last year, but now we have veteran experience back. Our veterans are playing well and the freshmen are pulling through."

Novi never trailed in the second game. Katie Cameron (4 for 4, 2 runs) scored off the first with a single and moved to second on an error. Franz knocked her in to give Novi a 1-0 lead. Bajorek walked and Farrell followed that up with a RBI single that scored Franz. Namm hit into a fielder's choice, but Bajorek scored on the play.

That's all the run support Franz would need. She again went the distance, allowing just three hits while striking out nine. Novi would add four more runs in the fifth on consecutive hits by Emily Major, Cameron, Kaiser, Franz and Bajorek. At the plate Franz was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Major was 2 for 4 with a run scored.

NOVI SWEEPS MILFORD
 Getting the KVC season off on the right foot, Novi knocked off Milford in a pair of games April 14. The Cats won the first game 9-1 before edging the Redskins 4-2 in the nightcap.

Franz started and completed the first game, striking out 16 of the 25 batters she faced. She allowed just one hit and walked two. She received quick help from her teammates, Novi scoring all nine runs in the first four innings.

Franz and Bajorek were both 3 for 4 with two RBIs each. Bajorek also scored two runs and had a triple. Victoria Kaiser was 2 for 4 as was Judy Namm. Colligan was 1 for 3 with a run and a RBI and Vanessa Byrwa was 1 for 2 with a run.

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The chosen ones
HomeTown's first, second teams clearly the cream of the crop

This year's all-area first team speaks to the fact that all of the biggest turnarounds in the state happened in our own backyard, at Brighton, this year Northville's Brett Allen and a Class A district championship — the Lions have been rewarded with two spots on this honorary squad.

That's not the only thing new. Though familiar in the KVC, having played at Brighton, this year Northville's Brett Allen made his move in the Western Lakes, and did it well.

With the exception of South Lyon, the rest of the KVC defined parity. Which shouldn't be confused with mediocrity, as the skills of the two final selections — Lakeland's Dan Bahr and Milford's Joe Kofahl — can attest.

Brett Allen
 Northville senior
 A senior transfer from Brighton High School, Allen led his team in several statistical categories this past season.

Three games into the season, Allen (6-foot-6) was moved from the post to the point, and responded with Grant Hill type numbers. He averaged 13.5 points, 6.1 rebounds and 7.8 assists per game was far and away tops in the area.

"He had never played the point before, so he was kind of hesitant at first," his coach Scott Baldwin said. "But he sees the court better than anyone. He was an emotional leader on the court."

Allen has received attention from local colleges, but he has kept in touch with two Division I schools in the south (UNC at Wilmington and Tennessee Chattanooga).

"He's a player, no question about that," Baldwin said. "He's comparable with any of the best kids we've ever had at Northville."

Dan Bahr
 Lakeland senior
 Upon further review, it turns out that Bahr was actually the leading scorer in the area, as he averaged averaged 19 points per game. His 379 points were 15 more than Howell's Eric Keppen.

A strong driver capable of getting his shots off inside, you could depend on Bahr for those 20 almost every night. His high game was 28 points and he only once topped out with double-figures. Better still was his knack for coming up with buckets in crunch time, during which a lot of kids aren't so eager to take responsibility.

Bahr's contributions weren't limited to offense, as he was also Lakeland's second-leading rebounder.

Joe Kofahl
 Milford junior
 It might've taken casual viewers all of a minute to recognize that Kofahl was the most talented and well-rounded player on the Milford squad. He was the Redskins' most consistent offensive threat during a season in which the point-making was sometimes erratic.

Kofahl was Milford's leading scorer with an average of 12.9 points per game. He was second on the team in rebounding at 5.8 per game. He shot 73 percent from the foul line (best on the team), including a memorable instance when Kofahl's free throw sent the

Lakeland game into overtime, with his team ultimately winning. He was just as good in his team's first match, sinking nine-of-11 in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Gary Neighbors
 South Lyon senior
 A repeat first-team selection, last season Neighbors drew accolades for his huge scoring performances. He can still score the ball, no doubt, but Neighbors' all-around game made real strides as a senior.

"He's a great pure scorer," South Lyon coach Daren Clayton said. "He has really grown in terms of defense and understanding team concepts."

Neighbors averaged 16 points, 4.6 rebounds, and 2.6 assists per game, while shooting 45.6 percent from the field and 76.5 percent from the stripe.

Matt Nelson
 South Lyon senior
 The best perimeter defender in the area (his 82 steals were the most in the KVC), Nelson was also tough with the ball in his hands thanks to his quickness getting to the rim. Nelson's efforts were recognized by the KVC's coaches as he was the unanimous first selection to the all-conference team.

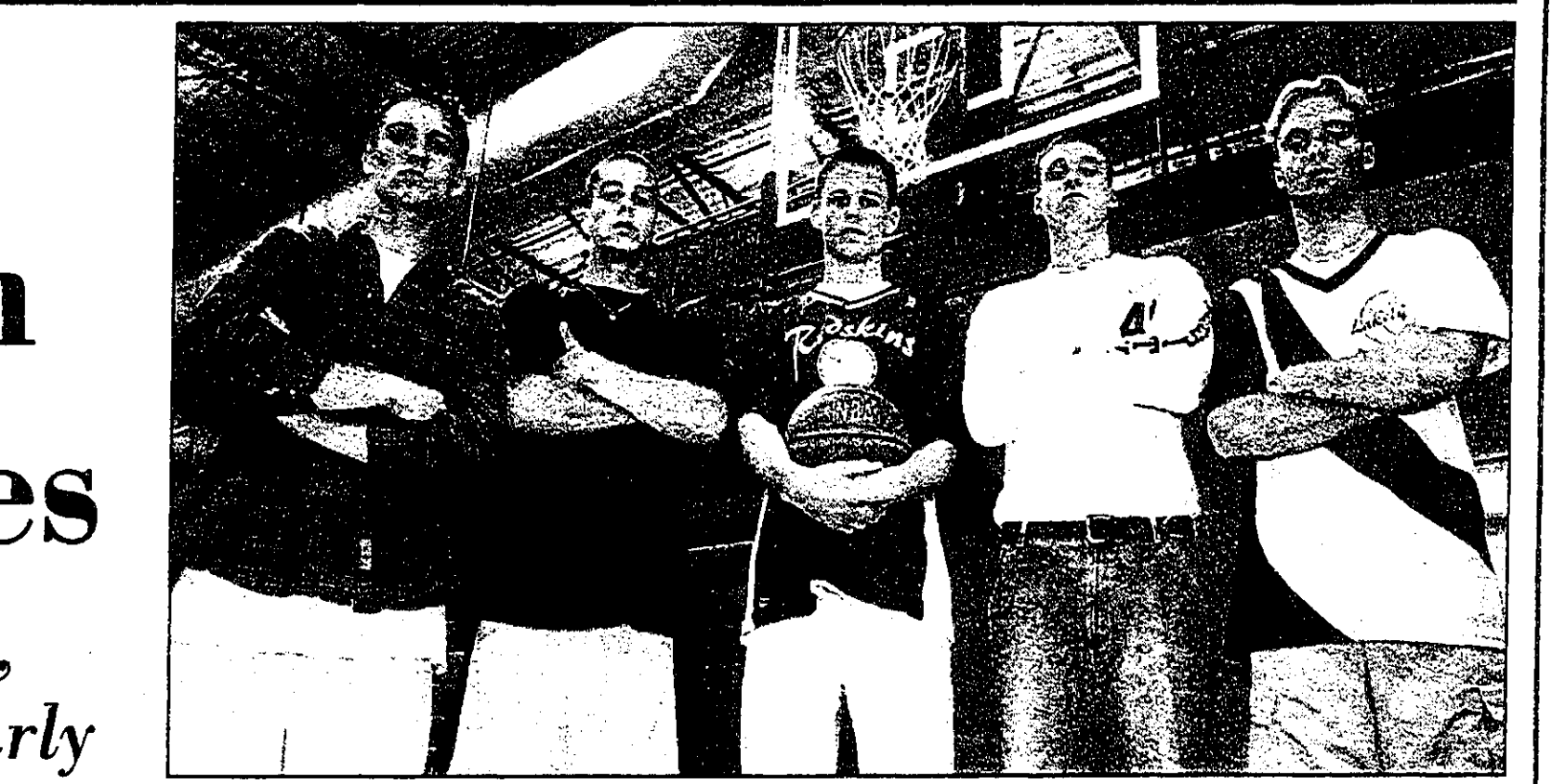
Nelson's stats speak to his versatility and value: 14.8 points per game, three assists and three rebounds a game, 59.8 percent from the floor, 79.6 percent from the line.

"Matt's leadership, his ability to motivate others, is phenomenal," Clayton said. "He's the hardest worker and best defender I've ever coached."



Glenn Gabriel, above, won both of his matches this past week.

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HomeTown's all-area team includes (l to r) Matt Nelson, Gary Neighbors, Joe Kofahl, Brett Allen and Dan Bahr.

Photo by SCOTT BENEDET

ALL AREA BASKETBALL

name	school	grade	position	height
Dan Bahr	Lakeland	Senior	Forward	6-3
Joe Kofahl	Milford	Junior	Forward	6-2
Brett Allen	Northville	Senior	Guard	6-6
Matt Nelson	South Lyon	Senior	Guard	5-10

Wildcats drop two

By DAN KITTLE
Special Writer

On a chilly autumn day, one that made it seem like the fans should have been sitting on the other side of the Brighton campus and watching the football team as it under the lights instead of watching baseball, the Bulldogs came from behind twice to defeat Novi, 7-4 and 7-4, in a Monday afternoon doubleheader.

The defending league champions made the visiting Wildcats feel as cold as the very rain that began to pelt the field immediately following the final contest.

In the first game, Novi looked impressive early before stellar pitching from starter A.J. Rowe. As Central Michigan scouts looked on, the junior southpaw was untouchable through three innings.

In the fourth, he surrendered one run on a double by two-time all-star Frank Garcia, and as he allowed two more to come across in the fifth, the score became knotted at three going into the sixth. In the top of the sixth, senior outfielder Dan Stachewski provided his team with the go-ahead run as he reached first on an error to bring home Nick Lehnert (running for Rowe).

However, in the bottom half of the inning, Rowe showed some signs of fatigue as he walked the bases loaded for the third time in two innings. Eric Biehl took advantage of his pitching counterpart's dire situation, crushing a grand slam to deep left field over the Brighton scoreboard and into a local resident's backyard pool.

The Wildcats could not come back with any offense of their own in the seventh as the Bulldogs took the first game, 7-4. Rowe finished with ten strikeouts and only allowed four hits, but he surrendered seven free passes to opposing hitters.

Senior Chris Deary led the offense with an RBI single in the second.

In the second half of the doubleheader, lefty Brendan Watson got the start for Novi. Struggling early, he managed to get himself out of a jam or two in the opening frames and cruised into the fifth with only two runs allowed.

In the fifth inning, however, he was not so fortunate. With a 4-3 lead, he allowed the tying run to score on an RBI double by Jeff Biehl. With runners on second and third and the score knotted at four, the Bulldogs put on a suicide squeeze. As the batter laid down the bunt, everyone in the ballpark thought it was going to roll foul.

However, as it reached the chalk, it came to an abrupt stop, and there was nothing the defense could do about the baserunners. Brighton scored the go-ahead run on that play, then managed to get a couple more off the junior starter to secure the win. The game was called at the conclusion of the ninth because of darkness.

Watson finished the contest with seven strikeouts, but he allowed eight hits and five walks in the loss. Offensively, Rowe had Novi's single biggest hit of the season as he chopped a single up the middle in the fifth that scored two runs and put the Wildcats ahead, 4-2.

"It's disappointing," junior designated hitter Jon Cervi said following the pair of defeats. "It seemed like we had them, especially before the first grand slam, but you can't win 'em all."

The loss dropped Novi to 1-2 overall and 1-2 in the KVC. With a lead in both games over the defending champions, it devastated the team.

"It's very frustrating to be ahead both games and not be able to finish them off," said coach Brian Howard in the second contest.

"It's not that we've played bad, it's little things here and there that we need to work on."

Junior all-state third baseman Brendan Bradley led the Wildcats offensively, going 4 for 6 in the doubleheader with an RBI.

"It's frustrating and they always seem to find a way to pull it out," Bradley commented. Novi took on Howell at home Wednesday after The Novi News' deadline. Their next contest will



Photo courtesy of The Brighton Argus

Senior lefty A.J. Rowe cruised through the first four innings Monday, but surrendered seven runs in a 7-4 loss to Brighton.

take place tomorrow night against South Lyon. It will be the Wildcats' first home doubleheader of the season. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:00.

In freshmen baseball action, the team dropped its season opener to Plymouth Salem 8-4. Pete Kobylarek pitched four scoreless innings for Novi, and the offense was paced by two hits by Dan Cash and also hits by Vince Sloan and Matt Kolich.

Golfers drop trio of matches

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Despite gradual improvement throughout its first three matches of the new season, the Novi golf team has dropped all three, and has found itself facing some very stiff competition in the process.

The Wildcats lost to Northville 190-215 last Thursday, following up a 192-228 loss to Livonia Churchill Wednesday and a 200-231 defeat at the hands of Walled Lake Central to begin the season.

Against the Mustangs, Tara Stevens did her best to keep her team in the match. The sophomore shot a 46, but it was not enough as Northville's Pam Meridian and Kate MacDonald shot 44 and 45 respectively.

Novi's Kellie Noble shot a 54, and Sarah Ehlers (56) and Carolyn Vermeulen (59) also scored for the team. Northville's total of 190 was a school record.

"They played well. They were strong," Novi coach Deb Harris said. "But we improved with each match. With anywhere from one to three freshmen playing in a match, we're a very young team."

Against the Chargers, Novi went up against a lineup that posted four sub-50 scores. The top Wildcat was Noble, who shot a 53. Vermeulen had a 54 and Stevens added a 56. Rebecca Chan rounded out the scoring,

with a 65.

In the loss to Central, Stevens again broke 50 with a solid round of 47. Jodi Waars and Vermeulen each had a 61 and Ehlers added a 62.

"Vermeulen shot a 59 then a 54. Ehlers came down into the 50s, and I know they're going to be coming down," Harris said of her youngsters' scores. "In the second half of the season, when the weather gets better I know they will come down."

Harris said it hasn't been any one portion of the game that has hurt the team, rather a variety of factors.

"We have different problems for different kids," she said. "Every-one aside from Tara needs to work on their putting. Monday at practice all of them went out and worked on different problems. Some were out there dropping a ball from 100 yards out. Some were putting, and some were driving. They were working on whatever aspect they thought was weak."

Novi played Brighton Tuesday (after The Novi News' deadline) and will compete at Tyrone Hills at the pre-Henington Valley Conference meet today. Brighton, Hartland and South Lyon will be the teams to beat this year, according to Harris.

Saturday the Wildcats will compete in the South Lyon Invitational.

Runners crush Brighton 91-46 Novi gets long awaited sweep

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Winning must have been in the air at Novi last week, regardless of the opponent, regardless of the location.

The boys' track team must have got a good whiff of it, because the Wildcats defeated Brighton for the first time in 10 years last Thursday before winning its own relay Saturday at Farmington.

Against the Bulldogs, Novi won 11 of 17 events, and had enough depth to add insult in a 91-46 win.

"We went into the meet thinking it could come down to the last event, but that never materialized," coach Bob Smith said. "We ran extremely well and it was nice to have a cushion like that."

The Wildcats felt they were superior to Brighton in the middle distance and distance events, but knew they would have to perform well in the field events and sprints to win the meet.

Chris Jettie and brother Scott Jettie finished 1-2 in the pole vault. Chris vaulted a career-best 13-feet-2, which was just short of Mike Alberty's school record (13-4 3/4). Scott went 11-6 for second.

"I think 13-2 is a sign of things to come for him," Smith said. "He doesn't like to run, so he practices really hard at this event, and he's really proud of what he's accomplished."

Both of these guys have a lot of spring. Scott Jettie won the long jump (16-8) and Tristan LaChance was third at 18-3 1/2. LaChance won the high jump event with a jump of 5-6.

These finishes, along with Harvey Steele's run-nerup in the discus (115-11) and third in the shot put (42-2 3/4) kept the meet 23-22 in Brighton's favor after the field events.

"That set the stage," Smith said. "All the breaks seemed to go our way, that's why it was so lopsided. But I've always said you make your breaks."

The Cats really began rolling after a sweep in the high hurdles. Justin Sterrett won the event in 16:31 and LaChance (16:64) and Scott Kortlandt (17:37) were second and third. Sterrett also took first in the 300 hurdles (42:69).

Yasuaki Goto and Brent Pawlak were 2-3 in the 200 meter dash, and both helped the 800 relay team to the win. Goto, Pawlak, Eric Schleuder and Sterrett ran a 1:35:62 to win the event.

Novi swept both the 1,600 and 3,200 races, with freshman Tim Moore winning both. Moore won the mile in 4:37 and broke 10 minutes in the two mile (9:50). Kevin Avenius was second in the 1,600 and Mark Avenius was runnerup in the 3,200. Eric Walle took third in both events.

Chris Toloff and Dan Christopherson battled it out in the 800, with Toloff edging out the senior by .6. Toloff ran a 2:03.13 and Christopherson finished in 2:03.79.

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Smith said he was pleased with the fact that many of his runners came to him asking to run in events. "It's a mark of our team," he said. "The kids are coming and asking to get into the races. Last year they would be there acting like they didn't want to run in an event. This year I have to tell them no."

NOVI FIRST AT RELAYS

For the second-straight year, and the seventh time overall, the Novi boys kept the Novi Relays trophy at home. The Cats won the meet, which was held at Farmington High School, with 82 points. Livonia Franklin was second with 62 points. Harrison (61), Walled Lake Western (60) and Farmington (59) rounded out the top five. Dexter (40), Northville (31) and Redford Union (11) also competed.

The running events were Novi's strong suit, with the team winning the 3,200 and 6,400 relays along with the distance medley and sprint medley relays.

Ryan Rettmann, Mark Avenius, Walle and Moore took first in the 6,400 relay, finishing in a time of 19:23. Toloff, Dan Stevens, Burns and Christopherson were first in the 3,200 relay (8:44).

The distance medley, which consists of legs of 800, 400, 1,200 and 1,600, was also Novi's for the taking. Smith, Southworth, Moore and Kevin Avenius won the event, in that order, in a time of 11:17.9.

The sprint medley (400, 200, 200 and 800) team of Foster, Brian Hearn, Goto and Kevin Avenius finished first in 3:44.3.

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Cameron started the second game and went two innings before Frantz came in to relieve her down 2-1. Frantz struck out 10 of 17 batters and allowed just one hit.

"It really showed the kids coming through when they were down," Diglio said. "They kept playing things together and didn't give up. They kept fighting back."

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Can new diet lower blood pressure?

A simple but revolutionary diet can lower potentially deadly high blood pressure without reducing the joys of eating.

Known as Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH), the eating plan has been shown to reduce hypertension with the same effect as medications used by people with high blood pressure.

One in four Americans has high blood pressure, which is an overexertion of blood flow on the body's arteries. Left untreated, high blood pressure damages the artery walls and can lead to kidney disease, stroke, heart disease and death. It is a silent killer, with no symptoms and no underlying cause.

The DASH diet is welcome news to both researchers and people battling high blood pressure. It offers a reduction of or alternative to medications, which may cause side effects, while not forcing people to cut out favorite foods from their diets.

"What appeals to people about the DASH diet is that they're not asked to lose weight. They are not asked to increase their exercise. They're not asked, yet again, to decrease the sodium in their diet, which is very, very hard - especially if you eat in a restaurant or cafeteria setting," says Lynn Glazewski, a registered dietitian with the University of Michigan Health System.

"So, this diet appeals to people because it

eliminates all the negatives and really focuses on the positives."

Researchers estimate that heart disease cases would drop 15 percent and strokes would plunge 27 percent if the U.S. population's blood pressure was reduced to the levels seen with the DASH diet.

The DASH diet is rich in vegetables, fruits and lowfat dairy foods. It is also low in saturated and total fats. It emphasizes treating meat as one component of a meal, rather than the centerpiece with other dishes added around it.

A diet low in saturated fat, complemented with an increase in fruits, vegetables and dairy products, provides the perfect combination for lowering blood pressure. It offers the benefits of a vegetarian diet, with enough meat to make it an attractive plan for most people.

"The unique feature of the DASH diet is it permits you to eat good foods, and eating good foods in certain combinations we know will lower your blood pressure," says Margaret Scisney-Matlock, an assistant professor of nursing at U-M.

The benefits of the DASH diet can be seen within one week and reach maximum effect after two weeks. Blood pressure remains stable as long as the patient remains on the diet.

"The nice thing about the DASH diet is that,

unlike diets prescribed to people in the past, this is not an elimination diet," says Glazewski. "It recommends eating more fruits, more vegetables, more other things; as people pay attention to increasing those foods in their diet, they leave some of the other foods by the wayside."

Not only does the DASH diet lower blood pressure, it also can reduce the related risks of heart disease, certain types of cancer, and diabetes.

"Untreated, uncontrolled blood pressure, even for as little as six months, can result in increased risk for heart disease, renal failure and stroke, as well as coexisting with diabetes," says Scisney-Matlock. "So the problem is not just one disease, one condition. It's actually systemic - it affects all of our organs."

The DASH diet was originally part of a nationwide research study by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Others ways to lower blood pressure include reducing salt intake, drinking less alcohol, losing weight and exercising.

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Health Notes

St. Mary Calendar for May

St. Mary Hospital Community Blood Pressure Screening Held Weekly:
May 3, from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Lobby;
May 10, from 8-10 a.m. at Wonderland Mall in Livonia;
May 17, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Target Department Store in Livonia; and
May 24, from noon to 2 p.m. at Northville Senior Center.

Tours of the Miracle of Life Maternity Center:

May 4 at 6 p.m.; May 12 at 1 p.m.; May 15 at noon; May 18 at 6 p.m.; May 24 at 6 p.m.; May 26 at 1 p.m.; and May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Tours are free but registration is requested. Call the St. Mary Hospital Marian Women's Center at 1-800-494-1615 or (734) 655-1100. Please use the South Entrance. Tours start at Pavilion Desk.

• May 4 through 27 - Diabetes Education Class

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics 18 years of age and older. "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." Held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, this series of eight classes provides information on self care and successful management of diabetes.

Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 4 through May 27. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940.

• May 5-June 9 and May 17-June 28 - Childbirth Education

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth preparation Class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience.

The six-week sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday, from May 5 through June 9 and every Monday, from May 17 through June 28 in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Preregistration is required for this class. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

• May 5 - Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium.

The ability to "Focus On Living" is a unique challenge for individuals confronting the illness of cancer. To enjoy life's experiences while attempting to maintain as normal a lifestyle as possible can be a difficult yet attainable goal for the cancer patient and those who share in his or her life.

Cosponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus On Living" is a self-help group that gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

• May 5 - Menopause Support Group

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet on Wednesday, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group

provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years.

There is no charge to attend the meeting but registration is required. The Marian Women's Center is located in St. Mary Hospital. For more information, call the Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

• May 6 and 13 - Infant Care Classes

Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care Class on Thursday, May 6 and 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants can attend one or both classes.

Taught by a registered nurse, the first class, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," focuses on the care of your well infant, including feeding, bathing, sleep and activity habits. This will be held in West Addition Conference Room A. The second class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," features infant safety, such as how to child-proof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. This class is not just for parents but anyone who cares for an infant and will be held in Pavilion Conference Room A.

Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-655-1615.

• May 8 - Sibling Class

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center next to the hospital will offer a Sibling Class from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 8.

Children are invited to attend this class and learn how much fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. You can see what your new baby brother or sister will look like and learn the safe way to hold the new baby. Parents are invited too.

Cost of the class is \$10 per family. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

• May 11 - Mother-Baby Postpartum Support Group

The Marian Women's Center will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group on Tuesday, May 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. The group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-494-1615.

• May 11 - Breast Cancer Support Group

Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer.

The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Marian Women's center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

• May 12 - CareLink Lecture, "High Blood Pressure in Advancing Age"

St. Mary Hospital will hold a CareLink lecture on high blood pressure in advancing age, Wednesday, May 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium.

Safwan Kazmouz M.D. will be discussing the common health risks associated with high blood pressure and the many proven benefits of treatment.

No fee but registration is requested. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1615.

Lady runners win Novi Relays

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For the Novi girls track team, it wasn't the most hospitable result the team could have had. But it sure does make the sting of a big loss to conference rival Brighton earlier last week feel a whole lot better.

The Wildcats hosted the Novi Relays at Farmington High School last Saturday, winning the meet with 97 points. Runnerup Walled Lake finished with 67 points. Northville (65), Farmington (47), Franklin (43), Redford Union (39), Harrison (25) and Dexter (22) were also at the meet.

"I was very pleased with the results," Novi coach Sue Tomanek said. "I really like this meet because I try to include as many kids as I can in each event. We have girls competing in only two events, so they are fresher for the meet. It also allows some opportunities for kids to score some points that don't otherwise."

Novi placed in the top three in 13 of the 14 events, with the last event landing the team a fourth-place finish. All events, including field events, were scored in a relay format.

The 4 x 1,600 relay team of Kristina Utley, Bethany Kittle, Jackie Teevens and Kristin Echols grabbed one of Novi's four wins on the day. The foursome finished in a time of 23 minutes, 32.1 seconds.

Kittle and Teevens were also a part of the 4 x 800 relay winners. That team, which also included Brittany Albright and Alaina Chipponeri won the event in 10:31.9. In keeping with the middle/long distance relays, Chipponeri (800 meters), Beth Rice (400), Albright (1,200) and Echols (1,600) won their distance medley relay in a time of 13:50.9.

Novi's last winner, the discus relay team, won its event with a total throw of 252 feet, 10 1/2 inches. That team was comprised of Michelle Blumer, Christina Terrell and Stephanie Pridmore.

Both the shuttle hurdle and sprint medley relay teams finished runnerup. Erin Reid, Mary McDougal, Erin Gohde and Kelley Phelps ran a 1:13.1 in the shuttle hurdles and Jessica Cash, Erin Quinn, Maria Rose and Utley finished runnerup in the sprint medley in 4:41.45.

The 4 x 400 relay team of Phelps, Reid, Erin McQuinn and Mickie Rzepka were runnerup in 4:29.2.

BRIGHTON 97.5, NOVI 32.7

Against a far deeper Bulldog squad, Novi clawed its way to five wins and four runnerup finishes in 17 events. Once again, it was the distance and sprint events that kept Novi on the board.

Echols and Utley finished 1-2 in the 3,200. Echols was first in 12:10.7 and Utley was runnerup in 12:34.8. Echols was second in the mile (5:37.2).

In the 800, Chipponeri blew away the competition, breaking 2:30 with a time of 2:28.2.

The 400 relay team of Kristin Ham, Laurel Weiss, Kristina Kennedy and Christina Parrish took first place in a time of 57.0.

Rzepka was first in the 100 (13.18) and second in the 400 (1:04.2). The sophomore also took first place in the pole vault (8-6). Rice tied for second at 7-0.

Phelps took runnerup in the 110 high hurdles in a time of 17.75.

Two of Novi's throwers placed. Shot putter Pridmore was third with a throw of 30-11 and Terrell was third in the discus at 91-10.

"Obviously when you go against Brighton, like a lot of schools, you come out the same way," Tomanek said. "A lot of the team is very young, and the Brighton meet might have been too much, too soon. As the season goes on, our team will get better. I know that."

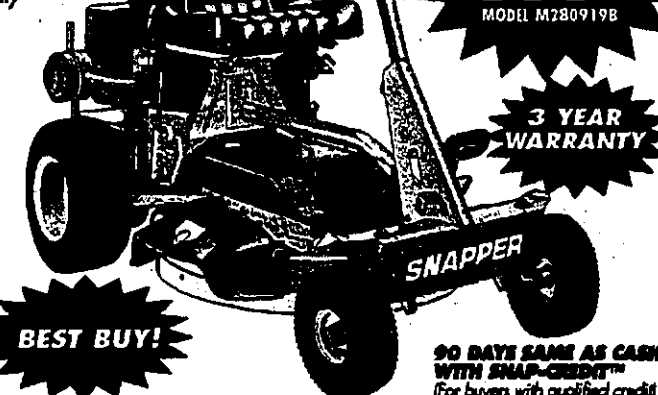
"These young kids are trying hard. It should be interesting to see what we do next year."

Helping Tomanek out this year are assistant coaches Carrie Sera, Wendy Tucker and Jenny Hampton.

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