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Novi High School students got a taste of what drinking and driving would be like when Daimler Chrysler brought the Neon Simulator to the school. The test car uses a computer to calculate the driver's weight and a hypothetical number of drinks. It then lets loose to show what drunk drivers see and how they react. — Page 3A

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The Bryant Center teaches disabled students to branch out and accomplish their goals including getting a job. — Page 1AA

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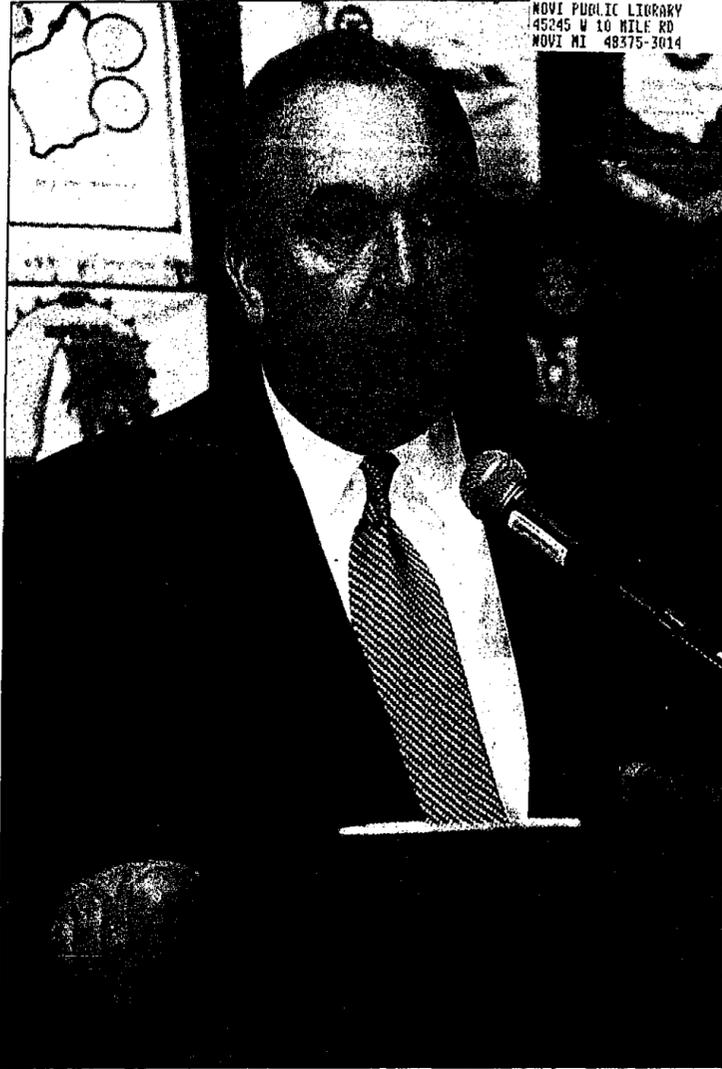
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Governor John Engler spoke to Rotary members at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi last week. Engler headlines Rotary conference

By RANDAL YAKEA Staff Writer

Inside the Doubletree Hotel, the atmosphere was much more like a post-election victory speech than a Rotarian luncheon.

But that kind of response is typical for a sitting governor whose state's economy is soaring.

The man of the hour, Governor John Engler, was presented with his second Paul Harris Fellowship from the District 6380 Rotary Club from Novi at the Rotary's annual luncheon, May 19.

Engler talked of the success the Rotarians have had, with kudos to many in the room, then launched into the accomplishments of his administration after

a rousing introduction by a local state representative.

"A mentor to those who would learn the art of public policy making. A friend whose generosity is treasured by colleagues," said Nancy Cassis R-Novi, and a longtime Engler supporter. "Please join with me for a warm welcome for a true humanitarian in the best sense of Rotary tradition and heritage. A man, valiant and determined, as understanding as responsible, my hero and friend, Governor John Engler."

The room erupted in applause and as Engler approached the podium, he grasped hands of supporters in the crowd of over two hundred that was

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iber gets director

RANDAL YAKEA Staff Writer

The Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announced that Stacey B. DeRoche has been hired as the new Executive Director, effective June 6.

DeRoche, a graduate of Oakland University, has been employed at SelectCare Inc. in Troy as an Advertising and Communications Editor and Administrator for the past four years.

"My plans are to get in there and network and build relationships with the board and businesses in the chamber," DeRoche said. "It's something a little different than what I am used to but I have a lot of ties with the community."

DeRoche, who is the wife of Novi City Councilman Craig DeRoche, said that there will be no conflict with her husband being on council.

"He doesn't sway me and I don't sway him," DeRoche said. "It won't effect me at all."

Novi Chamber of Commerce Chairman Blair Bowman said that he is pleased with the selection of DeRoche.

"I would say that we are very

excited with her background," Bowman said.

DeRoche replaces Lisa Willard who issued her resignation, March 31. Willard had said that she and Bowman had some "disagreement on management procedures" at the time of her resignation.

The appointment of DeRoche is the third Chamber of Commerce Director in three years. Willard took over for Connie Mallet, who was fired in February of 1997 after ten years as board president. At the time of the Mallet firing, the chamber issued a press release saying the board was looking into a "change in management."

Amy Miller, Chamber administrative assistant, who has been overseeing day-to-day operations while a new executive director was sought, will be promoted to office manager.

"It's going to be a great team," Bowman said. "I think they're all going to work well together."

DeRoche will be introduced at the "Economic Summit" to be held at the Novi Civic Center on June 6.

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Digital subsidiary to launch e-mail

HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of this newspaper, announced today formation of a new subsidiary corporation, hometowndigital.com.

The new company will carry out HomeTown's emerging Internet strategy, which includes creating a local electronic mail on the Internet. The e-mail, to be called "hometown-mall.com," will offer local merchants an easy and inexpensive way to get into the rapidly growing field of electronic commerce. For readers of this newspaper, the e-mail will offer a quick and convenient way to use the Web to shop their favorite local merchant from the comfort and convenience of home.

An "e-mail" works just like an ordinary shopping center, according to Phil Power, Chairman of HomeTown Communications Network. "But instead of being made of bricks and mortar like an ordinary mall, it exists in cyber space, like amazon.com," Power explained.

"Tenants in hometown-mall.com will be local businesses, each having their own Web site within the e-mail. These same merchants

already have stores right around the corner from our readers. So shoppers at hometown-mall.com can either do their shopping from home — 24 hours a day, seven days a week — or run down to the local store to check out an item they see on the Web.

"What's special about this approach is that it links familiar local businesses with readers of our hometown newspapers through the device of a local electronic mall. It's not something abstract and distant, the way most e-commerce feels today, or even prone to risk of abuse or fraud," Power said. "We'll start with local merchants whose stores are familiar to our readers. We'll provide them with Web page design and hosting services in our e-mail. And we'll connect them with our readers through regular promotions in our trusted hometown newspapers," Power added.

"A strong Internet presence is vital for any company these days. But there are lots of local businesses that want to get on the Web but don't quite know how to do it or fig-

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Fabulous Fun Fair Novi Woods hosts family fun night

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Novi Woods Elementary's Fun Fair was an event that truly lived up to its name.

On Friday, May 19, students, parents, and friends from all over Novi celebrated a night full of excitement and entertainment with games, food, prizes, and culture.

"I think it's a really nice way to spend a night with your family and friends," said fourth grader Stephanie Setser. "There's so much to do."

The fair featured tons of games like the Bean Bag Toss, Skee Ball, Basketball, and Bowling as well as a Moonwalk and Velcro Wall.

"The velcro wall and the moonwalk are awesome," said third grader Brent Womack. "They're my favorite."

There was also lots of goodies to enjoy such as cotton candy, pizza, and a sweet shop filled with pies, cookies, and cakes.

"The cotton candy is the best!" said fourth grader Miyako Furuse. "It's so yummy!"

One of the biggest features of the fair was the ethnic rooms of Japan, Italy, Korea, Indian,

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Stephanie Setser Novi Woods fourth grader

Africa, and Taiwan.

Each culture room included clothing, food, games and other activities evolving from that country.

Students Taiki Fujimori, 7, and Nathan VanNortwick, 9, said they enjoyed making Pokemon cards in the Japan room best.

"It's really fun because you can design your own card and get to take it home," said Fujimori.

The fair also included a silent raffle of items such as AMC movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, clothing, and gift baskets.

"This is something we look forward to all year," said 10-year-old Danielle Kern.

"Yeah," said her friend Sarah

Werthelmer. "It's all anyone's been talking about."

Third graders, Evan Muller and Matthew Mandeville, who both won goldfishes at the fair, said their favorite activity was the moonwalk and the hockey shot game.

"There's a ton of things to win here," Muller said.

"Not only did I win the goldfish, but also a set of fake teeth, a parachute toy, and Chinese handcuffs."

The boys said it was a tough decision but they'd have to choose Korea as their favorite ethnic room because it had bowling.

Not only was there fun and food, but music too, as the school broke out the Karaoke machine.

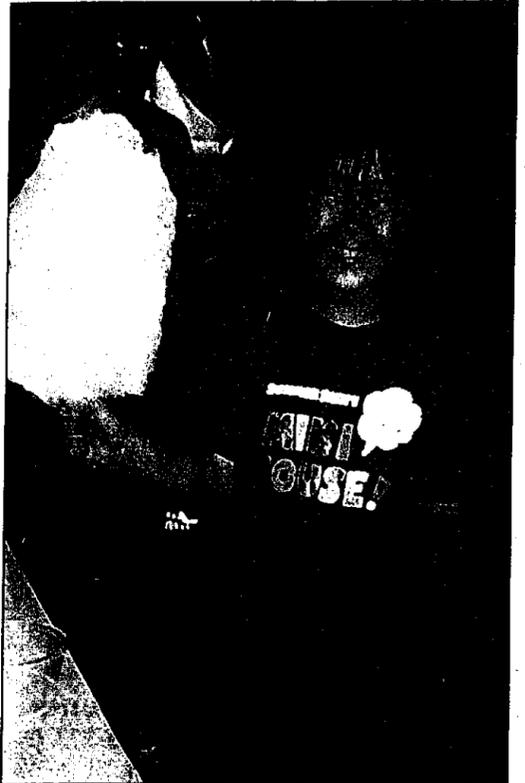
"I sang 'Sometimes' by Brittany Spears," said fourth grader Melissa Moss. "I was really glad to see they had Karaoke. It's so much fun!"

All in all, the fair was enjoyed by all and the kids said they can hardly wait until next year.

"I love the fun fair," said fourth grader Stephanie Toth.

"It's by far the school's biggest and best night of the year."

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Novi Woods fourth grader Miyako Furuse smiles as she gets some homemade cotton candy at the fun fair last Friday.

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Former OCC educator aims for board of trustees

By Pat Murphy
Staff Writer

On June 12, Oakland voters will elect two people from a field of six to the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College, which has about 24,000 students at five campuses. This is the first in a series of brief profiles on the candidates and their respective positions.

Four years ago, Bingham Farms resident John A. Wangler came within 130 votes of winning a spot on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

In a hotly contested race for two seats on the board, Wangler was initially declared a winner. After a counting error was detected, he was informed he had lost.

The experience didn't leave Wangler bitter. It left him determined. "This time I'm better organized," he said last week, as he talked about being one of six candidates vying for two seats on the board of trustees.

Wangler, 72, said his experience as an educator, coupled with extensive community involvement, gives him a unique perspective to bring to the board.

He taught psychology and philosophy at OCC for 24 years before retiring in 1992. Prior to that, he was an associate dean at the University of Detroit and a teacher and director of adult education in the Berkley School District.

He's on the board of directors at



John Wangler is determined to get on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

the Fox Manor Nursing Center and he's active at Shirine High School in Royal Oak where he's on the board of education and a member of the Dad's Club.

While at OCC, Wangler was also

active in OCCFA (Oakland Community College Faculty Association) and helped draft the first Faculty Master Agreement in 1968.

Wangler still teaches psychology on a part-time basis. His wife

Theresa, a nurse, teaches medical classes as well as psychology. Wangler said his direct and indirect involvement at OCC helps him understand day-to-day operations at the college. It has also convinced

him change is needed on the board.

"The current board lacks cohesion," Wangler insisted, "and there is a morale problem within the ranks of some managers and administrators."

Morale is important, he said, because people perform better when they feel like they are part of the team.

Asked to elaborate, Wangler declined. "I'm running a positive campaign," he said, "but there's definitely a need for change."

For one thing, Wangler said he'd like assurances that taxpayers are getting the most for tax dollars and that students are getting the most for their tuition.

"I'm prepared to campaign on behalf of the millage renewal," he said, referring to the election in June, 2001, when voters will be asked to renew the millage that provides 18 percent of the OCC operating budget, \$116 million.

"But before I ask voters to approve it," Wangler continued, "I want to make sure we're getting the most out of what we have."

The Wanglers have three grown children: John, Marian and Dan, and eight (soon to be 10) grandchildren.

Other candidates are incumbents, Carol L. Crew and Pamela Davis, and challengers Richard J. Akehurst, Athena Dunas-Laurence, and Marjorie Navian Mugerian.

taught or augmented with television, the Internet, or other technological advances.

"Distance learning provides great opportunities," Wangler said. "But it's not for everybody. It's no panacea."

Wangler is not particularly disturbed by the drop in enrollment at OCC.

Since the fall of 1991, when nearly 30,000 students attended one or more of the five campuses, enrollment has fallen to about 24,000.

"We've experienced prosperous times," he said, "and history shows that fewer people enroll in classes when times are good."

Wangler said his major concern is delivering the best possible education. Enrollment will take care of itself, he said.

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Students taste drunk driving in Neon simulator

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

About three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

On Friday, May 19, Novi High School students had the opportunity to experience first hand the dangers of "driving drunk" without ever taking a sip of alcohol.

Students got a "sobering" look at what can happen while under the influence. In the Neon Drunk Driving Simulator.

"I think it totally shows like what can happen if you drink and drive," said 18-year-old student Stephanie Fridmore.

"It was hard, the car steered to the left and the wheels locked up. It was really interesting and educational."

Sponsored by the Dodge/Plymouth dealership in Plymouth, supported by DaimlerChrysler and presented by Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the specially equipped Dodge/Plymouth Neon works by programming a student driver's weight and hypothetical number of drinks into a computer.

"They take two laps around," said Program Instructor with DaimlerChrysler Jerry Barnhart. "The first lap they take is just a regular sober drive, to get a feel for the car and the course, and the second time around is when we activate a computer. We set it at about .11 blood alcohol content level (BAC), so they're legally drunk."

As a result, steering and braking responses are delayed, producing an effect similar to the slowed mental and physical responses of a driver under the influence of alcohol.

With these impairments, the student attempts to drive an obstacle course without hitting orange cones or pedestrian figures that "pop up" along the way.

With a trained instructor in the passenger seat equipped with an on-board computer, the instructor enters the driver's weight (between 90 and 260 pounds) followed by the .11 BAC into the computer.

The computer then processes the information and automatically sets the timing delay on the car's breaks and steering.

The driver then drives the figure eight course, which covers a 150 X 200 foot area.

"As hard as I tried, I couldn't control the car," said President of Novi High School Mike Garback. "It's really a great program. We can tell students year after year 'don't drink and drive,' but this really shows them what can happen. It's much more realistic."

Hardland said the SADD club would have never been able to afford the program, but a fellow student's father who works at the DaimlerChrysler Plymouth office, John Garback, stepped in and made the Neon Simulator possible at no cost to the club or school.

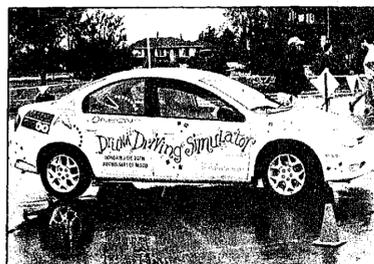
"We're really poor as a club, so this was really generous," she said. Garback said the Plymouth office not only donated the Neon Simulator to Novi High School, but earlier in the week to Northville High School and Plymouth Salem High School as well.

"This is just something the office and employees felt would really benefit the kids," he said. "We were happy to do it."

Novi senior Mike Garback said he was glad his father could make the program possible and hopes his fellow students enjoyed it.

"It's a good program," he said. "I think it's a good wake up call for a lot of people."

Seventeen-year-old Lindsey Vermillion, Vice President of SADD,



Novi High students tested a drunk driving simulator last week.

said she thought the Neon Simulator was an awesome idea.

"I think it's had a huge impact today," she said. "It's the first time we've ever done anything like this and the response has been really positive. Hopefully, we can be lucky enough to offer it again next year."

Hardland said she too was happy with the student response and was pleasantly surprised to see so many of them get involved.

"It's strictly a voluntary program and we've had a lot of students coming out to participate," she said. "It's been a great turnout."

This year, DaimlerChrysler has dedicated their 2000 tour in honor of the 20th anniversary of MADD.

The 2000 tour features a MADD exhibit mounted to the tour trailer and highlights of MADD's accomplishments over the last 20 years to stop drinking and driving, support victims, and prevent underage drinking.

"Since it was founded 20 years ago by a handful of mothers, MADD has forever changed the way society treats drunk drivers, saving thousands of lives," said DaimlerChrysler Senior Vice President for Regulatory Affairs and Passenger Car Operations, Susan Cischke.

"DaimlerChrysler is proud to celebrate these accomplishments and our 12-year partnership with MADD," she said.

MADD's National President Millie I. Webb said the Neon Simulator is a great program in teaching the consequences of drunk driving.

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"The Neon Drunk Driving Simulator plays a key role in our efforts to educate young people about the dangers of underage drinking and impaired driving."

Since its inception in 1988, The Simulator has visited nearly 1,000 high schools with more than 950,000 participants.

In 1999, DaimlerChrysler received the Corporate Leadership Award from the National Commission Against Drunk Driving for the Neon Simulator Program.

It has also appeared on ABC's Good Morning America, CBS's 48 Hours, CNBC's Nightly News, The Family Channel's Home & Family, MTV's Like We Care, CNN's Science and Technology and Paramount's Teen Files.

"It's a good learning experience," said senior Jason Moore. "I mean how many programs are out there like this that are this real."

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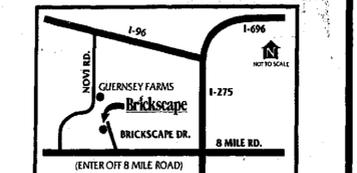
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Murder suspect extradited

Novi Police expect a murder suspect to be arraigned this week in Novi 52nd-1st District Court in Novi after extradition from California is complete.

William Anthony Olsen, 38, is expected to be charged with murder after allegedly kicking his stepfather so severely that the man suffered a heart attack and died.

Olsen was arrested on May 8 by Santa Barbara police after Novi police got a tip that the man had been seen in the Los Angeles area. Novi police will finish extradition proceedings this week.

Olsen's stepfather, Thomas J. Tuttle, 70, was found dead on Dec. 21.

According to Novi police, Olsen has changed the story of what happened the night of the incident several times. Police said it was an extortion threat that resulted in the stepson's attack.

A warrant was issued for Olsen's arrest earlier this month.

Police News

Police followed the vehicle along Novi Road, through the Sandstone subdivision and back out to Novi Road. When the vehicle approached 13 Mile near the Hickory Wood Elementary school, two units from Novi and the Walled Lake Police surrounded the vehicle.

A crack-cocaine pipe was found in the purse of the female passenger and she was charged with possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

All four in the vehicle were taken into custody by Novi police. The owner, a 60-year-old from Bingham Farms said he wanted to press charges against the driver of the vehicle, a 19 year old from Detroit.

Novi Briefs

WHEN YOU GOT TO GO
Novi police came across a Websterville, Ohio man urinating next to his automobile along Meadowbrook Road near Grand River last weekend.

The 64-year-old man was, reportedly, very intoxicated but cooperative, according to police reports.

The man's car was not towed and the man was ticketed and transported to the hotel where he was staying.

Police contacted the suspect by telephone who said that "nothing physical happened."

According to a witness at the scene, there was a dispute between two parties over rental space. The landlord said that the dispute has been settled. Police continue to investigate the incident.

Crawford kicks off commission campaign

Novi City Councilman Hugh Crawford will be kicking off his Oakland County Commissioner campaign at the Novi Expo Center on Thursday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Crawford is challenging Kay Schmid for the Novi Commissioner seat in the August Republican Primary. Crawford has pledged to show up to at least one city council meeting every two months, if elected.

Donation to the campaign would be appreciated but not absolutely necessary, said Crawford.

Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botolphord Hospital professional. The fee is \$30.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Room.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

Sessions take place in Botolphord's 2 East Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.

Call Botolphord General Hospital at (248) 477-6870 for more information.

Intermediate Water Aerobics

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For registration and information, call the Botolphord Center at (248) 473-5600.

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PEEPING TOM
A 23-year-old Novi resident was exercising on her treadmill when she heard a loud pounding outside of her home on May 15.

The woman said she heard a male voice say, "Can I see your breasts?"

According to police reports, the woman immediately called the Novi police. Police note that the man most likely was peeping through an opening in the blinds hanging over an open window.

A similar incident occurred last month when patrons at a local hotel were asked to pay for a bill that a man had claimed he paid, then skipped out on.

DADDY'S GIRL
Three Detroit residents and a Bingham Farms female were arrested by Novi police after they were followed through town in a stolen car.

The three Detroit men, ranging in ages from 19 to 38-years, were driving with a 31-year old female who had taken the car from the father's house without his knowledge.

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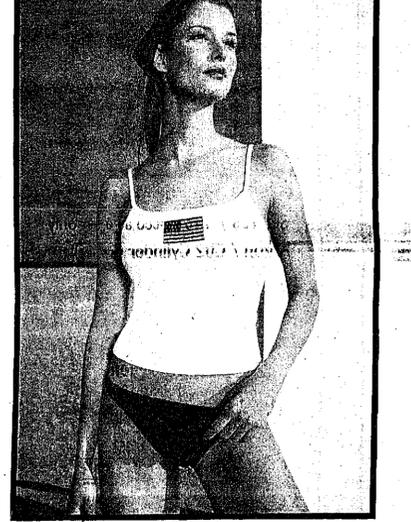
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Novi High looks at adding police officer liaison

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Could a Police Liaison Officer be a new addition to Novi High School's faculty next year? Last week, the Novi City Council included funds for a School Resource Officer and incorporated it as part of the school district's budget.

In the May 18 School Board meeting, Novi High School Principal Dr. Jennifer Chal expressed her feelings on bringing in the liaison.

"As the population of the high school continues to grow, and next year will have an enrollment of 1,700, we have the opportunity to bring in more staff on board," she said.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," she said. "I think an officer would be a great educational resource in regards to curriculum, such as in our civics and health classes, giving input to parents, staff, and students, and serving as a communicator within the community. A lot of the peer conflicts begin in another person to do more of

the same job, why not utilize this opportunity and bring someone on board who can bring additional expertise to the high school in ways the current staff doesn't have."

The school board agreed to further discuss the matter at the next meeting, June 1, and may also at that time make a ruling.

The board has until June 15 to make a decision.

If approved, the officer would be employed sometime in June and would begin working in the fall.

The officer would not be an employee of the school district, but rather of the police department.

The officer would wear a uniform, but not at all times.

One of the issues currently being discussed is how long the officer's contract would be.

Right now, the contract stands at two years, but the board is encouraged to extend that time in order to allow the officer to get acquainted with the school.

"We don't want to frighten par-

ents. Our school is very safe, but adding an officer would be excellent educational piece for us," she said.

Currently, Novi High School is the only high school in the KVC (Kensington Valley Conference) that does not have a school resource officer.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@it.homecomm.net



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The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending May 21. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MAY 15
 Service, 25627 Lincoln, 5:36 a.m., Squad 1.
 Gas leak, 45500 Ten Mile Road, 1:08 p.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 43300 Crescent, 8:31 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MAY 16
 Medical, 44837 North Hills, 6:30 a.m., Squad 3.
 Fuel spill, Grand River and Haggerty, 9:04 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 39750 Grand River, 9:18 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Ten Mile and Beck, 12:31 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 23611 Long Point, 12:37 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 1:26 p.m., Squad 1.
 Gas leak, 25200 Seeley, 2:33 p.m., Engine 1.
 Fire alarm, 27790 Novi Road, 6:39 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Medical, 24697 Fairway Hills, 9:55 p.m., Squad 4.
 Grass fire, I-96 and Twelve Mile Road, 10:12 p.m., Engine 4.
 Investigation, 21010 Woodland Glen, 10:13 p.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, 22493 Heatherbrae Way, 10:54 p.m., Squad 3.

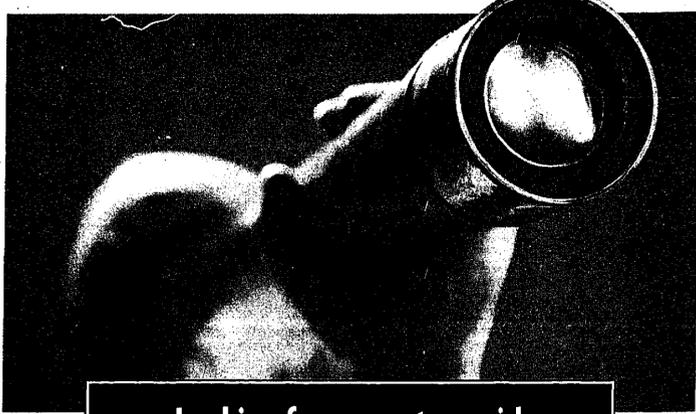
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
 Medical, 41710 Manor Park, 11:12 a.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Wixom Road, 11:33 a.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
 Medical, 43215 Grand River, 12:53 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 3 p.m., Squad 1.
 Fuel spill, Beck Road and Ten Mile, 4:42 p.m., Engine 4.
 Service, 45182 West Park, 5:27 p.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 21071 Haggerty, 6:50 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Haggerty, 7:05 p.m., Squad 1.
 Gas line fire, 22564 Sheridan, 7:55 p.m., Engine 3.
 Investigation, 23526 E. LeBost, 10:04 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, MAY 19
 Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 12:20 a.m., Squad 1.
 Service, 45182 West Park, 6:02 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 31124 Arlington, 7:03 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45182 West Park, 9:35 a.m., Squad 2.
 Stove fire, 23474 Winthrop, 11:54 a.m., Engine 3.
 Service, 24478 Nantucket, 12:11 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 42154 Roscommon, 2 p.m., Squad 3.
 Chemical release, 25500 Meadowbrook, 2:43 p.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 31190 Walden, 5:23 p.m., Squad 2.
 Detail, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 5:54 p.m., Engine 4.
 Injury accident, Beck Road and Twelve Mile, 6:26 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 40575 Grand River, 7:22 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 26219 Ohio, 8:09 p.m., Squad 4.
 Fire alarm, 31242 Shorecrest, 9:11 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 10:05 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, MAY 20
 Fire alarm, 21091 Haggerty, 2:48 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Medical, 25710 Glamorgan, 6:51 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 10:22 a.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 28300 Dixon, 10:25 a.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 41280 Bridge St., 10:54 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:10 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:46 p.m., Squad 1.
 Fuel spill, M-5 and I-96, 3:14 p.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 42400 Arena Drive, 3:45 p.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 5:37 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, MAY 21
 Fire alarm, 45724 Lakeview, 5:11 p.m., Squad 2.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 5:21 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 44610 Dunbar, 7:25 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 42830 Brookstone, 10:27 p.m., Squad 2.



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TEEN VOLUNTEERS
 The library's youth services department is looking for teen volunteers to help with our summer reading program. Volunteers should be in the sixth grade or above and be able to work two hours a week, from June 26 to Aug. 4. Applications are now available in the library and must be returned by Friday, June 2. For more information, please contact one of our youth services librarians.

ANCESTORS ONLINE
 Interested in searching the Internet for information on your ancestors? Join us Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. for a program that explores key genealogy Websites and effective search techniques for locating genealogy information. Please register in advance in person or by calling the library.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for one Sport Utility Vehicle according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, June 7, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
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If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax. Please submit your application by Thursday, June 8, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

(5-18-25 & 6-18-15-00 NR/NN 973686) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2000.

(5-25-00 NR/NN 975408) NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED VACATION OF ERMA STREET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 5, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, on the proposed vacation of Erma Street from Novi Road West to Terminus, located within the Shawwood Valed Lake Heights Subdivision.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. All interested persons will be heard at this hearing.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the City Clerk at 248-347-0456.

(5-25-00 NR/NN 975414) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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Charlotte's Web spins wonderful tale in Novi

By STEPHANIE FORDJCE Staff Writer

This time, the web has spelled B-R-A-V-O!

Last weekend, The Novi Theatres Children's Annex presented "Charlotte's Web" at the Novi Civic Center.

Between the beautifully designed costumes, the real-life sets, and professionalism of its fine actors, the play was a huge success.

With Charlotte played by Emily Harpe and Wilbur played by John McCambridge, the two really made a touching friendship on stage.

The story is really about the relationship between a pig named Wilbur and a spider named Charlotte," said Catlin Marshall, 11, who plays Cow. "And how the spider helps save the pig from being turned into bacon and ham."

This year, the production featured 61 cast members and 66 characters.

"The kids have worked so hard and it really shows," said House Manager and President of Friends "Not only is it really fun, but it's a great way to meet people, she

"They should be really proud of themselves. They've done such a wonderful job."

While Novi Middle School student Katie Mulvaney, who plays Mrs. Weller, said the goings were probably her favorite characters because they are goofy and cute, Molly Flaherty, also a Novi Middle School student, said she thought Templeton the rat was the funniest.

"Ben (Landry) is hysterical in real life so the part is perfect for him," Flaherty said. "You can tell he's having a lot of fun when he's on stage."

Twelve-year-olds Grace Dzwonkowski and Katelyn MacDonald said this is their first year being involved with Children's Annex and that they were really happy with their experience.

"It's so much fun. I'm doing it again next year for sure," Dzwonkowski said.

Megan Lilly, 13, from Novi Middle School agreed and added that Children's Annex also allows the opportunity to make friends.

"Not only is it really fun, but it's a great way to meet people, she

"Plus it's something to do instead of sitting around your house being bored."

The actors said that director Mary Kay Davis really makes being involved with the group enjoyable as well.

"Mrs. Davis is very silly but very organized," said Catlin O'Rourke, who plays Horse. "She's real funny and works really well with us. We had such a good time with her. She has the most distinctive laugh I've ever heard. It's hilarious."

Kristen Bradford, 12, of Novi Meadows Elementary and Millie Debenedet, 14, of Cooke Middle School said they really enjoy acting and would even like to pursue a career in the field.

"We definitely want to make a future out of it," Debenedet said.

The actors said with all the time and energy that goes into the play and all long hours practicing, it's worth it.

"I wish we could do more shows," said Novi Middle School student Emily Healy, who plays



(From left) Rooster, Joannie Shiah; Goose, Millie Debenedet; Gander, Emily Healy; Charlotte, Emily Harpe; Wilbur, John McCambridge; Templeton, Ben Landry; and Fern, Megan Ignash.

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Wills of The Hilberry Theatre, set designer by Mary Kay Davis with Roger Wilfong as Tech Director, and scenic painter Bill Whitkehart.

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Obituaries

PATRICIA A. HASKINS
Patricia Ann Haskins of Novi died May 16 at the age of 58. She was born Jan. 2, 1912, in Detroit.

Mrs. Haskins was employed for five years as a mechanical dealer (CAD) computer-aided drafter for Link Engineering, Plymouth. She moved from Livonia to Plymouth in 1980, and was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth and the Plymouth File and Draft Corps. Mrs. Haskins loved her grandchildren, family gatherings, music and gardening. She is survived by her sons, Robert and Timothy, both of Canton; three daughters, Marjorie (Michael O'Callaghan) of Canton, Danielle (Fred) Schneider Sr. of Novi, and Karie (Christopher) Mielke of Westland; mother, Joan V. Kraus; and three grandsons, Kevin and Timothy O'Callaghan and Todd Schroeder II.

Mrs. Haskins was preceded in death by her husband, Robert T. and father, Charles Hertram.

Services were held on Friday, May 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Karen Lewis officiating. Arrangements were made by Schaefer-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

ANN ROY-KOSICKI

Ann Roy-Kosicki, 83, of Northville died May 19 in Livonia.

She was born Jan. 27, 1917, in Butler, Pa., to Paul and Rose Stojan. Mrs. Kosicki moved from Detroit to Northville in 1947. She worked in real estate for 40 years and was the retired owner of Thrive Real Estate from 1970-1987. Mrs. Kosicki was a member of the Oakland Baptist Church of Novi. She was past president of B.P.W., past president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Detroit Women's Council, past president of W.W.O.C.'s Women's Council, held positions on numerous boards of directors, and was the founder of Northville Civic Center.

Mrs. Kosicki is survived by her husband, Cass, whom she married in 1985; daughters, Sherry (Thomas) Edze of Livonia and Holly (Randall) Martin of Georgia; sons, Tony and Mark Kosicki; and ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bruce Ray. Services were conducted on Wednesday, May 24, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville, with Pastor Tim Whyte, Oakland Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Memorial to the Michigan Humane Society, 2600 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 would be appreciated by the family.

WILLIAM MORLAND

William Morland, 71, of Commerce Township died April 28 at Providence Hospital.

He was born in Detroit, Mich. Mr. Morland owned and operated Morland's Landscape Co., of which he inherited from his family. The family-owned company had been in business for over 70 years.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marlene; sons, William Jr., Mark (Kelli), and Bruce (Kelli); daughters, Virginia Middlebrook and Linda Morris; three sisters, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, May 1 at McCabe Funeral Home of Farmington Hills.

JUNE R. WILLIAMS

June R. Williams, 82, died May 20 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

She was born March 1, 1918, in South Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. After graduating from St. Cecilia's High School in Detroit at age 16, Mrs. Williams was employed as a secretary to Lou Sealon at General Motors Corp. While at GM, she and her sister Margaret were piano accompanists for the acclaimed General Motors Chorus. Music was her passion and she shared her talents throughout her life. She was choir director and church organist for 30 years at St. Scholastica, from 1953 to 1984. Mrs. Williams was employed by the Detroit Board of Education as a piano accompanist for 11 years, from 1963-74, and was a member of the music department faculty at Mercy High School for 20 years, from 1978-98. She played the piano for the Mercys and Mercy High School musicals for 20 years.

Mrs. Williams studied music with noted jazz musician and Wayne State University professor, Matt Michaels. She was a requested accompanist for Rosemary Clooney in her Orchestra Hall performance. As a musician, however, she will be best remembered by her family and friends, playing renditions of "Frankie and Johnnie," piano duets with her children and grandchildren, and conducting singalongs at family parties.

Mrs. Williams was an avid bridge player, reader, and belonged to numerous book discussion clubs. Her family enjoyed a book connection - exchanging books across the

whole family. She liked trying new things and in her 70s, she bought a computer, took classes, and enjoyed sending e-mails to family and friends. She was even kicked out of her keyboarding class because she was so good, classmates thought she was showing off.

Mrs. Williams was a world traveler and member of the local travel group, The Yellow Birds. In recent years, she explored the entire United States and visited London, Tokyo, Hong Kong,

Canada, Jamaica, The Dominican Republic, and Bermuda.

According to her children, "June was the ultimate mother, bringing the family together at holidays and holding us close with love, laughter and good counsel. More importantly, she showed us how important it was to care and to stay involved in each other's lives. Through her efforts, we know the eminent beauty and value of our special family, for she made it so." Mrs. Williams was fondly referred to as "Network Central," with

up-to-the-minute news on every family member, including her 24 grandchildren. If you needed answers, June had them. This was not always an easy task in a family of so many voices. Sometimes she would call her eldest child for what they jokingly referred to as a "sanity check."

Her children believe that "one of her greatest gifts was how she instilled confidence in all her loved ones. She brought out the best in us. She was our best supporter. June made us feel special in a way that few

can do. All of us who knew her thought of her as their own best friend. Also, she embodied forgiveness and the depth of love which springs forth from that quality. No matter what the in-

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to the question, "Do we want to be right or do we want to be happy?" June managed to keep to the side of happiness.

Mrs. Williams is survived by sons, Jack (Mary Sue) of Plymouth, Dan (Joanna) of Hinsdale, Ill., Bob (Barbara) of Birmingham, Jim (Pam) of Bloomfield Hills, Tom (Mary Kay) of Traverse City, Ed (Susan) of Boulder, Colo., and Mike (Sharon) of Novi; daughters, Nancy (Bruce) Lehnert of Los Altos, N.M., and Mary (Dennis) Atchinson of Northville; one sister, Margaret M. Williams; broth-

er, James E. Shappee; and 24 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack in 1978.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Scholastica Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 24. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to St. Scholastica Church, 17320 Rosemont, Detroit, MI 48219 or Hear My Voice, 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 would be appreciated by the family.

MARY R. DEDES

Mary R. Dedes, 71, of Northville died May 21 at her residence. She was born in Detroit Jan. 29, 1929, to Thomas and Mary (Russell) Turnbull.

Mrs. Dedes was a homemaker and enjoyed living in Northville. Her employment background included being a customer service representative at Guardian Photo in Novi, a cosmetics sales representative at Crowley's in

Livonia Mall, and the former Hugh Jarvis Gift Shop in Northville. She was actively involved in Ward Presbyterian Church as a Deacon and parish leader.

Mrs. Dedes is survived by her husband, Emanuel C.; two sons, Malcolm (Camille) of South Lyon and Michael (Jeanne) of Northville; one brother, Thomas Turnbull of Dearborn; two sisters, Margret Mines and Sarah Rogers, both of Farmington

Hills; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A 10:30 a.m. service will be held on Thursday, May 25 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, with Dr. David Brown officiating. Interment will be in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. Memorial contributions to the charity of choice would be appreciated by the family.



Mary Dedes

Looking for bargains? Be sure to check out the finds in the classifieds.

House bill would alter recall bids

By MIKE MALOTT
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Recall attempts can have a "chilling effect" on local government officials, according to State Rep. Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph.

City Council members, township officials, and school board members have told state lawmakers how recall threats have been used to intimidate them, often causing them to avoid making tough or controversial decisions, or putting off those decisions until they can no longer be subjected to an ouster attempt.

That's why LaSata sponsored legislation to tighten down on recalls. His House Bill 4221 would make it more difficult to recall local officials by raising the number of votes needed to be successful.

The legislation would require that a local official must be recalled a number of votes equal to or higher than the number by which his or she was originally elected.

The legislation was set aside recently by the House Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics, but it may come back.

According to LaSata, a number of committee members who would have voted in favor of the bill were not present for the meeting and it was voted down in the 4-1 ballot. LaSata said three members, who would likely have voted yes, were absent.

The chairman of the committee, Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, has left the door open for reconsideration if LaSata feels he can get the votes.

Several committee members opposed the bill on the grounds it would be seen as protecting themselves from recall. State lawmakers can be recalled, although it is usually local officials who are the targets.

LaSata said he's willing to amend the bill to exclude state officeholders from the new vote standards. He wants the tougher recall law to apply only to local officials.

Recall attempts have long been the bane of local government officials. LaSata tells of recall attempts that have been highly disruptive to communities. One town on the west side of the state, Benton Harbor, saw 24 recall attempts against the mayor and city council members in a 12-month period.

Oakland County likewise has seen a large number of recalls in recent years. 68 in the last five, resulting in four elections and the ouster of one township official.

LaSata said lawmakers have heard from as many as 150 local government officials from across Michigan about how attempts to throw them and their colleagues out of office have disrupted the operations of municipal boards.

He said the bill has the support of a long list of state organizations — including the Michigan Township Association, Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of School Boards — as well as the Secretary of State.

LaSata cited one case in which a mayor was recalled after having been voted into office by 70 percent of the municipality's electorate. The recall election, held during the holidays, ousted that mayor with a turnout of less than 4 percent.

"I want local voters to know that their vote during elections means something," the representative said. LaSata admits his proposal won't do anything to eliminate the fact that local officials will have to go through the long process of defending themselves when they have become recall targets.

His bill only changes the end of the recall process, when the vote is taken.

But his original bill would have restricted recalls to those cases in which the reason for recall is "misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance" — essentially doing the job in a wrongful or illegal manner, or not doing the job at all.

Only 33 states allow recalls of local elected officials, LaSata said, and roughly half of those restrict the use of recalls to instances of misfeasance or nonfeasance.

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Numbers to call with complaints handy for consumers

By MIKE MALOTT
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As the House Republican Policy Committee Task Force on Consumer

Issues released its report Monday, April 24, outlining proposals for new legislation it would like to see enacted to address consumer concerns, it also compiled a list of already available phone numbers to which consumers can take their complaints.

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- For help finding the right long-term care facility, consumers can contact the Elder Care Locator at 1-800-677-1116.
- For legal advice, seniors can contact the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganders at 1-800-347-5297.
- For assistance and advice on health benefits, seniors can contact the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Hotline at 1-800-803-7174.
- The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division can be reached at 1-517-373-1140.
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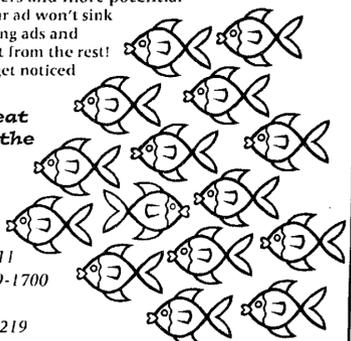
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Robotics program could come to NHS

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

A cool new program called Robotics could be added to the Novi High School curriculum. If school board members like what they see.

Robotics, a program in which many high schools and universities participate, involves a group of engineers, teachers, and other professionals that work side by side with students to solve a problem and design and create a robot.

"It's similar to Odyssey of the Mind or Destination Imagination, except in this case it deals with a technical problem and involves lots of materials," said Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Rita Traynor.

"The students work with a leader, a technician or engineer, and design a robot. Then compete against others. This process requires a well coordinated effort between businesses and the school and the Husky Detroit Technical Center in Novi has already expressed an interest in working with the school and exploring this program."

Dr. Traynor said the program would supply career-based education and be a positive opportunity for the kids.

"We're really excited about Robotics and think it will go over really well with the students," she said.

Jennifer Harvey, the art teacher at Parkview Elementary, said the Robotics program would be an incredible experience for those involved.

Harvey became an advocate in the crusade to see it added into the curriculum, after her husband became active in Robotics. "It allows students to be mentored by an engineer for six weeks," she said. "Businesses and students working together to create a product, work out business problems, and construct system quality reports. The program even allows the opportunity for college scholarships from schools like MIT, Northwestern and Webster University."

On May 31, at 6:30 p.m., the Husky Detroit Technical Center, located on 12 Mile in Novi, will host a demonstration.

Spectators must RSVP for the event by calling Husky at (248) 735-6302.

"Husky has been more than generous in providing us their building as well as their time and technicians," Harvey said. "We hope the Board will join us and see this amazing event in action. We are also looking for corporate sponsors and are welcoming engineers and technicians to attend."

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Novi residents return from Million Mom March mission

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Feeling inspired and empowered, Novi moms returned home after participating in the Million Mom March, May 14, in Washington D.C.

The march drew 750,000 individuals to the National Mall on Mother's Day to demonstrate against gun violence and demand tighter gun restrictions.

"I was truly inspired," said Novi resident Mercedes Williams. "It was very motivating. I think for the longest time there were people who wanted to do something but there was no network to do it in, and this march made us realize that we are an extremely powerful force."

One of the Million Mom March Coordinators for Western Detroit, Barb Case, said the demonstration gave her an incredible sense of pride in the ability of women to organize and accomplish something.

"I mean I have hard time just getting there or four friends together for lunch, and here we got 750,000 women at the National Mall," she said.

"I think this speaks volumes to the level of interest and commitment on the part of these women."

Novi resident Shirley Wicker said she was completely moved by the number of people in attendance.

"Well at first I thought there were 150,000 registered, and I just kept praying. Please let there be at least 200,000-250,000 and then when they made the final announcement that there were 750,000 in Washington, and including the local marches throughout the country, it was overwhelming," she said.

"It was an extraordinary feeling knowing that there were this many people that agreed with what we believe in," she added.

Novi resident Lori Miller agreed. "The experience was incredible," she said. "It was great to be with so many other people who felt the same way. I clearly walked away from the march with a renewed sense of commitment to this cause."

The women agreed that the countless speakers, including gun safety missionaries, parents who had lost sons and daughters, and survivors of gun violence, really hit home.

"It was just so emotional," said Miller. "I'd be crying and cheering one minute and crying the next because you would hear these heartwrenching stories from mothers, fathers, and teachers."

"They all had such poise too," said Novi resident Elizabeth Wolf-Brusher. "To get up in front of all those people and talk about their sons and daughters that they had lost was just amazing to me."

Novi resident Linda Boran said the stories really touched her because they were real people talking about real life experiences with gun violence.

"These weren't lobbyists, these were people who went through a tragic experience," she said.

"As a mother you feel a bond with these people and you feel moved to do something."

Novi resident Colleen O'Brien-Brumley said the doctors and paramedics stories were also poignant.

"It was remarkable to hear them speak about what goes on after the shootings," she said. "Often you don't hear about the people who

were injured and survived, and how they will struggle throughout the rest of their lives."

Wolf-Brusher said a real misrepresentation of the march was that it was a "soccer mom's movement."

"I find that offensive," she said. "Because it went across all lines in terms of race, age, and religion."

Williams agreed by saying that the march wasn't just for mothers.

"This involved the entire families," she said.

"This was something the men and children were also involved with. I think this was the first protest that involved kids and hopefully the children understood that they can have an influence on our government."

Case said the march is the first step in the continuing efforts in battling gun violence.

"We don't want our presence to go away so we still want to maintain high visibility and encourage everyone we're in contact with to keep up the pressure on legislators," she said. "Our primary goals are going to be to recruit, educate, demonstrate and vote."

"This is an election year," added Miller. "So this is a very powerful time for us to be organizing and making legislatures stand up."

Case said she was frustrated that the media gave the impression that the million mom march was trying to take guns away.

"This is strictly a health and safety issue," she said.

"We are not trying to take away anyone's sixth amendment right,"



Shirley Wicker and Colleen O'Brien-Brady met up with Senator Carl Levin at the march. Submitted photo

added Williams. "We just want gun owners to be responsible."

Gun issues mothers of the march endorse include sensible cooling of periods and background checks, licensing of all handgun owners, registrations of all handguns, trigger locks, limit purchases to one handgun per month and "no-nonsense" enforcement of gun laws.

"I think everyone felt a sense of continuing on with this effort," said Case. "And that this march was not the end, but the beginning of this movement. This issue belongs to everybody, bullets don't know race or gender. It's an equal opportunity killer."

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Engler hobnobs with officials

By Randal Yakey
Staff Writer

Clandestine meetings between higher ups in government are not uncommon in Washington D.C. but usually not Novi, except for last week.

There was a reportedly "hush-hush" meeting held at an undisclosed Novi location with Governor John Engler and a number of mayors from all over southeastern Michigan. The closed door meeting was to let the mayors voice some opinion on major issues of concern to cities around the area, according to Novi Mayor Richard Clark.

"We did have a meeting and the governor did want to hear our concerns about traffic," Clark admitted. "Obviously, he discussed the Build Michigan III that will provide \$900 million for road repair."

Clark refused to elaborate on the content of the conversation, saying that it was to be considered "confidential."

But there is a lot of road work ahead for the city of Novi over the next three years.

According to Communication Director for the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Craig Bryson, there will be extensive work on Grand River as part of the construction next year while the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will construct a new interchange at Beck Road and improvement to the Wixom Road interchange.

The interchange construction is part of the Build Michigan III project. Grand River, which is expected to be widened from three lanes to five between Wixom and Beck Roads, is expected to cost an estimated \$6.4 million.

The CSX bridge over Grand River is also expected to be replaced sometime next year, according to Bryson.

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Hometown creates new digital company

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It just costs too much," Power explained. "We think we can help these folks out and, at the same time, provide a real service to our local readers."

According to Dave Morin, Hometown's Vice President for Technology, all the internet activities now located in the various newspapers of the group will eventually be transferred to homecomm.com, the new corporation. "We think it's far better for our digital staff to concentrate solely on internet applications and e-commerce in a corporate environment quite distinct from our newspapers," he explained.

Morin also said he is looking for able, energetic and entrepreneurial people to join the new company.

"For people who want to be part of the most exciting industry in the world today, this is an ideal opportunity. Right now, we're looking for a General Manager to build and drive the organization. It's a terrific opportunity to get in on the ground floor of the most exciting internet organization in the region." Morin can be reached by e-mail at dmorin@homecomm.net.

Morin explained that the new company would be incorporated within Hometown Communications Network on the idea that, if successful, it might be spun out and taken public at some future date.

Offices for homecomm.com will be located in Southeastern Michigan, currently, a hoed of internet and information technology organizations. Morin said he is looking for space in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak or Birmingham.

Novi could get more towers

By Randal Yakey
Staff Writer

The city of Novi has laid out a plan for six areas in the city where they would like to have wireless communication towers placed.

Because of the proliferation of cell towers in the city, council asked the planning departments to come up with a plan for spacing out towers throughout the city.

The plan, developed by the Novi Planning Department and the Department of Developmental Services, specifies areas in the far western, southeastern central, and Walled Lake areas of the city.

The locations picked out were the Community Sports Park; the Links of Novi Golf Course; the Industrial master plan area east of Wixom Road; between Grand River and Eleven Mile Road; and city park land, north and east of school sites.

The other suggestions are the Water Treatment plant east of West Park Drive and the Lakeshore/North Novi Park along South Lake Drive as well as the Novi Ice Arena.

Trinity Wireless Towers Inc. and Sprint PCS both have contacted the city about renting locations for the towers. Sprint PCS has been looking at the Novi Ice Arena as a possible site.

If a tower is placed at the ice arena, it could generate approximately \$75,000 annually for city. The 150 foot tower revenues could be used to off set the financial troubles injured by the ice arena over the past few years, according to Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenz.

There are currently 11 tower sites in the city. Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakey@ht.homecomm.net.

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"With that kind of introduction, I can see why there are more interchanges planned for I-75 and I-96 than I-75 and I-96," Engler said, breaking the crowd into laughter.

"She's really good," nodded Engler, while thinking Cassis and Rotarians members.

"Thank you for your nice introduction and all your leadership. She is terrific in Lansing," Engler said, with Vice Cassis on his left and Rep. Cassis on his right.

"One reason Michigan has had so much success is because you Rotarians represent people who give back," Engler told the crowd, complimenting the Rotarians on their fight to eradicate polio.

Engler told the crowd that Lansing was concerned with the welfare of children as well and that his administration has been responsive to the problem of children at risk. Engler said that it was the Rotarians' dedication to eliminating polio that helped him to tackle the task of child immunizations in the state.

"In the early 90s, the Center for Disease Control came with a report that had Michigan ranked at the bottom of all (U.S.) states for two-year-olds who were fully immunized. That was an amazing statistic and one that alarmed us," Engler said. "So we set out to make sure the system worked. We put out some health initiatives and in four years, we were at the 80 percent level and that was over a short period of time."

"The other thing was that our tracking system was so inaccurate, that there were five and six-year-olds walking around with no shots at all. So we had to come up with a registry for parents."

Engler did not miss the opportunity to let his constituents know of his administration's dedication to the welfare of the state's children. Engler also spoke of empowering individuals to work.

"The welfare case load is at the lowest level in thirty years," Engler said. "We're getting down to where there is only about 20,000 families where a parent is on public assistance and not working at all. That is a remarkable transformation in a system that represents nearly, in total, a 70 percent reduction of the number of families on public assistance."

Engler said that the standards for those on public

assistance haven't changed but the push to get those on public assistance into jobs has been greater. Also, Engler said he isn't about to stop there. He's got some new programs ready for this summer.

"One of the things we're very excited about is something we call the family independence summer project," Engler boasted. "That will begin in June and run through August. We're going to take these families where a parent hasn't had a job yet and we're going to deal a whole set of challenges. The children will go to the summer school program and the parents will go to training programs that will include everything from health to literacy programs and home management. We believe there are multiple barriers we hope to tackle all at one time."

"It's the most intensive effort we have ever attempted," he continued. "But we really feel it is important because of the success that we have had and with the employment rate at 4.2 percent, there is virtually a job out there for everyone."

Engler continued to stress the economic side of the issue, commenting on the plunging unemployment rate and the decade-long economic prosperity in the state.

"Our hope is to bring individual income tax rates down," he said. "And we're hoping to celebrate the income tax reduction from 4.2 percent down to 3.9 in the upcoming years."

Engler didn't forget his colleagues and on this day that was Rep. Cassis and her husband, Vic. In attendance, he made sure they knew he was grateful with their help in the legislature.

"The importance of people like Nancy (Cassis) and the job they do is immeasurable. We could not have had the successes without tremendous amount of leadership in the legislature," Engler said. "In key committees, we have the right people."

But even Engler was willing to say that after his departure there would still be work to be done.

"When I depart and there is a new scene," commented Engler, "there will still be a lot of hard work to do."

Engler talked of the dedication and self sacrifice of the Rotary Clubs of Michigan. Engler noted that the Rotarians will be a big part of that.

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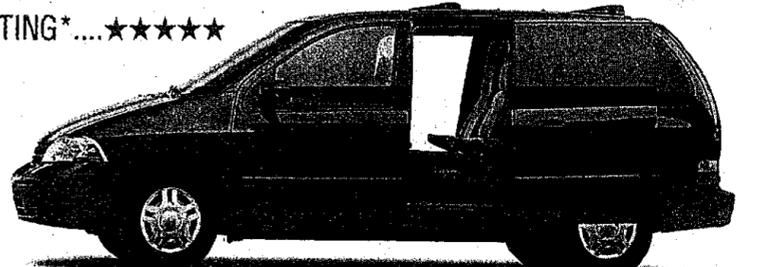
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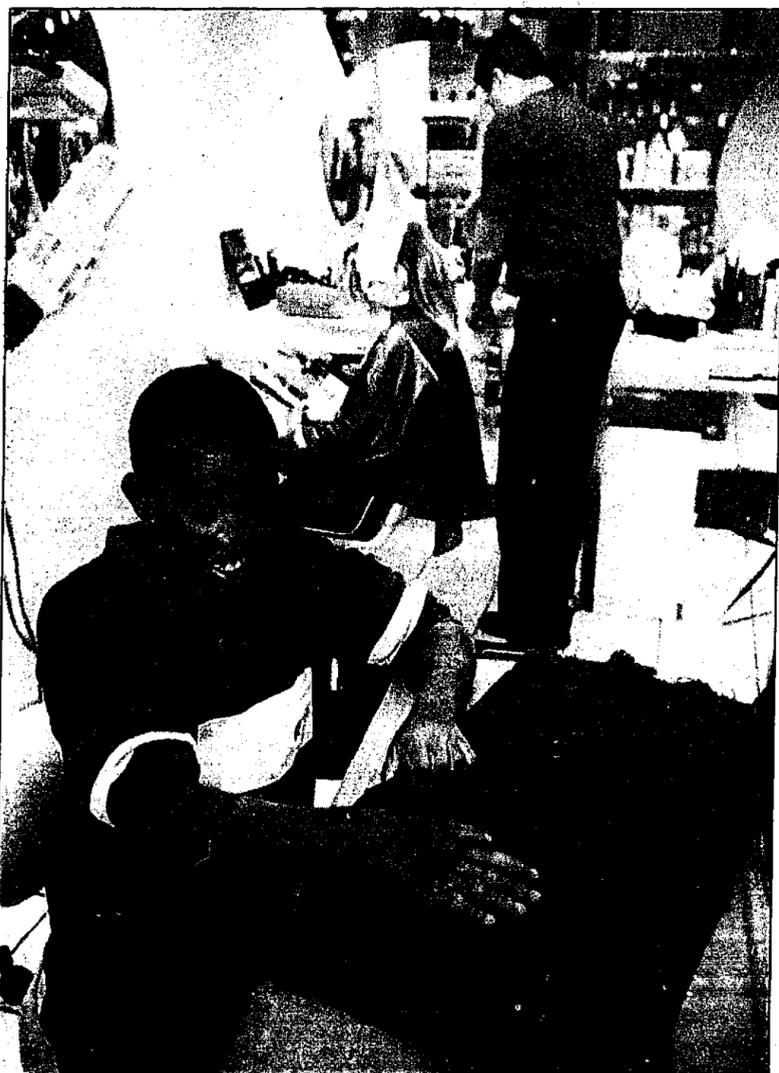


Bryant Center School students Nashica Hamilton, left, and Tynasha Parker work on preparing pita dough balls at Olga's Kitchen in Laurel Park Mall.

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Living large and having fun

Bryant Center helps students overcome disabilities



Bryant Center student Kenny Hamilton folds towels at Laurel Park Mall's Charisma Hair Salon. Hamilton has been helping at the salon since last October.

Students at the Bryant center are learning to put their abilities ahead of their disabilities, said Vocational Coordinator for the Bryant Center, Donna Case.

The Bryant Center is an extension of Old Village School and takes students from 12-26 years of age. It is a special education program for students with cognitive, emotional and/or physical impairments. Students come from the 13 Western Wayne County School Districts.

Just 15 years ago these students with special needs would have had little or no chance of participating in society and for many of them, their lives would consist of a series of group homes. However, the Bryant Center program, which will soon make its move to Northville, trains students with disabilities to be productive citizens through a unique employment program. The Center analyzes students' needs and abilities and pairs them with local businesses.

"It not only is beneficial to them because they get to use the skills they have learned in a job environment, but also suddenly they are doing things non-disabled people do and they start to value themselves," Case said.

Students go through a battery of tests to evaluate their skills and aptitudes, Case said. They are then placed in positions suited to their skills. She said most often these are janitorial or fast food situations in over 22 businesses in the surrounding areas. However, they have expanded their program to include some light clerical work. Often the students are accompanied by a paraprofessional to assist them

until they are accustomed to the job, she said.

Case said once the students graduate, they try to place them in permanent positions. Some of her students have done so well, they are now training others who come in after them.

The center also teaches them how to create a written portfolio as well as develop a video portfolio. They train students in a variety of areas even before they get out into the world, in the center's workshop.

"The disabled don't really get to share in the same milestones as non-disabled brothers and sisters would: like getting their drivers license...But this is one thing (getting a job) they can share. This is something they can do on their own."

Donna Case
Vocational Coordinator

Two of these women, Yashica Hamilton, 24, and Tynasha Parker, 20, work at Olga's in Livonia's Laurel Park Mall preparing bread.

"It's good. I like it. It helps you know what to do in the workplace. It's hard work but when I get my coat to go home I'm happy. It's a good good day," Hamilton said.

Parker said she will be sad when she

has to leave the program in two years because of the friends she has made and because she has fun there. Both of the women said they had dreams of getting jobs when they leave the center. This is something Case said they could have never realistically hoped for even 10 years ago.

In her position, Case said she sees the goals of the program achieved when she sees the excitement in her students. She said on one occasion, a young man came into her office and said, "I'm going to work like Dad." It's a simple thing so many non-disabled people take for granted but so many disabled

people live for the chance to prove they can produce something and see the results, she said.

"The disabled don't really get to share in the same milestones as non-disabled brothers and sisters would: like getting their drivers license or going to the prom. Most of them will probably never get married or have a family. But this is one they can share. This is something they can do on their own and it gives them a great sense of self worth and something in common with non-disabled people," she said.

Just because they are disabled, Case said, they don't stop wanting what everyone else wants, she said. They want to replicate what they see in the non-disabled world and this program gives them a chance to do that to the best of their abilities, she said.

Case said they try to help students focus on their options of what they can do instead of what they can't, she said.

This is especially important to show them, she said, because of the importance of career in this country.

"It is so important for these students to realize what they are in fact capable of," she said. "Within the first sentence of describing ourselves to someone new, we tell them what we do, we define ourselves by our careers."

Since 1985, Case said she has seen a shift in the way people see the disabled through programs like this and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

"We all have disabilities, it's just that some aren't as readily seeable as others. It's by realizing this that there has been this shift and we are seeing disabled people producing and giving back," she said. "It's just amazing to see in my lifetime."

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Resume tips to get the interview

You only have 20 seconds. It is really true. We spend \$30,000 to \$40,000 to educate and train ourselves. Yet, the decision to invite us to an interview is made in 20 seconds. That's the average time a manager takes to scan each resume and decide if it goes into the "yes" pile or the "no" pile. Your resume must speak for you when you aren't there in person. This is why the resume is so important. Your resume represents you and you want it to be the best it can be.



Joyce Fortier

The sole purpose of any resume is to get an interview, not to get a job. And anyone who is in the market for a new job or a job change is up against very stiff competition. Because of this, your resume must accurately reflect the wonderful things you've accomplished in your career. A "yes" decision is usually based on the overall appearance of your resume, the format, and the three to four key selling points you have listed in your "qualifications summary" at the top of the resume.

The resume needs to include anything that applies to your life as a worker. It doesn't mean you have to include everything that ever happened to you. A good resume e-n-r-s about you.

- C - Cut the fluff
- R - Relevant (use words that pertain to your position or field)
- O - Organize (divide it into headings of skills, experience, education, etc.)
- W - Words (use action verbs and use the language of your particular field)
- S - Style (chronological, functional or targeted)

accomplishments and the skills you needed to do them. Then transfer those skills to the present employer needs. It helps to write out "accomplishment statements" using the following formula:

• P - Problem (the situation or project you were given)

• A - Action (how you approached or tackled the situation)

• R - Result (what were the benefits or accomplishments or your actions)

Finally, to put it all together, here are some tips for a successful resume:

- Know your reader, use the vocabulary of your target audience.
- Accentuate your name by placing it in bold letters.
- If you write a "job objective," write one that states "what's in it for the employer."
- Make sure you include your accomplishments along with your job responsibilities.
- Do not include your current pay level. It could be a disqualifying factor when being considered for an interview.
- Use plenty of action verbs such as "implemented," "initiated," and "organized." Avoid nouns - they make your resume sound weak.
- Use a descriptive title in the "employment" section. For example, if applying for a sales position, modify your heading to read

"sales experience" rather than just "employment" or "experience."

• Make the resume elegant. Be very conscious of layout, typing and printing. Proofread it very carefully. Choose high-quality paper in a color appropriate for your target profession.

Remember, getting called for an interview happens solely on the strength of your resume. If you are one of the lucky ones called for an interview, the resume then becomes the basis for your interview. The recruiter or employer will use it to discuss your history, accomplishments, and skills to see how well they match with the company needs.

After the interview, your resume continues to represent you as your qualifications are then weighed against other candidates who have been interviewed. Those people involved in the hiring decision gather together and go over each resume again, looking for reasons to eliminate all but one candidate. So as you can see, even at this stage, your resume is playing an important role.

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Engagements



Orlowski-Paredes

Robert and Rebecca Orlowski of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jo, to Rafael Paredes, son of Eduardo and Maria Paredes of Detroit. The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School and a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a communications/documentation coordinator at PSA Peugeot Citroen.

Wedding

Mari Kissinger and Gregg Schumaker were wed Jan. 22 at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills. Decorations of evergreens, twigs, snowflakes and roses enhanced the wedding ceremony. The Rev. Thomas Cook officiated the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception followed at the Bay View Inn.



Wehab-Lee

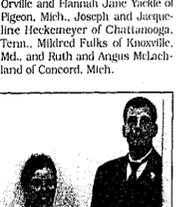
Ted and Carol Nowak of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Wehab to Keith Lee, son of Bill and Florence Lee of Farmington Hills. The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed with Ford Motor Company in Redford as a material control supervisor.

Birth



Jackson Smith

Katrina Noelle Heckemeyer-Smith and Timothy Jackson Smith announce the birth of their son, Jackson Anthony Smith, born in Del Rio, Texas, Feb. 29 at 9:14 p.m. Baby Jackson weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Both parents graduated with the Northville High School Class of 1995 and from Michigan State University. Tim is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, currently in pilot training with the 85th Fighter Squadron at Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas.



Kissinger-Schumaker

Grandparents are Anthony and Phyllis Heckemeyer of Northville, Linda Moore of Fountain Hills, Ariz., formerly of Northville, and Brad and Joyce Smith of Concord, Mich. The baby's great-grandparents are Orville and Hannah Jane Yerkle of Pigeon, Mich., Joseph and Jacqueline Heckemeyer of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mildred Fulks of Knochville, Md., and Ruth and Angus McLachland of Concord, Mich.

Prayer breakfast successful

Recently, over 300 guests enjoyed breakfast and heard very personal views of a very public person, Jennifer Granholm, attorney general for the state of Michigan.

her day-to-day decision making. She also shared her proudest accomplishments, family including her husband Dan and three children, Cecilia, Kate and Jack. The breakfast concluded with special blessings for the entire community from pastors from

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Novi Seniors

The Novi Senior Center located in the Novi Civic Center is open to seniors 50 and older. Many services and programs are provided without charge. Classes, special events and trips have their own fees. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 347-0414 or by fax at (248) 347-3286.

COMING EVENTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

• Travel Club, Thursday, June 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Meet in the Novi Senior Center for a fun introduction to all of our upcoming summer/fall travel opportunities. Tour companies will be present to explain their travel offerings and may even take you there in advance through slides or a video. Door prizes, refreshments, no fee.

• Still time to sign up for several summer/fall day trips

• Motor City Casino, June 7: "Social Security Scandals" at the Soaring Eagle Casino, June 20; Grand River Dinner Cruise in Caladonia, Ohio, June 27; Freedom Festival fireworks on the Detroit River, Wednesday, June 28; Casino Windsor, July 12; Motor City Casino, Aug. 2; Mystery Tour, Aug. 9; Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles at Comerica Park, Aug. 10.

• Extended trips are too numerous to mention. Visit the Novi Parks and Recreation office to pick up flyers on great destinations such as Greece, Hawaii, Branson, Cape Cod, Colorado, New Orleans, Stratford, France, New Hampshire and many more.

• Ballroom dancing/live band, from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Tuesday, July 25; Tuesday, Aug. 22. Cost: \$3.

• 55 Alive Safe Driving Course will be offered in the Novi Senior Center, June 7-8. This is an excellent drivers refresher course sponsored and conducted by the AARP. Cost: \$10 for materials. Call the center at 347-0414 to register.

• World War II Veterans Recognition Day, Sunday, July 2 at 1 p.m., Novi Civic Center.

The city of Novi is having a very special event to honor World War II vets. Plan to attend this extraordinary tribute. Inspiring music, delicious refreshments, interesting displays, and special presentations. If you know a World War II

veteran, please have them register at Novi Parks and Recreation. Attending World War II veterans will receive special recognition on this day. No fee.

• Antique Road Show (The Novi Senior Center version), Wednesday, June 28 at 12:30 p.m.

We have secured a certified antique appraiser who will be available to appraise your antiques at \$2 per antique. No pictures, please. Tables will also be available at \$10 each for seniors who wish to sell their antiques (no dealers, please).

• Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

You don't even have to be that good. Anyone wishing to be in the cast/chorus for our big fall musical variety show "Showstoppers" Sept. 13, 14, 15 and 17. Come to Novi Parks and Recreation to register. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays.

SERVICES

• Newsletter/Brochure/Calendars

Copies of the monthly calendar of activities and menus are available at Novi Parks and Recreation. Register to receive the quarterly Novi Parks and Recreation brochure mailed to your home.

• Services for Homebound Seniors

Home-delivered meals are arranged for Novi residents by calling (248) 347-0203, from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Ask for Diane.

Telephone reassurance calls are provided to homebound Novi seniors needing reassurance. Calls are made by volunteers from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 27.

• Nutrition/Food Services

Catered lunches are provided daily at the Novi Senior Center, June 7-8. This is an excellent drivers refresher course sponsored and conducted by the AARP. Cost: \$10 for materials. Call the center at 347-0414 to register.

Focus Hope/Food Commodity distribution programs are provided at the Novi Senior Center to persons meeting income criteria.

• Health/Fitness

Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Novi Center, between 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 E. Cedar St. coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 60 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES

• Newsletter

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips, and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to talk and check on their well-being. Free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• Nutrition

Hot, nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace for a donation of \$1.50. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. If interested, call (800) 851-1454.

• Focus: HOPE

Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Meets every Thursday. Weigh-ins take place from 8-9 a.m. The meeting runs from 9-10 a.m.

• Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse from St. Mary's Hospital nursing staff, free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m.

• Michigan Emergency Phar-

macetical Program for Seniors

Qualified Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive three months' worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. For more information, call the Senior Center.

TRANSPORTATION

• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips

Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks. Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).

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• Detroit Symphony Orchestra

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• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month

The senior bus goes to Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS parking lot (11:30 a.m.). Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

• Card Playing

Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 to 3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• Senior Drop-in Volleyball

All levels are welcome. Held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Center. (Verify days on monthly recreation calendar at the center.) Cost is \$1.

• Windsor Casino

We will be going to the Windsor Casino on Wednesday, June 21. The bus will depart from MAGS at 9 a.m. and return at approximately

Body Recall exercise program with a certified instructor on each Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$2 per session or register for a 10-week session.

Stretch and strength training for seniors with a certified instructor on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.. There is a \$3 per class drop-in or register for 10-week session.

Massage therapy at the center by a certified massage therapist. A 25-minute session for \$10. The sessions are by appointment only. Please call (248) 347-0414.

Tai Chi/Qi gong and karate sessions are available through Novi Parks and Recreation.

• Transportation

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department provides transportation options for Novi seniors 50 and older. Subsidized cab rides provided for \$2 for a one-way ride within the city of Novi. Call Community Cab at (248) 349-8118 for a ride. Novi seniors vans operate daily within the city. Suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling (248) 735-5617, between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

• Medication Assistance

The Senior Center has several programs designed to assist those having difficulty paying for their medication.

• Home Energy Assistance

Novi residents who are income eligible may receive assistance with their utilities and home repairs.

• Information and Referral

The Senior Center has information to address the needs and interests of seniors: in-home service, housing, legal services, job opportunities, Medicare and volunteer opportunities.

• Books/Cards/Clubs at the Novi Senior Center

Pinochle tournaments, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Contract bridge every Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Duplicate bridge on Fridays, 12:30 p.m. Novi Camera Club, second

Tuesday, monthly at 7:30 p.m. Book discussion for seniors, Novi Library, second Thursday, monthly, 12:30 p.m.

• Farmington Founders Festival

On June 22, we will be heading for the Farmington Founders Festival. The bus will depart from MAGS at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for transportation. Call the Center to register.

• Tiger Game at Comerica Park

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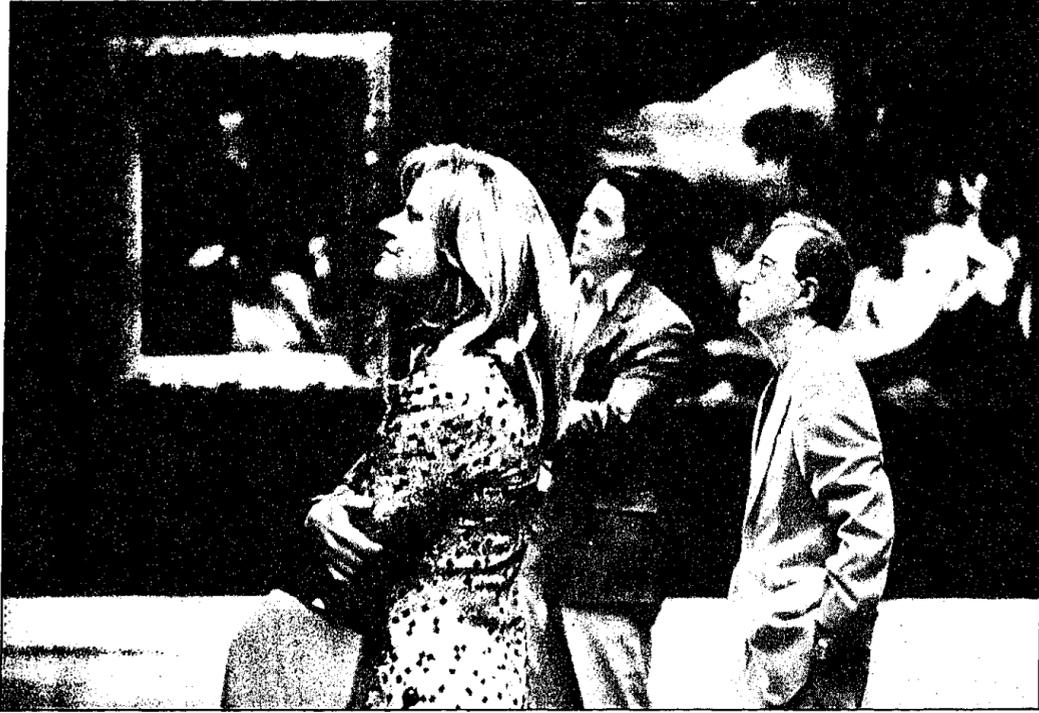
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Nouveau riche Frenchy (Tracey Ullman, left) and Ray Winkler (Woody Allen, far right) get some lessons in art appreciation from David (Hugh Grant) in an effort to gain some class in "Small Time Crooks," written and directed by Woody Allen.

Woody Allen's latest comedy leaves crooks rolling in dough

Ray Winkler (Woody Allen) is an ex-con with big dreams and an inability to hold down dishwashing jobs. His wife, Frenchy (Tracey Ullman), is a sardonic manicurist who reins Ray in, attempting to keep him grounded in reality.

So when Ray comes to Frenchy with a half-baked plan to rob a bank, she's dead set against it: no way is she giving up their life savings so he can work with three dimwitted guys in a harebrained scheme.

Yet Ray, with his neurotic charm, wins her over and even convinces her to run the front for their operation: a cookie store.

Soon enough, their get-rich-quick scheme to rob a bank leaves them rolling in dough — but not the kind they had in mind.

Woody Allen's latest comedy, "Small Time Crooks," is a farce

that recalls the earlier footloose and fast-paced comedies, such as "Take the Money and Run" and "Sleeper," that helped Allen launch his career as a writer and director.

Allen and Tracey Ullman star as the husband-and-wife team who take a bite out of crime and get more than they bargained for.

The story of the Winklers' master plan, combined with the opportunity to work with Allen, were the key ingredients that enticed such world-class comedy stars as Ullman, Hugh Grant, and Elaine May to the project.

The film marks Ullman's third teaming with Allen, while it was the first time May and Grant had collaborated with the multiple Oscar-winning director, screenwriter, and actor.

The ensemble cast of "Small Time Crooks" also includes (in

alphabetical order) Tony Darrow, George Grizzard, Jon Lovitz, Michael Rapaport, and Elaine Stritch.

"What I was going for was a funny movie," says Allen. "Although I guess you could say if there's a theme to the film, it might be 'be careful what you wish for.'"

Shooting in and around his usual Manhattan haunts, Allen relied on the talents of his long-time collaborators, including producer Jean Doumanian, co-producer Helen Robin, co-executive producers Jack Rollins, Charles H. Joffe, and Letty Aronson; production designer Santo Loquasto; and casting directors Juliet Taylor and Laura Rosenthal.

In addition, "Small Time Crooks" reunited several more recent Allen alumni, including editor Alisa Lep-seller, costume designer Suzanne

McCabe, and Chinese cinematographer Zhao Fei, who made his English-language debut on Sweet and Lowdown.

With a confessional style, biting humor, and a sharp yet self-deprecating intellect, Woody Allen is an auteur who creates filmic gems that audiences everywhere relate to.

Perhaps the most quotable filmmaker of our time (who hasn't at some point had a "dead shark" on his hands?), Allen has been provoking and entertaining moviegoers ever since he redubbed a Japanese film with his own dialogue in 1965's "What's Up, Tiger Lily?"

"Small Time Crooks" is now open everywhere. The film is rated "PG." The cast includes: Woody Allen, Tracey Ullman and Hugh Grant and is directed by Woody Allen.

'Up at the Villa' combines politics, romance, comedy

"Up at the Villa" is a story of an impulsive sexual encounter which spirals into tragedy, theft, blackmail and eventually, redemptive love.

Philip Haas' "Up at the Villa" is set amidst the deceptive beauty of Florence and Tuscany during the rise of Fascism on the eve of World War II.

Although a period piece, it tells the resolutely contemporary story of a woman's journey from innocence to self-knowledge.

While primarily a love story, "Up at the Villa" ingeniously combines elements of the political thriller, the social comedy of manners and the romantic adventure to tell its crisply captivating story.

Its stellar cast is headed by Kristin Scott Thomas, Sean Penn, Anne Bancroft, James Fox, Jeremy Davies and Derek Jacobi.

Despite its time and setting, "Up at the Villa" doesn't paint a picture-postcard, rose-colored portrait of Tuscany.

Stunning but sinister, this is the Florence of the De Medici and Machiavelli, a hotbed of Fascist terror.

Set among the Casablanca-like remnants of an expatriate community clinging to the shreds of its society, "Up at the Villa," says its director Philip Haas, "is a drama where personal and historical dilemmas reverberate.

"Up at the Villa" runs for 115 minutes. It is rated "PG-13."

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Regional champs

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Boy's Track

There's always a first time for everything. Last Friday happened to be the first time a Novi boy's track team has ever won a regional title. The Wildcats ran away from the rest of the field, literally, scoring 89 team points. Walled Lake Central was the nearest team, taking second with 72.33 points. Pontiac Northern was third with 70 points and Milford took fourth with 54. The rest of the field lagged behind the front runners.

"What a riot," Novi coach Bob Smith said of the school's first-ever regional title. "Being recognized as a regional champion is a huge, huge compliment. This was a total team effort."

Novi scored points in 10 different events, with 14 different athletes helping out. Seven different athletes qualified for the state meet on June 3. The team will compete at the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association state meet this Saturday.

The Cats didn't have just one star of the day, but several.

Chris Toloff was a one-man show, at least in the three individual and one relay event he helped out in. Toloff scored 24 individual points on his own, more than six other entire teams at the meet. Add to that the eight points he, Evan Foster, Eric Walle and Mark Avenius scored in a runner up finish in the 3,200 and he nearly placed fifth at the meet himself.

Toloff was a regional champion in the mile run, where he beat out his Kensington Valley Conference nemesis Tom Greenless in a time of 4:19 flat. The win was his first over Greenless and his first individual regional title. He also finished runner up to Walled Lake Central's Todd Mobley in the two-mile run (9:31.8) and was third in the 800 (1:57.6).

"That was quite an impressive performance by Chris," Smith said. "He did it all, racing four times. That's not easy to do."

Yasuaki Goto drew some attention his way, breaking a school record in the 100 meter dash (10.80) and keeping up with some of the fastest names in the state. The junior finished third in the

event behind Pontiac Northern's Daymond Hamlar (10.6) and Western's Lorenzo Parker (10.7).

"The turning point in Goto's season was when he really took it to (Howell's Joe) Carpenter. Ever since then, he's been unstoppable. He's been on fire," Smith said. "He was the only sprinter to train all winter long and all his hard work has paid off. It's a testimony to him."

Goto also placed in the 200, where he took fourth in a time of 22.9. He, Daisuke Matsuura, Toloff, and Eric Schleuder teamed up to finish sixth in the 800 relay (1:34.1).

Aside from Toloff, Scott Jettie brought home Novi's only other regional championship. The senior vaulted a meet-best 12-10 inches to win the pole vault title. The vault was a career best for Jettie and brought him closer to Novi's school record of 13-4 1/2 set by Mike Alberly two years ago. His brother, Chris, cleared 13-2 last season when both qualified for the state finals.

"He's battled through sickness and injuries on and off all season long. This is just a tribute to just how natural of an athlete he is," his coach said.

Teammate Ken Delgreco wasn't far behind (12-0) and finished in sixth place.

Harvey Steele finished a strong third in the shot put (50-3 1/4) and Scott Kortlandt and Justin Sterett were fourth and sixth in the 110 high hurdles. Kortlandt ran a season-best 15.3 and Sterett was close behind at 15.4.

Novi's distance runners carried the bulk of the team's scoring. Along with Toloff, Tim Moore finished third in the two mile (9:34.0) and was also third in the mile (4:26.6). Avenius continued the scoring streak for Novi, taking fourth in both the mile and two-mile runs. Both of his times were season bests. Walle capped off Novi's excellence with a fourth-place finish in the 800.

"They kind of knew a lot of the weight was going

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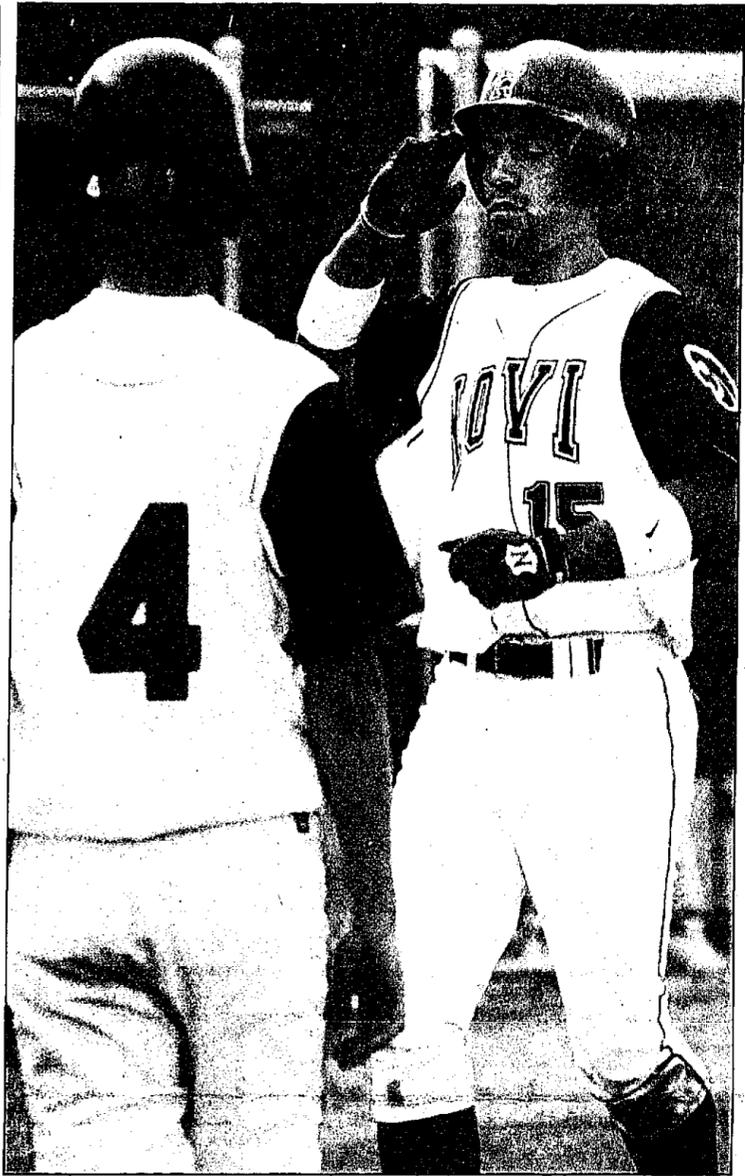


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Brendan Hadley salutes his teammates as he arrives at home after a homer against South Lyon.

Novi improves to 22-2

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The verbal abuse ran rampant throughout the halls of Novi High School nearly every day since the Wildcats' first loss.

Senior southpaw Brendan Watson and his teammates spent hours chiding one another about the team's first loss, suffered at the hands of Howell five games into the season. The game was a disgusting

2-1 defeat in which the juggernaut that had been the Wildcat offense lay as dormant as a sleeping dragon, mustering one run on four meager hits.

It seemed to be the same thing every time. Watson would get ripped for his gopher ball surrendered to oversize first baseman Dan Arney, and in turn, the lefty would berate his teammates for their complete

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat midfielder Drew Doll moves upfield in Novi's win over Fenton earlier this year.

Novi earns fifth seed

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

A loss is a loss. But the way Novi's season-ending loss to second-ranked Detroit Country Day happened makes it sting just that much more.

Having played the Yellowjackets to a 7-7 tie through the half-time, Country Day doubled up Novi in the second half, outscoring the Wildcats 10-5 and 5-2 in the fourth quarter.

"We just fell apart in the fourth quarter," Novi assistant coach Dave Wilson said. "We had a lot of penalties and careless play. We

just didn't take care of the ball."

Wilson said the collapse could be attributed to a lack of experience by his team, especially against a top-program like Country Day.

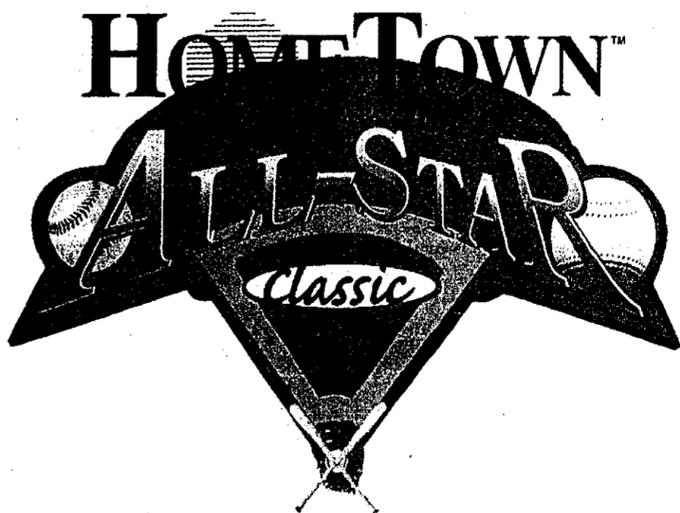
"We're talking about a team which plays against some of the top teams in the country," Wilson said of the Yellowjackets. "They don't flinch — We still flinch."

Novi played with Country Day early on, moving the ball well throughout the first half. Pat Muston scored four of his five goals in the first half. Garrick Palmarchuk scored a pair and

Aaron Marion added another as the fifth-ranked 'Cats played even with the Yellowjackets.

"I think when you talk about playing a team like Country Day, you think you have to rush things," Wilson said. "I think a sense of urgency came over them when maybe it shouldn't have."

Novi played its quarterfinal game against East Grand Rapids last night (after the Novi News' deadline) and the winner of that game will play top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice in the semifinals on June 2. The state finals will be played on June 3.



Attention all baseball and softball enthusiasts

HomeTown Newspapers is proud to present the 2000 East/West All Star Baseball and Softball Games on Thursday, June 22, 2000

The games will pit the top senior players from the East (Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland) against those from the West (Brighton, Hartland, Pinckney, Howell and Fowlerville). Both games will be played at Brighton High School with the softball game beginning at 2 p.m. and the Baseball immediately following with a 4 p.m. first pitch.

HomeTown will also be sponsoring a skills competition on Wednesday, June 21, beginning at 6 p.m. at Brighton High School. Competitions for varsity baseball players will include a home run hitting contest as well as throwing accuracy and fastest pitcher competitions.

On the softball side, there will be a hitting contest as well as a fastest pitcher competition for all varsity athletes.

Muston's drive leads to scholarship

By DAN KITTLE
Special Editor

The phone call came to the Muston household in the evening, a few days prior to Spring Break, and it was simple, direct, and to the point.

"Some guy called me up," Pat recalls. "and said, 'Meet me at the school at 4:30 tomorrow for a picture for Sports Illustrated.' I was surprised, but I went, and they sent some chap-ship photographer he turned over a garbage can and had me sit on it."

"He was trying to set up some lights, but they kept falling down."

The senior midfielder of the 12-5 Novi lacrosse team was featured in a week later, as part of a regular feature entitled, *Faces in the Crowd*. Muston was written in for his six goal performance in a 12-7 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, as well as his seven-goal onslaught against Detroit Catholic Central.

The write-up came as a big shock to Muston, who still doesn't know who peddled the magazine of his performance. "I don't have a clue who called that in," he says. "I was asking around, because I want to thank whoever it was, but no one knows."

Regardless, it earned him a great deal of respect among his peers, and it also marked him a target for many of his lacrosse opponents. He comments, "Other teams are coming up to me now and saying, 'Whoi! Faces in the Crowd! You just like, I don't care, whatever you should'n't care either.'"

Muston mainly attributes his success on the field to the fact that he started playing the game early. He's been handling a lacrosse stick for eight years now, and has been playing organized



Pat Muston

lacrosse since he was 12. In seventh grade, when most kids were just learning the game for the first time, Muston was playing in variety tournaments with his older brother.

"I started playing three or four years before everyone had even heard of lacrosse," he says. "My brother and my brother's friends used to beat on me all the time. I think that really helped."

This year, he is of the height of his high school career, readily accepting his role as leader and top offensive weapon. Already this season, he has netted 58 goals to go along with his 18 assists.

More than that, though, he has led a very young Novi team to a 12-5 record and a top-five state ranking.

With his competitive fire and his intensity, he is a big reason why this team could make its second trip in three years to the state quarterfinals this weekend.

Many are quick to praise his athletic ability, from his coaches to his teammates to his opponents. They attribute much of Muston's success to his incredible physical presence. "He's very physical," said assistant coach Dave Wilson. "He's a big kid with big, broad shoulders. He's got good speed, and he uses all of these things to his advantage."

"People have a difficult time stepping him because of his combination of strength and speed."

Garrett Safford, a teammate of Muston's and a tri-captain with the phoebus as well, agreed. "He's an excellent player," Safford praised. "He's one of the best young athletes I've ever seen."

Along with being such a physical presence, Muston is also accepting the responsibilities of leadership on this team. This is some-

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Soccer

Brighton losses land Novi in first

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The team really didn't need it, but the Novi softball team will gladly take the Harvard doubleheader sweep of Brighton Monday night.

The two losses by the Bulldogs put Novi back in the driver's seat with their second straight Kensington Valley Conference title. Novi (11-7, 3 KVC) 22.5 overall took on Brighton (16-4, 25-6) in a double-header last night after the Novi team had lost to Brighton in the first game of the conference season for the Wildcats, who finished 20-4 in league play last season.

"Monday we had a meeting regarding the next four games this week. One of our team goals is to win the KVC again this year," Novi coach Carol Diglio said. "Without knowing the outcome of the Brighton/Harvard games we were looking at achieving that goal, and we are preparing ourselves to win the next four games."

"It certainly was good news the hear about the Brighton losses, but I think our focus will

Softball

stay exactly the same. We can't look past any team in the KVC for the second time this season last Wednesday and extended its winning streak to five games overall. Joelle Prantz won both ends of the doubleheader, collecting a two hit 5-0 shutout in the first game and an 11-1 no hitter in the nightcap. She struck out nine in the first game and eight more in the second. The no hitter was the third of the season for the all-state pitcher.

Kate Cameron scored three times in the first game, going 3 for 4 with a RBI and two stolen bases. Holly Van Cleave and Erin Gibbons each scored a run in the fourth inning and Prantz was 2 for 4 in the plate.

In the second game, eight of nine Wildcats scored in the game. Cameron was 3 for 3, scoring three more times. Kevall Hobart was 1 for

3 with a run and a double.

After stumbling to three doubleheader splits in conference play midway through the season, the Wildcats seem to have straightened out their game and set their sights on bigger goals.

"I think we are very focused right now, especially since we are playing full strength again with all 13 girls healthy and playable," Diglio said. "We battled some injuries and a few illnesses this season. We have talked a lot about being consistent last week, and staying focused for all 14 matings."

Novi will host the Novi Invitational this weekend before preparing for the districts on June 3. The "Cats" feed and will face Northville in the district semifinals next Saturday at 10 a.m. South Lyon will await the winner of the Brighton/Howell pre-district game in the other semifinal immediately following the Northville/Novi contest. The championship game will be played at Novi High School at approximately 1 p.m.

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Pridmore, Rzepka and Terrell qualify for state finals

By JASON SCHMITT
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For three Novi tracksters, the chance to strut their stuff at the state finals is still alive.

Stephanie Pridmore, Mickie Rzepka, and Christina Terrell all advanced onto the state finals in their respective events after turning in top performances at the regional meet last Friday afternoon.

Girls must finish among the top two at the regional or meet the predetermined qualifying times, heights, or distances. Each of Novi's three qualifiers finished among the top two in their events.

Rzepka vaulted her season best en route to winning a regional championship in the pole vault competition. The junior went 10-feet flat, bettering her previous best vault by 10 inches and setting a school record. She also competed in the 100 meter dash (12.8) and on the 400 and 800 relay teams, but failed to qualify or place in those events.

"Being able to go 10 feet, that's one of the best vaults in the state," Novi coach Sue Tomaneck said. "It's a barrier breaker. It kind of separates the good vaulters from the great ones."

The vault broke her own school record of 9-6 and was also a regional record.

"She really, really enjoys that event," her coach added. "Coming into the season she'd had, what we thought, could be a stress fracture in her foot. So we were taking it easy on her. She hasn't run an open 200 this season."

Pridmore won the shot-put competition with a top-throw of 33-11 3/4. The throw was not her season's best (35-8), nor was it better than the qualifying distance of 35-4. But it was good enough to make her a regional champion.

Terrell finished second in the discus competition. Her toss of 102-5 was second best and automatically qualified her for the state finals. She bettered her previous best throw by six feet, three inches. Pridmore was a close third in the event (102-2). Nicole Bliss added to her team total by placing fourth behind Terrell and Pridmore at 98-4.

"I know going in they had the potential of qualifying," Tomaneck said of her

Girl's Track

senior throwers chances for the state meet.

The team's success in the throwing events helped the team to a sixth-place finish at the Milford regional. Rochester Adams won the meet with 82.66 points, while Pontiac Northern (85.33) and Brighton (81.2) were next in line. Pinckney (44.2) and South Lyon (43) just edged out the Wildcats, who finished with 40 points. Milford was seventh (39) and Walled Lake Central and Lakeland were next up with 38.2 and 34 points.

The team fared well at all events too, but didn't place. Kristin Echols bettered her season-best time in the 3,200, clocking in at 12:13.93. Amanda Smith crushed her previous best time in the 200, coming in at 27.6.

Kelley Phelps, with a time of 17.0 in the 100 hurdles, placed her best of the season while the two-mile relay team of Beth Rice, Bethany Kittle, Vidya Mahadevan and Margo Wolowicz finished with a season-best time of 10:05.93.

Senior Kristina Utley saw her first action since the Milford win and did not qualify in the mile run. Battling a stress fracture in her left leg, she was scratched from the two-mile event. Her coach had hoped she'd be able to contribute to the team's Kensington Valley Conference chances on Tuesday.

"As competitive as she was — it was hard to see her like that. She was the best chance we had to qualify a runner for the state meet," Tomaneck said.

As it stands, this marks the first state meet Tomaneck will attend without a runner reaching the finals. "It'll be the first time I go without a stopwatch," she joked. "But I'll be there for motivation and moral support."

Novi's assistant coaches usually coach the girl's in the field events.

NOVI 89, LAKE LAND 49
The Wildcats won 11 of 17 events and swept the shot put, mile run, 800 and high-jump events on their way to finishing second in the Kensington Valley Conference regular-season standings.

Pridmore, Marena Wilkerson and Terrell were 1-2-3 in the shot put and Andrea Wallace and Michelle Burke finished atop the shot putters.

Kate Rose, Mary McDougal and Kristina Kennedy all high jumped 4-6, but Rose won the event with the fewest misses. McDougal and Kennedy tied for second.

Kittle, Jennifer Thomson, Mahadevan and Wolowicz were first in the 3,200 relay (10:15.14), as was the team of Rice, Chloe Clark, Rose and Erin Quinn in the 800 relay. Rose, Clark, Kennedy and Quinn comprised the winning 400 relay team.

Anna McDougal and Anise Hayes were 1-3 in the 100 dash and Clark and Emily Modick were 2-3 in the 200. Crystal Certe won the 400 in a time of 1:03.86 and Wolowicz, Thomson and Echols swept the 800.

Mahadevan, Kittle and Thomson were 1-2-3 in the mile, while Echols and Mahadevan were 1-2 in the two-mile run.

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Helping keep your children fit

Is getting the keeping our children fit an issue worthy of serious concern in the new millennium?



Chris Klebba

risk factor.

• Fifth percent of girls and 40 percent of boys cannot run a mile in less than ten minutes.

• Daily participation in high school physical education classes dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 27 percent in 1998.

• U.S. Department of Agriculture studies show the percentage of overweight children, ages 6 to 17, has doubled since 1986.

• The U.S. Surgeon General has declared that "childhood obesity is at epidemic levels in the United States."

• An estimated 70 percent of the ten- to 13-year-olds who are overweight today will be overweight and obese adults.

• Right now, only one state in our union, Illinois, currently requires daily physical education for grades K through 12.

• A recent study conducted by Dr. E. Murat Tuzcu of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio, and colleagues examined transplant hearts taken from teen donors. About one in six of them had blockages in at least one coronary artery.

Today's kids are tomorrow's parents, teachers, scientists, business leaders, you name it. I think the few facts above (and there are many more available) stresses the need for focus on fitness for our young.

The factors contributing to this negative trend are fairly obvious when you think about it and ironically, mirror the contributing factors negatively affecting adults physical well being...technological advances (resulting in moving less) and changes in eating habits (resulting in eating more).

• Technological advances - As valuable as all the technological advances are the negative effect on physical movement is very detrimental. Children today move much less. Long hours in front of a TV, playing video games versus actually physically playing the game and on the Internet have replaced many hours consumed in the past with running around outside involved in a variety of children activities.

• Eating habits - The onslaught of fat-free foods has negatively contributed to the health of our children. "Johnny is eating a bag of cookies but it is fat free" is a common mindset among younger and older people. Children are getting 12 percent of their total calories from fast food versus 3 percent of total calories from fast food 20 years ago. Sugar-filled pops and juice drinks are the norm. Bottom line, we are eating an average of 300 more calories per day than 20 years ago.

• Parents patterns - Unfortunately the parents example plays a huge part in this rising negative trend. Are you taking your kids for a bike ride after dinner or watching TV with them? Are we going outside to play catch or playing the baseball video game on the couch? Are you buying your kids eight video games for his birthday or giving him roller blades, a bike or a basketball goal? What can we do starting tomorrow to make a difference?

Barry Hardouin runs a highly successful program to help get children healthy and suggests the following tips:

• Strike a balance - Today, TV, computers and video games all compete for a child's attention at the expense of physical activity. "But it is unrealistic to say no more TV and computer games," Hardouin says. "So you balance it out - a little TV, a

little physical activity, a little video games, a little riding your bike."

• Don't eat in front of the TV - People begin to associate eating with TV watching so they feel they must eat every time they watch TV - leading to overindulgence and obesity.

• Don't use TV as a time-filler - Hardouin tells parents to promote reading, playing, crafts and hobbies, and to limit the child to an hour of quality TV programming per day.

• Give present to promote physical activity - As mentioned earlier, give roller blades, kites, footballs, etc., versus video games to help promote activity.

A final thought - get involved. Take your kids out for an active vacation this year, hiking or camping. Go for a family bike ride a couple of times per week. Find out what activity your child is interested in and help get them involved, i.e., karate, basketball, etc. Not only will we be helping the future of our children and our country, but we might get a little extra activity for ourselves along the way. Good luck.

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This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge.

Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available.

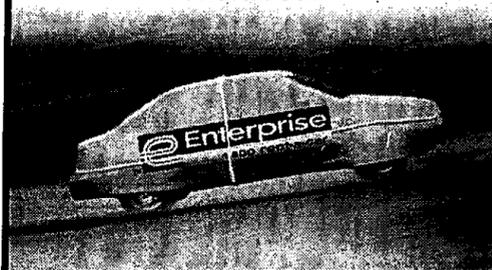
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