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Novi man found innocent of O'Hair murder

RANDAL YAKLEY
Staff Writer

It is still a mystery as to what really happened to the famed atheist, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, once referred to as "the most hated woman in America."

But for a former Novi resident, he'll still face life in prison for his involvement in bilking O'Hair and her family out of a half million dollars in gold coins.

Gary Paul Karr, who formerly rented a home on East Lake Drive, faces life in prison after being found guilty on four of five felony counts levied against him in a U.S. courtroom in Austin, Texas.

Karr was convicted of conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery and extortion, interstate travel in aid of racketeering, conspiracy to engage in monetary transaction in criminally acquired property and interstate transportation of stolen property.

He has eight previous felony counts against him and those could add up to life in prison, said U.S. District Attorney Gerald Caruth, from his Austin, Texas office. Sentencing for Karr is scheduled for August 4th.

Karr, 52, was not convicted of the kidnapping of O'Hair that led to her murder.

He was initially charged on September 25, 1999 with conspiring to kidnap and rob O'Hair, her son, John Garth Murray, and her biological grand-daughter and adopted daughter, Robin Murray-O'Hair. According to prosecutors, Karr was not accused of murder

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Abatement candidate backs out

By RANDAL YAKLEY
Staff Writer

Two weeks after the Novi city council voted to approve a tax abatement policy, the first hopeful corporation has withdrawn its application and will seek to build a \$50 Million dollar facility in another city.

In a statement issued by Textron Automotive Corporation, the company said the city timetable for issuing a tax abatement has caused them to fall behind in construction of their new facility and they would not be settling in Novi.

"I think that Textron took a look at what was going on in the community, the electorate and letters to the editor (in the Novi News,) and they decided to look at another option," said Novi's Economic Development Coordinator Greg Capote.

But Textron Automotive's Vice President in charge of technology, Robert Burnham said that the company could not wait for the city to make a decision.

"We hit a hurdle and we couldn't overcome the delays," Burnham said. "It would not have been voted on until (June) 19th."

Burnham said that Textron Automotive is looking at several new locations, including one in Oakland County. Because of confidentiality agreements, Burnham said that he was not able to divulge any of the locations being considered.

"It is very unfortunate for the city," said Council Member Louis Csorlas. "We've had those saying that they (businesses) would come without a tax abatement and that is not true."

"It would have generated \$700,000 a year for the city," Csorlas continued. "It's hundreds of millions of dollars (that the city will not see, for our park and for our roads.)"

Textron Automotive would have provided an estimated \$700,000 a year in revenue for the City of Novi and, after the annual \$300,000 tax abatement expired, the number would have increased to \$1 million a year.

Council Member Edward Kramer said that the city could have used the money for a number of projects.

"\$700,000 is three-tenths of a

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Don't touch that dial



From left, WOVI jocks Patrick Seymour and Brendan O'Neill join in fund raising marathon.

WOVI marathon aids cancer

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Rockin' around the clock!

To help gather participants for the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" fund raiser, Novi High School's own WOVI-FM (89.5) held a radio marathon on June 2.

For 18 hours, from 6 a.m. to midnight, members of "The Pat & Brendan Show" played 250 songs from their weekly radio show and hustled in calls to reach their goal of 30 teams.

"We're asking people who would like to become team captains for Relay For Life to call up and volunteer to organize a team," said senior Pat Sey-

mour of "The Pat & Brendan Show."

"We're having free giveaways like movie tickets and gift certificates to local restaurants to try and get people to call in."

The radio team also gave away Detroit Red Wings autographed memorabilia and other prizes from local businesses.

Seymour and Brendan O'Neill played the newest and coolest in alternative and college music featuring bands like Supergrass, Moby, and Bare-naked Ladies, among others.

Ann Delist of WPLT-FM Radio (96.3) and host of Detroit's PBS television music program "Backstage

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Main Street too close for industry comfort

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
and RANDAL YAKLEY
Staff Writers

It was a problem waiting to happen.

When you have a booming economy, a rapidly growing community and longstanding businesses, conflict does arise. And around the new downtown being built at Grand River and Novi Road, it could be battle only a few can win.

In an attempt to bring residential housing to the new downtown area, and the rezoning of 9.7 acres of property north of Trans X Drive, there may be some ruffled feathers among some of the players involved. A longtime industrial area, Trans-X Drive is just to the south of the new downtown.

If approved by the Novi City Council, the area would be rezoned from a Light Industrial District (I-1) and General Industrial District (I-2) to a High Density, Mid-Rise Multiple-Family Residential District (RM-2).

The residential could be sandwiched between an industrial complex and the downtown Main Street project.

And the new residents aren't going to like it, according to one Trans-X Drive businessowner.

"This region is a high industry area and allowing residential living will only create problems," said Frank Stevens, co-owner of Stevens Industries.

"The heavy industry on this street, including supply trucks, has materials lying outside. There is also the foundry that makes dyes quite often and when the wind comes in, you're going to know when they're making dyes."

"A lot of us in the (industrial) district have our buildings working 24 hours a day. At times, noise can be annoying to residents and with the supply trucks coming in and out of Trans-X drive, there's going to be a problem. I'm not saying this (rezoning) is bad, but I think what's happening here is you're putting the cart before the horse."

But Vice President of Singh, Mike Kham, thinks too much has been

Community split on proposed rezoning



SOURCE: Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc.

made of the estimated 170 unit luxury apartments expected to be constructed in the area.

"I don't think the industrial area will have an effect on it," Kham said, referring to Stevens' suggestion that noise in the area will be a problem with the proposed residential district.

Kham did say that having a viable downtown area meant having residents living near the downtown much like Royal Oak.

"It's an urban setting that the city of Novi is trying to create," Kham continued, referring to the downtown area with residential housing.

"Our main entrance will be off of Market Street. Trans X Drive will only be a back door."

Developers of Main Street, headed by James Chen, have been asking for more residential in the area as the downtown continues to grow. Kham said that Chen and Singh Corporation have been working hand-in-hand to promote residential living in the downtown area.

"We have been working with Jim (Chen) since the beginning (of the project)," Kham said. "Jim is aware

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Middle schoolers hop for cash to help teacher's kids

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

To Novi Middle School students and staff, teacher David Lazzari was a friend, a mentor, and a hero.

On January 28, Lazzari, 30, died from complications of a brain tumor. In honor of his loving memory, Team 8C held "Memorial Madness," a

school-wide fund raising event

for the David Lazzari Children's Trust Fund, bringing in over \$2,000.

"Mr. Lazzari was always so good to us, so it's nice to know we're helping out his kids so they can go to college," said middle schooler Kyle Grech.

Each student paid a \$2 entry fee to participate in a two mile walk-a-thon and compete in five wacky

events, including the marshmallow spoon contest, potato sack race, the hula hoop pass, three-legged race and a bubble gum blowing contest.

"It was a lot of fun for a great cause," said students Josh Olkowski.

Lazzari's wife Lisa said she was really touched.

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Hot dogs a hooray for award

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Monday, Novi High School students enjoyed a hot dog lunch and ceremony to commemorate the school's most recent triumph, winning the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award — the most prestigious school award in the country.

Sophomore Ellen Laurence said she enjoys being a student at Novi High School and that she was really pleased about the receipt of their distinguished award.

"I think it's an important accomplishment for us. It's a good high school and I really enjoy it here."

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Superintendent Emmet Lippe, Principal Jennifer Cheal and State Rep. Nancy Cassis celebrate Novi High's national award.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, June 8

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbriht at 380-6500.

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, June 12

Beach opens

Lakeshore Beach opens for business today through Aug. 20. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13

Civil Air Patrol

The Stargate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkview Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2609.

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at Novi Meadows at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 932-9244.

Northville School Board

The Northville School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Old Village School, Northville.

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome.

Business Network International

A regular meeting of the Business Network International, Novi Chapter, will be held at 7 a.m. at the Rerly's Honey Island, at Eight Mile and Hagerty roads. Call (810) 323-3800 for information.

Chess Club

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

Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, June 14

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Business Network International

A regular meeting of the Business Network International, Greater Novi Chapter, will be held at 7 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, at Eight Mile and Hagerty roads. Call (810) 323-3800 for information.

Lions Club

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

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Thursday, June 15

Novi Rotary

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Walled Lake School Board

The Walled Lake School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Center, Board of Education Room, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake.

Novi School Board

The Novi School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

Ordinance Review

The Ordinance Review Committee meets at 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, city council chambers.

Music series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn.

Historical Commission

The Novi Historical Commission meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, June 19

City Council

The Novi City Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Guiley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Novi city hall beefs up ranks with promotions

RANDAL YAKY

Staff Writer

After what had seemed to be a long stretch of defections, the city administration has begun to build up its ranks again.

On Monday, Novi City Manager Richard Helwig introduced three new appointees to the city council. Maureen Malone, who has been sitting in for former Public Information Director Lou Martin, was named full-time Community Relations Manager. Malone was formerly his assistant before Martin left to become information director at Providence Hospital.

In addition, Bev Valente was named Assistant Treasurer and Tina Gronlund-Fox was named Human Resources Director. According to Helwig, Malone will be responsible for her old duties as well as the former information director's duties.

Malone will be working to establish neighborhood focus groups to gain insights into what inputs are needed for a possible road bond ballot proposal this fall, said Helwig.

Our immediate need is to develop a needs review of road improvement," Helwig said.

"She (Malone) will be the contact person for the community," Valente, who has worked as an account clerk in the Treasurer's Office for the past 11 years, has been responsible for the tax collection process in the city. Valente is

working toward her Treasurer's certification through classes offered at Central Michigan University.

While Valente finishes her professional training, Finance Director Kathy Smith-Roy will share responsibility for management of the city's investment portfolio. Valente replaces Steve Babichak, who took a position with the Detroit Public School Management Team.

In his first interview with the Novi News two months ago, Helwig said that one of his first priorities would be to get a full-time human resources director on staff.

Gronlund-Fox, who has been the city's human resources specialist for the past two years, will take over as director. This is a new position.

She'll be busy. The city has a number of vacancies that remain to be filled.

Helwig said that the city council has set aside money to do a compensation study to compare how Novi pays its employees as compared to other municipalities. Helwig admitted that it could be difficult to attract employees in such a tight economy. He said that he would look into the pay structure for employees in order to find the right individuals.

"It may be something we'll have to look at to attract high-quality employees," Helwig said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

From left, promoted at city hall are Community Relations Manager Maureen Malone and Assistant Treasurer Bev Valente.

employees," Helwig said.

Gronlund-Fox, who has a Bachelor's Degree from Oakland University in Human Resources Development with a concentration in Labor Relations, will make an estimated \$55,000 a year.

Malone's starting pay will be \$37,000 per year and Valente will make an estimated \$46,000. Helwig said that replacing Direc-

tor of Developmental Services Kerren Corley, Senior Planning Official James Wahl and Staff Planner Tamara Buswinka - who have all issued their resignations and are expected to be gone by next month - is a high priority.

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Cassisi: take holiday from paying sales tax

By MIKE MALOTT

HomeTown News Service

Cutting the sales tax as a way to return Michigan's budget surplus to taxpayers has certain advantages. House Tax Policy Chair Nancy Cassisi told her committee in May.

"I never leaves taxpayers' wallets," said Rep. Cassisi, R-Nowi. "They don't have to wait for a refund next April or to get a tax credit. The money is never sent to the government in the first place."

Cassisi is pushing for the creation of a sales tax holiday, two weeks around the Labor Day weekend when clothing purchases would be exempt from Michigan's 6 percent state sales tax. Committee members are receptive to the proposal, although they are asking that the cap on the cost of clothing eligible for exemption be trimmed from \$500 per item to \$150.

Still, if enacted, the tax cutting measure would save taxpayers an estimated \$16 million per year, according to House Fiscal Agency analyses.

That's money Cassisi said she believes the state will recover, because state consumers will like to spend that some cash elsewhere.

"They'll go out to dinner or buy a piece of jewelry they hadn't planned on buying," she said. If the committee acts quickly on the bill and it gets a good review from the full House and Senate, Cassisi said she hopes the holiday can be in effect for the coming Labor Day weekend.

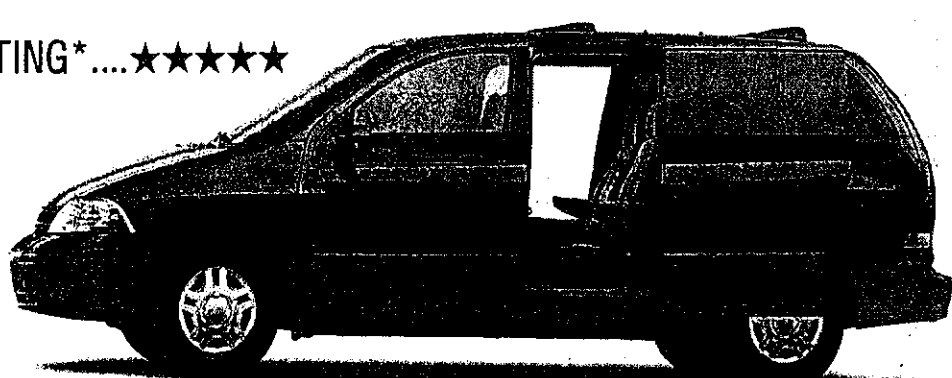
"What could be more broad-based than this," Cassisi said. "Everybody wears clothes."

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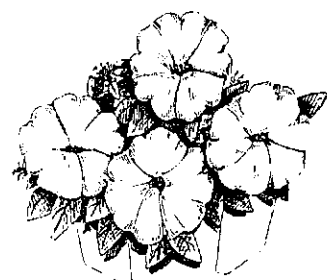
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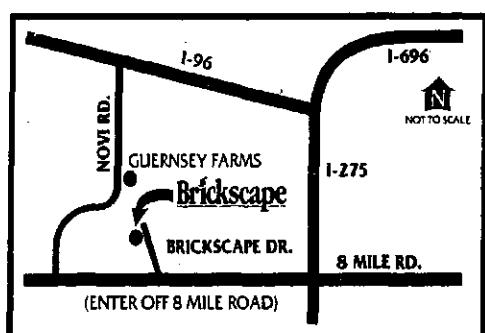
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Police liaison will join high school students in fall

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Beginning next fall, a Novi police resource officer will become a part of the Novi High School faculty after approval from the school board was granted last week.

Recently, the City of Novi included funds for a liaison officer, and incorporated it as part of the school budget.

A resource officer can bring outside expertise into the high school in ways the current staff doesn't have," said Novi High School Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal.

"I think an officer would be a great educational resource, as well as a great communicator between the school and the community. It would benefit the students, staff, and parents both physically and emotionally."

The officer will have a starting salary of \$28,800 per year, with the city paying 60 percent of that and the school district 40 percent. That's the agreement between the two parties for the next three years.

Paul Wood, who runs the liaison

program for Livonia public schools, came to speak at last week's Novi board meeting to help answer any questions and share his views about the program.

"The liaison program is something I am very passionate about and strongly believe in," he said.

"It has been very effective in our schools with nothing but positive results. It's the perfect piece in preparing students for adulthood and I can't say enough nice things about it."

Although the officer would be a police department and not school district employee, Woods said the officer is not there to overrule school grounds.

"He is not there to take control," Woods said. "There is a resource and as a consequence."

Woods added that one of the advantages of having a police officer in the school is that it provides fast action, such as the ability to make arrests.

"One major benefit is that it provides an immediate response to situations," he said.

"I don't think there's enough problems within the schools to warrant that. There are problems in Novi, but they don't go on in school."

Erica Alpert
Novi High School senior

The board had a lot of questions ranging from contracts to the attitude and response from students when the officer came into their school.

"The students were unsure at first, but over time they came to realize that he was an integral part of the school," Woods said.

Wood said the biggest misconception when a liaison or resource officer is brought into the schools is people believe there must be something wrong.

"Often people think it indicates a problem, but that has nothing to do with it," he said. "He is there to assist and help out."

The officer, who will be hired over the summer, will wear a uniform but not at all times. He will also carry a weapon.

"The reaction from several high school students was not enthusiastic," Alpert said.

"It's going to be weird," said junior Jon Mucki. "I think it will be hard to be with him, almost. I'd feel like I was being watched like I was some kind of delinquent."

Junior Eric Walle said he was shocked to learn the news about the resource officer.

"I'm really surprised," he said. "I'm on student government and we never heard anything about it."

just don't think anyone has done anything that we have to bring an officer into the building."

Senior Eric Alpert said although she won't be in the high school next year, she didn't agree with the decision.

"I don't think there's enough problems within the schools to warrant that," she said. "There are problems in Novi, but they don't go on in school."

An interview team, that will include Cheal, will help evaluate and decide who the new resource officer will be.

One item that has not yet been decided upon is how long the contract will last.

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

Sull, the students have not had a warm reception with the proposal. "I don't like the idea of having an officer in the school," said junior Steve Szawast.

"We don't have any real problems here. The only thing that there's really been is smoking in the bathrooms and I think that's something the hall monitors can take care of."

"I think that if we start bringing in police guards and metal detectors, it kind of gives a bad reputation like there are major problems going on, even though we don't have them."

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Burglars hit Diamond Castle store

The Diamond Castle Jewelry store at 39955 Grand River was broken into over the night of May 30 and an assortment of items were taken from the establishment.

When police arrived on the scene, there was broken glass and a chunk of concrete on the floor of the store lobby.

Two display cases and a display cabinet were broken into.

Police looked at the surveillance tape and found a black male dressed in white tennis shoes, dark nylon sweat pants, and a light Starter jacket crouching the place around 1:12 a.m.

The man left for a brief time, but returned with another black male wearing a dark color overcoat and pants. A third black male subject showed up wearing a dark baseball cap.

The first subject was described as thin in build and of average height. The other two were merely described as black males in their late twenties or early thirties.

At 1:22 a.m., the tape revealed the first male subject leaving the store. No other witnesses were at the scene. Police continue to investigate the incident.

No charges were filed. The woman said she just wanted police to know about the incident.

BAD CHECKS PASSED
Novi police responded to a call at the Twelve Oaks Shopping Mall

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after management of the Hudson's store said a male subject was attempting to purchase merchandise with a stolen check on June 1.

According to police, the 59-year-old Detroit man was arrested after attempting to pass the checks in Westland, Livonia as well as Novi.

A Bloomfield Hills woman, who was the rightful owner of the checks, told police that she would press charges against the man.

The incidents are still under investigation.

QUITE NEIGHBORLY
A 19-year-old Novi woman said her neighbor told her "I'm going to kill you" after she refused to watch the suspect's cat while she went through drug rehabilitation.

The incident, which happened during the afternoon hours of June 1, was not the first occurrence between the two neighbors. The victim claims the woman had threatened her on previous occasions.

No charges were filed. The woman said she just wanted police to know about the incident.

VANDALS ATTACK WORK SITE
A work site along Twelve Mile Road near Donelson Drive has been having trouble with vandals driving equipment around the grounds and damaging equipment.

On May 31, Novi police were called to the area by representatives of Waterland Trucking Inc. about some incidents that have been occurring at the work site.

According to representatives of the company, at least four vehicles have been started up and driven

around the property.

Police say the vandals drove two of the vehicles into ditches and over piping that were damaged in the incident.

One thousand feet of fence were also damaged at the site. Police continue to look into the incident.

COME BACK HERE
Two local men had an argument at the Speedway gas station on May 31 that resulted in one driving off in the other man's car, leaving him stranded.

Apparently, the two men were at a local bar and were arguing over a female suspect's actions earlier in the evening.

When the two men left, they stopped at the gas station where the arguing increased. At one point, the suspect drove off in the man's car, leaving the vehicle's owner at the gas station.

Police eventually recovered the car at a Wixom apartment complex off of Pontiac Trail. Police continue to investigate the incident.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

A time to grow

Tollgate Gardens is holding its annual Spring Plant Sale on June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at MSU Tollgate Education Center. Sun and shade perennials and ornamental grasses will be available. Master gardeners will be there to answer gardening questions. The center is on the northwest corner of Twelve Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road.

First families

Are you a member of one of Detroit's first families? Detroit 300, the organization putting together a celebration of the city's tricentennial, is looking for people who are descended from the community's original settler families.

What is now the Motor City saw a population boom in the years 1701 to 1750. To be recognized as a descendant of an original settler, submit the form found in the brochure "Detroit 300 Original Settlers of Detroit," which may be downloaded through the web site www.detroit300.org or obtained by calling (877) 338-2001.

Student achievement
Novi Christian School, a ministry of First Baptist Church of Novi, has been recognized by the School of Tomorrow International Corporate Offices for exemplary achievement in the quality of student attainment.

School of Tomorrow provides curriculum and materials for an international network of over 7,000 schools in 130 countries servicing church, private, and government schools as well as home schools, educational centers, high-tech learning centers and literacy education centers.

Outstanding examples of academic performance in local schools are recognized annually for their excellence in educational leadership. The students in Novi Christian School exceed the required one-year academic achievement while maintaining a school grade point average of 94.36 percent. The School of Tomorrow commended the staff and students for their academic excellence, noting that this is an educational program of which their community may be proud.

Podiatrists Celebrate 26 Years...

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Dr. Ken Posz and Dr. Randy Bernstein at Foot Health Centers treat all kinds of foot and ankle ailments for patients of all ages. "Everything from birth to 105 years old," said Dr. Bernstein.

From nail fungus to fractures, from skin problems to orthopedic surgery from bunions to circulation problems, these doctors treat every kind of foot and ankle ailment, and have many years of experience.

A patient is never too young or too old to deserve first-rate foot care. Dr. Bernstein recommends that children come see a podiatrist within the first year and that senior citizens, who have special foot needs, come in every 2 months for check-ups and care.

Foot Health Center is probably one of the busiest podiatry practices in the state. Foot Health Center is affiliated with Bonfiori, Sinai, Oakwood and Kore Hospitals.

Their surgery is either performed as an outpatient at one of the hospitals or in their surgical operating room located in the Novi office.

Experience, qualification and precision characterize these doctors. With a combined experience of 37 years, these doctors work seven days a week, starting at 6 a.m. and finishing patients at 8 p.m.

After this, they start returning patient calls, hospital rounds, and paperwork until 11 p.m. Satisfaction is the name of the game.

Their offices are available to their patients. The doctors at Foot Health Centers were forerunners in the use of laser surgery for the foot and ankle. This technique is a primary tool for treating fungus, nails, ingrown nails, warts, nerve tumors and other problems. The laser technique means less trauma and less pain for the patient.

Dr. Bernstein and Dr. Posz were among the first doctors in the area to offer 24-hour emergency services. Patients can call the office at 1166 or Detroit at (313) 863-3338.

Dr. Ken Posz, left, and Dr. Randy Bernstein celebrate their clinic's 26th anniversary this year. Dr. Bernstein and Dr. Posz are dedicated to giving first-rate care to all patients.

Their offices also offer sports medicine and specializes in bunion removal. Many patients have stated these doctors do the best bunion surgery in the country.

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All three offices are accepting new patients; so contact the nearest location: Novi at (248) 349-5559, Livonia at (248) 478-1166 or Detroit at (313) 863-3338.

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State legislators in an uproar over gay 'initiation' class at U. of M.

By MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
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"How to be gay" can be a controversial topic, especially if it's a college course.

"That's not an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars," said Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy. "I don't want to discriminate and I believe they have a right to live that lifestyle if they want, but I don't think taxpayers want their money to be used to promote a lifestyle they don't think is right."

Michigan lawmakers last week nearly slashed the state's allocation to the University of Michigan by 10 percent over the course, if it is offered in the fall as currently planned. Eight representatives in the House offered an amendment to the state higher education budget to make that 10 percent "an incentive to accept agreement not

to use taxpayer dollars to violate broadly accepted social mores."

The 10 percent "grant" would not be allocated to universities if course content may be interpreted as promoting or facilitating the participation in sexual lifestyle or practices other than heterosexual monogamy or "there is a reasonable expectation that a majority of citizens would object to the use of taxpayer dollars for the course."

Among local representatives who sponsored the amendment were Gosselin and Rep. Valde Garcia, St. Johns.

"As a legislator, I may love them," Gosselin further explained, "but not approve of what they are doing."

He contended that the amendment would not violate academic freedom or constitutional protections of the freedom of speech.

"We may not dictate what they

can and cannot teach," Gosselin said. "But we are the ones who determine funding."

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, said that after she reviewed the English course, she found that it was not really a "how-to." She said the course would study "initiation rites into the gay community" but it would not conduct them.

Still, Cassis was a supporter of the amendment. She explained she felt it was a "truth in advertising" issue. She asked university officials to change the name of the course, but they would not agree.

The amendment would have altered the University of Michigan's \$360 million allocation for the coming fiscal year. Part of the overall higher education budget of \$1.9 billion, the amendment would have applied to all colleges in Michigan.

After lawmakers rejected the amendment in a 52-44 vote, with

14 members not voting, the House went ahead and approved the overall budget in a 104-3 vote.

U-M President Lee Bollinger has stated support for the course.

"We have courses that study many, many different parts of life. A course may include thinking about what it means to be a gay member in an inner city. It may study what it means to be part of the business community in a small town. One of the intellectual interests, especially of the past 20 years, has been to think about popular culture and the way in which people create their identity in the world. This is a course in that tradition. We believe that this course has academic value and we believe that the process by which this course has been created is sound."

he said.

U-M professor David Halperin, who will teach the course, describes it this way: "Just because you happen to be a gay man doesn't mean that you don't have to learn how to become one. Gay men do some of that learning on their own, but often we learn how to be gay from others, either because we look to them for instruction or because they simply tell us what they think we need to know, whether we ask for their advice or not. This course will examine the general topic of the role that initiation plays in the formation of gay identity."

The American Family Association of Michigan, however, is critical of the class.

"In terms of the health risk, law-

makers who refused to stop U-M from teaching students how to be gay may as well force taxpayers to pay for teaching students how to

play Russian Roulette," said its president, Gary Glenn.

"Taxpayers were already outraged that U-M officials, who couldn't be held accountable, planned to use our tax dollars to promote illegal, immoral, and life-threatening homosexual behavior. Many will be further outraged now that their elected officials, who they can hold accountable, have voted to allow this abuse of tax dollars to proceed."

On the amendment, local lawmakers Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, voted yes.

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Katherine Fannon teaches Internet skills to senior citizens, just one of the many reasons she was chosen as a Millennium Dreamer recipient and headed to Disney World for her award.

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Bullard receives endorsements in race

State Senator Bill Bullard, (R-Highland) has received endorsement from a number of local politicians including State Representative Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township), as well as the current Drain Commissioner George Kuhn and Secretary of State Candice Miller.

Bullard, who is in his second

term as State Senator, is looking to replace Kuhn who has been drain commissioner for the past 28 years.

"Because of his long legislative career, he has what it takes to take on the administrative duties of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner position," said Cassis. "His record is par none."

Bullard will face Oakland County

Commission Board Chairman John McCulloch (R-Royal Oak), Edward Hamilton of Troy, R. Ivy Patterson of Rochester Hills and John Levin of Bloomfield Hill in the November race.

Disney Dreamer

Novi girl awarded for volunteer work

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Katherine Fannon, a Novi High School freshman, was named a Millennium Dreamer out of 2,000 young people from around the world for her outstanding contributions to the community.

As a winner, Fannon traveled to Florida to enjoy an all inclusive stay for two at the Walt Disney World Resort where she was saluted as a positive role model, not only to her community, but to young people around the world.

"It was a great experience," she said. "I had so much fun." At Disney World, Fannon joined the other Millennium Dreamers for a recognition ceremony at the Epcot Center and participated in an interactive symposium at the Disney Institute on "Kids Inspiring Kids."

The students also attended parties at Magic Kingdom and MGM as well as a number of tours, concerts, and dinners.

"I was pretty cool at Epcot because Christopher Reeves was the guest speaker," Fannon said. "He talked a lot about how important community service is and the significance of volunteering."

Fannon has been a crusader when it comes to donating her time and energy, teaching Internet skills to senior citizens at Botsford Commons, tutoring fifth and sixth graders at Novi Meadows, helping with the bible school at St. James, and visiting the Charter House Nursing Home after school.

"I'd water their plants or just sit talk to them," she said. "I just enjoyed chatting with people and hearing their stories."

Fannon's nomination for the award was made by Novi Middle School teacher Judy Williams, who sponsored the school's volunteer club, in which Fannon formerly was president of.

"Katie was very instrumental in fueling the spirit of volunteerism at Novi Middle School," said Williams. "She's a great role model."

Fannon said she was really honored and thankful for Williams' nomination because not only did she get to do a lot of great things, but made many new friends.

"I met so many people while I was there from all over the world," she said. "It was cool because McDonalds gave all the kids from each country buttons to trade with one another, so I got pins from

South Africa, Australia, China, Germany, and Finland."

Fannon's mother Laurie said she was really impressed by the way the trip was handled.

"Everything was first class," she said. "They really did a wonderful job."

When Fannon's not busy volunteering, she's participating in several activities including symphony band and color guard at the high school and singing in two church choirs.

"I'm really involved musically," she said. "I really enjoy singing and I've been playing the French horn for five years and the clarinet for about two."

Fannon said volunteering is a truly rewarding experience and that she would encourage all young people to contribute their services by giving something back to the community.

"It's really great to make a difference in people's lives," she said. "The most rewarding thing is to see them smile."

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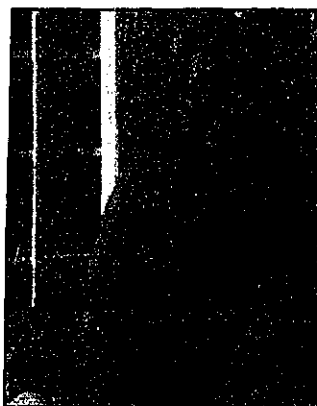


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• Activities: Senior editor, year disc, Web-Master, CulTech president, Computer Club, theophanes, has 500+ new members; debate and forensics, church youth volunteer group, summer volunteer camp.

• Awards: National Merit Scholarship finalist; Who's Who Among American High School Students; National Honor Society; International Thespian Society; Alpha M. and Alpha U. Literary Scholarship; University of Michigan.

• Future Plans: Stanford University, computer science.



Andrea Bullen

• Activities: Nov High School softball and basketball, grades 9 and 10; Spanish Club, grades 9 and 10; secretary in grade 11; president in grade 12; Internat Club, grades 10 and 11; activity coordinator and internat in grade 12.

• Awards: Regents Merit Scholarship at the University of Michigan; academic letter with two bars.

• Future Plans: University of Michigan, medicine.



Kristine Copping

• Activities: French Club president; National Honor Society; Renaissance Under-Society; co-valedictorian; St. James Church; assistant editor for school paper; International Club; Internat Club; Quiz Bowl; tutor, debate team.

• Awards: International Honor Society for High School Journalists; National Honor Society; lettered in Debate; top academic speaker award at the KVC debate tournament; Phi Beta Kappa recognition; academic letter.

• Future Plans: University of Michigan, business or education.



Brian Joseph Dodds

• Activities: Varsity tennis and wrestling; National Honor Society; Spanish Club.

• Awards: University of Michigan regents Merit Scholarship; MSU Alumnus Distinguished Scholarship; tennis finalist; tennis; NSU Student Merit Award; wrestling; academic; student athlete award; academic all-conference; academic all-state; regional qualifier; runner-up in team state finals; participant in US Chemistry Olympiad.

• Future Plans: Engineering at MSU or U. of M.



Jennifer Hagopian

• Activities: Varsity Pom-Pom; all-star Pom-Pom team; National Honor Society; Young Life; hip-hop dance class.

• Awards: Academic letter; First Bar; Second Bar; four year Honor Roll; Student Athlete Award (Pom-Pom).

• Future Plans: University of Michigan, LSA.



Richard R. Harris

• Activities: Debate captain; varsity tennis; co-captain; National Honor Society; Congressional Youth Leadership; Student Congress; Spanish Club; Northwestern University; Coon-Hardy Debate.

• Awards: Phi Beta Kappa; Chairman-Delaware Student Congress; Presidential Sports Award; Outstanding Youth of the Year nomination-NYA; National Chemistry Olympiad; Model U.N. first place; community volunteer-recognition for service award; Michigan Merit Scholarship; Michigan Competitive Scholarship; Elks Michigan Scholarship; Farmington Elks Lodge Scholarship; Academic scholar Second Bar.

• Future Plans: Notre Dame on scholarship; controversial law.



Jane Yujin Lee

• Parents: Su Ilson and Young Hee Lee.

• Activities: International Club; Art Club; varsity track and field; National Honor Society; volunteer service; ESL tutoring; church; 2000 musical set playing.

• Awards: 1999 Community Service Award; 2000 Scholastic Art Awards; Scholastic senior portfolio.

• Future Plans: Rhode Island School of Design.



Janice Clara Liao

• Parents: Kenneth and Karen Liao.

• Activities: President of Internat Club; Quiz Bowl and International Club; National Honor Society treasurer; Debate co-captain; Student Congress.

• Awards: National Merit (finalist); presidential scholar candidate; National United States Chemistry Olympiad National nominee; Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Michigan math prize competitor; Hon. Mention, U. of M. debate tournament; First place, North Oakland Open Debate League; First speaker, Michigan Teachers' Music Association state finalist; Detroit Musicians League Competition; First place, Michigan Youth Arts Festival; American Chinese Association scholarship; University of Michigan scholarships.

• Future Plans: U. of M., pre-medicine.



Angela Melissa Moran

• Parents: Patrick Francis and Laura Moran.

• Activities: Marching and symphony band; National Honor Society; French Club; Science Club; Quiz Bowl; Volunteer at Expo Center; tutoring at Medanos; assist at beautification projects for the community.

• Awards: Phi Beta Kappa; Presidential Educational Award; Summa Cum Laude; academic letter; first and second Academic Bar; Federal Phi Grant; Federal Supplemental FFA Grant; Michigan Competitive Scholarship; Board of Central Scholarship.

• Future Plans: Michigan Technological University, chemical engineering.



Amrutha Nagarajan

• Parents: Rajan and Ann Nagarajan.

• Activities: Varsity tennis team captain; volunteer teacher at Bulwari; French Club vice president; volunteer tutor, reading and math; National Honor Society; Indian classical music (Karnat); Indian classical dance (Bharatanatyam).

• Awards: 1999 AP Scholar with honors; University of Michigan Regent Scholarship; VSAAP Scholarship; academic award; Leadership award tennis; academic letter; academic bar; National Young Leaders Conference Youth Leadership Award; All-conference honors in academics; all-conference honors in tennis; all-conference second team; 13th place, State Finals Division I.

• Future Plans: Wellesley College, pre-law.



Christina Parrish

• Parents: Tom and Tina Parrish.

• Activities: Basketball and volleyball; three years, French Club; National Honor Society; Student Council representative; Wilcox Renaissance; Science Olympiad; Internat Club; varsity choir; earning choir volunteer; volunteer at Whitehall Nursing Home; Nov Expo Center; Nov Parks and Recreation; volleyball camp coach.

• Awards: Student, All-Region, All-Oakland County, All-District, All-Conference, All-Area, varsity soccer, state champs; homecoming court representative; Academic Scholarship to Oakland University.

• Future Plans: Oakland University, business administration.



Ryan D. Rzepka

• Activities: Spanish Club; Science Club; Photography Club; junior varsity soccer; varsity soccer; Young Life.

• Awards: Horizon Roll; awards for varsity soccer; Student Athlete Award; Leadership Award; Student, All-Region, All-Oakland County, All-District, All-Conference, All-Area, varsity soccer, state champs; homecoming court representative; Academic Scholarship to Oakland University.

• Future Plans: Grand Valley State University, physical therapy.



Daniel F. Weston

• Parents: Frederick and Sara Weston.

• Activities: Freshman baseball; junior varsity baseball; Spanish Club, grades 9-12; National Honor Society, grades 10-12; Tutor, 11-12; Volunteer at Nov Public Library, grades 10-11; Model U.N. grade 12.

• Awards: Nominated for 1997 Outstanding Youth of the Year; Trustees Scholarship at Toledo, \$3,000 per year.

• Future Plans: University of Toledo, civil engineering.



Erika Alpert

• Parents: Paula Gail Grisel, Martin Alpert.

• Activities: Nov Theaters; debate; forensics; thespians.

• Awards: University of Michigan regents Scholarship; Phi Beta Kappa; Academic letter, first and second bar; Presidential Education award.

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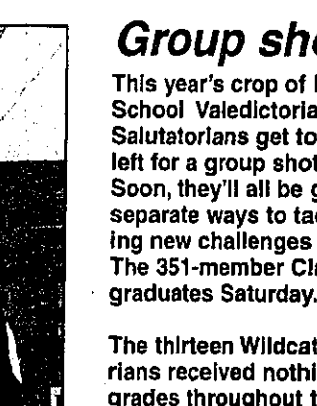
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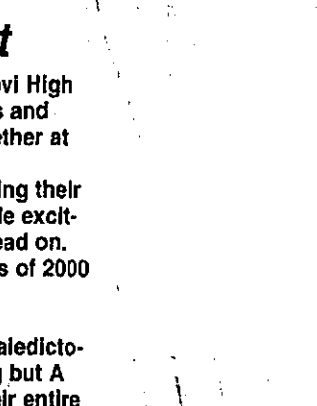
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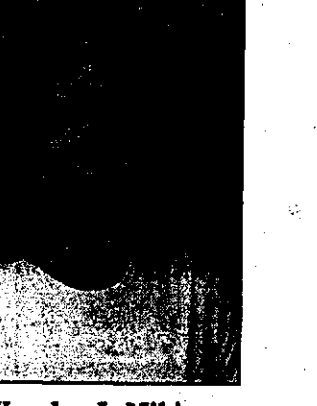
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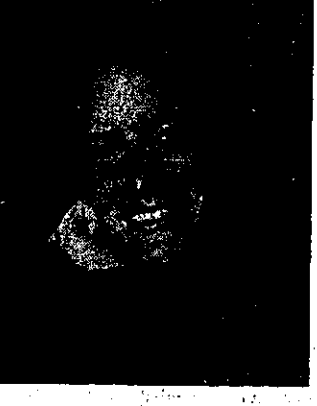
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Group shot

This year's crop of Novi High School Valedictorians and Salutatorians get together at left for a group shot. Soon, they'll all be going their separate ways to tackle exciting new challenges head on. The 351-member Class of 2000 graduates Saturday.

The thirteen Wildcat Valedictorians received nothing but A grades throughout their entire high school career.

The five Salutatorians have an almost perfect A record, each only racking up one B grade in high school.



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Salutatorians



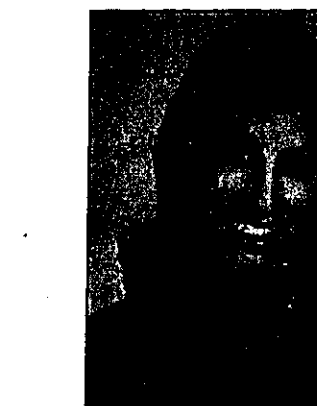
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THE NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BOARD RACE

The Candidates: Issues at a Glance

Candidates for the Northville School Board race are already preparing for some of the tough issues two of them will face next year.

Incumbent Joan Wadsworth, Treasurer of the school board, Judy Wollack, Ken Roth, and Carol Poenisch are running for the two available seats on the board this year. The election will be held June 12.

Wadsworth is the only one of the two whose terms are up this year seeking reelection. President Mike Poterala will not run again.

The candidates agreed to discuss issues such as overcrowding in schools, weighted grades, technology and the special ed waiver with the *Northville Record*.



Carol Poenisch



Ken Roth



Joan Wadsworth



Judith Wollack

High School Health Education Class

The district created a mandatory Health Curriculum with a sex ed portion in the course. Some parents want this class to be an elective charging they should have a right to choose how their children learn this information. However, some believe the children who need the information the most would not get it if the class were an elective.

Current position

The School Board referred the issue to the Citizens Health Advisory Committee for further review. They also approved an extension of the CHAC's deadline and took the Health component out of next year's requirements.

There should be two classes offered one with sex ed and one without. This would eliminate the need to remove a student from the class as well as allowing those who want the information to have access to it.

She would also like to see doctors brought in for portions of the class.

The class should not be mandatory. Parents should be able to make the choice how their children get this information. The parents also should have been given more information from the start and have more say in the process of developing curriculum.

The board's goal is to provide students with information which will help them make good decisions and there are a number of ways to do that. I want to wait for the CHAC's findings before saying the class should be mandatory or elective.

The information in the Health Curriculum, including sex education needs to be available to high school students. A variety of options and/or classes need to be developed to meet the needs and issues of all parents.

Overcrowding in schools

The Future Facilities Use Committee released a report earlier this year stating the district's elementary schools would reach capacity by next year. This issue had some parents concerned the class sizes would continue to increase, some suggesting the district build a new school. However, the committee's report shows a decline in enrollment beginning in the 2004 school year.

The School Board referred the issue and findings of the Future Facilities Use Committee to another recommending body which will be formed later this summer. They will determine the long term solution for the problem of overcrowding. The board, however, has final approval.

The district is not ready for another new school. We need to be patient and see what happens and determine at a later date whether enough children are moving into the district to warrant such a move. However, I am a little disappointed in the size of some of the classes but the district has done a good job moving the kids around.

If enrollment trends begin to decrease I would not be for a new school in the district as long as the student/teacher ratio is acceptable to parents. I would be for connecting the problem through other means.

The issue needs further consideration. The board needs to investigate its options carefully and wait for the new committee's findings. However, if the district does need a new school, I believe the community would support this, if the district's research is solid.

No decision should be made on this issue until the findings of the new committee are released and then make a decision on what best fits the needs of the community. A new school should be built only if the committee finds enrollment is not declining. If there is a need to one, I would be in support.

Special Education Waiver

Reduces the number of days in the special education summer program by 15 days. The schedule allows for two non-consecutive weeks of break during the summer. Some parents feel this disruption in schedule and the slow process by which it was approved have caused set backs in their children's progress. However, some other parents and members of the district feel the short-end schedule allows teachers more planning time and is beneficial in the long run.

The school board approved the waiver for summer of 2000. However, they said they may reconsider asking for the waiver for the summer of 2001 unless they have assurances from the State it will be approved or not approved in a timely matter.

I would like to see more information before making a judgment on this issue.

It would seem we are working with small enough numbers that we could find a solution that disrupted the students as little as possible. To me, it would seem logistically correct if the teachers could still have adequate planning time with a four day week for example, as opposed to two (non-consecutive) weeks off during the summer.

The district needs to explain why it can be appropriate to ask for waivers from the state. That part of the discussion has been missing. Also, if the district contemplates waivers, there must be a clear understanding with the state regarding the timing of approval or denial. If they don't have that understanding then the district needs a fall plan.

It is very unfortunate that because of an issue in Lansing, the schedule for the school year was not given in a timely fashion. Parents should have their school calendar for the following year as soon as possible. The parents should have input as to when they feel vacation time is best, in compliance with the mandated hours.

Technology

Northville parents have recently debated the importance and use of computers and other new technology in schools.

The School Board recently approved the purchase of 266 new computers for the high school. They also approved a Computer Aided Design course in the Middle and High schools as just a few examples of their commitment to technology education.

Any student graduating today needs to know his or her way around a computer in order to function in college and in the work world. Computers need to be seen as an academic tool the administration uses.

Computers should be more accessible to students but should not be used as a substitute teacher. Rather, they should be something students learn how to use as a research and reference tool.

Technology is a tool which can support and enhance learning. We need to work hard to continue to identify the best uses of technology in the classroom.

It is very important all students at all levels receive technology classes and have access to computers in their classrooms. The district needs to continue to improve this curriculum, providing the skills, information and education best benefiting our children.

Weighted grades

The High School Improvement Committee recently voted down the weighting of grades at the high school level. This means students in Advanced Placement classes will not receive extra points for the grades they receive in these classes.

The School Board asked the High School Improvement Committee to reexamine the issue and give the board the rationale behind the decision as well as the criteria they used to judge the issue. They also asked them to consider some alternatives to weighted grades.

I would like to see a 12 point grading system implemented district wide. This would utilize a plus, minus system of grading.

I don't want to discourage students from taking challenging courses as not put them at a disadvantage in college admissions. However, college admission boards generally recalculate the grades using their own formula. Further, they look at students transcripts which will show them the type of classes students took. Therefore I don't see the need for weighted grades.

I want the High School Improvement Committee to establish criteria for its investigation. Further, I think the casting of secret ballots is inconsistent with consensus building and public votes which would characterize decision making throughout the district.

The issue needs to be resolved. It seems taking an advanced class would be compensated for if the grade point. But I would like to see it done on a 12 point scale.

THE RACE TO LEAD OCC

Dumas-Lawrence hopes to give back to her school

By PAT MURPHY

Staff Writer

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On Monday, 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. Trustees are elected officials who set policy for the college. This is one of a series of brief profiles on the candidates.

At a crucial point in her life, Athena Dumas-Lawrence turned to Oakland Community College. That was in the 1980s when Dumas-Lawrence was a single parent working two jobs and trying to get an education.

"OCC was there for me," she said.

Pontiac resident, who is seeking election to the OCC Board of Trustees. "It was affordable, flexible, and I got a good education there. I'd like to be a voice for taxpayers and students."

Dumas-Lawrence, a 1983 graduate of Pontiac Central High School, got an associate's degree in 1989 before enrolling at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills where she graduated with a degree in business administration.

She was a case management assistant, which included development and implementation of the school-to-work program in the Walled Lake School District prior to becoming a work force development specialist at the JobLink

Career Center in Pontiac, a state and federally funded program to promote employment and training opportunities.

"I work with people who are trying to find jobs," Dumas-Lawrence said. "Or sometimes, they're trying to get better jobs."

Dumas-Lawrence is happily married now. She and husband Kenneth have two children, Nataisha, 10, and Kendra, 4.

"She hasn't forgotten her days as a student and how OCC and its faculty helped her out."

"The faculty was accessible, and they were accountable," she said. "I'd like to have a voice in the decision making process at OCC, to make sure the college is there for

future students. Education is the key to success."

Dumas-Lawrence declined to criticize or to throw verbal stones at the current trustees. She said they monitor the budget and do a variety of things to promote OCC.

"I believe we can do an even better job, she said. The budget, for example, would be her highest priority, especially with the important millage renewal vote coming up next year when OCC will ask voters to renew an eight-tenths of a mill in property taxes to provide more than \$20 million in operating revenue.

She's ready to promote the millage renewal. Dumas-Lawrence said, "But it's going to take com-

munity involvement," she insisted. Dumas-Lawrence said she'd also like to see more outreach programs.

"I'd like to see more internships, and I'd like to see OCC more accommodating to would-be students. Students need more information about the local job market."

She favors so-called distance learning using television and/or the Internet for classes because it enables OCC to be flexible on behalf of students. Distance learning is particularly helpful, she said, for disabled students and those with transportation problems.

Asked about her community involvement, Dumas-Lawrence said she works with numerous

agencies including the Family Independence Agency (formerly the Department of Social Services) and Lighthouse through her job.

"When somebody needs assistance, such as emergency

Technology may be added to water tower

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

The Northville planning commission is reviewing plans by Nextel Communications that, if approved, would add another piece of wireless communication equipment to the city of Northville water tower. The equipment would be used in wireless communications, such as portable telephones.

The city would receive about \$20,000 annually from Nextel for leasing the space, which would go into the water and sewer fund, said Gary Word, Northville city manager.

"It can be done in an innocuous way that does not interfere with the operation of the tower or any of the other communication towers. I am not philosophically opposed to it," Word said.

The proposal also includes a pre-fabricated shed at the base of the tower.

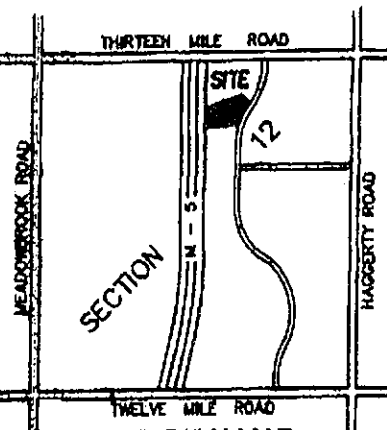
If approved, Nextel's attachment to the 136-foot water tower would be the fourth of its kind. Sprint, Omnicom, and Ameritech already have equipment mounted on it. Additionally, they each have existing equipment shelters at the base of the water tower enclosed in a chain link fence with barbed wire.

The actual equipment will be installed below the bulb of the tower that holds water. Because it's a water tower and not a cellular tower, installation of the equipment meets zoning requirements.

"This is good for the city and it eliminates the need to place another tower in our community," said Jim Galloway, director of Northville public works department.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ORDINANCE 00-21**, located south of Thorton Mile and west of Hagerty Road, seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVALS**. The applicant is proposing a new property building.



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 21, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

Obituaries

FLORENCE R. MCKEON

Florence R. McKee, 82, of Novi died May 31 at Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was born May 29, 1918, in Detroit.

Mrs. McKee was a former resident of South Lyon and Detroit. She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Ann (David) Peterson and Patricia Lynn (Harry) Brenner; son, Michael (Ginger) McKee; one brother, Russel R. (Pat) Kuhlman; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McKee was preceded in death by her husband, Robert B., whom she married in September 1939, and a sister, Carol Kovak.

Services were held on Saturday, June 3 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home of Clawson. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials to the American Lung Association, 26555 Evergreen, Suite 375, Southfield, MI 48076 or The Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075 would be appreciated.

M. ISABELLE MORRIS

M. Isabelle Morris of Salem Township died May 31 at the age of 83.

She was born May 13, 1917, in Duquaine, Pa., to Carl and Melvina (Tyler) Rebert.

Mrs. Morris is survived by a son, Robert C. Jr. (Diane); three sisters, Ruth Elmont, Dorothy Erikson, and Ida Taylor; and four grandsons, Robert S., Ryan C., Bradley T., and Wade P. Morris.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 3 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. The Rev. Jeffrey J. Ott of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon was the officiant. Interment followed at South Lyon Cemetery.

Memorials to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R St., Detroit, MI 48201-9983 would be appreciated by the family.

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR BIDS — \$480,000.00 INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT — SCHOOL BUS LOAN

The Novi Community School District is accepting sealed bids to borrow \$480,000.00 for the purpose of financing the purchase of seven (7) new school buses. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Administrative Offices, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan 48374 on Tuesday, the 20th day of June, 2000 until 2:30 p.m. The specifications and Bid Proposal Form may be picked up at this same address during normal business hours.

(6-8-00 NN 977365)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Annual School Election on June 12, 2000 has been scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2000, 9:00 a.m. at Northville Public Schools, Board of Education, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

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CITY OF NOVI VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

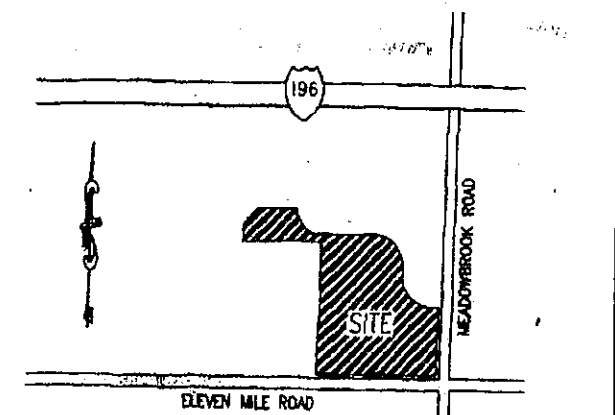
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If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. The specifications and Bid Proposal Form may be picked up at this same address during normal business hours.

(5-18-25 & 6-18-15-00 NN 973696) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 2000

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full term (4) years ending in 2004.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Julia E. Abrams
Bruce Bagdady

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 12, 2000, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the Community College District residing in the school district.

ONLY REGISTERED SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE OAKLAND COUNTY COLLEGE AREA OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2006.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

Richard J. Akehurst
Athena Dumar-Lawrence
Carol L. Crow
Marjorie Naljan Mogenen
John A. Wengler

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2000.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1 (TEMPORARY CHANGE IN LOCATION)
Voting Place: Educational Services Building, 25425 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 22333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Michigan students receive math and reading awards from Novi Kumon centers

The third annual Kumon Math and Reading Centers Michigan Statewide Award Ceremony was held at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

Over 950 students from over 40 of the Kumon Math and Reading Centers in Michigan, received a medal in recognition of their academic achievements. These students study at advanced Kumon levels, which are one to three years or more above their current grade level and have developed solid work habits in organization, concentration, and perseverance. Special tribute was paid to those students who had achieved algebra by the time they finished fifth grade and those students that have completed the Kumon Reading Program.

Kumon, the world's largest supplemental education program operates over 1,300 Kumon Centers in the US and Canada. More than 2.8 million students have been "learning how to learn" with Kumon, a proven method of self-paced study that emphasizes the fundamentals of math and reading and teaches discipline, concentration and self-confidence. Students usually attend Kumon Centers twice a week, and receive assignments to complete at home during the remaining five days of the week. By emphasizing preparation for high school, daily study, independent learning, and year-round development, Kumon strives to enable children to "learn how to learn."

The following is an Advanced Student Honor Roll listing and their awards:

Novi East Kumon Center
Erica Abe, math, silver, reading, silver; Japanese, silver; Keltaro Abe, math, gold, reading, gold; Japanese, silver; Aoi Asada, Japanese, silver; Yuki Asada, math, bronze; Rachel Barndt, math, bronze; Kenzo Bird, Japanese, bronze; Matthew Brien, math, bronze; Sara Brownlee, math, bronze; Arthi Chandrasekaran, math, bronze; Gwen-dolyn Chia, Japanese, silver; Jamie Crist, reading, bronze; Yuki Kajiama, math, bronze;

Irene Syrac, math, bronze; Paul Syrac, spirit award; Malati Vadapalli, math, bronze; Arata Sekimoto, math, bronze, Japanese, bronze; Dean Sittas, math, bronze; and Heidi Sittas, math, bronze;

Ly Davies, math, bronze; Leslie Davies, math, silver; Kelly Flanagan, math, silver; Christopher Fowkes, math, silver; Joshua Furukawa, math, bronze; Miyako Furuse, math, bronze; Genna Gub-bord, math, bronze; Aditi Hardikar, math, silver; Ashwini Hasagawa, Japanese, bronze; Megumi Hasagawa, Japanese, bronze; Mitsumi Hasagawa, math, silver; Japanese, bronze; Akinobu Hotate, math, bronze; Luna Ikuta, Japanese, bronze; Kosuke Irie, math, bronze, Japanese, bronze; Aki Ishikawa, math, bronze; Japanese, bronze; Aya Ito, math, bronze, Japanese, bronze; Gen Ito, Japanese, bronze; Shoki Ito, math, bronze; Taki Ito, math, silver; Japanese, bronze; Yuki Kajiama, math, bronze;

Ryosuke Karikomi, math, bronze; Japanese, bronze; Yuriko Karikomi, Japanese, silver; Miki Kato, math, bronze; Naoki Kawashima, Japanese, silver; Naomichi Kikuchi, math, bronze; Tomoya Kikuchi, Japanese, bronze; Shoto Kinoshita, Japanese, bronze; Naveen Krishnan, math, bronze; Kosuke Kurisaki, Japanese, bronze; Nishi Maki, math, bronze; Koshiro Matsuyama, math, bronze; Japanese, bronze; Yumiko Miki, math, bronze; Fumiya Miura, math, bronze; Mayuko Mizutani, math, silver; Japanese, silver; Naoko Mizutani, math, gold; Japanese, silver;

Also, Ami Morohashi, Japanese, bronze; Rina Nagashima, math, bronze; Matthew Nicholas, math, bronze, reading, bronze; Mayu Nishihata, math, bronze; Yuna Nishihata, math, gold, Japanese, gold; Ayaka Nishikimi, math, gold, Japanese, bronze; Ryo Nishikimi, math, bronze, Japanese, bronze; Katsuko Noda, Japanese, bronze; Sawako Ojima, math, bronze; Brent Palaian, spirit award; Erika Palaian, math, bronze; Bhavyata Patel, math, bronze; Kunal Patel, math, silver; Nipa Patel, math, bronze; and Shubadra Priyadarshini, math, bronze.

Novi Central Kumon Center
Arata Sekimoto, math, bronze, Japanese, bronze; Dean Sittas, math, bronze; Heidi Sittas, math, bronze; Ameiya Schani, math, bronze; Priyanka Sobani, math, bronze; Ruchira Srin, math, bronze; Tanaya Srin, math, bronze, reading, silver; Kazutoshi Sugiyama, math, gold; Aki Suzuki, math, silver, Japanese, bronze; Yuki Suzuki, math, gold, Japanese, silver; Junya Takeuchi, math, bronze, Japanese, bronze; Paul Tassi, math, silver; Hinao Terauchi, math, bronze, Japanese, bronze.

Also, Nao Tsukamoto, Japanese, bronze; Jacqueline Van Cleave, math, bronze; Deepa Varghese, math, bronze; Anusha Vaidya, math, bronze; Janine Waranowicz, math, silver; Rachel Waranowicz, math, silver; Aaron White, math, bronze; Hiroko Yuasa, math, bronze, reading, bronze; Japanese, bronze; and Deepika Yuvraj, math, bronze.

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East Lake Drive man head for jail on other counts

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though the belief he was aware of the killings at the time they were carried out.

During the murder trial, witnesses for the defense said they had spotted O'Hair in a San Antonio, Texas bar in the summer of 1995 and a Baptist preacher said he saw O'Hair in Bucharest, Romania, in 1997, eating pasta in a local restaurant.

"I'm sure there are a lot of 76-year-old gray haired women in Bucharest that walk with a cane," said Carruth. "We even had a

report she was dancing with Elvis in Las Vegas."

According to Carruth, the O'Hair sighting increased as the trial went on.

"Shoot, I thought I saw her in a grocery store the other day," Carruth said jokingly.

Prosecutors had hoped that the former Novi resident would lead them to the remains of O'Hair and her son, but that never transpired.

According to Carruth, Carruth claimed that the O'Hairs did flee overseas and that others were involved in the killings.

Federal prosecutors say that Carr and David Roland Walters, a former office manager for O'Hair, and Florida resident Dan Fry were involved in the kidnapping and killing of the O'Hairs for \$500,000 in gold coins, one hundred thousand of which have never been recovered.

Karr was the only individual charged in the case. Walters, who has a long criminal history and a murder conviction at age 16, pleaded guilty last May to a weapons charge and is serving 60 years in prison.

Fry was found dead near Dallas in October of 1995. His body was not identified until early last year because the head and hands had been severed.

Investigators believed the three O'Hair victims, who disappeared from their Austin home in August of 1995, were killed, dismembered inside a North Austin storage unit, then put into 55-gallon drums and buried. Despite searches of a south Texas ranch where a witness said the drums were buried, the bodies have never been found.

According to Carruth, Carr made

several calls from his Novi residence to Watson during 1995 and 1996 about the O'Hairs and Murray.

In Novi, Carr kept a low profile and was never in trouble with the local law. His neighbors on East Lake Drive mostly said they never spoke with him.

Carruth said the break in the case came when the gold coins were pilfered by three San Antonio youths who spent the money on cars, stereo equipment, guns, and a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Madelyn O'Hair, who called her-

self the "most hated woman in America," was the driving force behind the 1993 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that banned bible readings in the public schools.

The founder of the group American Atheists, she often preached about the separation of church and state. O'Hair was suffering from both diabetes and heart disease, when she vanished.

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Wildcat radio station runs marathon for cancer event

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Pass" was just one of the many guests who appeared during the marathon. They also talked with "The Hour" recording artist Peter Scary, whose latest album "Could You Please And Thank You" is

doing very well on the college charts.

The first annual Relay For Life will be held on Saturday, June 24 at Novi High School. The 24-hour event that gathers teams of friends and family to walk, jog, or run

around the indoor track, will begin at 10 a.m.

Relay For Life is a fund raising event that celebrates life and honors those who have been touched by cancer.

Kicking off the event is a victory

lap made up of cancer survivors. As the sun goes down, luminaries line the track in remembrance of those affected by cancer and remind participants of the incredible importance of their contribution.

"This is our big finale of the year," Seymour said, "so hopefully

we'll reach our goal and get a lot of teams signed up today for this important cause."

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Forget about it

Textron now won't locate in this city

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mill of your tax bill," Kramer told residents on Monday night.

"\$700,000 was all we could get out of our budget for our parks and we had to scrape that out for our parks."

"\$700,000 is 25 percent of our road maintenance program. \$700,000 is 54 percent of the cost of paving and improving Village Oaks subdivision."

Village Oaks subdivision was one of the subdivisions that was put off for road repairs until next year because of budget constraints.

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo tried to point out that there are a number of other losses the city should focus on.

"In the future, we should look at other losses in the city the same way we are looking at this," Lorenzo said. "To this date, I would like to say that we have subsidized the ice arena for over \$700,000."

"The way I look at it, we've been here for thirty years without tax abatements," Lorenzo added.

"I think we'll be okay. Husky and Magna came here without tax abatements. I won't lose any sleep over this."

Last March, Clark announced that the Providence, Rhode Island-based Textron Inc., which ranks 144 on the Fortune 500 list, was looking to build a technical center in Novi.

Textron Automotive CEO Sam Licavoli, who unveiled a \$50 million plan for a new automotive center in Novi last month, came to city council to explain how his new facility would not only provide jobs and a tax base, but will provide local residents with computer learning facilities. Representatives for Textron have also appeared before council in support of tax abatements.

Textron, which has revenues of \$11.6 billion, owns Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft Company, and the Textron Automotive Company, a leading supplier of instrument panels and plastic fuel tanks.

In the past week, Textron has come under scrutiny in Massachusetts for dumping waste water and disposing of depleted uranium warheads and explosive materials in the waters off of Cape Cod, as well as on the island, according to articles in the "Cape Cod Times."

Lorenzo said that she had heard reports of Textron Corporation was allegedly doing on the East Coast and that such actions should be scrutinized by any company wanting to locate in Novi.

"Not that it would happen here. What people are willing to do needs to be looked at," she said.

Lorenzo also expressed concerns that the policy wasn't stringent enough and that she did not want to see a "flood of tax abatement applicants."

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Don't MISS the Skills Competition

Wednesday, June 21, 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.

Teacher's death inspires kids to help his family

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"It is so beautiful," she said. "Everyone's been so generous. It's just an awesome thing they've done here today and the kids are really having fun."

As well as his wife, he is survived by two small children, Louis and Vincent, and his parents Louis and Maryann Lazzari.

"The kids agreed that Lazzari was a wonderful man who always brought a smile to their face."

"He could always make us laugh," said his former student James Beavis. "He always made funny jokes about my last name and we would all crack up. I miss

that."

The students said Lazzari was a lot more than just a great mentor.

"He was everyone's best friend," said eighth grader Sandra Gasguariga.

Classmate Jordan Boyajian, 13, agreed.

"His class was like one big family," he said. "He would always do his best trying to solve everybody's problems and made everyone feel important."

Mitch Kelly, who had Lazzari as an industrial technology teacher, said he not only taught him impor-

tant lessons as well.

"He taught us more than just industrial tech, he taught us friendship," he said.

Before the festivities began, the school held a tree planting ceremony in Lazzari's name.

The area surrounding the tree included beautiful landscaping with flowers and three bushes that spelled out L.A.Z. Teacher David Hartman made a magnificent wooden bench in the shape of a football with a touching gold plaque with Lazzari's name inscribed that read: "Teacher, coach, friend. He taught us how to

smile."

The tree and landscaping was donated by Jim Cerretani from J.M.

Cerretani Landscaping Inc. and Chris King of Westside Forestry.

David Lazzari, who began his career at the middle school in August of 1998, was a man who was loved by both the students and the faculty, according to 14-year-old Seth Bliss.

"He had a good bond with his students and with the other teachers," Bliss said. "He was funny and enjoyable. We miss him a lot."

In addition to teaching, Lazzari also coached football at Brighton High School.

Lazzari, originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., was born on Nov. 13, 1969. He moved to Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University.

While the kids had fun enjoying the day's activities, they felt proud and happy knowing they were helping out the family of a man who was a true friend.

"He was the best teacher I ever had," said eighth grader Kristen Dufresne. "I treated him more of a friend than a teacher. I miss him very much."

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David Lazzari

Fire log

Following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending June 4.

MONDAY, MAY 29
Medical, 45700 Timberlane, 7:55 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 29752 Rousseau, 8:23 a.m., Squad 2.
Detail, Novi and Crescent, 10 a.m., Engines 1, 3, 4.
Detail, Walled Lake, 10:30 a.m., Engine 2.
Service, Cherry Hill and Highlands Drive, 12:38 p.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 3:11 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 27150 Novi Road, 4:01 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25891 Cheyenne, 6:25 p.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 11:26 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MAY 30
House fire, 22733 Waycroft, 7:48 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 45728 Lakeview, 9:30 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 25127 Birchwoods, 4:47 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 22958 Brook Forest, 5:48 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 1:53 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22228 Chase Drive, 4:49 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Sears and Twelve Oaks, 10:04 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 23977 Devonshire, 10:38 a.m., Engine 4.
Investigation, 24371 Hampton Hill, 4:24 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 30047 Montmorency, 5:03 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 38750 Grand River, 10:34 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1
Medical, 30047 Montmorency, 7:56 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 44822 Koles, 10:35 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 4:14 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 5:18 p.m., Squad 4.
Car fire, Ten Mile and Wyom Road, 5:18 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 1185 West Lake, 5:47 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 21111 Haggerty Road, 7:32 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2
Fire alarm, 27475 Huron Circle, 1:02 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fire alarm, 39750 Grand River, 2:10 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Investigation, 24732 Pierre, 10:54 a.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 45182 West Park, 12:33 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 20923 E. Glen Haven, 12:41 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 41380 Carriage Hill, 1:01 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 27475 Huron Circle, 2:54 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, Westbound I-96 at I-696, 6:03 p.m., Squad 1.
House fire, 39953 Sandpoint, 10:31 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 10:43 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40209 Jefferson, 11:26 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
Fire alarm, 30961 Tanglewood, 9:42 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 21906 Daleview, 11:31 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40000 Grand River, 1:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Novi and Grand River, 3:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Novi and I-96, 8:34 p.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Taft and Eleven Mile Road, 8:42 p.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
Medical, 23402 Cranbrook, 2 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 39750 Grand River, 2:08 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 10:36 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 3:13 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23228 Gilbar, 5:28 p.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, 42800 Grand River, 6:22 a.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 21091 Haggerty, 7:57 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Building fire, 21170 Woodland Glen, 8:16 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

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U.S. award marked with festivities

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State Representative Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, along with Dr. Arthur Vretas of the Michigan Department of Education and Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe, joined the kids in their celebration.

"Thank you to Dr. Cheal, the students and staff who have made Novi High School the best in the country — you're number one!" said Cassis, a former psychologist at Novi Public Schools. "The nation now knows what we've known for many years — Novi High School is truly one of the premier schools in the United States."

The award honors schools that have been particularly effective in meeting local, state, and national goals of displaying excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement and community patronage.

"This award is a symbol of the school's outstanding teachers, exemplary students, supportive learning environment and steadfast community support," said Cassis.

"It is truly a full community effort to make a school district like Novi be the very best it can be. Everyone is involved in making this a top flight school."

On behalf of the State of Michigan, the school accepted a special tribute award from the House of Representatives signed by Cassis, Governor John Engler, and State Senator Bill Bulward, R-Milford. "You have already accomplished so much and we know you will continue," Cassis said, as she presented the award to student body president, Junior Alison Tingwall.

"Because I worked here for 17 years, I have a very special place in my heart for all of you. Congratulations and keep up the good work."

Vretas said the high school should be very proud of themselves.

"They have proven with documented facts that this is one of the top schools in the country," he said.

Vretas said the Blue Ribbon panel looks at a number of things in determining which schools will receive the award such as test scores and how many kids are involved in extracurricular activities, such as sports and theater. They go into classrooms, talk with teachers, students, and members of the community.

"It's a process of show me hard evidence that you're doing your job and that the students are getting a good education," Vretas said.

"We don't want to hear about how nice your school is, we want to see it, so we go over each school with a fine-tooth comb. Federal site visitors from Washington spend one to two days visiting every single classroom and speaking with every single teacher. They talk with parents, as well as go out into the community and speak with businesses."

"They talk with students and say, 'Tell me about your school and if it's not positive, it's gone.' With Novi High School being one of only nine in the state selected and one of 198 in the country, Vretas said the Blue Ribbon award is a huge honor."

"We have between 15 to 20,000 schools in the country that apply each year, so this is an incredibly awesome accomplishment," he said. "It's really a matter of trying to make every school the best they can be and I encourage all schools to try."

Freshman Asha Radhamohan said Novi High School is a great school that has really lived up to the award.

"It's definitely one of the better schools in the state," she said.

"We have a lot of great things in terms of technology and the teachers are terrific because they are always there to help you even if it's something dealing with a subject outside their class."

Radhamohan added that the students are all very nice and overall, her experience at the school has been considerably positive.

In September, principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal will go to the White House to accept the award from President Bill Clinton. Only three percent of the schools in the U.S. get this award, Cheal said.

Cheal said she is looking forward to visiting the White House, although she's been there before "only as a tourist."

"To be recognized this year by our nation's capital for our quality work and commitment to continuing improvement is a great honor," Cheal said. "And it will serve to inspire and motivate us to even greater achievements in the future."

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Schedule summer fun with Community Ed. classes

Here's some of the upcoming June classes from Novi's Community Education:

- Prepare for the State Builder's License Exam with the "Builder's License Seminar." This course includes 18 - 20 hours of instruction and nine hours of simulated exam questions. Class will be held at Novi High School from 5:30 - 9 p.m. in room 129 on Thursdays, from June 15 to July 20. Cost is \$105. A \$20 material fee is also required. Call Jim Klausmeyer at (248) 887-3034.

- With the class "Anton's Gifts in a Jar," students will mix layers in mason jars to

make gifts to give any time of the year. Participants will create a layered cookie mix to take home and receive 50 recipes. Bring a clean 1-quart jar. Class will be held Thursday, June 15 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Novi High School in room 146. Cost is \$19 per person and \$17 for seniors. A \$5 material fee will be required.

- The Kumon method of learning will enhance the skills your child has already developed in school.

Since students progress at their own rate, there is no starting or ending date for this

program. Students need to be tested to determine their appropriate starting point.

Individual class time will be determined by the instructor. Call Instructor Dr. Liao at (248) 347-0791, to set up a date for the placement test and class start date.

The summer class will be held in room 128 at the Novi High School, Monday and Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. June 19 - September 21. Cost is \$75 per month, per subject.

- Designed for men and women, the "Aerobic Exercise and Muscle Toning" class stresses an individual workout at your own

pace. Classes vary from low impact/no bounce to high energy combination cardiovascular exercise and finishes off with muscle repetitions and stretches.

Class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, June 19 - August 30, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Novi High School cafeteria. (Class moves to Novi Meadows Grade 6 House on August 28.)

The 9 week class is \$45 for one day, \$65 for two and the 11 week class is \$55 for one day, \$79 for two.

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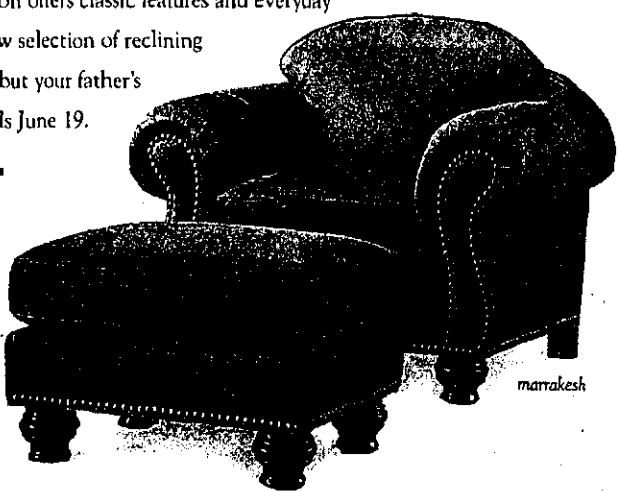
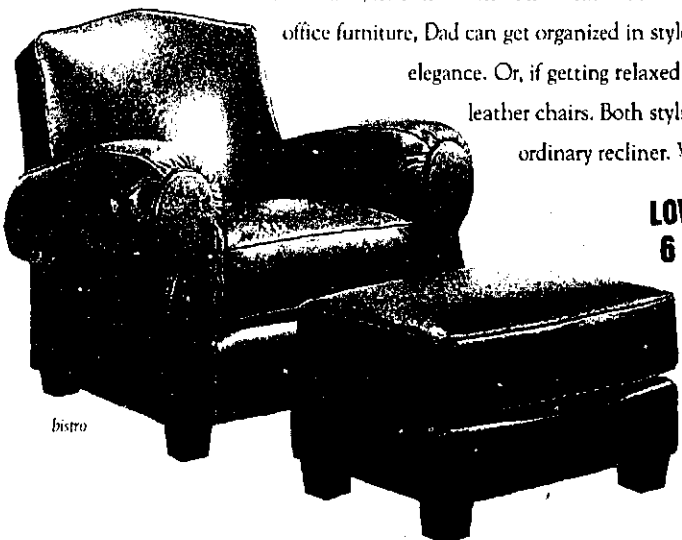


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Residential will mingle with industry

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of what we are doing."

Chen came to city council earlier this year to voice his opinion that the residential (component) has to be increased in the area. Chen said that there needs to be an increased number of residential housing in the area. Stevens says he had no problem with more housing in the area unless it will cost him in moving expenses.

"I've been involved with the development at the town center," Stevens said. "Now most of us have no problem with being relocated, but we do have a problem when we have to be relocated at our expense. I'm certainly not interested, in my case, of having to move with a \$1.5 million mortgage that I don't need."

"If we sit down, we could probably work out some kind of plan that would work out."

According to Stevens, initial designs of the housing indicate that residents who move into the area would be forced to look into the industrial area. Stevens said he was willing to talk about the designs.

"We need to address the issues," Stevens said. "These are two completely different zones of streets between 'Nine' and - (and Main Street) on the other side. There's a chemical company extensive operation with outside activity, trucks unloading and reloading."

Singh Development, a West Bloomfield-based company, have not issued a formal site plan as of yet, according to Planning Assistant Becky Brock.

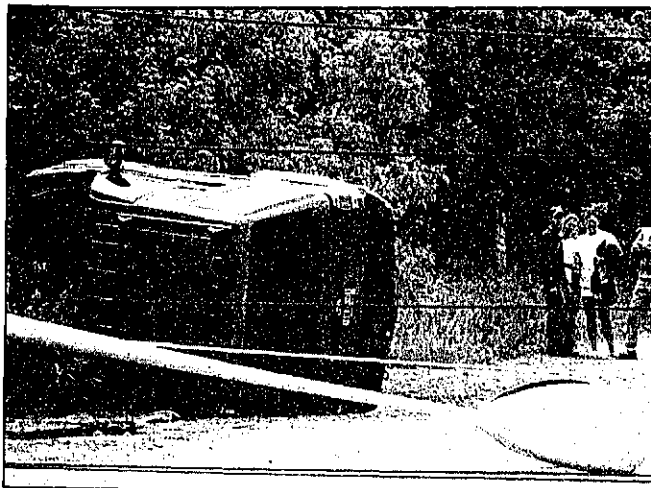
"They did make a presentation to the planning commission," Brock said. "But they technically haven't submitted anything officially to the city. The earliest they could go in front of the city council would be in June."

Novi planners have long suggested that some industrial uses in the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue crossroads, such as Ford Transit Mix, may be obsolete.

"I don't think that Frank (Stevens) has anything to worry about," said Kham. "Obviously that part of town is undergoing a transformation. Jim (Chen) is developing down Novi Road. Its only logical that the area will continue to grow."

There are other residential projects proposed for the area including a commercial/residential projects being designed by N & Y Development Company proposed for the corner of Grand River and Meadowbrook roads.

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Grand River roll-over accident leaves homes without power.

Grand River accident leaves two homes without power

Two Novi teens were involved in an accident along Grand River on Saturday afternoon that shut down the street and caused power outages to two homes in the area on June 3.

According to police reports, two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Grand River at approximately 3 p.m. when a passenger vehicle drifted into the right lane, causing a Ford Explorer to veer off the road into a mailbox, roll over onto its driver side and slam into a Detroit Edison utility pole.

According to the Novi police, the driver was allegedly traveling at an excessive amount of speed, which caused the car to go out of control.

The driver of the Explorer, a 16-year-old Novi resident, and her passenger, a 17-year-old, also from Novi, had minor injuries.

They were treated at the scene and released.

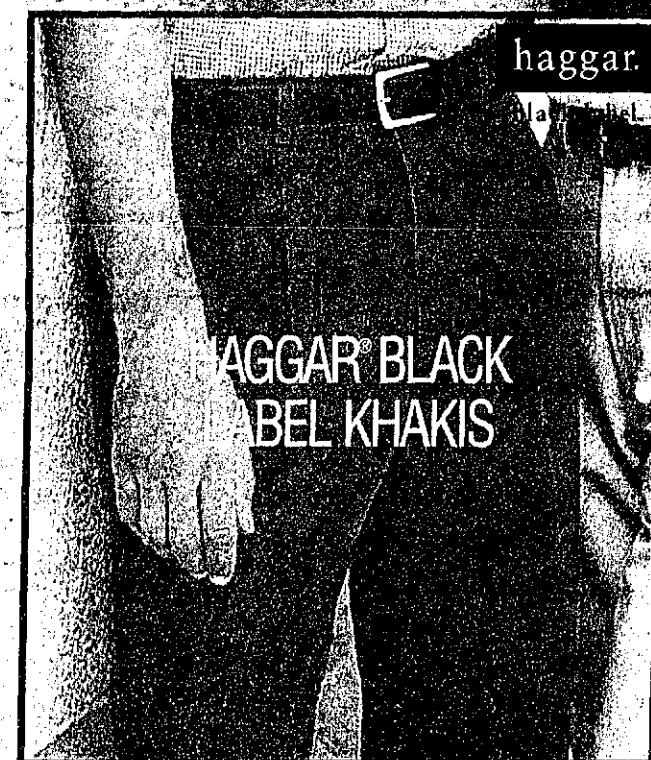
Detroit Edison worked for approximately ten hours to restore electricity to the two homes that were without power, according to Edison officials.

Witnesses apparently saw another vehicle at the time of the accident, but there were no other vehicles at the scene by the time police arrived. The case is open pending investigation.

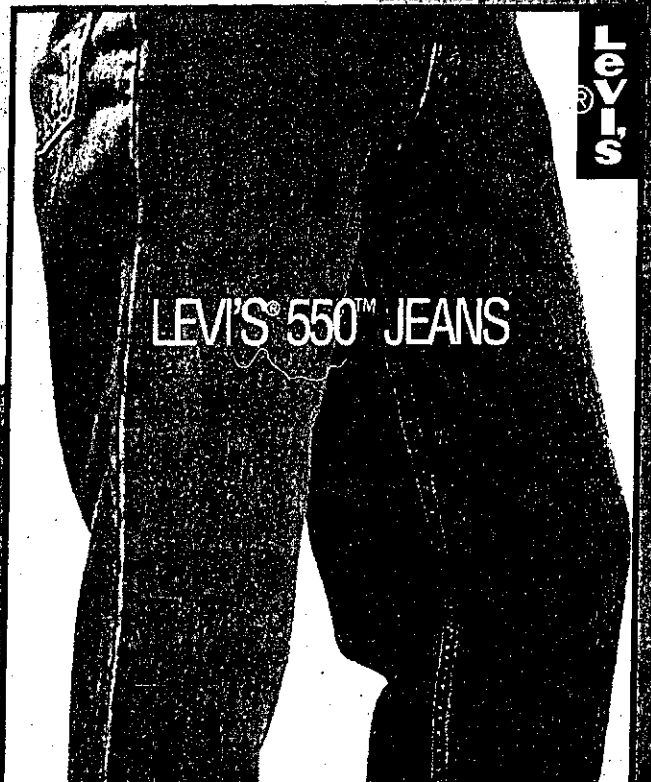
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As We See It

Wollack, Wadsworth endorsed for schols

Novi residents living in the Northville School District will have a tough choice to make Monday, when four very qualified individuals make a run for two available seats on the Northville School Board. Though each can claim strong suits in any of a number of categories, we believe the two best candidates for the positions are **Judith Wollack** and incumbent **Joan Wadsworth**.

For her part, Ms. Wadsworth has proven herself a tough but sensible member of the school board. We believe she has a solid vision for what Northville schools ought to be, at the same time listening carefully to those with differing opinions. She has managed to stay the course through such heated issues as the township/school district litigation, reshuffling of students at different buildings and the ongoing health education debate. She has also championed an open dialogue between the board, school district administrators and the public. Ms. Wadsworth seems rarely content with the status quo, but does not implement change for the sake of change itself. Borrowing on the presidential platform of Texas governor George W. Bush, Ms. Wadsworth is a compassionate conservative.

What Ms. Wollack lacks in experience she makes up for in her stance on several matters of importance to the district, including health education and school overcrowding. Ms. Wollack has shown restraint in passing judgment on the health ed issue until the citizens' health advisory committee completes its work on the task. As a strong supporter of delegating authority and then allowing those charged

with a task to complete it, we believe Ms. Wollack has successfully avoided the pitfall of micromanagement. In terms of school overcrowding, Ms. Wollack indicates that she'd like to hold off on making a decision until later. (Since she was queried about this issue, enrollment numbers have been released, showing heavy enrollment in some schools in the district, with others at less-than capacity.)

Ken Roth and Carol Poensich, while very strong candidates in their own right, come up just short on the qualifications we believe necessary. Their resumes are nonetheless impressive, as Ms. Poensich worked at length only two years ago to get Proposal B on the state ballot and has been actively working on the periphery of school issues, while Mr. Roth was busy as a former prosecutor in Grand Traverse County and is a man with a heart geared toward public service. Both Ms. Poensich and Mr. Roth would likely get our endorsement had they been placed in an election with almost any other two candidates.

The two persons ultimately selected to the school board will have weighty responsibilities assigned to them, including working through the exodus of current school board president, Mike Poterale, and seeing through the musical chairs of shifting student bodies from building to building. They'll also need to bring to end the nagging questions of health ed and weighting grades for more challenging high school courses.

Nonetheless, we believe the best votes to cast on Tuesday are for **Wollack and Wadsworth**.

Our picks for OCC race

Carol L. Crew and Pamela M. Davis have earned our endorsements for additional terms on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

On Monday, June 12, Oakland County voters will settle the OCC election, where are four challengers are battling Crew and Davis for two seats on the board, which sets policy for a community college with more than 27,000 students on five campuses.

All six candidates seem to care deeply about the quality of education, but we believe Crew and Davis deserve to be re-elected. In this particular election, experience is to the candidates what location is to real estate — everything. Crew and Davis have made the most of their first terms on the board. Both have good attendance records.

Crew, a Waterford Township resident and the OCC chair, seems to have matured into an effective trustee. A nurse in a psychiatric hospital, she has been known to start a work shift at 4 a.m. so that she's available for a typical ceremonial luncheon that board chairs have to attend. Royal Oak resident Davis, who

has served as a building inspector in that city, has the ability to cut through the bureaucratic nonsense to get to the heart of an issue. She seems to be without guile. What you see is what you get.

If you're thinking of skipping the OCC election, please think again. OCC is a major part of the economic engine that drives the county. With its five campuses, OCC is the 12th largest community college in the nation.

Over 40 percent of OCC's grads go on to four-year colleges. The college also retrain 20,000 workers and is responsible for taking hundreds of single parents off public assistance and putting them on payrolls.

The seven trustees oversee a budget of \$116 million; 58 percent is from Oakland County property taxes. So why do 15,000 or so bother to vote in this important election?

Because many tend to skip the June school elections. Perhaps school elections should be changed to coincide with November's general elections. It's something to think about Monday as you're voting in the OCC election.

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Gary, gone but not forgotten



Jan Jeffres

The time was July 1978, disco was in bloom and a young guy from Chicago named Gary Keiber wanted to live in southeastern Michigan, because his wife, Connie (nee Cook), was a native of the small rural town of Novi.

Three years earlier, he moved here, but worked in Ypsilanti. Then, a college friend steered him to a job opening at what was formerly called The Walleye Lake Novi News.

Gary spent 22 years with the Novi News, hanging up his hat with us last week for an exciting new job at our corporate level. But he wants it understood that this Chicago-bred boy will always view Novi as his hometown.

His three sons — Shane, Nathan and Scott — attend Novi schools. But Gary's put down other roots here, too. He is a past president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the Novi Rotary Club, a former vice president of the Orchard Hills PTO. This fall, he's traveling to China with the Novi Rotary.

Gary will spend his daylight weekday hours in Livonia now, as co-op advertising manager for all HomeTown Communications Network newspapers, including our chain, HomeTown Newspapers, as well as the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Gary almost didn't end up on the money-making end of the newspaper business. He studied journalism at Eastern Michigan University, but the subject didn't speak to him. He soon discovered he had more fun selling ads for the school paper.

Getting to know the people of Novi is what Gary says he has loved best about his job at the Novi News. Working diligently with so many civic groups, he's rubbed shoulders with the shakers and movers, the people in this town who

really roll their sleeves back to accomplish something. "Some of the volunteers are the most conscientious, hardworking people I know. They almost take another part-time job when they decide to volunteer," Gary told me.

Gary was president of the chamber when the Michigan 50s Festival was launched under its wings. That was the infamous year of 1988, when a rain storm closed down a Sha Na Na concert and the festival seemed doomed. Instead, perseverance and a few good breaks from Mother Nature paid off.

When Gary came to Novi, the city had about 10,000 residents. Soon, he knew a good percentage of them. "My kids are amazed when I go into a store and I know a lot of people. I grew up in Chicago and we didn't often, once we left our own neighborhood, run into people we knew. It's nice to drive down the street and wave to the fire chief," he said.

So who can resist asking a salesman about his secrets of success? After all, each of us every day is marketing a product, whether it is our ideas, our skills, our experience. We're always pitching ideas. If only to convince a friend that our choice of a movie for that night is the absolutely best one. Here's some pointers Gary's learned after 22 years in sales at the Novi News.

"You have to put yourself in the position of the client and try to understand some of their problems and help them to be successful. You have to be knowledgeable about your own community and products and use that knowledge to benefit your customers," he said.

"You have to be concerned, sincere. If you make a mistake, you have to admit it and correct it and move on." Or, if you do something right and a new opportunity presents itself, you have to grab it and move on, too. Good luck, Gary.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Rat-faced

Northville High senior Beth Gillis cheers on Murside as the critter works the balance beam at the school's annual Flat Olympics.

Cable TV shows are team effort



Caren Collins

They say that behind every good man there's a woman. Well, the same goes for television. Behind every good program there's a woman ... and another woman ... and a few men, too. The bottom line is that it takes a lot of dedicated and talented people to put together the programs you see every day on TV. Sure, in Hollywood there are big bucks to cover that. But that's not the case close to home. So, we rely on volunteers to bring us the local programming we rely on to find out what's going on in our own backyard. These are the shows you see on Public Access INFO TV-12, Educational Access TV-10 and Governmental Access, Farmington TV-15, Farmington Hills TV-8 and Novi TV-13.

Earlier this month, we honored the dedicated volunteers who make TV happen in our community. So without further ado, here they are:

The Volunteer Service Award went to those who donate a significant amount of hours in the studio: Irving Brateman, Jim Brown, Chuck Cook, Max Goldman, Mark Hamilton, Elinor Holland, Bill McNaughton, Johnny Price, Leslie Weirmer, Jon Weirmer, and Jeanette Williams.

Dedication to Program Production recipients went above and beyond the call of duty not only in volunteering a significant amount of time, but also for contributing to a number of different programs: Vito Accioli, Frank Benesh, Mike Brennan, Fran Dudas, Pat Isham, Harry Robertson, Al Rosen, Bob Wightman, and Bryan Zeitlin.

We had a number of producers that pulled together 12 or more shows this year. They are: Jonathan Brateman,

Mary Connell, Harriet Cosby, the Rev. Dwight Fisher, Daniel Max, Tracy Thompson, and Theron Walker.

The work of these dedicated volunteers can be viewed on INFO TV-12.

Education Access is also an important part of our community. And SWOCC wants to thank these students who do extra work to provide quality programming on Channel 10.

Each of these examples of loss or potential loss of our productive capacity represents the loss of our competitive edge as well as the loss of wages and taxes to support our nation and our city. Have we so quickly forgotten the time when we were referred to as the rust belt and would the last person who leaves the state turn out the lights?

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Showers of funding brings May flowers



Phil Power

There we were — my family and me — driving along on Interstate 96, passing mile after mile of gray concrete characterless expressway punctuated occasionally by equally unremarkable bridges. Despite our best efforts, boredom was setting in, especially as we realized we had many, many miles to go.

Suddenly at the Portland exit, a blaze of color! Red poppies, white daisies, what looked like blue wild flax and something dark magenta that I couldn't identify. The small light blue sign featuring a yellow flower read, "Wildflower Planting."

What a pleasure it was to see that small, unexpected surge of color on the side of the road! Suddenly we all came awake, talking excitedly about how lovely the flowers were, what a surprise it was to see them, how the plantings came about.

So I made a few calls. It turns out the wildflower plantings are just a small part of a much bigger program called (with bureaucratic inevitability) the Michigan Transportation Enhancement Program. Funded mostly by the feds but requiring a local match, the Enhancement Program includes a range of projects from building bike trails to preserving historical transportation facilities, preventing ground water runoff and landscaping and streetscaping.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has been looking around for local partners to help invest this year's \$20 million allocation from the federal government. "These are not your typical road resurfacing or bridge replacement projects that receive the lion's share of our federal and state transportation dollars," says State Transportation Director James DeSana. "The beauty of this federal program is that it encourages communities to decide for themselves how to invest these earmarked funds to further enhance the appearance, safety and economic benefit of their local transportation systems."

A lot of activity has been funded by this program:

- Trees, shrubs, grass and flowers are being planted along Orchard Lake Road from I-696 to Ten Mile Road in Farmington Hills.
- According to the new "Welcome to Redford" signs in Redford Township, boulevard retaining walls are being built and shrubs and flowers are being planted at the Joy and Puritan intersections with Telegraph Road.
- In Howell, a new walkway along Grand River Avenue from the Ann Arbor Railroad overpass to Elm Street will receive trees, shrubs, grass and flowers.
- Statewide, the popular handbooks, "Wildflowers of Michigan" and "Michigan's Roadside Trees" are being updated and reprinted.

Oddly, just planting wildflowers is not terribly expensive. Obviously, you can't just throw the seeds around and expect much to happen. You've got to kill off the grasses, till the soil and sow the kinds of seeds that match soil conditions. Still, a current wildflower project on M-32 near

Gaylord is budgeted at \$2,500 to plant 12 varieties of native flowers and four kinds of grasses on 1.5 acres.

There are problems, of course. Some species don't make it, while others need periodic maintenance, which Michigan does not currently fund. Sometimes selfish people pick the flowers or even dig up the plants, jeopardizing the whole idea. MDOT even has had to put out a press release reminding people not to pick the daisies, because doing so is both illegal and unsafe.

But the whole program seems to me imaginative and valuable to a state whose road system needs all the help it can get. The Transportation Department is looking to partner with local communities for projects ranging from wildflower plantings all the way to major landscaping with trees and shrubs.

MDOT will be issuing in September a call for project applications to be funded in the 2001-2002 fiscal year. People interested in looking into the program can contact the state at: www.mdot.state.mi.us/programs/enhance/enhance.htm.

At 18 acres, the planting we originally noticed on I-96 near Portland was completed in 1996 and is one of the largest ever attempted by the MDOT. However, with a total of 179,000 acres of roadside in Michigan and only 250 acres of wildflower plantings so far, there's a long way to go.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecom.net

Mayor: citizens will have input on abatements

To the Editor:

Recently, the city of Novi adopted a tax abatement policy. As a result of the adoption of that policy, much has been stated regarding the policy that is based on emotion and lack of information or in some cases misinformation. Let me begin by saying I respect the right of those members of the community that disagree with the policy, to speak and write against it. The essence of any democracy is the free flow of ideas and opinions to arrive at decisions that best represent the long-range interests of the community as a whole. No group of civic leaders who are elected can ever satisfy every member of the community all the time. To attempt to do so is a sure formula for failure.

Now let's look at a few facts as they relate to tax abatements and what needs to be considered in relation to that policy. We live in a much different world than we did 25 years ago. Competition is the key to our continued prosperity. The competition we face now is not local but international and will continue to grow. If anyone doubts this, ask yourselves these questions:

- What happened to our steel industry in America?
- When you slip on a pair of shoes, where were they made?
- When we put on an article of clothing, how many of them are made outside of the United States?
- The American Airline industry that was the world leader in aviation now faces competitive pressures like never before and we are not the only game in the world.
- Finally, should anyone think Silicon Valley is the ultimate salvation? Europe and Asia are developing a Silicon Valley that will directly and aggressively compete with our leadership in this area in the next year or so.

Each of these examples of loss or potential loss of our productive capacity represents the loss of our competitive edge as well as the loss of wages and taxes to support our nation and our city. Have we so quickly forgotten the time when we were referred to as the rust belt and would the last person who leaves the state turn out the lights?

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cants in one year will be considered.

There is no guarantee that any applicant in any given year will receive an abatement.

Abatements have been given in this city in the past. Delval Corp. had an abatement that ended in December 1999. They are now paying full taxes. During the life of that abatement, their payroll and number of employees grew many from

the Novi News. Without the abatement, they would have left the city.

Tax abatements do not allow for the abatement of \$1 in school taxes. We have some of the finest schools in this state and broadening the tax base will ensure they remain that way while lessening the tax burden on our residents.

On Tuesday, May 16, "The Wall Street Journal" noted that "wired-up firms could bested high-tech quality jobs just as easily in Des Moines as Denver," being competitive is the key.

We can live in the past or confidently and competitively face the future and control our destiny rather than letting circumstances control us.

How have we come to the point in this country where we view the businesses that provide us jobs and the means to support, feed, and educate our families almost as a foreign enemy?

In 2025, there will be over 70 million Americans over the age of 65 and over 18 million over the age of 85. Every business that leaves our shores represents not only a loss of current wages but Social Security taxes needed to pay for an unfunded social security trust fund to provide for our seniors. I am sure our foreign competitors are most grateful when we force our youth to foreign shores.

Finally, let me say that no one on this council plans on giving away the store. Some members of the council have lived in this community longer than my family and I have for 21 years and others, less.

However, we all want what we feel is in the long-term best interest of the approximate 50,000 residents of our community.

I urge everyone who is interested in this issue to get the facts. Pick up a copy of this policy at city hall and familiarize yourself with it.

Before any applicant would be granted an abatement, there will be an opportunity by way of a public hearing for additional citizen input.

Richard J. Clark
Mayor, City of Novi

KIDS HELP MOUNTAIN FOLK

To the Editor:

A group of over 60 Northville Methodist high school youth and adults will take part in the Appalachia service project in July. This year, we will repair homes in Kentucky.

On Friday, May 19 we held a silent auction to help raise money for the trip. We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that donated items for the auction: Jet's Pizza, Sports Club of Novi, Traditions, Good Time Party Store, Spurr's Florist, Santino's, Mark's Outdoor

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ABATEMENTS ARE A GIVEAWAY

To the Editor:

Well, once again, the Novi City Council has put business before the residents. The city of Novi now gives out tax abatements.

The residents have asked for park improvements, road improvements, more firefighters, more police, and on and on. Instead, Council is giving reduced taxes to businesses to lure them into Novi.

When Councilman Cordas and Mayor Clark ran for election, they promised to listen to the residents. They listened, they ignored, they voted for business. Add in Councilman Crawford and Kramer and what we have is business interests that are again in control of the Novi City Council and the residents, again, will pay for it.

ABATEMENTS A GOOD TOOL

To the Editor:

Since I had the pleasure for some say misfortune to serve on the Novi City Council when the one and only tax abatement was granted, I should lose in my two cents worth of comments.

Now the whole taxing scheme and structure at the federal, state, and local levels is extremely complex, ludicrous and idiotic — but perfectly legal. Why tax a homeowner more when they take care of their property and less when they let it fall into disrepair?

Why tax a large home resident more than a small home resident for schools, city services, etc., when both households send approximately the same number of students to school and use about the same number of services?

The hard facts of the matter are that tax abatements are perfectly legal and used as an instrument. Tax abatements can be an effective catalyst if used cautiously and for the betterment of the community at large.

By using this tool wisely, city officials can obtain selected developments and a number of property improvements such as nicer exteriors, better landscaping, and other amenities.

Plus granting the tax abatement may result in district improvements such as extending city water service and city storm and sanitary sewers into areas not previously serviced by the municipality.

If used effectively, the short and

long term benefits of a tax abatement grant can easily exceed the tax money waived by the grant.

The Deval tax abatement grant is a good example of this. The five-star company built an exceptional industrial facility with more landscaping and exterior improvements than they could have afforded without the grant.

The company is still in business, still in Novi, and still employs Novi residents. Their employees work, play, shop, and eat in Novi.

How about tax abatements for the residents? Well, we do have tax abatements for some owners. As per state statutes and regulations, homeowners on a limited income or who do not have the financial ability to pay for the improvements requested by the Board of Review waive their taxes.

Joseph G. Toth

BUSINESS NOT DONE AS USUAL

To the Editor:

As I sat and watched the Novi City Council meeting June 5th, I couldn't help but feel disgusted about the recent loss of invaluable tax dollars to the city of Novi. The loss of a company like Textron to another community is devastating to the residents of Novi.

The inability of the city council to move at the speed of business as pointed out by Council Member Ed Kramer is exactly the reason for losing a company like Textron. The new council vowed to make a change in the city. Yet, with one of the best opportunities to improve our community, we sat around and watched a \$50 million company say bye-bye to Novi.

In today's business, companies like Textron will not wait for a community to get its act together. Competition to attract business is at its greatest level. To think they were far too busy doing whatever, shame on you. I guess you have finally proven what I have known for many years. I would imagine

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Make your destination a nice return.

More north end help was needed

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most people are not aware that I have not been a Lakes Area member for some five years now. I decided back then not to be affiliated with a do-nothing group. You can all complain this isn't right, that isn't right, and the city just won't. You again missed the perfect opportunity to show that the Lakes Area has some point of credibility. There were three North Novi residents: myself, a lakefront owner, a longtime resident - non-lakefront, and Sarah Gray, your vice president. But then, if we really remember, Sarah Gray and her family, myself, and some of my friends single-handedly cleared the Shawood Canal in the second "official" Lakes Area cleanup. That was about

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seven years ago and was the same weekend as the Rouge Rescue that was scheduled in the city. No one else worked in that area but the six to seven of us and we did make a small dent. Special note must be made in the direction of the most vocal South Lake cul-de-sac group: Shawood Lake. I will be at the next South Lake meeting to voice my opinion on your road closure project. It's a shame we can't all work together for one common goal but obviously, it's never going to happen. East Lake really doesn't care

what's going on, they're getting water. South Lake's above everything, except closing the road. Who knows what West Lake's doing. Sadly enough, they've never really been a part of the circle of the Lakes Area. I can't wait until the water's in on East Lake to find out what the specific charges will be - it's not going to be free. I'm thrilled to tell you South Lake will never be closed to through traffic. And West Lake should be happy that I really don't give a damn what they do. Thank you again to the people who worked so hard yesterday and I think they, too, will attest - we had a nice time. Lots of interesting discussion...hopefully, new friends made. James E. Korte

Council lets air out of bike path plan

After residents complained that an eight-foot wide bike/safety path scheduled to be constructed along Nine Mile Road would be a safety hazard, the project was canceled by the Novi City Council on Monday night.

Some residents along Nine Mile are concerned about safety issues and whether a bicycle path along

the area will infringe on residents' privacy.

"We have to tailor our designs to the area," said Council Member Edward Kramer, the only council member to vote "yes" on the bike path.

There should be a non-motorized path."

Residents who live along the bike

path route have inundated city council with requests to not allow the path to be built.

"The members of the community have come forward and said they do not want to be intruded upon," said Council Member Michelle Bononi.

There are property values that may be effected."

The bike path would have stretched from Haggerty Road east to Novi Road.

Over fifty residents signed a petition asking council to terminate the bike path project.

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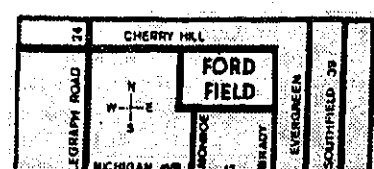
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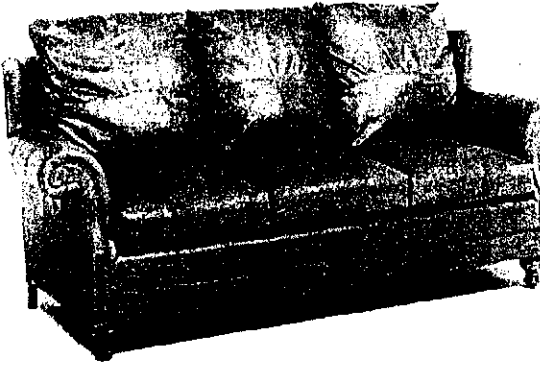
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In May, Novi Woods third grade students, along with their teachers, family, and guests, gathered together to celebrate families and the community at the Family Folklore Festival.

With visible pride and excitement, students took turns reading family stories to the audience. The

stories were informative, funny, touching, and sad. Over the course of many weeks, students have gathered stories from relatives which they wrote out and published together in a book. The project was created by teachers Nancy Bain, Janet Bickner, Karen Clark, and Beverly

Hatcher, as a vehicle to improve students' writing skills and participate oral reading. Students also learned about time lines and historical events which have impacted their families and communities. The teachers observed that an additional result of the project

included enhancing family awareness and pride as well as receiving new insight into cultural diversity. "It was fun to see," said Bain, "that as different as some of their backgrounds are, these stories helped show the similarities that bind us together as human beings."

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Got Milk?

Novi does, with Guernsey Dairy
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Amy McGuire, a Guernsey employee, samples one of her favorite types of ice cream: Cookie Dough.

Just to clear up any lingering questions, here's the official word: Guernsey Farms Dairy is located in the city of Novi. Period.

Yes, it has a Northville mailing address, but the home of what is arguably the planet's best butter pecan ice cream is most decidedly a Novi venue.

But whether you're from Novi or Northville; Michigan or Ohio; or the U.S. or Canada, one thing's for certain. The little family-owned and operated dairy along Novi Road has been a fixture of the community for 34 years. (And it's more like 60, if you count the time the McGuire family spent at their first location on Cady Street in downtown Northville.)

I poke my nose around in the main lobby area before stepping into the business office. On the walls are photographs and newspaper clippings — including one from a 1986 edition of the *Novi News* — that help paint a picture of how a place that sells cones for \$1.51 for a monstrous-sized single has managed to flourish as it has.

"Come on in," says son and current business president Marty McGuire. "I'll show you around."

RISING TO THE TOP

Guernsey got its start with Fowlerville native John McGuire, who returned from studying at Michigan State University to open up a dairy in Northville. The decision to go with the name "Guernsey" didn't take very long, Marty McGuire said.

"Jersey and Guernsey cows were recognized for giving the best milk,"

he said. "We wanted to convey freshness and good taste in the products we made."

Space quickly became a luxury, however, and the shop eventually needed to make the move north to its present location, which it did in 1966. Located largely on its own at the time, Guernsey soon flourished as word of its quality dairy products circulated throughout the greater Detroit area.

Guernsey became a particular hot spot for Father's Day, where during the 1970s, dads were treated to free ice cream cones and families could get carriage rides and tours of the facility.

"We just can't do that anymore,"

McGuire said.

"We've got so much business we have to take care of that it's impossible to show people through here, especially with insurance issues."

Sensing opportunity was once again knocking at the door, the McGuires opted to expand and renovate their business. A restaurant was added and renovations were made to the cooler area in 1985. A few small cosmetic changes notwithstanding, the business has remained much the same for the last 15 years.

That's not to say improvements aren't on McGuire's mind, though. "We'd really like to get another freezer in here," McGuire said. "We've had some trouble with the city of Novi to get permits for them. It's been a bit of a headache."

A SWEET TOUR

What most people see when they come into Guernsey isn't what Marty McGuire wants to show me today. There'll be time for the "regular" stuff later. For the time being, I want to see ice cream being made and he's all too happy to oblige.

The tour begins as we walk down a long corridor through the business office, where I can see and hear clerical staff taking orders.

"That's 10 cases you want by the end of next week?...Sure, we can do that," she says, pecking away at her keyboard.

We come to a narrow passage where a dispenser of hairnets is

placed on the wall. I slip one over my head as McGuire opens the door to the next room. It's a little noisy, but the most noticeable attribute is the thick milky scent in the room. It's not unpleasant, but it's not particularly great, either.

This, I'm told, is the area where raw milk is held, before it is separated into milk and the cream, which (as the saying goes) rises to the top. The raw milk comes from dairy cows a few miles outside of Novi.

McGuire points to the machine that speeds up the separation process that took a long time to accomplish using an old hand crank method and even longer if nature did the separating on its own. It's

about the size of a kettle drum and even looks like one, too.

"It uses centrifugal force to separate the cream from the milk," McGuire said, making a spinning motion with his finger. "The richer the milk, the better, as far as we're concerned. The more fresh cream in the milk taken off gives us more

cream for ice cream and more lowfat milk."

He pauses and smiles.

"People have a glass of lowfat milk with their dinner and a bowl of ice cream for dessert," he quips.

Milk is also produced in mass quantities at Guernsey, but that's not really the reason I'm here. Ice cream is the order of the day, so McGuire leads me to another room, where the frozen delights are produced. This time, the room smells of chocolate. That, I later discover, has much to do with the ice cream being produced at the moment: Mackinac Island peanut butter fudge.

McGuire motions to a pair of stainless steel tanks. He lifts the lids, revealing a foamy white fluid and another of a beige hue. It's peanut butter-flavored. It's a combination of milk and cream, which have been chilled for some time.

"The stuff in those tanks moves through these tubes and down to here," McGuire said, tracing the route of the ice cream-in-waiting. He darts his finger at a wheel that slowly distributes chunks of the solid ingredients, and elevates his voice at the same time, as the machinery in the room has made hearing voices a bit more difficult.

"We want the pieces to stay as whole as possible," McGuire said. "The auger is just there to control the rate the material comes out."

Later in the route, liquid fudge is injected into the mix, and eventually is deposited into boxes through a firefighter-size nozzle into two boxes: four-gallon boxes used for ice cream sold at the counter in the store, and the traditional half-gallon boxes seen



Guernsey Farm's Marty McGuire adds some chocolate syrup to a batch of Moose Tracks ice cream during a Thursday morning production.

Story by Chris Davis • Photos by John Heider

at the supermarket.

As I later learn, the production runs are scheduled so that "related" ice cream flavors are done around the same time. Today it's chocolate. Tomorrow it might be fruity ice creams, like peach or strawberry.

I can see workers loading box after box after box of the still-soft ice cream into crates and wheeling them down a small corridor.

"Want to see the freezer?" McGuire asks. I nod and follow.

He leads me to a giant door, barricaded by thick translucent plastic strips to keep the cold in. As we enter the cooler, I begin to regret wearing a golf shirt to the interview. The severity of the cold in the freezer — some two stories high and stuffed

to the gills with ice cream — almost hurts my eyes. The soles of my shoes which had become damp on the production floor are now almost glued to the floor.

"It's about 20-below in here right now," McGuire tells me. I've only been inside the freezer for a minute and already I notice it's difficult to write and even think. "You get up on that second level near the fans and it's more like 60-below with the wind chill."

Above the clatter of the blowers and the chattering of my teeth, I ask McGuire how long it would take to empty out this icy, sugary warehouse.

"We'd empty it out in about six weeks, but we'd have certain flavors

sold out in only a few days."

It occurs to me that the success of ice cream sales at Guernsey revolves around C-O-L-D, which requires electricity. What happens if the juice stops flowing? McGuire cringes.

"That's not something we like to think about," he said. "If the power goes out, we shut down all the operations and keep the cooler door shut. It'll stay pretty cold in there for quite a while."

A two-day power outage back in the mid-1970s interrupted ice cream-making, but Guernsey has dodged the melting bullet every other time.

Not wasting another moment, we head to the door. I feel the blood flow return to my fingers. McGuire now leads me to a storage area in the rear of the building where the various ingredients in the ice cream are stored.

It's a first grader's dream and a dentist's nightmare. Racks upon racks of caramel, fudge, sugar and cones fill the room. I follow McGuire up a staircase to a second storage area, where cases of McGuire's Hot Fudge sit on the floor, waiting to be distributed.

"Dad always said that he wanted his own brand of hot fudge," McGuire said. "We called it McGuire's, but then some people didn't know it was from Guernsey. Now we're thinking of calling it Guernsey Hot Fudge, but there are some people who know it as McGuire's."

We walk back out into the dairy store. Along the way, I ask McGuire about the flavors of the ice creams. There are about 70, he tells me, though only the best sellers are for sale in the half-gallon containers. And while most flavors have at least a certain fan base, others have been discontinued.

"Rum raisin and egg nog just didn't make it," he said. "On the other hand, New York cherry cheesecake and wolfpack cherry are doing really well. They're new flavors for us."

The biggest seller at Guernsey,



Guernsey employee, Clint Ostrander, packs Mackinac Island Peanut Butter Fudge ice cream into two gallon boxes.



Ice cream production employee, Eric Evans, works on boxing half gallon after half gallon of Moose Tracks, which features chocolate and vanilla ice cream with peanut butter cups and chocolate chips.

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New probate law could confuse long term owners of estate plans

New Probate Law May Affect Your Estate Plan

In 1998, Michigan enacted the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC), which became effective on April 1. EPIC replaced the Michigan Revised Probate Code, which was enacted in 1978. EPIC is the most important piece of legislation affecting probate and trust administration in over 20 years. Absent a clear indication to the contrary, there is a presumption that EPIC will apply to all estate planning documents that were executed before April 1 and to all deaths that occur after April 1.

The following summarizes some of the significant changes contained in EPIC that you should be aware of:

• Spousal Rights
If a person dies without a Will, the Michigan intestacy rules will determine who ultimately receives the person's assets. EPIC has substantially revised the amount a surviving spouse will receive when a person dies without a Will. If there are no surviving children or grandchildren or parents of the decedent, a surviving spouse will receive 100 percent of the estate of his or her deceased spouse. If there are no surviving descendants of the surviving spouse (children from a prior marriage), the surviving spouse will receive \$100,000 plus 50 percent of the decedent's estate. In a situation where there are no surviving descendants of the decedent, but there is a surviving parent, the surviving spouse will receive the first \$150,000 plus 75 percent of the



Fred Hoops

balance of the decedent's estate. The surviving spouse will receive \$150,000 plus 50 percent of the decedent's estate in all other situations. Essentially, EPIC has substantially increased the amount of assets that a surviving spouse will receive under the intestacy rules.

The amount a surviving spouse can claim under the intestacy rules impacts a surviving spouse's elective right to take against the deceased spouse's Will, provided the surviving spouse elects against his or her decedent's Will, and to take his or her statutory share rather than a bequest by Will.

EPIC has made no change to existing Michigan law concerning revocable trusts. In particular, all assets held in a revocable trust will not be subject to surviving spouse's elective rights. Theoretically, a surviving spouse can be "cut out" completely through the creation of a revocable trust by the deceased spouse.

• Administration of Estates
There are three categories of estate administration under EPIC.

The categories are based upon the size and sophistication of the particular estate. One of the categories is called "informal probate," which is substantially equivalent to what was known as Independent or Unsupervised probate under prior law and allows for the administration of an estate without court supervision.

• State of Michigan As An Heir at Law

EPIC has included the state of Michigan as a potential "heir at law" in the event of a catastrophe where all relatives and other potential beneficiaries are predeceased. Therefore, to avoid all estate assets going to the state of Michigan, many attorneys are recommending that a charitable organization be included as a potential recipient of a decedent's property in the event of a catastrophe.

As a brand new law, the provisions in EPIC have never been tested in court and the full impact of EPIC is still being debated. The debate concerning EPIC has resulted in some recent technical amendments, which also became effective April 1. However, it is highly recommended that all existing estate planning documents be reviewed to assure compliance with EPIC.

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Brownie power



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Girl Scouts Brownie Troop 1921 from Novi Woods recently visited the Novi City Council and said the pledge of allegiance at a meeting. The brownies also received a Novi pin and shook hands with council members and Mayor Richard Clark.

Enter the junkiest car contest

Do sparks fly when you drive down the road? Is your car held together by bumper stickers? Does the floorboard on your vehicle represent the hole the Flintstones used to power their car? If so, then *The Northville Record* and *Novi News* invites you to submit your car as an entry in our "2000 Beater Car" contest. Winner will be featured on the cover of our paper's living section August 10 and will receive an auto service prize from Davis Auto Care in Northville.

So, grab your camera and a roll of film and start shooting your hunk o' junk. We want your dirtiest, most unputtogether car that you own, however, it must still run on its own power. Employees of *Hometown Newspapers* and *Observer and Eccentric Newspapers* are ineligible. Fill out the form and attach a photograph of your car. Please send entries to Chris Davis, Northville Record Editor, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Contest ends July 14.

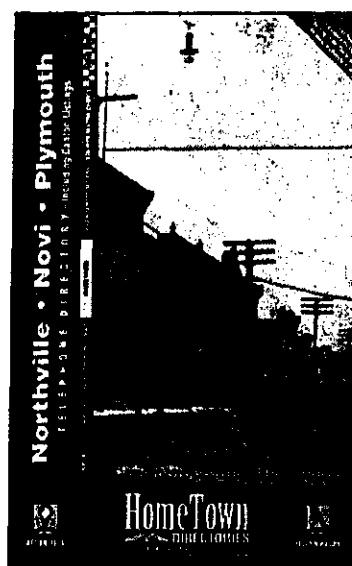
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Charles and Elaine Cook of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Donald Wayne Putkela, son of Mariane Putkela of Farmington.

The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1994. She received her degree from Michigan State University in 1998, and is currently employed at Valassis Communications Inc.

The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of Farmington High School. He graduated in May from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in food industry management and is currently employed with Kroger.

A June 24 wedding is planned.

Ken and Carol Gill of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Bryan Christopher Hambell, son of Tom and Patty Hoplan of Clarkston and Gary and Hollis Hambell of Northville.

The future bride and groom are graduates of Clarkston High School and Michigan State University.

An August wedding is planned. The couple will make their home in the Chicago area.

Richard and Janice Wilhelm of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to William James Ford Jr., son of William Sr. and Carole Ford of South Lyon.

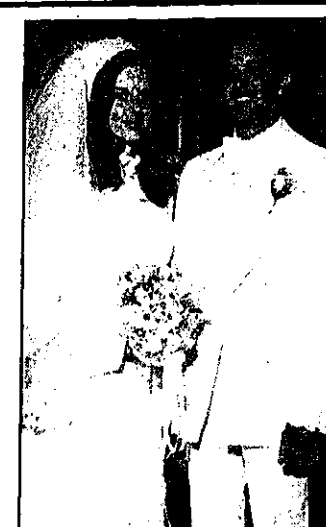
The bride-to-be is a 1995 Northville High School graduate. She received a bachelor of science degree in December 1999, from Western Michigan University, where she was affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Elizabeth is currently employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative with Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

The groom-elect graduated in 1996 from Catholic Central High School. He is a current graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in business administration. William was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; he is now employed as a technological consultant with Andersen Consulting.

An August 26 wedding is planned.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Radon

Janice and Mitchell Radon of Northville celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on June 7. They were married in 1975 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, with Pastor Magee officiating. They moved to Northville in 1987.

The couple has two sons, Jonathan is a senior at Northville High School and Sean is finishing fifth grade at Winchester. The couple enjoys traveling, antique cars and socializing with family and friends.

Business

"Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation" was recently held at Somerset Collection. Participant was No. 61 Chop House & Lobster Bar.

The sprawling dinner raised \$200,000 for local anti-hunger and anti-poverty efforts, including a fresh produce rescue program. 100 percent of ticket sales and all proceeds of the event went directly to fight hunger.

Business Network International local meetings; for further information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

Thursday, June 8
Business Network International Northville Chapter regular meeting, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island. Eight

Mile and Haggerty Road.
• Friday, June 9
BNI Wixom Chapter regular meeting, 7:30 a.m. at Leon's Restaurant, 29710 S. Wixom Road between Pontiac Trail and I-96.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will present **Business Associates Night** on Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi. The program will include a silent auction and the presentation of scholarship awards.

The ABWA is in need of donated items for the auction. For reservations and contributions, contact Shannon Hannon at (248) 684-9708.

Critter Connection

For each of the three dogs printed in the *Northville Record* and *Novi News*, the phone number was incorrect. To receive information on Fred, Wilma, or Mariah, please call (248) 685-1693. These dogs are still available for adoption.

Wall mural



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Local artist Heather Asteriou recently painted a 20 X 20 mural at the Timeo residence in Northville. Asteriou is a recent NHS graduate. The mural depicts a farm scene in the spring.

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Music Contest Entry Form

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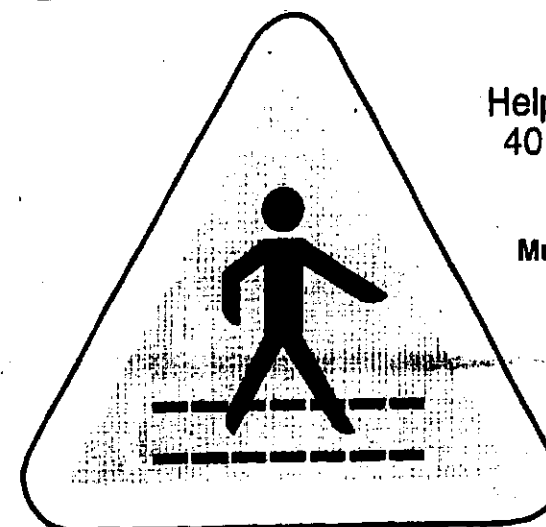
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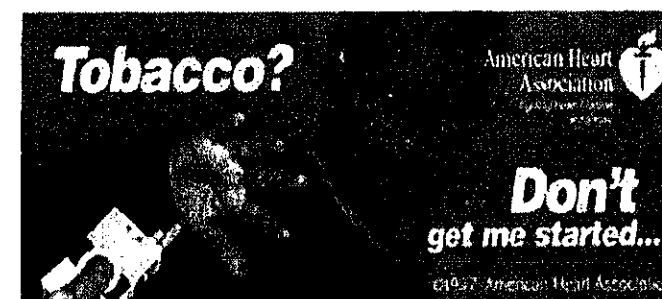
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Religion

The Northville Christina Assembly will present "Family Outings," a play about relationships. The three-act play will be held on Wednesday, June 14 and Friday, June 16; both performances at 7 p.m. Among cast members are Carol Lacy and Mike Lane, both of Northville and Novi residents. Tim Goodrich and Jared Dietrich. Child care will be available on Wednesday, June 14 only.

For complimentary tickets, please call the Creative Arts Department at (248) 348-9030. Northville Christian Assembly is located at 41355 Six Mile Road, one mile west of I-275.

The Soup Troop from Church of the Holy Family in Novi will be serving at St. Leo's Church on Saturday, June 10. Volunteers are needed for a few hours to help prepare and serve the meal that day. If interested, please call (248) 347-0135 for a schedule.

Monetary donations in an envelope marked "St. Leo's Soup Kitchen" can be placed in the collection basket. Food and/or clothing can be left in the church lobby food bin marked "For Soup Troop." Men's clothes would be appreciated.

Food and supplies needed: creamy peanut butter, grape jelly, paper lunch bags, coffee, Tang, napkins, and sandwich bags.

Cookie and cupcake bakers are also needed. For each visit, 50 dozen cookies and 25 dozen cupcakes are needed. Please contact Darlene Hartman at (248) 348-1955 or Irene Harris at (248) 348-6329. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church kitchen up until 8 a.m., June 10.

First Presbyterian Church of

Northville is offering Vacation Bible School June 19-23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Register your 4-year-olds through entering fifth graders for a week of fun.

Your children will star in God's story at our Holyword Studios. Enjoy a week of fun, discovery and growth.

School's out fund raiser! First Presbyterian Church of Northville will sponsor an APEX youth fund raiser, "Rock 'n' Bowl" (featuring the twin cities hottest band, "D-Gas") jamming on lanes 17-22 while you go bowl.

June 10, from 6-10 p.m. at the Bowl between Eight and Nine Mile on Novi Road. This is a family event. Lane rentals by the hour; 85 cover charge. All proceeds to benefit local youth groups.

For reservations or more information, call (248) 348-9120.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi has joined the Fun Funds program at Gordon Foods.

This program offers opportunities to the church and you. Enrollment in the program is free. All you need to do is fill out a very short enrollment card and send it in. Once you receive your personalized card, shop at Gordon Foods. Every time you purchase a food item identified as a Fun Funds item, Meadowbrook Church will benefit.

Gordon Foods will send a check to the church each month based on the sale of Fun Funds items by those using their Meadowbrook cards.

Spirit of Christ's Vacation Bible School, 40700 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi will be July 17-21, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The theme

will be "2000 Art Avenue from Augsburg Fortress." There will be an ice cream social and children's program on Thursday, July 20. Look for registration dates soon.

Let Pastor Matt know if you are interested in helping.

Mark your calendars, invite your friends. There's plenty of room on the ARK.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville will also be holding vacation bible school for preschool age children through fifth grade from June 26-30. The "Outback Expedition" will take place from 9 a.m. to noon each day and students may register on the first day. For more information, call the church office at (248) 349-3140.



Aunt Matty, portrayed by Caroline Haley, invites you to join her for an evening of fun with "Family Outings."

Choir field trip



The "Encore" choir from Cooke Middle School performed a concert at the state capitol in Lansing on May 8. The choir is directed by Mrs. Vickie Kopitslansky.

Guernsey has built a long tradition of quality ice cream

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McGuire tells me, is vanilla. It's heads and tails beyond anything else, including chocolate. At the same time, it's the store's butter pecan that put it on the map and placed fourth in the nation from a People survey a number of years ago.

"It all comes down to taste testing," McGuire said. "You want it to taste like you see it."

That also happens to be McGuire's favorite flavor. His father is a vanilla man, while Marty McGuire's son, Christopher, prefers moose tracks.

Only once has a flavor really taken a nosedive and that happened back in the early 1980s, when Marty McGuire was adding coloring to a batch of French vanilla. Rather than add the creamy yellow color, orange was splashed in.

"We had orange French vanilla. What was I going to do with that?" McGuire jokingly asked.

Other flavors come and go with the seasons, like rowdy reindeer (it has an amaretto background mixed with thick fudge and cherry cups), pumpkin pie and orange pineapple.

Not all of the ice cream goes out to the sales floor, however. For several years, Guernsey has donated several cases of ice cream each week to St. Patrick's, a Detroit shelter for the homeless.

"It's just a little something we like to do," McGuire said.

DESSERT Guernsey's success hasn't been easily mimicked. The company is one of a handful of independent dairy operations in the state, though the products are now being distributed in a 50-mile radius. It's a company that started out small but has grown to be a regional powerhouse in Vitamin D-partment.

"Ask around — my dad's probably about the only dairy operator

still living who can remember making ice cream without all the mechanization we've got today," McGuire said.

He hands me a small bowl of the Mackinac Island peanut butter fudge. It's a little soft because it hasn't been frozen yet, but the taste comes shining through like a sunbeam.

"This is really when the ice cream is at its best," McGuire said, scooping himself a small sample. "You're being spoiled when you eat it now."

I can't help but ask myself when isn't a guy spoiled when he's eating Guernsey ice cream?

Guernsey Farms Dairy is located at 21300 Novi Road...in Novi. The store can be reached at (248) 349-1466.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. His e-mail address is cdavis@ht.homecomm.net

In Service

Erin Selinsky of Northville recently graduated from Navy Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. She was awarded the Military Order of the World Wars Award for outstanding performance during basic training.

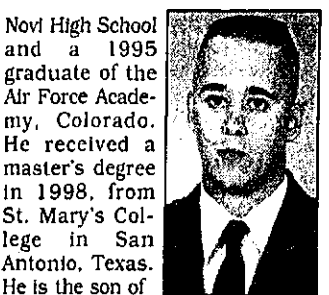
Selinsky is the daughter of Kathleen and William Selinsky.

Capt. Brian J. Murphy, United States Air Force, graduated from Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training and received his pilot wings on April 7 at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma. He also received a Leadership Award during graduation ceremonies.

Murphy completed his first half of flight training in Pensacola, Fla. in the Navy T-34, and was placed on the Commodore's List for outstanding achievement in recognition of superior performance in both flight and academic phases of primary training.

Murphy is a 1991 graduate of

Novi High School and a 1995 graduate of the Air Force Academy, Colorado. He received a master's degree in 1998, from St. Mary's College in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Dennis Murphy of Novi.



Brian Murphy

Cemetery visit



Girl Scouts Troop 214 visited the Oakwood cemetery to learn Northville history. From left: Elaine Johnson, Erica Turner, Julie Davison, Roxanne Todor, Peggy Abraham, Whitney Gusfa, Laura Street, Ann Quay Rushing, Emily Leary, Meagan Armstrong, Nikki Mitts and Sarah Koupal.

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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 each 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 summertime day trips

"Social Security Scandals" at the Soaring Eagle Casino, June 20; Grand River Dinner Cruise in California, 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.

• 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.

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

• Health/Fitness Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Senior Center, between 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

• 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.

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 349-4140.

TRANSPORTATION

• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips

Tuesdays: Meljer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.

Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hillier's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).

Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• 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.

• 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. Weight-in 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 Pharmaceutical 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.

• Pot Luck Luncheons Held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Senior Center. Meet at noon, bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1.

• 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/Brochures/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 and can be arranged by calling the Senior Center.

• Nutrition/Food Services

Catered lunches are provided daily at the Novi Senior Center. Advance reservations are necessary. Call the center from 9 a.m. to noon at least three days in advance. There is a \$2 per meal donation.

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

• Health/Fitness

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

• 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.

Afterwards, there will be a movie on the big screen TV at 1:30 p.m.

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

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The Senior bowling league meets at Novi Bowl each Thursday at 1 p.m.

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Toloff shatters two records

*Impressive times place
Toloff the among best ever*By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi Junior Chris Toloff and head track coach Bob Smith sat down last Friday night, the night before the Class A state track meet in Rockford.

There they discussed Toloff's goals and strategies and what he needed to do to accomplish each of them. It was then and there that Smith realized just what kind of kid he was dealing with.

"We talked and realized that he wasn't ready (to beat Dathan Ritzenheim) this year," Smith said. "So I said why not go for second."

Smith said Toloff's eyes lit up with confidence, a confidence which the team's best distance runner carried with him en route to a state runnerup finish in the 1,600-meter run the next day. Not only did Toloff's time of 4:10.77 smash the school mark set by Kevin Avenius two years ago, but it was the third-fastest time in state high school history.

Only Rockford's Ritzenheim, a nationally acclaimed distance runner, and 1999 state champion John Hughes of Traverse City, have ever ran a faster mile. Toloff threw his name out there among the state's best, ever.

"A month ago I was talking off the cuff and I said no one would touch Kevin's record (4:13.5)," Smith said. "Boy am I eating my words now."

"Chris has been ready to bust loose."

Having finished second to teammate Tim Moore at the cross country state meet and playing second fiddle to Tom Greenless a few times this season, Toloff's confidence began to soar when he won the mile at the regional meet.

"Kevin kind of set the stage, so he was the bench mark for everyone," Smith said of Avenius' accomplishments. "Chris is now running faster than Kevin, any way you cut it. He is now the heir apparent of Novi distance running."

Ritzenheim's time of 4:08.08 broke Hughes' state finals record

by over two seconds, while Toloff's time was just three-tenths behind.

"Chris led the race early on, that was his strategy. But then Dathan made his patented move and went by Chris in the middle of the race. At that point Chris ran his own race, knowing that if he tried to keep up with Dathan, he would burn out," Smith said.

Toloff also placed in the 3,200 race, taking sixth in another school-record time of 9:15.30. Having saved just enough energy after the mile, Toloff broke his own school record.

Moore, who sat out the mile in preparation for the two-mile event, finished right behind Toloff in seventh place (9:19.4). His time was the second fastest in school history.

"The depth of the distance runners in the state is the best I've ever seen," Smith said. "Every other team in the state would give anything to have a 9:19 runner on their team, and we've got two."

Moore's seventh-place finish followed up last year's sixth-place position.

Thanks to Moore and Toloff, Novi scored 13 points, good enough for 13th place overall. Portage Northern won the team title with 64 points. Saginaw Heritage was runnerup and Rockford took third.

Joining Moore and Toloff at the meet were Yasuaki Goto and the 3,200 relay team of Dan Stevens, Mark Avenius, Mitch Erickson and Eric Walle.

Goto (11.2) finished fifth in his qualifying heat of the 100 meter dash. That was not good enough to advance him to the semifinals. Smith said he thought Goto might have been nursing a sore hamstring he suffered at the league meet.

The 3,200 relay team ran a very respectable 8:07.84. Smith held regulars Toloff and Evan Foster out of the race and allowed Stevens and Erickson the opportunity to run.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Chris Toloff crosses the finish line at the state meet Saturday, breaking a school record in the mile.

"What I was most pleased with was that Walle and Avenius stepped it up for us and took a leadership role on that relay," Smith said. "And Stevens and Erickson have finally achieved top-gun status. Both of them went beyond their coaches'

expectations and should be vying for a spot on this team next year."

Toloff did not run the open 800 either, which he was qualified in. Moore did not run the mile.

"This was quite an exciting thing to do, to bring these guys

here and do so well," Smith said. "This season was special for all of us. We were undefeated in duals, KVC champion, regional champion and third at team states."

"In all regards it's the best track season we've ever had here at Novi."

Kickers
bow
out of
tourneyBy JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Last Saturday saw the end of an era, and quite possibly the beginning of a new one in Novi's 5-0 loss to Plymouth Canton in the district finals.

Senior Kristi Arrington, playing in a Novi jersey for the final time, finished a stellar career which included a school-record 148 career goals and a pair of Kensington Valley Conference championships.

But at the same time, Novi's six starting freshmen gained invaluable experience against the type of team Novi will have to beat to move on to the next level. Canton was ranked in the top 10 all season long, and has the best soccer player in the state in Anne Morrell.

Morrell scored a pair of goals against Novi, despite all its efforts to stop the future United States Olympic team hopeful.

"We played with two forwards and three halfbacks and were able to contain Morrell pretty well," Novi coach Larry Christoff said. "Our plan was to try and neutralize her throughout."

For at least a half, its plan worked as Novi was down just 1-0 at the intermission. But a key injury cost the 'Cats severely late in that first half. Katie Ales, the starting sweeper, went down with a knee injury in the last few minutes of the first half. Christoff had to make five lineup changes to compensate for the loss, which allowed Morrell a bit more room to maneuver in the second half.

"We had to move Ashley (Cooley) up to fill in for Ales, and she had been doing a great job on Morrell," he said. "Unfortunately the game is played in

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Double your pleasure, double your district titles



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With sophomore Trey Simpson on deck, Nick Lehnert looks for his pitch against Northville.

Sophomores spark Novi to title

By DAN KITTLE
Special Writer

The scoreboard out in center field read "Brighton 4, Novi 1, Inning 5," and all of a sudden, things weren't so rosy in the Wildcat baseball world.

Captain Brendan Hadley turned to teammate Jon Cervi in the Novi dugout, looked at the leadoff hitter in disbelief, and questioned, "Is this really happening?" His eyes were swimming with fire, fear, desperation, and determination all at the same time, and as Cervi turned his gaze out toward Osborne Field, he couldn't help but feel the same.

After all, who expected the state's third-ranked ball club to be in this position? The district championship, on their home field, and the Wildcats

were down to their final eight outs of the season. With nobody on base in the top of the fifth, and Mike Kossik already retired on a ground ball to second, things looked as bleak as they ever had for this team. The bottom of the Novi order was coming to bat, and the way the Brighton hurler had been throwing, the nervous banter already began to ripple its way through the home crowd.

But up came Brandon Davis, with all the swagger and bravado of a big league veteran. He had been in this situation before, and nearly every time, the youngster had come through. On the basketball court, he came up with enough big shots to compile 33 highlight reels. On the baseball field, there was

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Emily Major (above) swings and misses a Maureen Emaus pitch in the semifinals last Saturday.

Bats come alive in pair of romps

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It wasn't supposed to be that easy, but anyway you slice it, the Novi softball team won the district title last Saturday on their home field.

With fellow favorite Brighton in the field along with the Wildcats, a final matchup between the two schools was expected. But it was South Lyon who came crawling into the finals.

Having expended every ounce of energy in knocking off Brighton

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3-0 in 13 innings the game before, the Lions were of little competition to the 'Cats. Novi won the district title with an 18-1 pounding of South Lyon.

Novi, playing as the away team in the finals, jumped out to an early 9-0 lead after one inning and never looked back. The 'Cats added two more in the second, five in the fourth and two more in

the sixth.

Erica Breisacher received way more run support than she needed. The junior went the distance, allowing just a run on nine hits while recording five strikeouts.

Offensively, Kendall Hobart was 4 for 5, scoring four times and driving in three runs. Joelle Frantz, who had a sore arm and played as a designated hitter, went 2 for 4 with three runs and

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Davis, Gorman spark Novi rally

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no difference; the sophomore was simply at his best when the chips were down and the team needed someone to step up.

This situation was no different. The Wildcats had their backs to the wall; if someone didn't step up soon, their season would end early once again. Yet with one swing of the bat, he took all the momentum the Bulldogs had accumulated and brought it back to the Novi side. The shortstop laced the ball up the alley in right, past the Brighton outfielders and all the way to the wall. With arms and legs flailing, Davis touched second and raced for third without even breaking stride. The relay came, a little up the line, and the heroic youngster slid in just below the tag.

As the umpire emphatically let the world know Davis had beaten the throw, the

entire Novi crowd leaped to their feet and screamed in exhilaration. He got up, dusted himself off, and soaked up the ecstatic cheers from the Wildcat faithful. At that point, it was obvious that Novi was not going to let another District title get away without a fight.

Fellow sophomore Matt Gorman then approached the plate, and he quickly sent a looping fly ball into shallow left field. Despite valiant efforts from a hustling shortstop and leftfielder, the ball fell in for a single, scoring Davis, and pulled the team to within a pair of runs.

After following Gorman to steal second, Jon Cervi promptly collected his first hit of the day, a hard ground ball up the middle that made its way past the reach of an outstretched shortstop. Gorman rounded third hard and limped home, pulling the team within a run.

After a Mitch Mater walk and a rare infield single by Brendan Hadley, the Wildcats had loaded the bases with only one out. A.J. Rowe did what he had to do, sending a fly ball to left deep enough to bring home Cervi and tie the game at four.

Justin Shaw then hit a ground ball to second for what should have been the final out of the inning. Playing out of position there, though, left-hander Charlie Christner tossed the ball across into the dirt, and Shaw reached first safely. Pinch-runner Rick Lehner came around to score the go-ahead run, giving the Wildcats a cushion they would not relinquish.

Novi tacked on four more in the sixth and five in the seventh, aided by a Davis home run and a three-run shot by Rowe, but it didn't matter. Brendan Watson came on in relief of starter Josh Sabol, and the four hitters he faced were easily retired. The Wildcats prevailed, 14-4, snatching a District title away from the team that had captured it for seven straight seasons.

"It's about time we beat those guys," said Hadley after the win. For seven straight years, it had been the Bulldogs, not the Wildcats, who had walked away unscathed after this game. For seven miserable seasons, Novi had been forced to watch as Brighton celebrated yet another district title, parading around like they owned the world. Now, it was the Wildcats' turn.

And the ironic part about the game was that the two players leading the charge weren't seniors on this year's team. They hadn't been through the annual district shellacking, witnessing another tough loss at the hands of a superior team. No, the two spark plugs in this year's title hadn't been a part of the disappointment; they were mere sophomores. It was their first year on varsity, and already, they were coming through like seasoned veterans.

"I thought that was an awesome display, what those two did in this game," said coach Rick Green.

"I thought they turned it around." When the Wildcats were down, the two turned it up a notch with their hustle and athleticism. Davis legged out a triple on pure grit and determination, and Gorman stole second base on three consecutive at-bats, moving himself into scoring position. Davis added a solo home run in the sixth, providing some cushion for the slim Novi lead, and a determined Gorman managed to limp his way home from second in the four-run fifth.

"We got off to a slow start," said Davis following the win. "I guess we realized about the fifth inning that we needed to step it up."

"I was scared in the early part of the game," said Gorman. "Then Davis started things off with the triple. I hit the little bloop thing to left, and then everybody got rolling."

Then he added, with emphasis, "Once we get going, we don't stop."

The Wildcat offense didn't stop, posting 14 runs on 15 hits after laying dormant for over four innings of baseball. Along with the two sophomores, Rowe helped power the offense, adding six RBI in five trips to the plate. He also hit his seventh long ball of the season, a three-run shot to right-center in the seventh that put the icing on the cake for the Wildcats. Hadley was impressive as well, hitting safely three times in as many trips.

On the mound, Sabol had his most frustrating outing of the season, getting himself into a jam nearly every inning. The senior right-hander stayed tough, though, battling the entire way. He got himself out of a few tight spots and went 5 2/3 innings for the win. He allowed four earned runs on five hits and six walks, while striking out 10.

Watson closed out the victory, throwing 1 2/3 innings of perfect baseball, and striking out two of the four hitters he faced. "The intensity today was outstanding," said Green. "When we got down, the intensity got us going. After we got that lead, I was very comfortable with what we had left."

The district championship means that the Wildcats will travel to Brighton for regionals this Saturday. There, the team will take on Pinckney at 10:00 a.m. for a chance to advance to the regional championship later that afternoon. Troy (22-7) and Walled Lake Western (19-11) play in the other semifinal game.

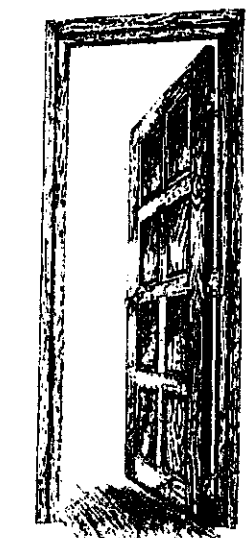
The Wildcats and Pirates split in a doubleheader at Pinckney earlier this season. Davis got the start on the mound in game one, but was lifted for Sabol after 3 1/3 innings. Sabol went the rest of the way, holding the opposition to one run for the 5-4 victory. Hadley had three hits in that game, including the game-winner, while Cervi added a pair in four trips. Shaw had a big two-run double as well.

In game two, Dan Trehanne got the start, going 5 1/3 innings in the 8-7 loss. He was plagued the entire game by defensive mistakes, as only two of the eight runs he surrendered were earned. Davis hit a two-run home run in that game, while Hadley added a solo shot. Cervi and Rowe each tripled and doubled in four trips.

NOVI 10, NORTHVILLE 0 (5) In the District semi-final game, Rowe threw the first no-hitter of his career, going five innings for the win. The southpaw walked three and struck out ten, coming four hitters away from a perfect game.

At the plate, Rowe went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. Cervi added his sixth long ball of the season, a solo shot to center in the second, and Mater finished 4-for-4 with a double. Justin Guffey also added a pair of hits in the victory.

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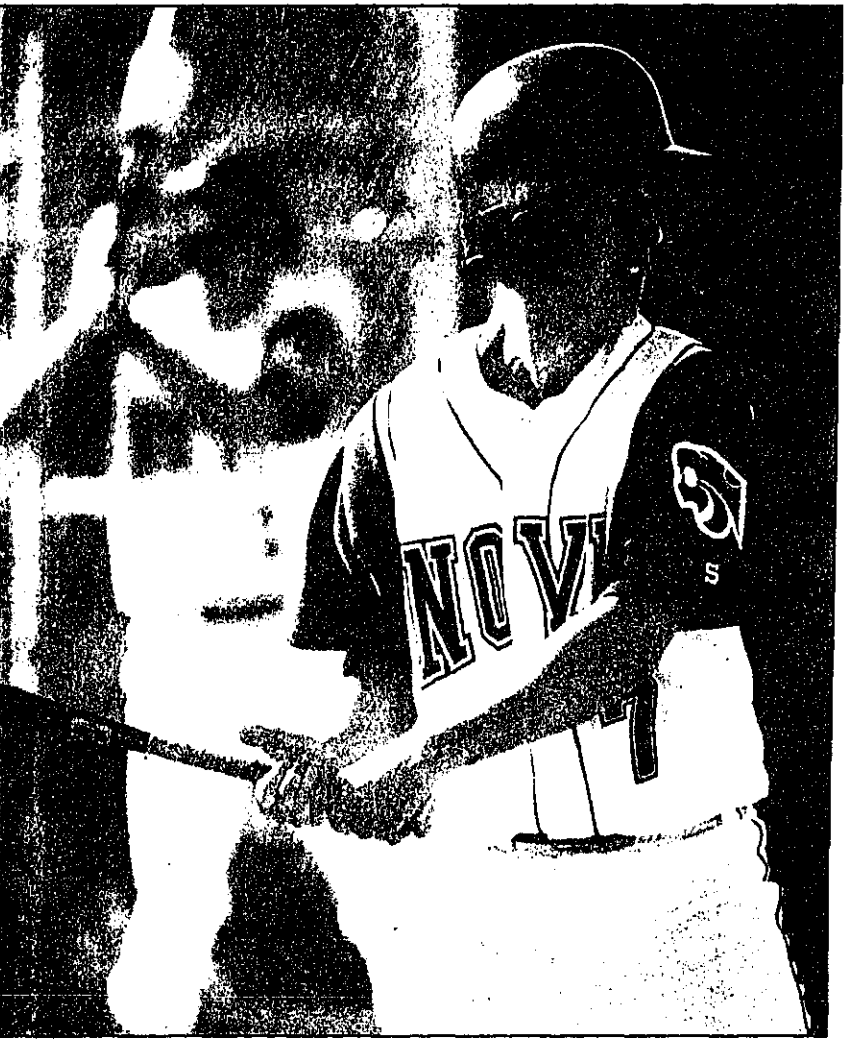


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Brandon Davis' triple in the bottom of the fifth helped spark Novi's offense vs. Brighton.

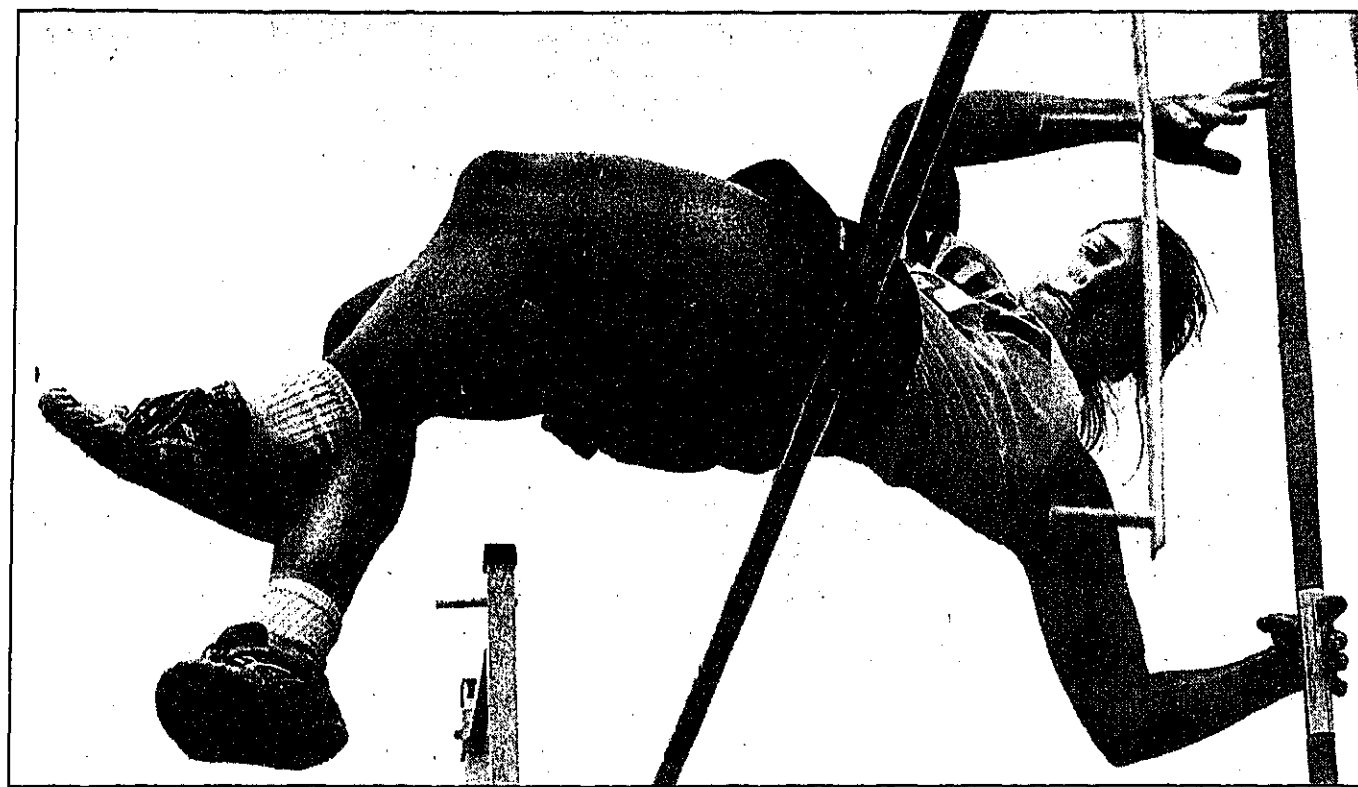


Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi junior Mickie Rzepka stretches to clear 10 feet at the state track meet this past Saturday in Rockford. She cleared it and took 5th.

Novi trio takes to state track meet

By JASON SCHMITT

Sports Editor

She came into high school with a natural ability to run fast.

But since then Mickie Rzepka has honed her skill as a seasoned pole-vaulter veteran, and that experience landed her among the top five vaulters at last weekend's Class A state track meet.

Rzepka tied her career-best vault of 10-0 in the championship flight, nearly clearing 10-6 and advancing on with the top four vaulters. Instead, the junior settled for fifth place.

"She was really, really happy with her performance," Novi coach Sue Tomanek said. "She's just a performer, when it counts most. Now her goals are so much higher. She really loves this event."

The vault tied the school record she set earlier this season and set the stage for what could be a great senior season.

Rzepka wasn't the lone Wildcat at the state finals. Both Stephanie Prdimore and Christina

Terrell qualified in the throwing events. Neither qualified out of the preliminary flights. Terrell competed in the discus, throwing her disc 98-6. Prdimore threw the shot put 33-11.

"I always want my girls to go there and perform, not just participate at the state meet," Tomanek said. "Many times the girls who advance are in such awe when they get there that they don't perform their best. They're just happy to get there."

"All three of these girls went there and performed and I was happy with that." Understanding the odds of placing at the state meet, Tomanek said her girls went there trying to break a school record.

The season was a successful one for the team. The Wildcats finished second in the Kensington Valley Conference (to Brighton) and had several spectacular individual finishes.

Rzepka's school record in the vault was also a regional record. Autumn Wallace broke the Novi freshman shot put record (30-10) and the 800 freshmen relay team of Jayme Westfall,

Crystal Cortie, Emily Modick and Amanda Smith set the school mark in that event.

At the team's award banquet Monday night eight different Cats took home team awards. Rzepka was the team's most valuable track athlete and Prdimore was the most valuable field athlete.

Senior Beth Rite took home the sportsmanship award, while fellow senior Kristin Echols won the teamwork award. Another senior, Kristina Utley, won the leadership award while Anna McDougal was the most improved on the team.

Smith, who maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average this spring along with 18 of her teammates, won the student-athlete award for the team. In fact, 65 members of the team were honor-roll students and were named to the academic all-conference team this season.

Next year's captains were also named at the banquet. Jessica Brislin, Lyndsay Drake, Rzepka and Kelley Phelps will head up the team in the year 2001.

Big hitters, tough pitchers lead Novi

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three RBI. Megan Colligan was 3 for 4 with two runs scored and Vanessa Byrwa was 3 for 4 with two runs scored and four RBI.

The offensive numbers don't end there. Katie Cameron was 2 for 4, scoring twice and Victoria Kaiser scored three runs.

South Lyon pitcher Melissa Tavidian was the recipient of the Novi barrage. The junior hurler was coming off a complete-game shutout win over Brighton and freshman star pitcher Jill DeRoche.

The win propels Novi to the regional semifinal against Ann Arbor Pioneer Saturday morning. Walled Lake Western and Birmingham Marian are scheduled to play in the other semifinal.

NOVI 11, NVILLE 2

For Novi, what proved to be the toughest of the two games for the Cats, Novi jumped out to an early

lead and steadily added a cushion throughout the game.

Novi scored three in the first inning, two more in the third and six more in the sixth. Three players had big offensive games for the Cats. Among them was Cameron, who finished 2 for 4 with two runs scored. Hobart was 2 for 3 with three runs and three RBI. Frantz finished 3 for 3 with four runs and two RBI. Sarah Bajorek was 1 for 4 with a pair of RBI and Colligan was also 1 for 4 with two RBI.

On the mound Frantz went the distance, striking out 13 and allowing just four hits. "The girls played very well," coach Carol Diglio said. "Everything was coming together. The girls were very focused and executed things we have been fine tuning in practices."

Novi Jaguar tryouts

Novi Jaguar soccer tryouts will take place during the week of June 17th, under the direction of Paul Tinnion at Total Soccer.

Novi Jaguars Soccer Association President Dave Stec has credited Tinnion, the director of coaching, with helping the organization to grow over the past year.

"Paul Tinnion is not only a well-respected soccer coach, but also has strong ties to the soccer community — allowing us to bring in top-level trainers," Stec said.

During the winter, his girls practiced two hours every Tuesday with their trainer Chris Lenay. The team also played on multiple indoor teams and against other girls teams and boys teams.

"I know that we might seem extreme, but we have other very good clubs out there which we

compete with, not only in games but also for players," Stec said.

"The hard work has paid off big dividends. Stec coached an Under-11 girls team which earned first place in the Ann Arbor Invitational Memorial Day Soccer Tournament last week.

"My election promise was to increase the skill and competitiveness of our club," Stec added. "My goal is to provide a soccer club that is good enough to help Novi residents playing on a Novi team rather than outside our community."

Next season, Stec will turn over his coaching duties for the U-12 girls team to Scott Hall, head coach for women's soccer at Eastern Michigan University.

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The three amigos of Novi softball

Cameron, Frantz and Bajorek have made a difference

By DAN KITTLE
Special Writer

Four years ago, a group of three talented freshmen made their way into the Novi softball program. It wasn't a pretty sight when they first arrived, coming off a 5-31 season that included an appalling 1-19 mark in the KVC. The team was young, inexperienced, and lacking promise.

When Katie Cameron, Joelle Frantz, and Sarah Bajorek stepped on the Novi green for the first time, a complete transformation began.

Gone were the days when the Wildcats were considered the diorama of the league. Gone were the disheartening afternoons when Novi softball winning a single KVC game was like the Lions contending for a Super Bowl title. It was truly the dawn of a new era.

The changes didn't occur immediately, though, and it was even difficult for outsiders to notice a big difference in the team. The three talented youngsters didn't perform miracles; they merely helped the team draw closer and closer to the .500 mark, something that seemed an unattainable milestone just a season ago.

A 12-19 year was followed by a 19-18 year—not the marks of champions, but progress nonetheless. With the talented trio steadily improving after just two years in the program, the future looked bright for coach Carol Diglio's ball club.

The following year, in the spring of 1999, the future became the present, and the promise of prosperity became the reality of success. The Wildcats took the KVC by storm, shocking the entire league from top to bottom. They posted a 20-4 mark in the conference, ending out Brighton to take home the first KVC title in the history of Novi softball.



Even as freshmen, Bajorek (front), Cameron (middle) and Frantz (back) were close on the field and off.

tory of Novi softball.

A year later, the Wildcats have made a return trip to the promised land, once again defeating the hated Bulldogs to capture a second straight league championship. Following a District title on their home field this past weekend, this ball club now has a shot at taking the program to an entirely new level.

And through it all, the three senior captains have been there. When the team was struggling to reach the .500 mark back in '97, they were there. When things appeared bleak after the following mediocre season after the following year, the trio was there. When the ball club was finally able to celebrate a league championship, they were there. The quiet leader opposing teams have long since grown accustomed to the sight, but umpires still frequently give her a hard time.

"You're left-handed, you can't play second base," they'd tell her, but Cameron would simply roll her eyes, letting it wash over her like water off a duck's back.

She would then proceed to smoothly field nearly every ground ball hit her way, making the awkward throw across her body to first base look easy. This year, she has posted a .970 fielding percentage at second base, raising her lifetime mark to a nearly impeccable .962.

As she would make her way to the plate, the umpire would still look on with skepticism. Certainly, he would think to himself, she can't hit the ball for she's way too small. She would then pound the ball to left, facing yet another double off the alley in left-center.

Through 27 games this season, Cameron has posted a scintillating .507 average, collecting 46 hits in just 77 trips to the plate. The

team's leadoff hitter for the past four years, she also leads the team with 11 doubles and a .792 slugging percentage.

"People underestimate her because she's so small," says Bajorek. "But she can hit the ball. She may be small, but she packs a punch."

"Katie always comes through in clutch situations with her bat," adds sophomore teammate Holly VanCleave.

In addition to her power at the plate and her outstanding glove, Cameron is also one of the smartest base runners on the team, and can lay down a beautiful bunt at a moment's notice.

Yet despite all her physical ability and talent, one of her most important assets when it comes to this team's success is her leadership. She is a quiet leader, motivating the team with her actions rather than her words. She goes out everyday and works hard, taking it all in stride and hoping for the best.

"I go out there and put in 110% every time I play," she says. "That's just the person I am. And that's with everything, not just softball."

"Katie's not very confrontational," adds Bajorek. "She doesn't vocalize them as much; she shows them."

Because she is more comfortable staying quiet, it has been difficult for her to step up into the role of leader. "I'm not a really loud person," she says, "so it's hard for me to step up and take a leadership role. I'm trying to get to the point where I'm the one motivating people, trying to encourage them. It's been good for me."

And Cameron has certainly been good in this team. Over her four years here at Novi, she has compiled a .445 career batting average and 50-plus extra-base hits. Her brilliant combination of leadership, hitting ability, and a great glove has landed her a spot on next year's Brown University softball squad.

The southpaw is planning on playing outfield for the league school next season.

Diglio sums it up best when she says, "She's small but mighty." And when the coach says this, she's not just talking about her slugging percentage.

INTENSITY AND DETERMINATION

Rarely does a player come along who can do it all. Someone who is a phenomenal all-around athlete, and has enough ability to lead her team in many different aspects of the game. Is a gem at the varsity level.

Easily one of the most complete softball players in the state, Frantz combines an incredible pitching arm with a lethal bat, a great glove, and outstanding baserunning instincts. In her four-year career, she has posted a 1.25 ERA with a 60-27 record and 814 strikeouts, while at the plate, she compiled a career average of .432 with nearly 100 RBI hitting.

In the field, she holds a fielding

percentage of .924, and on the base paths, she has swiped an incredible 60 stolen bases without once getting thrown out.

Her success this season, and in past years, comes from a tireless off-season work ethic that has combined lengthy hours at pitching lessons, in the batting cage, and in the weight room.

"Joelle has matured into an excellent young ballplayer," says Diglio. "She's a tremendously hard worker. She never misses any of the off-season practices or open games."

"She's a great pitcher," comments Megan Colligan, a sophomore and teammate of Joelle's for the past two seasons. "Without her, we wouldn't be nearly as good as we are. You can count on her for anything."

But like Cameron, Frantz is more than just a superstar athlete. When it comes to softball, she is a vocal leader, striving to pass her intensity on to her teammates every time she steps onto the field.

"Joelle's very, very intense," says Diglio. "She's extremely determined."

Whenever she pitches, Frantz barks instructions at her fielders, moving them into position according to the tendencies of the batter at the plate. She always tries to pick her teammates up with her determination and will to win.

Diglio recounts the KVC-clinching game against Brighton, in which a determined Frantz battled the entire game, holding the Bulldogs scoreless to give Novi the 1-0 victory and a second KVC title. Diglio says, "She was just like, 'There's no way we're losing this game.'"

As a senior, the right-hander continues to bring her game to a new level every time she steps onto the field. "She has certainly improved every year," says Diglio, "but she's such a great athlete that she'll continue to develop."

Next year, Frantz will take her incredible ability to Hillsdale, where she will earn a full-ride to pitch for the top-notch softball school. Adds Diglio, "I'm so glad she's playing in college because I think she'll keep getting that much better."

THE LIGHT-HEARTED MEDIA-TOR

In every group, there has to be someone who can keep things light, someone who can help others maintain the proper perspective. Bajorek has been such a player this year for the Wildcats, using a great sense of humor to keep everyone from getting too serious.

"Sarah is extremely passionate," says Diglio. "She keeps kids relaxed. She always finds the funnier sides of things when things get intense."

"Sarah's a really big motivator," adds VanCleave. "She knows when to be serious and when to joke around."

In addition to her ability to keep the team loose, Bajorek provides more than her fair share of ability. She is a solid presence at the

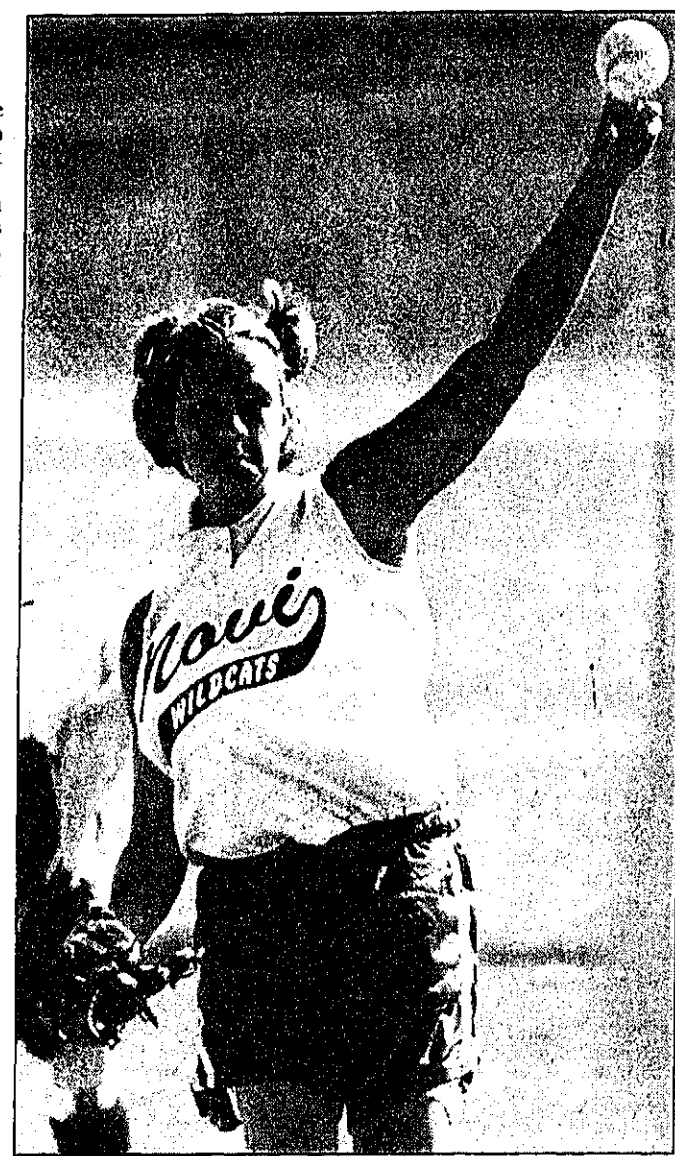


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Cameron has become the team's most flexible player, playing a number of positions when called upon by coach Carol Diglio.

plate, hitting .337 over the past four seasons despite numerous injuries throughout the seasons.

Every year, she comes back as the team's clean-up hitter and adds another powerful weapon to an already outstanding lineup. Her average has improved leaps and bounds every season, going from .287 to .307 the second year. Her junior year, she raised her mark to .385, and this year, her average has reached the .400 mark for the first time. She has also driven in nearly 100 runs in her career, including 31 this season. With hard work, dedication, and a great sense of humor, Bajorek has been an integral part of taking this program from a bottom-feeder to a KVC dynasty.

She is the only one of the three not attending college to play softball. She's headed to Michigan State this fall, but doesn't like the idea of being a student-athlete at the college level. So she'll continue her work with this year's team, leading the squad and helping them reach their potential.

"Sarah's a very smart player about the game," says Diglio. "She's extremely smart on the bases."

THE LAST HURRAH

The combination of these three girls' ability on and off the field

has helped make this team what it is today. They each bring their own unique personality and athletic ability to the table. "They're three very different personalities," says Diglio. "It's a nice mix because they're all different. Joelle is intense. Sarah keeps things very light, and Katie's kind of the balance in between."

"The big thing is they are all great softball players. They're just forces."

With Regionals coming up this weekend, they will get a chance to see just how far they can take this solid Wildcat ball club. "I don't think there's any limit to how far we can go," says Diglio. "If we stay excited about it, motivated, and healthy. Their destiny is in their own hands at this point."

Regardless of how this team fares the rest of the way, Diglio knows she won't easily be able to replace these three outstanding youngsters. "They've really been a pleasure to work with," says Diglio.

"I can't say enough good things about them. They're the type of kids a coach loves to coach. They have so much inner desire. And they're very likable kids; outgoing, friendly."

"It's going to be a very sorry banquet, I think."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL		Novi KVC Standings	
Novi	16-22/8-4	Novi	16-22/8-4
Harland	10-5/18-9	Harland	10-5/18-9
Brighton	8-9/14-12	Brighton	8-9/14-12
South Lyon	6-8/11-13	South Lyon	6-8/11-13
Midford	4-6/9-12	Midford	4-6/9-12
Howell	4-12/9-16	Howell	4-12/9-16
KVC Champion	4-8/10-11	KVC Champion	4-8/10-11
Average		Novi KVC Standings	
Hadley (Novi)	.578	Hadley (Novi)	.578
Cervi (Novi)	.504	Cervi (Novi)	.504
C. Kouris (Pinckney)	.500	C. Kouris (Pinckney)	.500
T. Kouris (Pinckney)	.486	T. Kouris (Pinckney)	.486
Kern (South Lyon)	.478	Kern (South Lyon)	.478
Rowe (Novi)	.438	Rowe (Novi)	.438
Herpich (Northville)	.421	Herpich (Northville)	.421
Reynolds (Pinckney)	.425	Reynolds (Pinckney)	.425
Sattler (Harland)	.419	Sattler (Harland)	.419
Davis (Novi)	.414	Davis (Novi)	.414
Deling (Midford)	.410	Deling (Midford)	.410
Rohralf (South Lyon)	.410	Rohralf (South Lyon)	.410
Currey (Fowlerville)	.406	Currey (Fowlerville)	.406
Howland (Lakeland)	.405	Howland (Lakeland)	.405
Simpson (Novi)	.400	Simpson (Novi)	.400
Pescenze (Brighton)	.397	Pescenze (Brighton)	.397
Maier (Novi)	.391	Maier (Novi)	.391
Landry (Brighton)	.382	Landry (Brighton)	.382
Adler (South Lyon)	.380	Adler (South Lyon)	.380
Zylka (South Lyon)	.378	Zylka (South Lyon)	.378
Corr (Fowlerville)	.377	Corr (Fowlerville)	.377
Flynn (South Lyon)	.373	Flynn (South Lyon)	.373
Hutchison (Northville)	.366	Hutchison (Northville)	.366
Gignac (Lakeland)	.365	Gignac (Lakeland)	.365
Ziem (Midford)	.364	Ziem (Midford)	.364
Botorowicz (Brighton)	.361	Botorowicz (Brighton)	.361
Hardin (Lakeland)	.361	Hardin (Lakeland)	.361
Antcliff (Fowlerville)	.356	Antcliff (Fowlerville)	.356
Gulley (Novi)	.352	Gulley (Novi)	.352
Kosak (Novi)	.350	Kosak (Novi)	.350
Boyes (Northville)	.348	Boyes (Northville)	.348
Gorman (South Lyon)	.348	Gorman (South Lyon)	.348
Kopczyk (Midford)	.348	Kopczyk (Midford)	.348
Gignac (Lakeland)	.347	Gignac (Lakeland)	.347
Corr (Fowlerville)	.344	Corr (Fowlerville)	.344
E. Walters (Howell)	.342	E. Walters (Howell)	.342
Cieszkowski (Harland)	.337	Cieszkowski (Harland)	.337
Landry (Brighton)	.322	Landry (Brighton)	.322
Gorman (Novi)	.322	Gorman (Novi)	.322
Jakubowski (Brighton)	.321	Jakubowski (Brighton)	.321
Gelsler (Midford)	.319	Gelsler (Midford)	.319
Munro (Harland)	.317	Munro (Harland)	.317
Reynolds (Pinckney)	.317	Reynolds (Pinckney)	.317
Lehner (Novi)	.315	Lehner (Novi)	.315
Shaw (Novi)	.313	Shaw (Novi)	.313
Atherton (Lakeland)	.313	Atherton (Lakeland)	.313
Amey (Howell)	.311	Amey (Howell)	.311
Corr (Fowlerville)	.310	Corr (Fowlerville)	.310
O'Hara (Harland)	.309	O'Hara (Harland)	.309
Hannah (Fowlerville)	.305	Hannah (Fowlerville)	.305
Home Runs		Novi KVC Standings	
Hadley (Novi)	.11	Hadley (Novi)	.11
Edick (Northville)	.08	Edick (Northville)	.08
Reynolds (Pinckney)	.07	Reynolds (Pinckney)	.07
Harper (Northville)	.07	Harper (Northville)	.07
Maier (Novi)	.07	Maier (Novi)	.07
Rowe (Novi)	.07	Rowe (Novi)	.07
Cervi (Novi)	.06	Cervi (Novi)	.06
T. Kouris (Pinckney)	.06	T. Kouris (Pinckney)	.06
Kern (South Lyon)	.05	Kern (South Lyon)	.05
O'Hara (Harland)	.05	O'Hara (Harland)	.05
Shaw (Novi)	.05	Shaw (Novi)	.05
C. Kouris (Pinckney)	.05	C. Kouris (Pinckney)	.05
Boyes (Northville)	.05	Boyes (Northville)	.05
Davis (Novi)	.04	Davis (Novi)	.04
T. Blanchette (Harland)	.04	T. Blanchette (Harland)	.04
Adler (South Lyon)	.03	Adler (South Lyon)	.03
Deling (Midford)	.03	Deling (Midford)	.03
Lehner (Novi)	.03	Lehner (Novi)	.03
Gulley (Novi)	.03	Gulley (Novi)	.03
Doren (Northville)	.03	Doren (Northville)	.03
Herpich (Northville)	.03	Herpich (Northville)	.03
J. Blanchette (Harland)	.02	J. Blanchette (Harland)	.02
Davis (Midford)	.02	Davis (Midford)	.02
Sharp (Brighton)	.02	Sharp (Brighton)	.02
Runs		Novi KVC Standings	
Simpson (Novi)	.2	Simpson (Novi)	.2
E. Walters (Howell)	.2	E. Walters (Howell)	.2
Arney (Howell)	.2	Arney (Howell)	.2
Gerrin (Howell)	.2	Gerrin (Howell)	.2
Gignac (Lakeland)	.2	Gignac (Lakeland)	.2
Lantz (Brighton)	.1	Lantz (Brighton)	.1
Corr (Fowlerville)	.1	Corr (Fowlerville)	.1
Howell (Lakeland)	.1	Howell (Lakeland)	.1
Harper (Northville)	.1	Harper (Northville)	.1
Antcliff (Fowlerville)	.1	Antcliff (Fowlerville)	.1
Novi (Midford)	.1	Novi (Midford)	.1
RBI		Novi KVC Standings	
Rowe (Novi)	.41	Rowe (Novi)	.41
Hadley (Novi)	.40	Hadley (Novi)	.40
Kern (South Lyon)	.35	Kern (South Lyon)	.35
Cervi (Novi)	.32	Cervi (Novi)	.32
Maier (Novi)	.31	Maier (Novi)	.31
O'Hara (Harland)	.28	O'Hara (Harland)	.28
Landry (Brighton)	.28	Landry (Brighton)	.28
Reynolds (Pinckney)	.22	Reynolds (Pinckney)	.22
C. Kouris (Pinckney)	.21	C. Kouris (Pinckney)	.21
Boyes (Northville)	.21	Boyes (Northville)	.21
Corr (Fowlerville)	.20	Corr (Fowlerville)	.20
Currey (Fowlerville)	.20	Currey (Fowlerville)	.20
Flynn (South Lyon)	.20	Flynn (South Lyon)	.20
R. Walters (Howell)	.20	R. Walters (Howell)	.20
Shaw (Novi)	.20	Shaw (Novi)	.20
O'Hara (Harland)	.18	O'Hara (Harland)	.18
Deling (Midford)	.18	Deling (Midford)	.18
Landry (Brighton)	.18	Landry (Brighton)	.18
Edick (Northville)	.17	Edick (Northville)	.17
Howell (Lakeland)	.17	Howell (Lakeland)	.17
Botorowicz (Brighton)	.16	Botorowicz (Brighton)	.16
Ziem (Midford)	.16	Ziem (Midford)	.16
Poltruff (South Lyon)	.16	Poltruff (South Lyon)	.16
Gulley (Novi)	.16	Gulley (Novi)	.16
O'Hara (Harland)	.15	O'Hara (Harland)	.15
Davis (Midford)	.15	Davis (Midford)	.15
Gignac (Lakeland)	.15	Gignac (Lakeland)	.15
Curry (Fowlerville)	.15	Curry (Fowlerville)	.15
Corr (Fowlerville)	.14	Corr (Fowlerville)	.14
Davis (Novi)	.14	Davis (Novi)	.14
Lehner (Novi)	.14	Lehner (Novi)	.14
Doren (Northville)	.12	Doren (Northville)	.12
Gulley (Novi)	.12	Gulley (Novi)	.12
Herpich (Northville)	.11	Herpich (Northville)	.11
Munro (Harland)	.11	Munro (Harland)	.11
Boyes (Northville)	.10	Boyes (Northville)	.10
Kern (Brighton)	.10	Kern (Brighton)	.10
Sabot (Novi)	.10	Sabot (Novi)	.10
Simon (Midford)	.10	Simon (Midford)	.10
Stolen Bases		Novi KVC Standings	
Cervi (Novi)	.54	Cervi (Novi)	.54
Novi (Novi)	.47	Novi (Novi)	.47
Hadley (Novi)	.44	Hadley (Novi)	.44
Cieszkowski (Harland)	.31	Cieszkowski (Harland)	.31
Corr (Fowlerville)	.28	Corr (Fowlerville)	.28
Landry (Brighton)	.26	Landry (Brighton)	.26
Reynolds (Pinckney)	.25	Reynolds (Pinckney)	.25
Sattler (Harland)	.25	Sattler (Harland)	.25
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Health Column

Cancer diagnosis can be scary

A diagnosis of cancer is an intensely profound experience for the patient but what's not so apparent is how much the entire family is affected by that pronouncement.

How much stress does the family member most responsible for helping and caring for the patient experience? The answer to that question may surprise you according to the results of a new University of Michigan study.

Researchers in the U-M School of Nursing examined the level of stress experienced by a family member caring for a loved one with cancer. They found that the caregiver often experienced a higher level of stress than the patient did, and the combination of pressure, tension and anxiety had a direct impact on the patient's health. They also found that women who were thrust into the role of caregiver experienced stress to a greater degree than men in similar situations did. The authors say this reinforces the importance of paying greater attention to the needs of the caregiver.

The study was published in a recent edition of the journal "Social Science and Medicine."

"People are leaving hospitals much sooner and much sicker than they used to," said Laurel Northouse Ph.D., R.N., professor of nursing at the University of Michigan. "People used to leave the hospital when they were well. Now, they are often discharged to the care of family members when they're still sick. So now, family members are having to provide very complex care in the home and many family members don't feel prepared to do that."

Northouse and her colleagues studied 56 patients - 34 men and 22 women - with colon cancer and their spouses. Interviews were conducted one week after diagnosis, but before surgery; 60 days after surgery; and one year after surgery.

They found that both male and female patients reported stress levels peaking at 60 days and then declining as the recovery process began. However, their spouses - especially female spouses - continued to have problems adjusting to their roles as caregivers as time went on. Both patient and spouse reported significant disruption in family and social life.

Investigators also found that caregivers experienced increased levels of emotional distress and encountered role problems - reporting difficulties with work, family and social situations.

"This stress over time can wear out a caregiver and what we're finding is, as the stress on the caregiver increases, it has a negative effect on the patient," Northouse said. "The caregiver becomes worn out and they're less able to problem solve and manage some of the daily care responsibilities."

Northouse said because women typically take on more interpersonal relationships, especially within the family, they are at greater risk of emotional distress. "Women are responsible for managing more roles inside and outside the family and hence, they experience more role disruption and distress when illness occurs."

Because caregivers often take on multiple roles and responsibilities, it's very important that they get support. Northouse said illness is a family disease and "we need to take care of both people, provide them both with support, not just the patient."

Typically, the primary caregiver doesn't get much support and they really need more from their other family members. They sometimes just need to take a break from the round-the-clock role of caregiver. Other family members should realize this time out is not a luxury. It's essential because, as we've found in our research, if the caregiver gets worn out, it has a harmful effect on the patient."

The study's authors said health care professionals also need to provide better support. Since caregivers often are quite unprepared for the role they are placed in, they badly need information on what they can expect as a caregiver. They need to know what issues are involved in the typical physical and emotional recoveries and how to interpret what signs and symptoms are serious and which ones aren't.

"Sometimes caregivers lack confidence in their ability to provide care and when professionals step in and provide information, it really helps the caregiver feel more confident in how to provide that care," Northouse said. "Caregivers need to know how to assess the patient because this is what has gone on in the hospital and now the caregiver is taking on that role in the home."

Delores Todd concurs. Her husband had prostate cancer that has advanced to bone cancer. "I was always left with more questions than answers," she said. "If there had been a nurse or social worker there that stayed with you after a doctor's visit and said, 'I understand all that was said, do you have any questions?' that's what I needed so much through all of this."

Northouse said it's extremely important that the caregiver place prime importance on taking care of themselves, too. "Caregivers often focus on their own needs as a luxury, but it's not a luxury. It's essential that they maintain their own well being so that they can continue to provide care for the patient who needs them."

University of Michigan Health System.

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Facts About Caregiver Stress

- A new U-M study finds that caregivers, especially female spouses, often experience higher levels of stress than the patient they are caring for does.
- Caregiver stress has a direct, negative impact on the patient's well being.
- Caregivers need additional support from other family members and support groups.
- The study's authors say health care professionals need to do a better job of educating caregivers about what issues they will face.

For more information, call the U-M Health System's TeleCare System at 1-800-742-2300, category 1010.

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Health Notes

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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 Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and hdl readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required.

For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

Intermediate Water Aerobics

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

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

Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an hmo or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed.

Appointments are required.

For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required.

The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available.

able. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required.
For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100.

To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

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.

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 2000

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.
THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2004.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Carol Poesch	Joan Wadsworth
Ken Roth	Judith Wolack

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2000.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 12, 2000, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the Community College District residing in this school district.

ONLY REGISTERED SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE OAKLAND COUNTY COLLEGE AREA OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2006.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)	
Richard J. Akehurst	Athena Dumas-Lawrence
Carol L. Crew	Marjorie Nanan Mugerian
Pamela Davis	John A. Wangler

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2000.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Silver Springs School, 19801 Silver Springs Drive, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Winchester School, 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Center, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: Moraine School, 46811 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.
This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

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