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City to cut consulting services

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

While some communities are privatizing consulting work, Novi is looking to cut back some of its outsourced consultants to save money. Novi city manager Richard Helwig said he would like to see the city pare back on the use of consultants for engineering and environmental work.

According to Helwig, \$4,175,337

was dedicated to consulting firms' fees in the last fiscal year alone. As a result, Helwig has proposed to hire three civil engineers 'in house' to handle projects that would otherwise be out-sourced.

By hiring a city engineer as division manager and add two additional civil engineers, the city expects to save approximately \$60,000 in the coming fiscal year and \$274,927 in

2002-2003. An additional \$281,614 will be saved in 2003-2004. Helwig said that he would like to see at least two of the positions filled by this coming September.

"We are not changing for the sake of changing," Helwig said. "We're changing to enhance accountability."

Helwig said by consolidating services, there would be "better commu-

nication" over what is being done as far as engineering is concerned. According to Helwig, there is too much excess paper work being done in the city.

"Just having 23 sets of plans being required is too much. Any other place I have worked only required six or seven," Helwig said. "It just shows how splintered and fragmented we are."

Helwig said that by "lessening our dependence on consultants, projects would be more streamlined."

The Consultants Review Committee spent a lot of time on this, Helwig said. "The genesis on this was the way we switched over our legal service firms and went to an hourly rate and eliminated the

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Passed: judgeship may soon be reality

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The proposal to realign the Novi and Clarkston District Courts, adding a new judge to Novi Court and transferring another from Novi to Clarkston, has leapt a major hurdle last week.

On May 1, Oakland County Board of Commissioners General Government Committee and the Public Services Committee approved the judgeship restructuring and the proposal will now go to the full board for discussion today, May 10.

Final approval is not expected until May 24, according to Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Novi).

"It (the proposal) will go before the full commission," Crawford said. "But it will have to go back to the Personnel and Finance committee. Right now, it seems everybody is for it right now."

Crawford said that by passing through the General Government Committee and the Public Services Committee was a "big hurdle" and he expected the proposal to be approved by the end of the month.

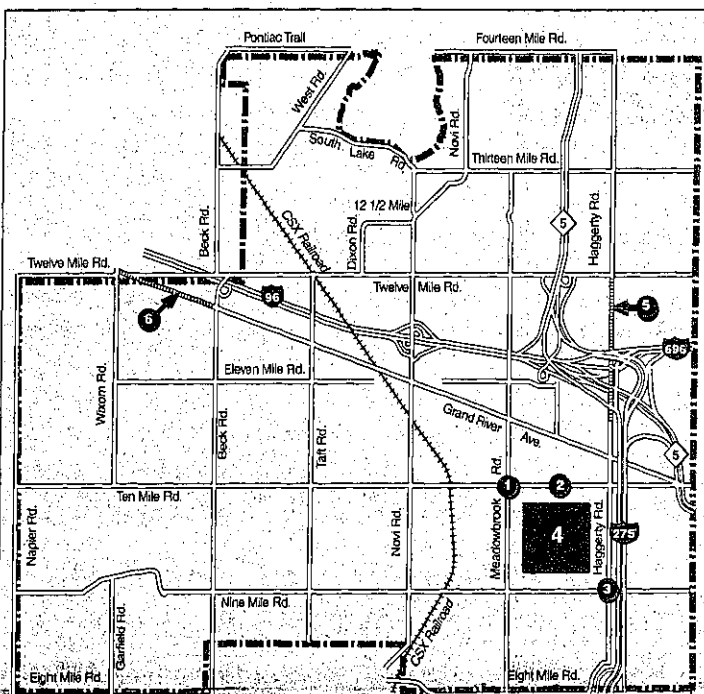
Last January, Governor John Engler signed legislation that would bring a judgeship to Novi via the electorate in 2002 - to take the bench in 2003. The Clarkston court would take jurisdiction of Rose and White Lake Township. With the expiration of Judge Michael Batchik's seat in Novi, that vacancy could be filled as a judgeship in Clarkston also in 2003.

Last month, Novi 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie said he expects records to be broken in every court docket category.

The Novi court expects to finish between 62,000 and 64,000 new cases this year. State court administrative officials confirm that the Novi Court is the fastest growing court in the state which includes the 46th District Court in Detroit.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or by e-mailing ryaky@ht.hometown.com.

Seeing orange



INTERSECTION REPAIRS

1. Meadowbrook and Ten Mile
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4. Repaving of Village Oaks subdivision.
5. Haggerty Rd. reconstruction and bridge repair.
6. R.C.O.C. widening of Grand River Ave.

Scheduled 2001 Road Projects for Novi Area

SOURCE: City of Novi

Construction will take over six Novi locations

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The orange barrels are beginning to take their place along roadways all over Oakland County.

But for Novi residents, unlike most of the county, the major portion of the construction season won't begin until later on this summer, according to Novi director of public services Tony Nowicki.

"We are doing the designs on the projects right now," Nowicki said. "We'll do most toward the

end of the summer depending on the bids."

Nowicki said the first three projects will be the intersections of Meadowbrook and Ten Mile (\$100,000), Ten Mile and Cranbrook (\$250,000) and Nine Mile and Haggerty Road (\$20,000).

Last November, Novi residents voted yes for an \$18.3 million road bond improvement program and this year, the five year project will begin. Novi city manager Richard Helwig said the city would concentrate on neighbor-

hood streets and subdivision work this summer.

"We're going to be resurfacing Village Oaks (sub) and we'll have other neighborhood projects that we'll be doing," Helwig said.

"We're going to work on spot repairs on Beck Road. We'll do the Nine mile (bike) pathway and the Old Novi Road pathway."

The city plans on spending over \$1 million a year on local surface streets and roadways.

"We still have a \$1.2 millions for

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Fuerst Farm clean up

Second effort focuses on Spring cleaning

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Last year, 150 dedicated and caring residents banded together in an immense restoration of one of the city's most historical landmarks - Fuerst Farm.

On May 12, the community is being asked once again to roll up their sleeves and help in a second renovation of the property.

"The Spring Clean-Up will not be as intense as last year's but there is work to be done," said historical commissioner and project organizer Kathy Mutch.

Hosted by Preservation Novi, the city's Historical Commission, Parks & Recreation, Beautification Commission, and the Novi Historical Society, the event will generally concentrate on the grounds of the Fuerst family home, Mutch said.

"It's really a basic grounds clean-up," she said. "Washing windows, sweeping the side walks, pruning shrubs, weeding, edging and planting flowers."

With a number of small duties needed to be completed, Mutch said the clean-up is open to any and all volunteers who wish to take part.

"We'd love to see anywhere around 30-50 volunteers, and we'd really like to get some groups to participate, such as the Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts," Mutch said.

The clean-up comes in perfect timing, as the city gears up for the installation of a historical marker on the site, May 22.

Mutch said that organizers are asking interested parties to call in advance to find out what tasks they are interested in doing.

"For example if they're interested in doing gardening, they may need to bring some hand tools and gloves if they have them and are willing to bring them," she said.

The Fuerst Farm revival clean-up will take place this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are needed and are now being accepted through the Novi Parks & Recreation Office. To become an integral part of this renovation, call the department at (248) 347-0400 or Mutch at (248) 349-6774.

The farmstead, located on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft Road, dates back to the mid-1800s.

Middle School will host first one act play this weekend

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

What if William Shakespeare had been known as the best stable boy in all of London, rather than one of the greatest poets?

See this humorous synopsis unfold, as Novi Middle School presents its first ever play production entitled, "A One-Act Festival."

This weekend, the school will perform three short comedies for a fabulous evening of entertainment.

"This is kind of a ground breaking performance for us in that it's the first play the school has ever put on," said director Carrie Wickert. "There was so much interest in creating a drama club, so it's great to finally be able to showcase students

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Carrie Wickert
NMS One Act director

who are so talented and enthusiastic about performing."

Featuring a cast of 31 young actors, the show begins with the skit, "Opening Night," a comedy by Roland Fernandez.

"Opening Night" is a story about a Broadway actress who tries to overcome her fears on the day of her first show, but

keeps getting interrupted by friends, family and even strangers who come to wish her luck," explained eighth grader Richard Bronson.

The second skit, "White Shakespeare Slept," a comedy by Tim Kelly, takes a humorous look into the dreams of a young Shakespeare, explained student Rachel Seiler.

"He's visited by a number of women including Juliet, Cleopatra, MacBeth and Portia," she said. "They all visit him in his sleep and encourage him to give them life by writing about them."

The students added that audiences will enjoy the skit's surprise ending.

Closing out the night is "This

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Novi Middle Schoolers Jason Margolis (Alan) and Chelsea Cracraft (teacher) rehearse a scene from their upcoming production of "The Test".

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Callers wishing to order Comcast services, get more information about Comcast products, or request service or repair will be served by local Comcast employees around the clock. Previously, evening calls were handled by a call center in Grand Rapids, with overnight calls going to a third-party answering service.

"This is a prime example why being part of Comcast's large market in Metro Detroit is great for our customers," said Deborah Messerkecht, general manager of Comcast's Walled Lake/Wixom system. "Customers can now reach a local customer service representative with a local call, any time — even overnight or on holidays."

Customers in these nine communities should continue to use the same convenient local telephone numbers they use today to call, Messerkecht said.

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Septic inspections will be left to the city

By RANDAL YAKE

Staff Writer

Oakland County will not inspect septic systems in this area because of cost and will instead let local communities do the inspections themselves, according to county officials.

In the city of Novi, there currently isn't an ordinance regulating septic fields.

"We do not have an ordinance right now," director of public services Tony Nowicki said.

That will have to go in front of council.

Two years ago, Oakland County Board of Commissioners began a study to look into leaking septic systems. The study noted that over 1,500 new septic systems are installed in Oakland County annually.

In Novi, there are over 1,800 septic systems currently in use, according to the county reports. Between 1991 and 1999, there have been about

277 new septic fields installed within city limits. According to the Oakland County Health Division, there are 252 septic tank failures each year that dump raw sewage into the ground waters.

In the past 43 years there have been 135 such failures in the city of Novi. The highest number comes from Commerce Township where there have been 1,349 such failures over the same period of time while there have been only 9

in the city of Wixom.

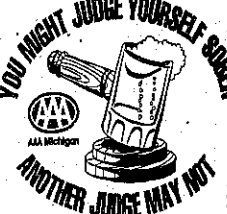
Under the Environmental Infrastructure Fund Program, more than \$15 million in county funds has been made available to Oakland County communities to support water quality programs, according to the county report.

The concerns over leaky septic tanks came two years ago and were mainly concentrated in the River Rouge basin.

According to the report, the basin includes the communi-

ties of Novi, Northville, Wixom and Walled Lake. Over 45 percent of the septic systems leak into the river basin, according to the county report.

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BIKE SAFETY RODEO
Weather permitting, the Novi Public Library and State Farm Insurance will hold a Bike Safety Rodeo from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Ride a decorated or undecorated bike to the library's east side parking lot and learn about bike safety and practice on an obstacle course. No registration is necessary for this drop-in program.

MOTHER'S DAY CLOSING
The library will be closed Sunday, May 13 for Mother's Day.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The library's youth services department is looking for teen volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Program. Volunteers should be in the sixth grade or above and be able to work two hours a week, from June 25 to Aug. 3. Applications will be available in the library on Monday, May 14 and must be returned by Friday, June 1. For more information, please contact one of our youth services librarians.

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How about Internet access? Other companies charge \$10, \$20, even \$30 a month to be able to connect to the World Wide Web. At the Novi Library, you can surf the Internet at no cost. The library has 18 computers for free, unlimited Internet access available to all patrons.

Co-op gives students tips for real life

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Some Novi High School students are already getting a head start in the business world. In bridging the gap between school and work, the high school's co-op is one of the most educational programs (and possibly most enjoyable) to date.

The program, offered to juniors and seniors, gives students the opportunity to work in a large variety of career fields including automotive, culinary, marketing, medical, clerical, and technical in and around the community. Co-op coordinator Barbara Cliff said the program is a valuable learning tool because it gives students a first-hand look at life on the job.



John Taylor of Tower Automotive worked with Novi High School co-op student Seanterra Lundy. The co-op program recently held an Employer-Employee appreciation breakfast on May 4.

replaces the training and knowledge I have been given." Lundy said the job has also taught her about the significance of prioritizing, having a positive attitude and the importance of communication. "Co-op provides our students excellent skills and allows them to experience lessons that they can't get in a classroom," she said. "The businesses have worked extremely well with the students and they've been true partners with the school to help further the kid's future." Senior Seanterra Lundy works as a computer aided designer (CAD) assistant at Tower Automotive said the experience has had a huge impact on her life and that the exposure has helped her with goals in continuing a career in computer design. "The skills and training have been priceless," she said. "Since I've been working at Tower, I've not only learned a lot of different

computer programs, but I've also learned a lot about interacting with others." Lundy said the job has also taught her about the significance of prioritizing, having a positive attitude and the importance of communication. "Co-op provides our students excellent skills and allows them to experience lessons that they can't get in a classroom," she said. "The businesses have worked extremely well with the students and they've been true partners with the school to help further the kid's future." Senior Seanterra Lundy works as a computer aided designer (CAD) assistant at Tower Automotive said the experience has had a huge impact on her life and that the exposure has helped her with goals in continuing a career in computer design. "The skills and training have been priceless," she said. "Since I've been working at Tower, I've not only learned a lot of different

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When: Every third Monday of the month
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Phone: (248) 960-9559

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Phone: (248) 349-1090

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What: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Auxiliary is open to all female members of eligible veterans' families.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi
When: Every second Tuesday for business and every fourth Tuesday for social event at 8 p.m.
Contact: (248) 344-8236; Auxiliary: (734) 981-5125

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What: Provide services and assist with obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War II through present.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi
When: First Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2835

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL Greater Novi Chapter
Where: Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi

When: Every Wednesday from 7-8:30 a.m.
Contact: BNI regional office
Phone: (610) 323-3800
When: Chapter
Where: Leoni's Restaurant, 29710 S. Whom Road, Whom, between Pontiac Trail and I-96
When: Every Friday from 7-8:30 a.m.
Contact: BNI regional office
Phone: (610) 323-3800

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What: To discover, collect, observe, preserve and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village.
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What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the

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When: Once a month, September through May. Meeting dates vary. Social Interest groups meet once or twice a month.
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Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-4064

NOVI BAND
Where: Novi High School or Novi Middle School, throughout school year
When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 932-9244

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What: The chamber of commerce is an organization which coordinates the talents and resources of business and professional men and women.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi
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Phone: (248) 349-3743

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Phone: (248) 344-9833

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NOVI BEERKAS LODGE 482
What: A fraternal organization; the women's division of the Independent Order of Oddfellows
When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2835

NOVI ROTARY CLUB
What: A service-oriented club composed of business and professional people within the community. The Rotarians hold a variety of fund raising events every year
Where: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: Every Thursday at noon
Phone: (248) 340-5500

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What: Prevention program that relies

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Where: Novi Community Education Unit, 25345 Taft Road, Novi
When: Committees meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Phone: (248) 347-0410

ORDER OF ALABAMA
Phone: (248) 349-2503

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What: Non-profit corporation whose stated goal is to promote and encourage preservation of historic buildings in Novi, for example, restoration of the Puust Farm property.
Where: Annual meeting is in the second quarter and open to all interested residents
Contact: Kathy Mutch
Phone: (248) 349-6774

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What: Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission serves Novi residents with community access television. Residents interested in registering for the TV or radio workshops can call for more information.
Contact: Karen Collins
Phone: (248) 473-7266

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Phone: (248) 348-9077

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What: VAV is a coalition of the following veterans groups: Novi Post 19, The American Legion, Perry Kerner Post 76, AMVETS, Northwest Detachment 162, Marine Corps League, and Novi Post 2105, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi
When: First and third Monday every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2835

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - NOV POST 2105
What: Service oriented organization dedicated to helping military veterans, their families and the community. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans of active foreign duty during a wartime as prescribed by the U.S. Congress
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi
When: First and third Tuesday every month at 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION
Phone: (248) 349-7996

Wax museum brings celebs to life

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Last week, the gymnasium at Novi Woods Elementary was filled with the likes of famous people from genius inventor Albert Einstein to baseball great Jackie Robinson. While the actual notables may not have really been there in the flesh, the fourth graders did a pretty convincing job as their impersonators, as they hosted their annual wax museum.

"I've learned about all kinds of history makers like Abe Lincoln, John Glenn - even Tiger Woods and Dale Earnhardt," said student Kristen Moran. Fourth grade teacher Sally Chandler said the project started with the students having to research a famous figure and give a report.

Once they became interested in a character, the project really became exciting for them," she said. Following their speeches, the students continued their unit by dressing the part of their figure and creating unique props.

Chandler added that the project not only helps students develop public speaking skills, but manners as well. During their classmates' reports, the other students learned about how to behave respectfully by listening attentively," she said.

While meant as an educational tool, the concept of the wax museum proved popular with the kids. "It's really fun to see everyone dressed up, plus you get to learn a lot about other famous individuals," said fourth grader Matt McPherson, who chose to portray Theodore Roosevelt.

Dressed in an oversized blazer and a blond mustache, McPherson said he learned all kinds of interesting things about the former president. "I learned that he was a serious game hunter and that he even was a big cowboy who ran with the Rough Riders," McPherson said. "I was also surprised to learn that he started the Panama Canal and the first drug inspection."

Equipped with a sign that read: "The Right To Vote," student Alexas Bith represented one of the most influential women in history.

"I chose Elizabeth Stanton because she did so much for women," said the fourth grader, who wore a tethered dress and a gray streak down the center of her hair. With a large kite, green overcoat and circular glasses, nine-year-old Benjamin Maynard made a fine Benjamin Franklin.

While Maynard admitted that he chose this historical figure because "we have the same first name," the fourth grader still enjoyed learning about the man who founded electricity.

Using the idea from her mom, student Erin Hawkins did a remarkable job impersonating Mother Teresa. "While many may see me as a hero in helping the poor, the homeless and the sick, I was only doing my duty," she said, to the small group of students and parents who had gathered. "I believe that with god, you have the power to do anything."

To create the essence of a real wax museum, the students placed an "on" button on the floor in front of them. With a hit or stomp of the button, the children came to life.

Students Ryan Dougherty and Heather Donahue said the wax museum was a great experience and that they really gained a deeper appreciation of those they may not otherwise have had the opportunity to learn about.

"I never even heard of Sacajawea (a Shoshone Indian who helped Lewis & Clark), but I found out that she was really very interesting," Donahue said.

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During Novi Woods' wax museum student Shane McCusker presents George Washington to Brian McPherson and his son Lance.

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Novi Briefs

Spring Choralaires Concert
The Novi Choralaires will present their annual spring concert, "The Choralaires Effect," on Saturday, May 12.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Auditorium at Novi High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 12. Free carnations will even be distributed to all the ladies for Mother's Day. Tickets may be purchased from the Novi Parks & Recreation Department.

Novi Choralaires members, and will also be available at the door. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

Bicycle Tour
Spring time in Michigan provides a beautiful backdrop in the scenic lake county of western Oakland County for the Tour-de-Lakes 2001 bicycle tour.

The Working Wheelers Cycling

Club is capturing this unique opportunity to offer the TDL 2001 to cyclists, making it the only bicycle tour in southeast Michigan scheduled on the Memorial Day holiday.

The TDL 2001 offers routes of 31 and 62 miles. New this year, the TDL will also offer an eight-mile fun ride. All routes are equipped with periodic rest stops and include SAC support. Participants in the longer routes should be experienced road cyclists, comfortable riding with traffic, physically conditioned to complete the

route distance selected, and use only bicycles in good mechanical condition. All participants must wear an approved helmet.

Registration is \$12 before May 7; \$15 after that date. For more information, call the Hotline, (248) 746-3360; e-mail: info@tlm.org; Web site: <http://www.tlm.org/wheels/wheelers.htm>.

Raggedy Ann & Andy Comes to the Civic Center

Sure to be another Novi Theatre hit, Children's Annex presents Raggedy Ann & Andy May 18-20 at the Novi Civic Center.

The group, directed by Mary Kay Davis, will perform two evening shows, closing with a matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. All seats are reserved. For more show information, please call the Novi Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

Parkview School Fair
Round up the family and join Parkview Elementary for a night of fun on Friday, May 11.

Games of skill and chance, moon walks, face painting, and raffle will be included. Pizza, popcorn, candy, sweet shop, ice cream and pop will also be served. The fun begins at 6 p.m. For more information, please call the school at (248) 449-1220.

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Police, fire and HAZMAT practice for the real thing

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

It was early Sunday morning when members of the Novi Fire Department, Novi Police Department, CEMS and Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Team rushed to the scene at Twelve Oaks Mall.

With one construction worker trapped under a pile of rubble and a dangerous chemical spill preventing his rescue, it was one moment when a staged drill seemed real - even to the firefighters, mail security officers, and policemen who had set it up for practice.

If you haven't prepared for what to do when a disaster happens, you are in trouble," said assistant chief Jeff Johnson of the Novi Fire Department. "The more you prepare and practice, the better off you are."

With over 100 public safety participants, the May 6 exercise was designed to provide the opportunity for members of the fire department to practice emergency operations and to gain experience acting with other agencies.

"One of the most important parts is getting all the different agencies to come together and communicate," said Terry McCauley, leader

of security at Twelve Oaks. "That is often the most challenging aspect of responding to a disaster such as this."

Participants in the mock drill were told to respond to a construction worker who was trapped and unconscious after the air conditioner he was installing fell on top of him. Upon arrival, firefighters and paramedics were faced with two men, one a security officer at the mall and one a crane operator, who complained of chest pains and burning of the skin. The security guard who had tried to assist the pinned worker stated that he noticed a crushed 55 gallon drum leaking an unknown fluid.

Within minutes, strong odorous smoke poured outside the building. Later, the HAZ-MAT team defused the fluid as hydrofluoric acid.

With a two-way radio communication system at the heart of the plan, each department quickly implemented emergency plans. To make the scenario as real as possible, organizers even threw in some unexpected kinks to test the resolve of the drill's participants.

For example, the crane operator goes into cardiac arrest while residents in nearby apartment complexes complain of odors inside their rooms.

"We try to do as realistic a scenario as possible so people don't come out and just go through the motions," Johnson said.

While just a drill, authorities hope that exercises like Sunday's in the long run will help save lives. "It goes a long way in helping us prepare for the real thing," said Novi fire chief Arthur Lemington. "It is only through drills like these that we have a chance to truly assess the strengths and weaknesses of our response."

While individual agencies perform similar drills each year, this was the first time one of such a magnitude was conducted simultaneously between this many public service departments.

"I was very pleased with the communication between agencies," said Lt. Tim McNamara of the Novi Police Department.

"We got a great response and support from everyone. It is important for us to all be working together and it looks like that's what happened today."

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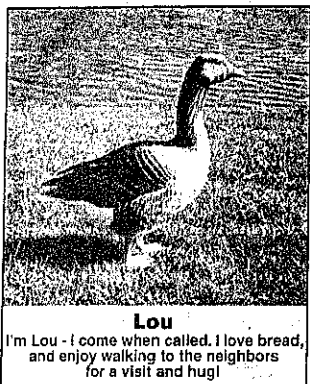
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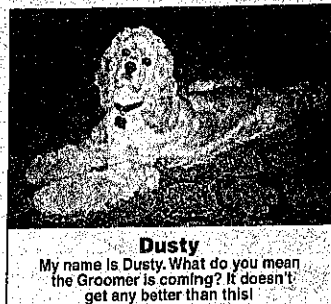
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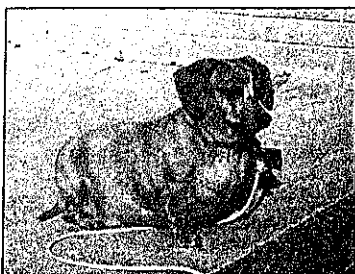
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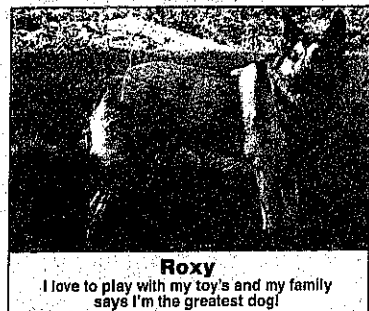
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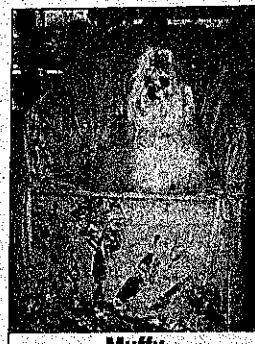
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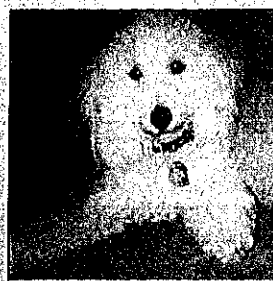
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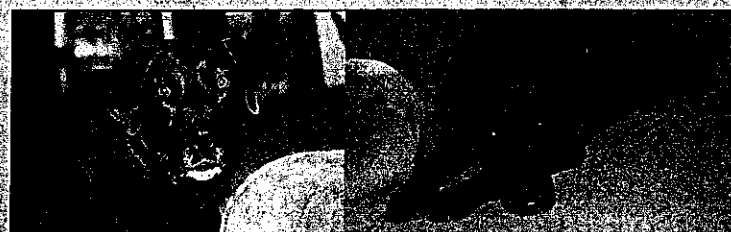
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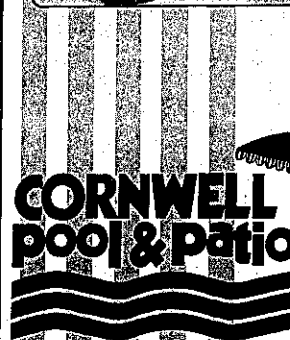


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Hoskins Manufacturing to receive MEDC grant

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Hoskins Manufacturing, based in Novi, is going to receive a \$68,000 grant from the state to retrain some 120 employees.

The grant was announced by Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) late last week.

"The strength of our economy depends on the strength of our work force," Cassis said. "By increasing job skills, local workers will remain competitive in today's world economy."

The grant is funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) economic development job training program. The program was set up to help Michigan businesses create jobs

or retain existing jobs by improving the skills and competitiveness of Michigan's work force.

Last month, Hoskins Manufacturing Inc. announced they would have to close their Charlevoix plant to consolidate their work force, according to company president Jim Musser. Musser said the consolidation was to "improve the company."

Musser also said some of the workers in Charlevoix would be offered positions at other company facilities. The funds for the MEDC grant are administered by the Michigan community colleges, vocational-technical schools or other training providers by the companies that do the training.

The grant is part of a statewide initiative to help companies improve their work forces. Throughout Michigan, \$1.7 million in grant will be used to train over 3,400 workers, according to the MEDC.

Hoskins, which produces spark plug electrical components, also has plants in Hamburg Township, Mio and Lewiston.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached by e-mailing ryaky@ht.hometown.com or by calling (248) 349-1700, ext. 105.

Unisia will set roots in Novi

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Unisia emerged from winter with a new facility located at 25775 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

Unisia, whose parent company is Unisia JEC Corporation of Japan, opened the new facility to be closer to its North American customers such as General Motors, DaimlerChrysler and Ford. The new facility will be one of at least three now existing in the United States including Georgia and Torrance, California.

Novi's Japanese amenities was a

drawing card, according to Novi economic development director Greg Capole.

"They said they came here because of the Japanese restaurants, the open spaces, the schools and," Greg Capole said, "did I mention, the Japanese restaurants?"

Unisia JEC Corporation President and CEO Kouichiro Tohda said his company philosophy was to give "top priority to customer satisfaction by creating products that meet the customer's needs [and] developing a world wide base."

As an integrated automotive systems manufacturer, Unisia supplies a wide and varied range of component parts including drive shafts, suspension systems, steering and brake systems. Unisia's new facility will concentrate on cleaner exhaust gases and lower noise levels in their new products.

Unisia recently held an open house to introduce its company to the Novi community. For more information, check out their Web site at www.unisia-na.com.

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Moms like these are priceless and a true commodity, you deserve the world.

Agnes Peckens - Wishing you a wonderful Mother's Day. Thanks for being our Mom. With our love Lois, Joyce, Harold & Bruce

Jacqueline Borowski - You are the most remarkable woman I could only dream of ever becoming. Thank you for my life. Your daughter Joanne.

Mickey and I agree You're the best mommy in the whole wide world. Happy Mother's Day Unta, Christopher Michael Connolly

Novi to celebrate Millon Mom anniv.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Saturday's one-year anniversary follow-up to the Million Mom March (MMM) won't approach the size of the Washington original, but organizers hope this year's events in Novi will nonetheless have a similar impact.

If you know a mom, are a mom, or have a mom, members of the Novi Chapter Million Mom March would like you to join them as they celebrate their first anniversary.

On May 12 at the Novi Civic Center, the chapter will be holding a free event which will consist of speakers, music, a gift basket raffle, and concessions, closing with a candlelight vigil at twilight.

"The theme of this family event is to honor mothers who are victims and survivors of gun violence," said Shirley Wicker, Co-president of the Novi MMM Chapter. "And to raise awareness so that the rest of us never have to become victims."

The Million Mom March began last year on Mother's Day in light of the numerous school shootings and other gun violence incidents.

"Tragically," she continued, "in the past year, America has seen more school shootings, more workplace shootings, and more gun violence on the streets."

Upton and Wicker said the MMM chapters consist of women from all walks of life who are sick and tired of the gun violence directed at kids, and often by kids. Some are mothers who have lost kids, spouses, siblings and friends because of the easy access to guns in this country.

"We personally are mothers who have never lost anyone to a gun and we want to keep it that way," Upton said.

Presenting at Saturday's event will be four guest speakers including Carolynne Jarvis from the Michigan Partnership for the Prevention of Gun Violence, pediatrician Dr. Marshall Blomdyk, a priest from St. James Church, as well as a survivor of gun violence.

"A woman whose husband was killed by gun violence will also speak on the impact of tragedy on her family, so we'll be able to hear from a victim survivor's point of view," Wicker said.

If you are interested in becoming a part of Saturday evening's event, join the MMM Novi Chapter at the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road at 7 p.m. If you would like to learn more about MMM, please e-mail MMMNovi@bluewin.com or write to P.O. Box 7061, Novi, MI 48376.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to become familiar with our chapter and our activities and learn about what we can do to protect our loved ones from gun violence," Wicker said. "I hope the public will join us in our efforts to make a positive difference in our local community."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at stephanie@nl.hometown.com.

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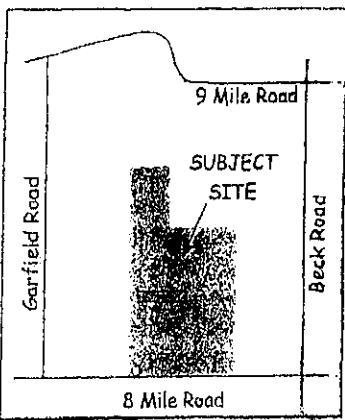
Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the flood plains or any natural streams or water courses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or water courses shall be exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same together with a ten (10%) percent administrative charge will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

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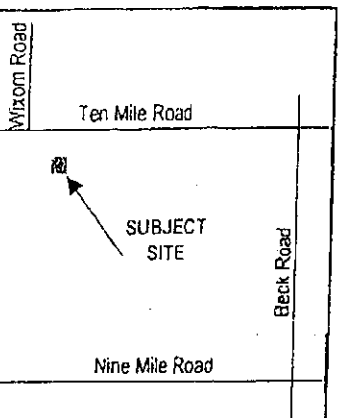


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2001.

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on May 16, 2001, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 16, 2001.

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 11, 2001.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001, IS MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.
ANN NEWTON, SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADDENDUM
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College, Michigan, has called a special millage election to be held in the community college district on the same day as the regular school election. The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the election:

This proposal will allow Oakland Community College to continue to impose a levy of up to 0.8 mills that was previously approved by electors in 1995 for operating purposes.

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Electors residing within the community college district must be registered with the appropriate township or city clerk by 5 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, May 14, 2001, in order to vote on the above proposition.

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

ADDENDUM
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

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The closure is needed so that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department can install a water main. During the closure, the detour route is Maple Road and Ladd Road.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Happy Mother's Day from us to you

"Nothing can light up a face faster than a mother's smile."

At last count, women made up more than half the world's population. Though it's something that should be done every day, one day a year, we take the time to honor and thank the ladies who help make all our lives easier. This Sunday marks that day: Mother's Day.

Our homes and our communities have been made better, happier places because of our mothers. They have done the big-little things, like kissing a scraped knee, teaching us to tie our shoes, letting us help bake cookies and helping us learn the alphabet.

Of course, mothers also do the big-big things, like establish the International Red Cross, fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, discover cures for diseases and fight for the right to vote.

Right here in our community, we have extraordinary mothers living next door. The ladies of the Novi chapter Million Mom March who have given their time to crusade in a cause very dear to their heart: school violence and gun violence against kids. There is the Northville mother who after 40 years found her children by making that step to reach out and there are the two moms in Walled Lake who have started businesses to help their children or to keep their children close to their heart.

The examples in the community alone are enough to rush out and grab some chocolate and pass it out to every mother you see.

The list could go on and on, but we think the message is clear: If it wasn't for the ladies of this world and our own home-towns, we'd wager that things wouldn't be nearly as nice as they are today. For that, we are grateful.

We owe a lot to our moms, wives, grandmothers, daughters...any woman who has helped make our own lives so much richer through her thoughtfulness and tender smiles. This Sunday, let her know how much you care. Flowers and cards are nice, but nothing has the staying power or means quite as much

as a hug, a warm smile and the words "Thank you, mom."

Of course, it is mom's day so if she wants the flowers, candy, cards, dinner, day at the spa, a day to herself or even homemade gifts such as the pins come with her kids' picture glued on it or the paper mache flower with her name on it, let her have it.

When we think about it, many historical and everyday moltons are made by moms. We wouldn't be here without them, we wouldn't have learned to walk, talk or possibly ride a bike without them. And we wouldn't have such a rich life without them.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms of our community. (One suggestion: if you've never really cooked anything before, now is not the best time to try, no matter how noble the gesture. Try a restaurant. Stay out of the kitchen.)

LETTERS

■ Commission must take all factors into consideration

It is with utter amazement that I watched the Planning Commission meeting of May 2. I had no idea that the Planning Commission was in the business of making "economic decisions" as Mr. Konecki stated. I thought they were supposed to make land use decisions. I guess I was wrong. Ms. Nagy asked the most intriguing question regarding fiscal impact analysis. Obviously, the Planning Commission nor the Planning Department is aware of such a study. This would have given a true picture of Erickson development's impact on our local economy. The developer is there to paint a rosy picture and not the true impact that their development would have on our city.

While I am not opposed to affordable senior housing, it would seem to me that there was more to consider for this site than something being "affordable." Kudos to Ms. Nagy, Mr. Mutch and Mr. Canup for taking land use, density, impact on the environmental features of the site, traffic, utilities as well as our master plan into consideration. This is exactly what the Planning Commission should be taking into consideration in their decision-making process. I am truly disturbed by the conduct of some of the Planning Commission members, especially the Planning chairperson who seems to have a total disregard of parliamentary procedures and spends enormous amounts of time speaking out of turn and cutting the other members of the commission off. Maybe it is time to get some new blood on this commission. Are you listening Mayor Clark?

Douglas Berg
Northville

■ Student speaks out on sex ed

David Dounney
Novi

I have a few comments about the ongoing debate about sex education in Novi. I am a student at Novi High School.

Frankly, I'm sick of hearing things from parents who criticize a program that is extremely functional for the vast majority of children involved. Over exaggerated and, in cases, completely false accounts of what has happened in various sex education classes are being related by these Novi adults as frequent and ongoing parts of the program. I encourage others to take these fanatical ranting with a grain of salt.

The school board has carefully reviewed every possible aspect of the curriculum. Committees of students, teachers, parents and administrators were formed, allowing for maximum input and consideration for the needs of all. Some people criticize the "vagueness" of the curriculum. I am a universal recognized negotiating method detailed in the book "Getting to Yes" stressors, among other things, to separate people from the problem and to focus on interests, not positions. You don't resort to name-calling, innuendoes and questionable tactics. You remain rational, reasonable and mutual-gain oriented. And you get the job done.

And Mr. Korte, let's review what Kathy Crawford does: You say she is a city employee. She is paid quite nicely for what she does? Are you living in 2001 or 1967? As a matter of fact, a number of her friends have urged her to seek positions in other communities where she could earn double, maybe triple, what she makes in Novi. She has not done that because of her dedication to this community. As a person who sees her often on a personal level, I recognize her passion and total commitment to the work she does, especially for the seniors of this area. This is not a "job" to Kathy. It is a life's work. If all she does were part of her job description, as you imply, that job description would be a book.

Mr. Toth and Mr. Korte, both your (letters) made mention of the upcoming election. If you're running for political office, take out an ad and pay for it.

Sharon Larson
Novi

Joseph G. Toth
Novi

■ Michigan couldn't turn into "Wild Mid-West"

Editor's Note: This letter is in reference to a HomeTown Communications Network article editorial about the CCW referendum that ran in the May 3 edition.

Michigan the "Wild Mid-West"? Get a grip. When Michigan passed what was, in effect, provisions for the uniform application of, and restrictions to, the current CCW law, it joined thirty-one other states with similar laws. After Michigan, New Mexico and Utah passed equivalent laws. Comparable measures are now under consideration in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and, soon, Ohio. Passage is predicted in all three. This would be one shy of the number necessary to ratify a constitutional amendment. More states will follow. Michigan's vote, however, is a hypocritical show of the "terror" advanced by the news and the petition supporters to be "monsters under the bed."

The news states that applicants should show a "need" to have a concealed handgun. That, however, seems a hypocritical conundrum under Michigan law. Most restrictive gun boards have tied this to

commercial activity and how much money a person might carry. While this may have some simplistic appeal, in Michigan one may not use a gun to defend property, including money. One may only use such force when one's life is actually being threatened and there is no recourse. Examples? Law and precedent expect homeowners under threat to their lives to attempt escape out a bedroom window. One may not shoot an armed robber once the robber lowers the weapon and turns to flee.

The problem with a "need" criteria is that a person "needs" a handgun or other firearm at times when he or she "needs" one. Those who would threaten us usually do not telegraph their intentions or send a notice. Gun boards that have been restrictive and arbitrary have not, for example, tended to give permits to women who are victims of stalkers, abusive spouses or others. These women can find themselves "needing" some protection before they can make a 911 call. Given that most police officers will not draw, let alone use, their handguns on duty in the course of a career, a case could be made that they would not "need" one, either. Common sense, however, indicates otherwise.

You also mistakenly refer to the provisions for a \$1 million appropriation in the bill as a "pilot." As I have read in your paper in the past, subordinate (local, state) units of government complain when "superior" (state, federal) units of government impose an obligation but do not provide the wherewithal to accomplish the task. That was the purpose of the money in the bill. Apparently no good deed truly goes unpunished in the news.

Jennifer Davies, student
Novi High School

■ Crawford's work is his own

You didn't disappoint, Mr. Toth. It was taken for granted you would take credit for Hugh Crawford's attendance at the April 14 Novi Council Meeting. Now, who has the eggs, in your own words, as big as their backsides? Don't praise yourself too boldly - you had nothing to do with it.

You've had three extensive letters in the Novi News in the last month, and you still don't understand the issue. You think Commissioner Crawford should tackle. You only attack his supposed non-presence where you think he should be. You feel he should be constantly visible in Novi because we "pay most of the district's yearly tax bills to Oakland County." Well, aren't we special. We're the big guys!

Please don't insinuate the smaller districts in our county aren't as important or their issues are so much less significant because they don't have the population to pay the taxes we do. Representation in our national and state senates says otherwise.

I think most people who have any knowledge and exposure to Novi issues and our political arena know who Hugh Crawford is and what he stands for. Serving as a parks and recreation commissioner for 12 years and a councilman for 16 years, he is very well acquainted with Novi and its issues. Because he is a new Oakland County Commissioner, I understand his desire to acquaint himself with the issues of the other districts he represents. I simply don't understand your failure to appreciate that concern.

What's up with this aggressive, hard-biting, in-the-face, painful, piercing, browbeating and pursue me elected and appointed officials attitude you champion? You say, all politicians need to be goaded every now and then to wake them up and to get some important things done. I take it, then, you're speaking for the curriculum that when you were a councilman, going was required to get you moving.

I like to think that talking with officials is a more proactive and productive approach than the understanding of the curriculum. A universally recognized negotiating method detailed in the book "Getting to Yes" stressors, among other things, to separate people from the problem and to focus on interests, not positions. You don't resort to name-calling, innuendoes and questionable tactics. You remain rational, reasonable and mutual-gain oriented. And you get the job done.

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Is there a 'smoking gun'?

Mittie Lee Cowl, a resident of Centerline and parent opposed to the state's proposed changes in rules regarding special education, says she's come up with "the smoking gun."

It's an October 1995 memo from Mark Murray, then Director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, urging changes to the requirements for special education to provide "greater local flexibility" and to "limit the state's future liability under the Headlee constitutional language."

That's significant because the state Department of Education and the Engler administration insist the rule changes on the table, now for special education, have nothing to do with the so-called Durant lawsuits.

Beginning in the 1980s, Flitgers school board member Donald Durant led 84 lawsuits to victory in a suit that claimed the state had underfunded special education, lunch programs, drivers education and special education.

The memo, Williamson said, discusses special education law. Addressed to state House and Senate leaders, it urged legislation to change legal requirements.

That's very different than the currently proposed in a dark raincoat where we were lucky to find some lame-ola Nordic country publication featuring scantily-clad girls playing beach volleyball.

Nowadays you can go "on-line" to www.singapore.com and find things of a lurid nature that would make a seasoned merchant marine blush and pass out.

These were days when cable TV meant that you were staying in a motel with such suspected guests that they begged and begged for Motorola to the healing register. You got four or maybe five channels and you were darned pleased about it! The choices were CBS, NBC, ABC, PBS, and some "VHF" station or two that broadcast the farm report, roller derby leagues and well-worn reruns of "Bonanza."

You didn't have 80 channels of programming to choose from, I tell you. And if you didn't like what was on the set, you got yourself up, wiped your hands on your pants and by God you changed the channel on the fly of Philco.

Remoté was just another word for being distant, that's all. And what's the need with these cellular phones, dang-nabbit! Why in those glorious days you used your home phone - that was all! I tell you no one needed to take calls at the grocery store and tell "Amanda" that yeah, I'm just here at the Super Shoparama getting some yogurt and something for Bill's stomach cause it was hurting him last night after the Mexican fare which was a little too spicy for my tastes too and by the way, did you hear that we're having our lawn re-seeded and some fertilizer put down?

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Department of Education spokesman T.J. Bucholz said, "but it is not. There is no smoking gun."

The memo dates back three jobs for Murray, now at the Treasury Department. Bucholz noted, "There is not anyone who says these rules don't need to be changed," Bucholz said. "These rules have not been looked at in three decades."

Mike Williamson, State Assistant Superintendent, sees it a bit differently. "There is always somebody that, no matter what, says, 'Don't change. Don't change.' There are probably some rules in this list that everyone could agree need to be updated."

To Williamson, the real issue is that Michigan's rules on special education are 28 years old and the federal government updated its rules 20 years ago.

The state is left with two sets of rules that are redundant, inconsistent, often contradictory and confusing.

Williamson argued the proposed changes will make it possible for programs to be crafted around the individual needs of each child, rather than lump kids into groups and categories of disability.

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agreed that it is authentic. Cowl has posted it on the Internet. Readers who are interested in taking a look for themselves can find it at <http://www.ameritech.net/users/cabreene/in dex.htm>. Cowl said that website has become a center of information for those opposed to the rule changes.

Click on "What's New," then go to "Memos and Reports that Show the Durant Influence." I'll leave it to your judgment about whether it is a recently filed pistol.

To me, the memo indicates two things quite clearly. One, a high ranking member of the Engler administration has indeed proposed "to make clear that the state's requirements for special education shall not exceed federal requirements" as a result of the Durant case.

Secondly, changes to the rules that generally match a description of what the Department of Education is trying to do now would have the dual effect of both providing "greater local flexibility," which the administration says is the goal, and "limit the state's future liability," a purpose the administration denies.

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In a time before modern technology

Perplexed by the rapid growth and evolution of today's technology, an old curmudgeon writes: Gather around my friends and try ankle-biters and I shall avail ye o' tales of olden days when technology was but a wee child.

The year was 1977. It was a era of innocence and grace: of Disco and Jimmy Carter's "Killer Rabbit," of a non-Disney-fied Las Vegas and pet rocks. Our nation celebrated its 200th birthday.

Hollywood made films you could take your grandmother to without needing smelling salts and the Dallas Cowboys meant "America's Team" not "America's Felony Snuff."

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Music and Motor Fest rocks in 2001

The Music and Motor Fest (formerly the Michigan '50s Festival) is back for its 14th annual celebration, July 25-29 at the Novi Expo Center.

Over the past 13 years, this event has grown to become the third largest festival in the state (behind the National Cherry Festival and the State Fair).

On behalf of the festival's board of directors, we wish to thank the citizens of Novi who have made this tremendous growth possible.

In our first year, the festival was a virtual "wash out" due to some untimely thunderstorms. We had a pretty good run for the next 11 years and then last year, the rains came again. There are many things under our control but the weather is not one of them. Thanks in large part to our corporate sponsors, we are able to bring this wonderful event back for another year.

We changed our name last year from the Michigan '50s Festival to the Music & Motor Fest. That was a very difficult decision but we

had heard from many of our patrons that told us it was time for a change. In that it was becoming increasingly difficult to find original music acts from the Rock and Roll '50s era (we insist on original acts) we decided to move forward and embark on a new era. After all, the 1950s last 10 years and the '50s Festival lasted 12. Nevertheless, we are still about cars and we are still about music so the Music & Motor Fest was born.

Every year people ask, "Where does all the money go?" The answer is simple, right back into the community. Not one member of the board of directors is paid for their time. This is truly a labor of love. All of the net proceeds of this event go back to the city of Novi in various different forms. In the past, we have purchased everything from a mobile show trailer to holiday decorations at city hall.

Our next project is the construction of an outdoor side on the corner of Main and Market streets in the Main Street project so that residents of Novi can take advantage of an outdoor concert series to be staged throughout the summer months.

In addition, all the service groups and charitable organizations who work throughout the week serving beverages, folding chairs, picking up the trash, all the things that need to be done to make the venue ready for you, use the festival as a major fund raiser for their organizations. All told, the festival has raised tens of thousands of dollars and donated them back to the community. We couldn't do this without your support and speaking of support, we can

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use more. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer of the festival, we would love to have you. Flexible volunteer schedules are available and you can find out more by calling the festival office at (248) 349-1950. Additionally, numerous sponsorship opportunities also exist and we would love to hear from you as well. We can tailor corporate sponsorship to meet your needs, please give us a call and help support your community.

Over the next few weeks we'll be reporting on parties new for the 2001 festival, what patrons are returning and our great line up of entertainment for this summer's extravaganza. In the interim, please check us out on the Web at www.musicandmotorfest.com. We're less than 90 days away so mark your calendars - July 25-29 at the Novi Expo Center.

Jane Thomas is the festival manager for the Music and Motor Fest.



Mike Malott

Williamson argued the proposed changes will make it possible for programs to be crafted around the individual needs of each child, rather than lump kids into groups and categories of disability.

The memo, Williamson said, discusses special education law. Addressed to state House and Senate leaders, it urged legislation to change legal requirements.

That's very different than the currently proposed in a dark raincoat where we were lucky to find some lame-ola Nordic country publication featuring scantily-clad girls playing beach volleyball.

Nowadays you can go "on-line" to www.singapore.com and find things of a lurid nature that would make a seasoned merchant marine blush and pass out.

These were days when cable TV meant that you were staying in a motel with such suspected guests that they begged and begged for Motorola to the healing register. You got four or maybe five channels and you were darned pleased about it! The choices were CBS, NBC, ABC, PBS, and some "VHF" station or two that broadcast the farm report, roller derby leagues and well-worn reruns of "Bonanza."

You didn't have 80 channels of programming to choose from, I tell you. And if you didn't like what was on the set, you got yourself up, wiped your hands on your pants and by God you changed the channel on the fly of Philco.

Remoté was just another word for being distant, that's all. And what's the need with these cellular phones, dang-nabbit! Why in those glorious days you used your home phone - that was all! I tell you no one needed to take calls at the grocery store and tell "Amanda" that yeah, I'm just here at the Super Shoparama getting some yogurt and something for Bill's stomach cause it was hurting him last night after the Mexican fare which was a little too spicy for my tastes too and by the way, did you hear that we're having our lawn re-seeded and some fertilizer put down?

Yes, the home phone was it and they were the ones mounted on the wall near that kitchen that you couldn't pick up and carry with you willfully wherever you wanted to go. No siree, Bob, we had no "cordless" option then.

You made your calls in that kitchen and you were happy to do so. And it might take you a whole minute to dial as there was something

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Tennis team wins two B2
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Novi's Shannon Shrader takes a mighty cut in a recent home game. Shrader has been a spark, hitting at a .340 clip for the improving Wildcat softball team.

After tough going, 'Cats start winning

The Wildcat softball team has come back fresh from spring break to go 4-4 after only one win to start the year

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

The game started in late March and finally finished last Friday.

The Wildcats' softball team resumed a 2-2 game against Lakeland that was halted over a month ago, but unfortunately Novi waited all that time for a loss, as they fell 3-2 to the Eagles.

Kendall Hobart got the loss on the mound, but was a winner at the plate going 3-4 with an RBI. First baseman Megan Colligan added a RBI double in defeat.

After finishing up the earlier game, Novi played the first game

of a scheduled doubleheader. The 'Cats grabbed the early lead, but the defense that had been so strong of late reverted back to their early season form, as the Eagles notched five unearned runs in the third and went on to win 6-3.

Colligan was the hitting star, as the infielder went 3-4 with an RBI. Shannon Shrader, Sally Slusher and Victoria Kaiser each had a hit in the losing cause.

The second game of the double header was called in the bottom of the fourth because of rain. There are currently no plans to resume the game at a later date.

NOVI 7 HOWELL 0
HOWELL 4 NOVI 3

Erica Breisacher shined in a 7-

0 game one win on May 2. She struck out six and allowed only four hits in the complete game shutout. Hobart was one again the team's spark plug, as she started off a three run first inning with a walk, stole second, and came around to score on a passed ball. For the game, the shortstop had three walks and on the season has a remarkable 14 stolen bases.

Also making things happen were Shrader (2 walks, 2 runs), Colligan (2-3, RBI), and Kaiser (1-2, RBI).

The Wildcats got off to a quick start again, as they took a 2-0 lead on a single by Colligan and Sarah Thelan's two-out triple.

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Lady Warriors enjoy success

School records, 7-3 start, have Western thinking big

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS WRITER

Even when they lose they set records.

It's just been that kind of season for the Western girls' golf team in 2001, as the Lady Warriors set a personal nine-hole school record at the Links at Pinewood golf course with a combined 198 in a close loss to WLA opponent Livonia Stevenson on May 7.

"I'm extremely happy with how these girls are performing this season," said head coach Scott Street. "They have gone above and beyond what anyone has expected."

Despite the recent setback, Western sits pretty with a 7-3 dual match record. But the solid win-loss record is only one of many accomplishments this team has achieved so far this spring. Since the start of the season, the Warriors have re-wrote the books, setting several school records, including their most recent on Monday. Also, back on April 24, the golfers won the first tournament in school history when they came in first in the Oakland County Division 2 Tournament.

A quick glance at the averages of the team's top five golfers will indicate why this has been such a successful season. Three golfers, including Lindsey Bornhoffer, Katy Jones, and Becky Finley, all have averages below 50. Bornhoffer leads the team with a 46 average, followed close behind by Jones and Finley, who both



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Western golfers Erica Gorton, left, and Becky Finley wait their turn to putt at Pebble Creek.

average 48. Rounding out the team's top five golfers are Erica Gorton, who has a 52 average, and Katie Helke with a 53.

Attitude has been a big reason for this team's success Street said.

"Everyone is playing together, and everyone wants the same thing. There isn't a me first attitude, instead everyone is on the same page, shooting for the same goals," Street said.

The goals for the final few weeks of the season may have been lofty for past teams, but not this year's

version of the Warriors.

"We are shooting for the conference title, and we ultimately want to become the first team in Western history to make the state tournament. Those are big goals, but they are well within this team's ability," said Street.

The Warriors have made large strides so far, but the road ahead will only get tougher. As the last few weeks of the season winds down, the pressure will increase, and every shot will be important.

The girls were on the road to take on John Glenn yesterday



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake Western's Katy Jones tees off at Pebble Creek earlier in the season. The Lady Warriors have gone 7-3 in dual matches so far this season.

May 16 the Warriors are set to wrap up their dual season in a home contest with KVC foe Milford, with the regionals set to commence two days later on May 18.

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Tim Moore sets school record in 3200m at the Ashley Relays

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

A 28-year old record is no "Moore."

Let loose by his coach, Tim Moore ran a 9:01.5 in the 3200m at the Ashley Relays on May 5 to break the school record of 9:08.1, set in 1973.

"That time is absolutely amazing and I'm sure it's a nationally ranked time," said coach Smith.

Held at Waterford Mori High School, a split No. 1 team took sixth place in the meet out of 14 teams.

"We weren't trying to win," Smith said. "We have some injuries and I only wanted each athlete to participate in one event. Plus, our freshman and sophomores were in Holly competing so we didn't have our full team."

Novi placed fifth out of 22 teams at the Holly competition.

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Bob Smith
Novi Track Coach

MILFORD 72 NOVI 65

For the first time in the millennium, the Novi boys' track team walked away from the meet as a losing team.

A 2 second loss in the 1600m relay cost the Wildcats five points and was the big difference in the 72-65 loss to Milford on May 3.

"Had we gotten the win in that last race, we would have won," said Novi coach Bob Smith. "Each team

ran about as well as they could. It was a great meet between two evenly matched teams and I feel as good as you can after a loss."

Things started well for the 'Cats as they opened the meet with a win in the 3200m relay. Milford was able to win the next three events to climb back. A win by Moore in the 1600m broke the win streak, but a close loss in the 400m relay cost Novi. Wins by Arne Meyer in the 400m dash, Derek Walle in the 800m run,

Eric Schleuder in the 200m dash and Moore in the 3200m run gave the 'Cats the slight advantage. But the loss in the 1600m relay, combined with a 1-2 finish by the Redskins in the shot put, sent Novi to the crushing defeat. Dan St.Clair and Matt Emmenecker were able to win events down the stretch, but it wasn't enough.

The Wildcats faced a stiff test on Tuesday when they took on Pinckney. After some much needed rest, Novi will hit the track again on May 15 to face off against Howell at 4 p.m.

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Varsity Lacrosse	vs B.Seaholm	7 p.m.
Friday 5/11		
Varsity Softball	vs South Lyon	4 p.m.
Varsity Baseball	vs South Lyon	4 p.m.
Varsity Tennis	@ Howell	4 p.m.
Girls' Varsity Soccer	vs South Lyon	6:30 p.m.
Girls' Varsity Golf	vs Pinckney	3 p.m.
Saturday 5/12		
Varsity Baseball	Tournament	11 a.m.
Monday 5/14		
Girls' Varsity Soccer	@ Hartland	7 p.m.
Tuesday 5/15		
Varsity Track	vs Howell	4 p.m.
Varsity Lacrosse	vs DeLasalle	7 p.m.
Girls' Varsity Golf	vs Howell	3 p.m.

Improved play leads to two solid victories

Wildcats' development seen in important wins over South Lyon and Hartland

Tennis

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

As the tennis season winds down, each match takes on added importance. With wins over South Lyon and Hartland last week, the Wildcats remained in the chase for the KVC title.

On April 30, in a rematch against Brighton and while the result was the same, a 6-2 loss, "Cat coach Jim Hanson could see the improvement his team has made since then."

"This match was much closer this time around and it could have gone either way. Last time they swept us in doubles, but this time we were able to get two wins and take the other two to three sets," Hanson said.

The Wildcats got the wins against the Bulldogs from Andrew Laskowski and AJ Sanson at second doubles, and Vinay Arora and Eric Liao at third doubles.

NOVI 8 SOUTH LYON 0

The Wildcats proved to be the bigger and better cat, as they rolled past a young Lion team 6-0 on May 2.

First singles player Matt Peurach had the toughest time, as he needed three sets to dispose of his opponent. Joe Lynch won 6-1, 6-1 at second singles.

Suraj Ramachandran won 6-0, 6-2 at third singles, and Ryan Slater made it a singles sweep when he won 6-3, 7-5 at fourth singles.

The first doubles team of Andrew Laskowski and AJ Sanson won easily 6-0, 6-0. Also winning in straight sets were Vinay Arora and Eric Liao at second doubles. Josh Christopherson and Jon Bateman at third doubles, and finally Drew Doster and Jeff Wallen at fourth doubles.

NOVI 5 HARTLAND 3

The Wildcats saved their best tennis for the last dual match of the week, as they came back to beat Hartland 5-3 last Friday.

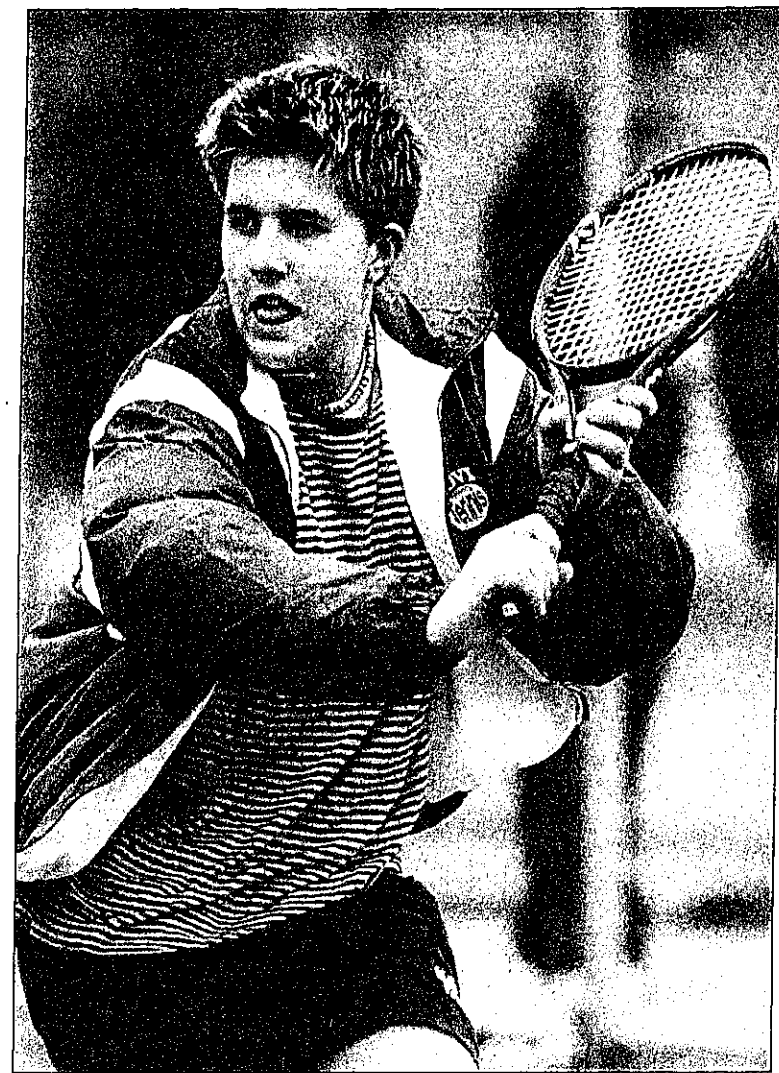
Novi found themselves down after the first three matches, but were able to close the gap to when Mike McKenna and Ryan Slater won in three sets at first doubles, and Andrew Laskowski and AJ Sanson did the same at second doubles.

A win by Joe Lynch at second singles set the stage for the dramatic win. With the score tied at 3-3, Suraj Ramachandran won a grueling three setter at third singles to give Novi the lead. Jeff Wallen struggled early, but battled back to win in three sets to give the Wildcats the thrilling win.

"It was one of the best comebacks I've ever seen, and one of the most satisfying dual match wins in my 33 years of coaching," Hanson said.

Jim Hanson
Novi Tennis Coach

NOVI INVITATIONAL



Wildcat junior singles player Matt Peurach waits for a return shot in an early season match. Novi won two matches last week and finished tied for fifth in the Novi Invitational.

In the week's final action, the Cats finished tied for fifth in the Novi Invitational last Saturday.

State ranked Rochester, North Farmington, and Birmingham Seaborn headlined the eight team tournament. The Wildcat doubles teams made the most noise as the first doubles team of Mike McKenna and Ryan Slater took fourth. Jon Bateman and

Josh Christopherson advanced to the third doubles finals, but lost in straight sets to the team from Rochester.

"I thought it was a good showing against some very good state ranked teams," Hanson said.

Novi sits within shouting distance of top of the KVC with a 3-1 conference record. Dual matches against Milford, Pinckney and

Howell precede Saturday's KVC tournament, which will be held at Novi.

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'Cats come back fresh

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Novi would plate a third run in the third inning, but that would be all as the 'Cats would fall 4-3. Despite their recent improvement, Novi sits with a 5-11 overall record. The 'Cats won't be able to look to the schedule for mercy either, as they hosted Brighton yesterday, will face Northville this afternoon, and will travel to surging South Lyon tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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Kickers crush three weaker KVC opponents

Herman, Pawlak do the most damage in wins over Milford, Pinckney, Howell

Girls' Soccer

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

Make no mistake about it, the Novi girls' soccer team has been in cruise control.

With blowout wins over Milford, Pinckney and Howell last week, the Wildcats are rolling.

"Last week we played the three weakest teams in the KVC. It is hard to tell if we are getting better because almost everything we try works, but the question is, will it work against the better teams?" said head coach Brian O'Leary.

O'Leary's girls kicked off the week with a 10-0 demolition of Milford on April 30. Maureen Pawlak and Nikki Hermann each had three tallies, with Colene Brockman, Nina Schmitt, Katie Ales and Kelly McKann each netting a goal of their own. Erin Chupinsky and Kellie Pfeiffer split time in the goal for the shutout.

NOVI 6 PINCKNEY 0

Novi's 6-0 win against the Pirates last Wednesday night was their sixth of the season and marked their third straight shutout. Nikki Hermann duplicated her three-goal performance from the Milford game and Maureen Pawlak, Karrie Smith and Kerri Timar notched scores.

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JV Results

NOVI JV SOCCER

Overall Record: 6-2-1

The Wildcat JV soccer won two games early last week to raise their record to 6-2-1. Novi beat Pinckney, 5-1 at home last Wednesday, then opened the week at Milford with a 7-0 shutout.

NOVI JV LACROSSE

Overall Record: 6-3

Novi's junior varsity lacrosse team won two games last week. They shut out Detroit Country Day, 7-0 on May 5 and defeated Troy High School, 6-2, on May 1. In the DCD victory, Ray Kennedy and Andrew Kruparsky combined in goal for the shutout. Brandon Pratt led the Wildcats with two goals and one assist. Brad Steele added one goal and two assists, while Ray Goodman had one goal and one assist. Matt Kurnick, Brand Hunt, and Drew Defran also scored for Novi. Against Troy, Goodman and Dan Wainwright both scored two goals for the Wildcats. Pratt registered one goal and one assist, and Mike Ward added a goal. Kurnick and Steele each had an assist.

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Track wins first dual, places third at tough Stafford Relays

Wildcats roll over Hartland Eagles for first dual meet win of the 2001 season

Girls' Track

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

Finally. After months of hard work and frustration over two close losses, the Novi girls' track team won their first dual meet of the season in convincing fashion when they beat Hartland 93-44 on May 1.

"I'm speechless at how relentless our kids have been. Despite not having won a single dual meet this season, you sure wouldn't know it by how they performed."

Sue Tomaneck
Novi Track Coach

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other events. Individual event winners included Amanda Smith (long jump), Erin Reid (100 m), Bethany Kittle (800m, 1600m), Michelle Rzepka (400m), Anthe Hayes (200m), and Angie Burchard (3200m).

The relay winners were: Jenny Thompson, Margo Wolowiet, Laine Williams and Kittle (4x800m); Emily Modick, McDougal, Smith, and Hayes (4x200m); McDougal, Reid, Rzepka, and Wolowiet (4x400m). "Everyone was strong in this meet. Our coaching staff could-

n't ask any more from our kids and we were extremely proud of all of them. It was just a great team effort by all," Tomaneck said.

STAFFORD RELAYS

After a week of grueling KVC meets, the Wildcats finished the week with a third place finish at the Stafford Relays on May 5. "Despite a long, hard week of dual meets, I think the girls did pretty well considering," Tomaneck said. "These kinds of meets allow the opportunity for the girls to get medals for themselves."

For the day, 21 Novi athletes

participated, gaining medals in 12 events. Finishing with seconds were the discus and 4x200m relay teams. Tackling third were the long jump, pole vault, 4,000 medley, 2-mile relay, distance medley and 4x100m relay teams.

"The relays were fun, but the girls were a little gassed out from the week. It's difficult to stay-up every meet you participate in. All in all we still had good and consistent performances," Tomaneck said.

The season is starting to take its toll on many of the runners and against Pinckney on Tuesday, Tomaneck expected to be running with less than a full house.

The Wildcats have a week to rest and recuperate, as they don't compete again until May 15 when they host Howell at 4 p.m.

Colby Cavaliere is the sports writer of the Novi News. He can be reached at 349-1700, ext. 104, or ccavaliere@ht.hometown.net.

Sports Briefs

NOVI YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Novi Youth Hockey Association will be holding an open registration for ages 5-17 from May 12th-19th for spring hockey. Interested parties can sign up anytime during the 12th-19th at Novi Ice Arena from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost for membership is \$100 for Novi residents, and \$125 for non-residents. A copy of a participant's birth certificate is also required for age verification purposes.

Please note, memberships will be determined by lottery because of the limited amount of memberships available. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Petty of the Novi Youth Hockey Association at 248-735 0393.

NORTHVILLE SUMMER SPORTS LEAGUES

Women's Summer Basketball League:
Wednesdays, April 18 through June 13. Entry fee is \$340 per team for 8 games. Referee fees are extra. Non-residents \$15/per person. Contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department for more details, and to register.

Men's Summer Basketball League:
Monday or Tuesday June 25 through August 20. Entry fee is \$340 per team for eight games. Referee fees are extra. Non-residents \$15/per person. Contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department for more details, and to register.

Beach Volleyball League:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting June 18. Fees are \$50 for fours, \$40 for twos for eight weeks. Non-residents, \$15 per person. Contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department for more details, and to register.

WALLED LAKE COACHING VACANCIES
Walled Lake Western High School has openings for a Head Boys' Soccer Coach, and an Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach. Interested parties can contact David R. Yarborough, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, at 248-956-2074.

Show Your Pride

Sports Stars Page

Put your star in the lime light! Just \$12.00. This salute to our sports stars runs in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, South Lyon Herald, Northville Record, Novi News, Milford Times & The Times on June 7th. Simply send in your photo along with the form below completely filled out and a \$12.00 fee. Deadline is May 31st for all papers.

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Community Engagements Events

The Northville Senior Center will be celebrating **Senior Housing Awareness Week** by holding a **free senior housing expo** at the Northville Parks & Recreation meeting room May 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from several area senior housing communities will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

The 14th annual **flower sale** will be held in Northville on May 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 15 member greenhouses of the Metropolitan Detroit Flower Growers Association will be participating. Main Street between Hutton and Center streets will be closed to vehicular traffic for the show. For more information, call (248) 348-0188.

The League of Michigan Bicyclists has partnered with Art Van Furniture to provide guests with **information on bicycle safety**, selecting the proper bikes for children, helmet safety and area events and trails.

The free event is scheduled for May 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at all Art Van stores. Bicycle experts from the League and local sporting goods stores will visit with guests, answer their biking questions and pass out information. Guests meeting with the experts will also receive a set of safety reflectors as a gift (while supplies last).

The Vietnam Veterans of America will be moving May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at 9318 Newburgh Road. All veterans who were on active duty between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 are eligible to participate. For more information, call (313) 845-3792.

The Zonta Club of Novi-Farmington will be hosting an **evening of private shopping at Parisian**, located in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia on May 20. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Restaurants and caterers will be serving food during the event, which costs \$25 in advance as a tax-deductible donation. Parisian will extend a 15 percent discount on all non-designer purchases made during the evening. Tickets are \$50 at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-6245.

The Northville Post Office will be conducting a **letter carriers' food drive** on May 12. Non-perishable foodstuffs should be left by residents' mailboxes. Donated items will then be transported to a community food bank or pantry. For more information, call (248) 348-0300.

The Novi Chorale's annual spring concert will be held May 12 at Novi High School's Forest Auditorium. The show, entitled "The Chorale Effect," starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 348-0400.

The Northville Community Foundation is seeking **volunteers to help with the Northville Independence Day Parade**. A team of parade coordinators will be meeting on May 3, May 24, June 14 and June 28 at 7 p.m. in Northville City Hall to organize the event.

The Foundation is also beginning a **pledge drive** to match nearly \$11,000 received by the organization as a result of the state of Michigan tobacco settlement. The drive will begin April 20. For more information on either event, call (734) 455-5525.

The **Daughters of the American Revolution** will be hosting a noon sandwich luncheon on May 21. The topic of the seminar is "Insights to Genealogy," with Pat Dickerson as the keynote speaker. Organizers ask that those attending bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information, call (248) 349-0115.

The Northrop Sossamon Funeral Home is sponsoring a **free grief support workshop** for adults faced with the death of a loved one. The support meetings will begin April 26 at the Northville Senior Center, and will help people who have normal grief responses, using education and an opportunity for people to share with others in the group. The series, sponsored by **New Hope Center for Grief Support**, will meet for six consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 349-0115.



Trosien-Carreras

Ken and Sandy Trosien of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin, to Jack R. Carreras II, the son of Cecil Carreras of Lenoir, Mich., and the late Judy Carreras.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Northville Public Schools, the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University. She is employed by Bristol-Myers Squibb as a pharmaceutical representative.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is completing a master's degree in business administration at Davenport University. A spring 2002 wedding is planned.



Rhodea-Mudge

Janice Rhodea of Northville and Joseph Rhodea of Louisville, Ky., announce the engagement of their daughter, Allyson L., to Bryan Mudge, the son of Linda and Gary Mudge of Livonia.

Both bride and groom-elects are 1993 graduates of Livonia Stevenson High School.

Allyson is currently employed at Diamond Outlets in Novi. Bryan graduated in 1999 from the University of Michigan and is employed at W.A. Rates Co. in Clawson.

Births



Gabriel and Noah Howard

Jennifer and Christopher Howard of Midland are the proud parents of twin boys, Gabriel Mark and Noah Christopher, born March 30 in Mid-Michigan Hospital, Midland.

Gabriel weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18 inches long. Noah weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Their grandparents are Jerry and Marilyn Howard of Novi and John and Joyce Lechmann of Freeland, the great-grandparents are Helen Howard of Jackson and Mary Baranski of Stanwood.

The father, Christopher, is formerly of Novi.

Religion

High school-age members of **Holy Family Roman Catholic Church** are invited to attend a **trip to Cedar Point** on June 18. Adults and chaperones will be needed for the trip. For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

The **Northville Community Foundation's prayer breakfast** will be held May 16 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The breakfast, set to begin at 7:15 a.m., will feature keynote speaker and former Detroit Tiger pitcher Frank Tanana. Tickets are \$17 per person and may be purchased through Northville and Northville Township churches. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

of Novi will be offering marriage getaway weekends at the Grand Hotel on May 20-21, or May 21-22. For more information, call (248) 347-2457.

Also at Faith Community — the church's membership committee is seeking photos, slides or videos of past activities and events at the church, which may be used in a composite video about the church. For more information, call (248) 349-5666.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville offer the following weekend activities: Saturday: "Walk in the Park" every Saturday, at 10 a.m. Heritage Park, between Ten and Eleven Mile roads on Farmington Road. Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m. First

Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Brunch, 12:30 p.m. Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road. Ask for Single Place. May 17-June 21: Divorce Recovery II workshop, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the church. Registration is \$40. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church of Novi will be hosting an informal night of discussion on the film "Memento." Persons interested in participating in the discussion may watch the movie when convenient, then join in for the talk on May 20 at 7 p.m. at Holy Family. For more information, call (248) 349-7814.

HomeTown Shutterbugs



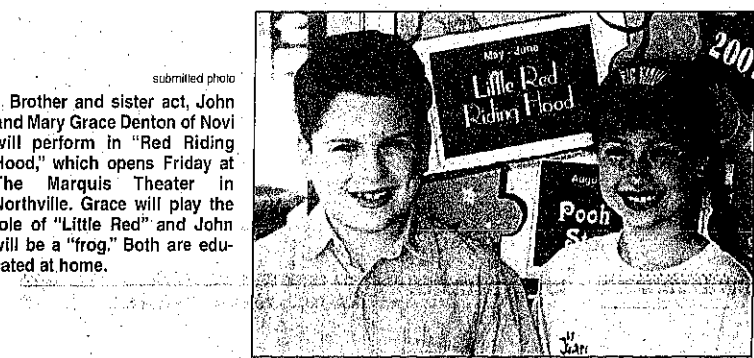
Northville residents Donna Arnold and Ginny Engelland flank Detroit Lion Luther Ellis at a benefit last month to help raise money for childhood leukemia research. The event brought in \$100,000 for the cause.



Northville resident Ardis McLeod (second from left) joins Marilyn Adams, Laura Merwin and Sue Petres at the 110th Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. last month.



Girl Scouts from Northville, Plymouth and South Lyon converge on Northville for the sixth annual "Stepping Out for a New Beginning" walk to support two area domestic violence shelters.



Brother and sister act, John and Mary Grace Denton of Novi will perform in "Red Riding Hood," which opens Friday at The Marquis Theater in Northville. Grace will play the role of "Little Red" and John will be a "frog." Both are educated at home.

There's a lot to know when seeking a financial planner



Bill Mansfield
Personal Finance

It's that time of year again. You know you should make your IRA contribution before your 2000 taxes are due. You are probably in the process of getting your tax returns done and dealing with the related agency or escrow. I see it in my clients' eyes when they come to see me this time each year. The fact is that the general public has questions, and financial planners can help with the answers. What is a financial planner, anyway?

There are several questions you may have in mind regarding financial planners. What do they do? How can they help me? What do they cost? Financial planners can help with all aspects of your financial life. There is more to it than investments. Planners can help you with debt, education funding, cash management, savings, taxes, insurance, retirement and estate issues. The books for financial planning read like a written financial plan, a game plan you can use to attack goals such as retirement or putting your three-year-old through college. A well-written financial plan will document goals, provide strategies and recommendations to help attain these goals and monitor progress over time. Studies have shown people are far more likely to achieve a goal if that goal is in writing. In short, everyone can make good use of a financial advisor. There is much to know about the subject of personal finance. To complicate matters further, income tax laws change so rapidly and in many cases, quite unnoticed, and new investment products are introduced at light speed. I do financial planning for a living, and my wife and I have a financial planner to help keep us on track. You can't beat another set of eyes looking at things.

If you've had some kind of change in your life, such as a divorce or a wedding, a child who is ready for college or a child for whom you need to save for school, you've retired or gotten a new job, you've sold a home or bought a home, or if you've gone an entire year without really revisiting what exactly you have been doing with your 401(k), or maybe you're just too busy to do it for yourself, then a financial planner can help you. Another aspect to this subject is that anyone can hang a shingle and call himself a financial planner. Financial planning has become a buzz phrase. So be careful. People who may have called themselves something else last year, and now call themselves financial planners, are probably still doing business just as they did last year.

Interviewing a prospective financial planner is the single most effective thing you can do for yourself. Any planner should be willing to sit down with you for an hour to discuss your financial situation, goals and needs. Use this time to ask questions, let the planner describe what exactly it is that he/she does, how he/she services clients, and also to determine how they are compensated. I believe this is one of the most critical questions you can ask. Understanding how people are compensated goes a long way to shed some light on motives.

There are several ways financial planners can be compensated. They can charge fees to cover their time, receive commissions from the investment or insurance products they sell, charge a percentage of assets that they manage for you typically 1 to 2 percent, or a combination of all of the above. Make sure you understand, and are comfortable with, how your financial planner is compensated. There is more to financial planning than making out your 401(k).

Financial planners can show you income tax planning strategies, different ideas and perspectives about saving money, and most importantly, help make sure the course you're on is in line with the goals you have. Financial planners can team with your tax and legal advisors as you work towards those goals.

William Mansfield is a financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors in Troy, Michigan. Mansfield can be reached at his phone at (248) 244-9180 or via e-mail at william.l.mansfield@aexp.com.

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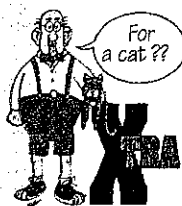


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By Chris Davis
XTRA CORRESPONDENT

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YEAH, BUT THEY SLEEP ALL DAY:

Phet and Ploy, two rare "diamond-eyed" cats, were married in a lavish ceremony at Phobus House, a Thailand discotheque. It cost the owner \$40,000, which included satin gowns for both felines, as well as transportation in a Rolls Royce and a helicopter.

MOST LIKELY TO BE WEARING ORANGE ON THE WEEKENDS:

Tommy Johns of Queensland, Australia, was convicted of drunkenness almost 3,000 times between 1957 and 1988. That figures out to one run-in with the law about every four days.

WORST SUNBURN DEPT.:

Joe Maize, George Pennock and Ted Siebert in Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, set the world record for the tallest sandcastle ever built. It stood 21 feet, 6 inches tall, and was built entirely with hands and buckets on Sept. 26, 1993.

LEAST LIKELY TO GET A JOB ON AN ASSEMBLY LINE:

Radhey Shyam Prajapati holds the world record for the longest period of time sitting motionless at 18 hours, 5 minutes and 50 seconds, in Gandhi Bhawan, India, on Jan. 25-26, 1996.

WAITER, I SPILLED MY DRINK...CAN I GET A REFILL?

Robert Denby bought the world's most expensive glass of wine from the British pub Pickwick's, on Nov. 18, 1993. The wine was the first glass poured of Beaujolais Nouveau 1993, and cost Denby \$1,453.

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Light on their feet, dancing isn't as easy as it may look

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Walled Lake teenagers Lindsay Janisse and Marqui Matkowski make any dance step look easy.

However, Walled Lake's Dance Dynamic's pair spend countless hours practicing dance routines that have earned them separate dance recognition titles and numerous scholarships to leading dance studios in the country.

Janisse, Walled Lake Western senior, is the current holder of Miss Showbiz of Michigan. It's a title that many dancers long for and is strongly based on performance.

"It was very exciting," Janisse said. "I totally didn't expect it. There are so many good dancers that I totally didn't expect to win."

Matkowski, a 7th grade Walled Lake Middle School student, has achieved similar success by winning Miss Teen Showbiz of Michigan.

"I love performing," Matkowski said. "It makes me feel good."

Janisse, 17, started dancing when she was two years old and it's now in her blood. She said she plans on making dancing a career. Janisse has already taken steps to make the entertainment field a reality by going on dance auditions in Chicago.

"I've auditioned in Chicago for a couple companies out there and I got cut," Janisse said and added that it's just part of the business.

Janisse will be trying her luck out west this summer. She said she will be going to Los Angeles after graduation to go to school at The Edge Performing Arts Center where she received a three month scholarship, which was just one of many others.

"I love performing," Janisse said. "I love taking classes and doing combinations that I actually feel something about and being able to dance how I feel is really it for me."

Janisse is not the first of her siblings to acquire a love for the art. Her older sister has a passion for dancing as well. So much so, that she became a dance teacher at the school.

They used to be students in the same dance classes, she said.

"I used to sit and watch her classes until I was old enough to take classes with her," Janisse said.



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Marqui Matkowski leaps across the studio at Walled Lake's Dance Dynamics.

Janisse has been to Los Angeles three times but this time it's a little different.

"I've been looking forward to going to LA for the last four years but it was never a reality until now," Janisse said. "I just need to find a roommate and move out there."

It will be hard to leave her home and family in Walled Lake but she knows it's something she needs to do, she said.

"I've always been planning this," Janisse said. "I've always had it in my mind that this was going to happen. So the actual moving away from my family will probably hit me harder than I think it will."

She has performed many times at Disney World and Universal Studios in Florida. However, she would still like to leave her mark in New York.

Although she plans on dancing for a long time, she has a back up plan. "If dancing does not work out, physical therapy interests me."

Janisse said. "I'm also looking to attend the University of Arizona."

Matkowski, 13, is also dance driven. She's performed in Florida at Disney World, Disney's Cruise Ship and Universal Studios. She achieved success as the overall soloist winner and overall duet winner with Warren Vanover in competition.

Like Janisse, she said she hopes to make dancing a full time career.

And that just might be a strong possibility if dancing is a genetic trait. After all, she's the daughter of Dance Dynamic's owner Dori Matkowski, who opened the dance school in Walled Lake 19 years ago.

For the past two years, Matkowski has performed in Mexico City for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular and she hopes to win the audition again.

"I danced at the Detroit Opera House doing the Nutcracker two years ago," Matkowski said.

She added that the excitement on the stage is incredible.

"It was awesome," Matkowski said. "When everyone is clapping, it makes me feel good. I get so nervous when I'm on stage. But when everyone claps, it calms me down. I go out there and dance for myself."

She'll also be performing as an entertainer at the Miss Michigan beauty pageant.

But she said she's very excited to be invited to attend an exclusive ballet intensive by Tara Foy of Flying by Foy in Las Vegas, who is noted in the dance world.

"I never expected that I would be able to do that," Matkowski said and added that Foy's company teaches elaborate entertainment tricks. "I always wanted to be on a harness and fly across the stage, and do tricks in the air."

Matkowski enjoys all forms of dance but the disciplined ballet art of point is her favorite.

"I've always wanted to be in a ballet company," Matkowski said. "I've been reading books on ballet companies and it's really inspired me."

When she's not practicing dance, which she practices 20 hours a week, she enjoys going to her grandparents' house.

"My cousins are there almost all of the time, so I play with them," Matkowski said.

She also likes another activity in her free time.

"I actually like homework," Matkowski said.

Dori Matkowski said she is proud of her two dancers as well as all of the dancers in her school.

Her daughter is not the only one of her children to achieve success in the dance community. Her son was second runner up in the Mr.

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Lindsay Janisse



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Marqui Matkowski and Lindsay Janisse with their "Miss Showbiz" trophies they won at a recent dance competition.

Showbiz competition.

"I'm very excited this year," Dori Matkowski said. "This year has been one of our best. All of our dancers have improved greatly."

She's also pleased at the passion her daughter has for the art.

"I'm proud of it," Matkowski said of her daughter. "It amazes me that she wants so much out of her dancing."

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Watched by Dori Matkowski, right, and a group of young ballerinas Lindsay Janisse flies about Dance Dynamics studios.



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Watched by her mother Dori Marqui Matkowski, left and Lindsay Janisse do a dance number together at Dance Dynamics.