







District budget rises

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER... Van Buren Schools officials approved last week a \$48.2 million budget for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

About \$11.6 million of the new budget comes from local taxes, including more than \$1.4 million from a sinking fund millage that passed in 1998.

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Scott stumbled across an application for the minority internship program offered by the PGA. Hesitant at first, he eventually filled it out and received a call.

Because the sporting industry is so small, Scott said networking is a key factor in being successful. However, he said even the right contacts won't help if the internship isn't taken seriously.

The U-M branch of Athletes in Action puts college basketball players together to play Olympic teams in Africa. Scott served as president of the group for two years and was a member for one year during his stint at U-M.

Power speaks to Walsh graduates

Walsh College President Keith A. Pretty conferred degrees upon 870 students during the 77th annual commencement ceremony on last month at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

Walsh College, with campuses in Troy, Novi and Macomb Township, serves more than 3,000 students annually in southeastern Michigan.

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represent Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township. "One of my friends told me he's never seen a golf course with a worse dog leg," chuckled Stewart.

north half of Canton. I could have finished my district with constituents in the north half of Canton, from Warren Avenue up.

his Republican base to about 59 percent. "It's winnable for a John Stewart type of Republican, but what are the common interests of Wayne with Plymouth and Northville, and what's in the best interest of the people?" asked Stewart.

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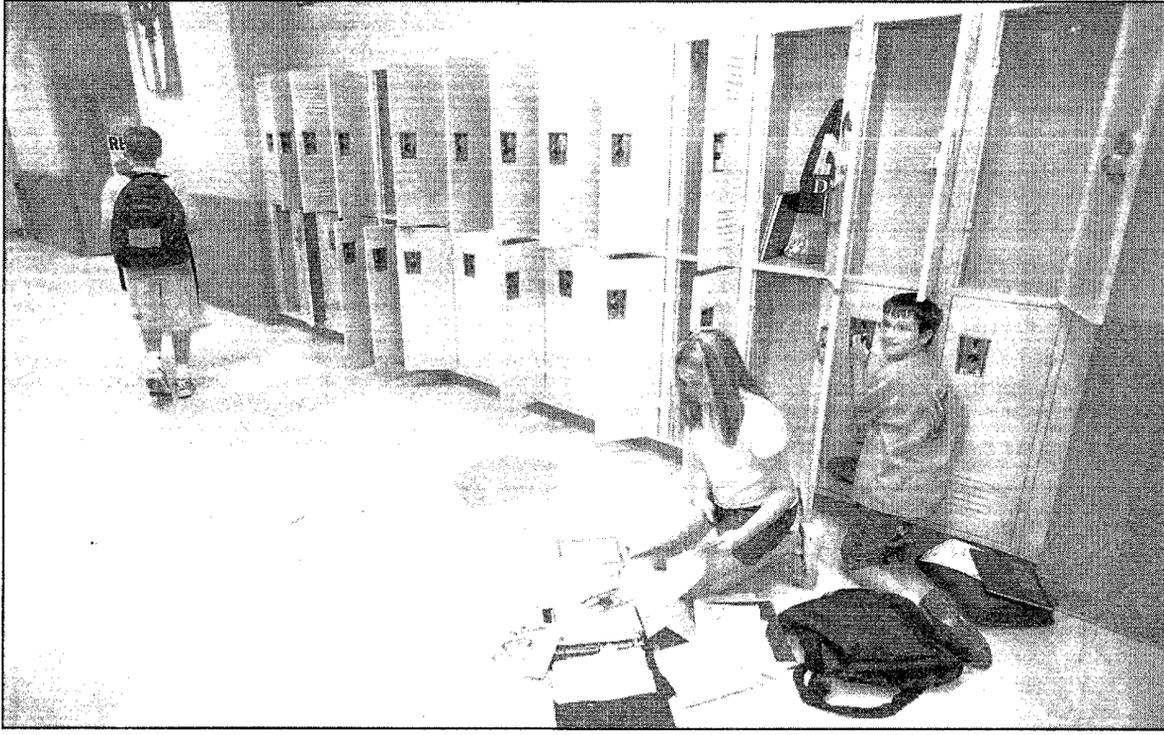
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year and shall make its determination within forty-five (45) calendar days of its first meeting. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for conducting the business of the Commission.





**Final assignment:** Liz Thomas and Larry Snyder, both 12, clean out their lockers on the second to last day of classes at Discovery.

**Time out:** Eighth-graders Brandon Howey, 14, from left, Dustin Schnell, 14, Nick Hatzis, 13, and Ben West, 14, proul through Rotary Park in Livonia during their final Discovery field trip.



**Picnic:** Katie Hoeksema, left, and Amber Lee, both 14, share lunch at Rotary Park in Livonia, where the eighth-graders spent their last day enjoying fun and field activities.

## Final bell

### Discovery students say goodbye

BY PAUL HURSCHMANN  
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**Dawn of Discovery**

With the tick of the clock, it was over. Students went streaming (and screaming) down the hallways toward the exits, stopping only to hug a friend or shed a tear, as the official start of summer vacation began at 2:55 p.m. Thursday June 14.



relief.

"We survived a year of great stress quite nicely," said Principal Roche LaVictor, in an interview the following week.

And with it, the official end of the debut year of Canton's first Middle School, Discovery.

"The tremendous change encountered by everyone was frightening at times, but overcoming it made us all stronger as an educational family. A number of new traditions were instituted, many a result of the many wonderful students we had at Discovery this year, which will be guides for us in the future."

Since the grounds of the school have still not been completed, the students chose off-site destinations for their last day together as a class. The sixth grade visited the Skatin' Station II in Canton. The seventh grade spent the morning at Super Bowl on Ford Road. And, the eighth grade enjoyed most of their day at Livonia's Rotary Park.

Asked if there were any problems or failures looking back over the year, he said, "No failures really, just more learning opportunities. Any real problems that we experienced were due to unfinished building items that should be remedied by the opening of the next school year."

It was a last fling where classmates could still enjoy the company of one another and the camaraderie of this particular school year. Yearbooks were traded and signed at each of the destinations, and again back at the school before the final bell.

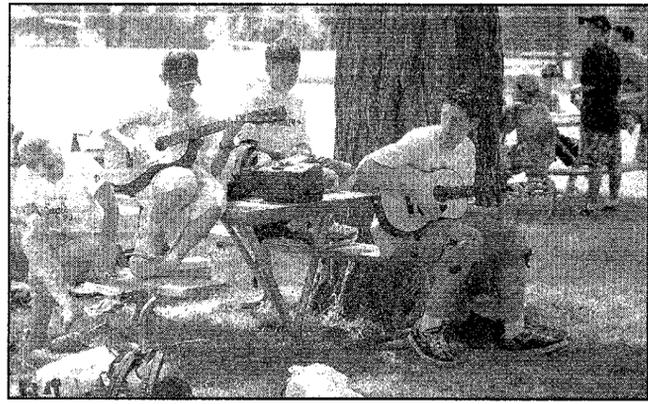
And, for final thoughts, LaVictor replied:

And, then with that final tick of the clock, it ended. Students jumped for joy, and teachers and staff breathed a collective sigh of

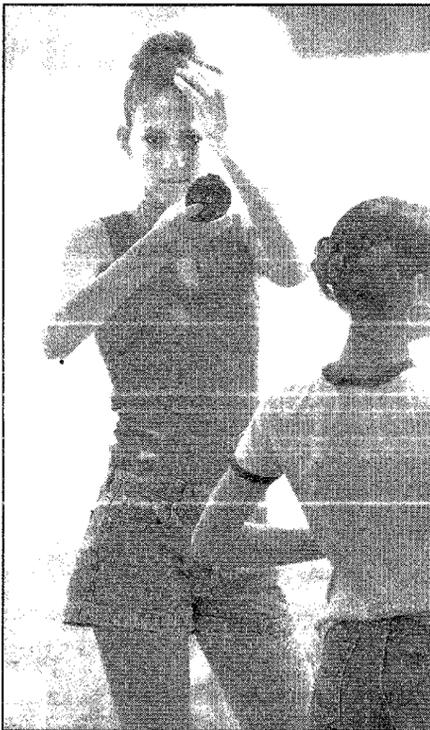
"A special thanks to the voters that allowed Discovery to become a reality. Many, many thanks to the parents that shared their wonderful children with us. Thank you to Canton Township for the wonderful services provided to us."



**Smile!** Sixth-graders Katie Downey, from left, Britney Klave, Alyssa Johnson and Sean Baker, all 12, pose for last day pictures for Casey Russell and Brittany McKinney (not pictured) in the cafeteria.



**Boy band:** Eighth-graders Duke Kapelanski, 13, left, and Matt Lerner, 14, play their guitars while Alessandro Chimento, 13, center, pounds his drumsticks on the table at Rotary Park.



**Mirror, Mirror:** Eighth-grader Daniel Wrenn, 14, checks her makeup while enjoying the outing.

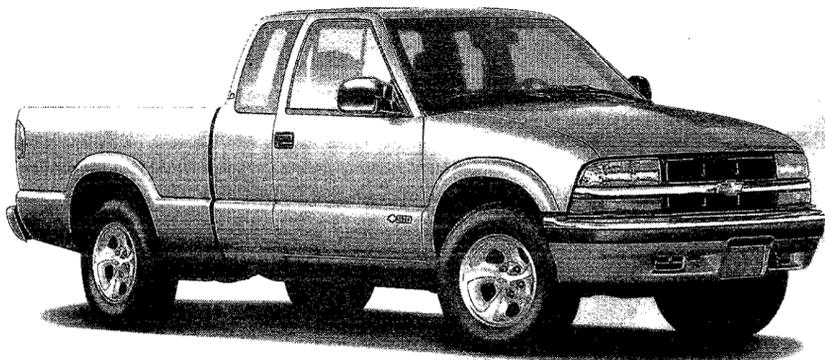
**Hanging out:** Eighth-graders Rochelle Smolinski, from left, Rachel Maitland, Lizi West and Trudy Smith, all 13, relax on some exercise equipment at Rotary Park in Livonia.



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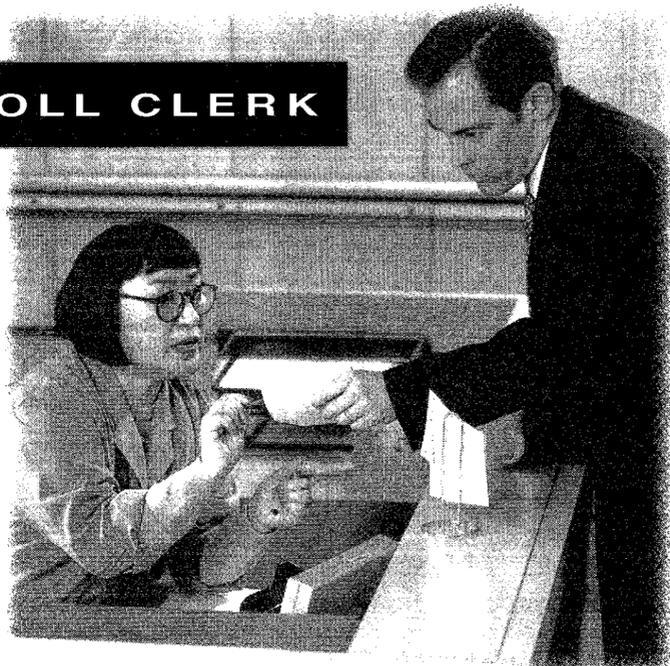




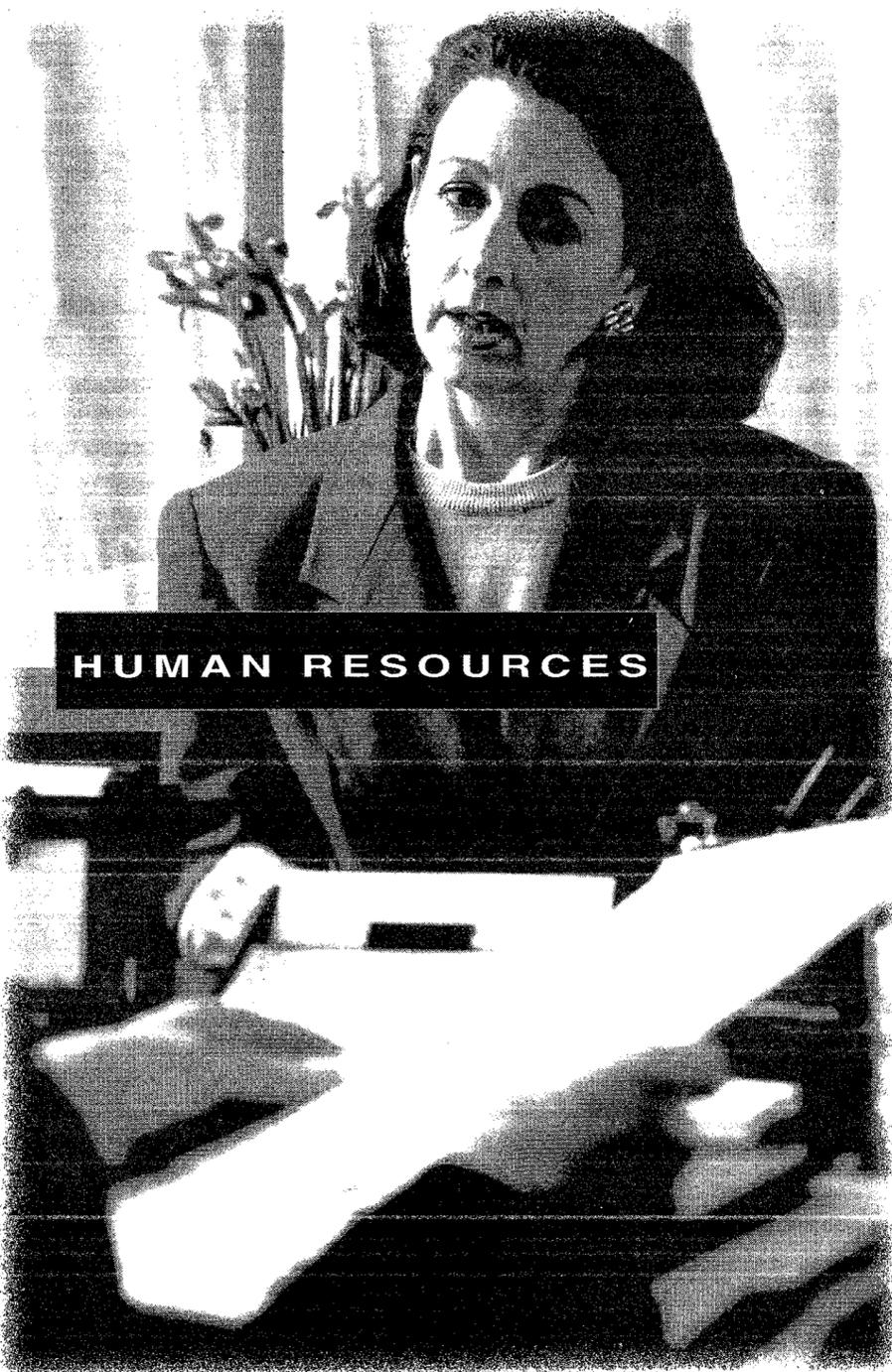




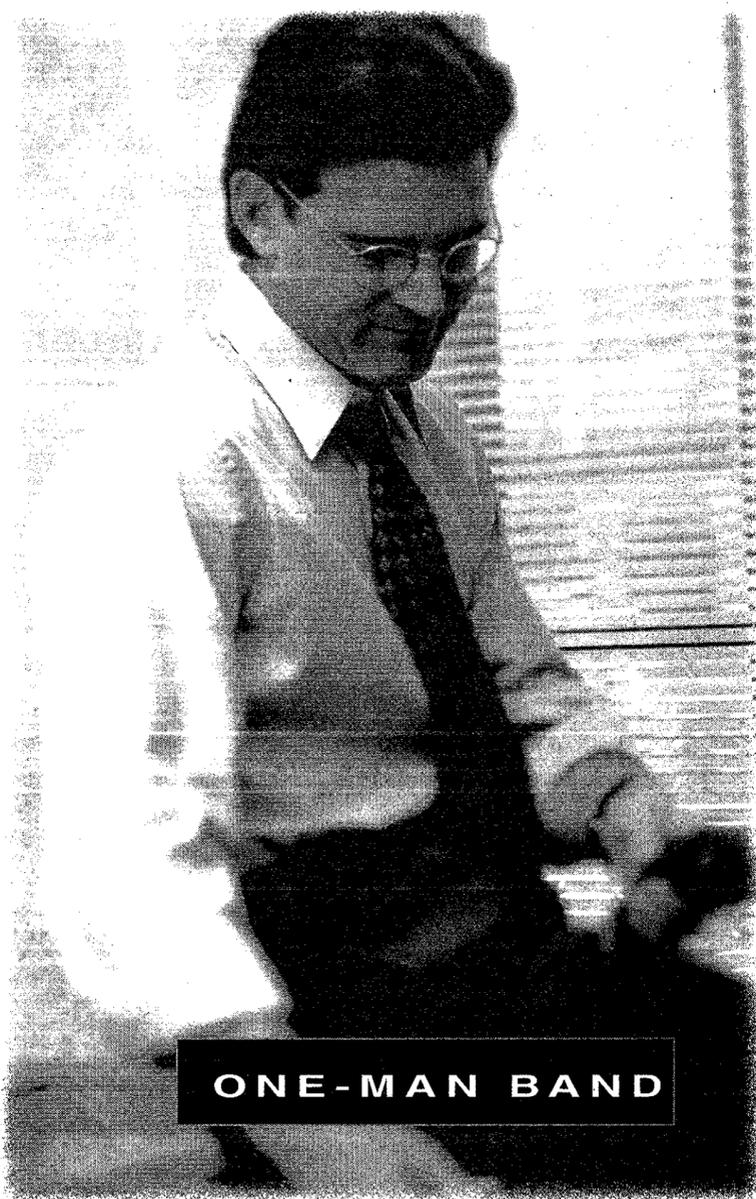




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