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Voices raised in song



The Novi Choralaires have been preparing all season long for their upcoming show, "An American Quilt." premiering Saturday, May 13. Above, several singers are ready for their numbers from "The Wizard of Oz." -Page 3A

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Walton wood, new independent living complex near Twelve Oaks even features a movie theater for

residents. - Page 10A

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Rise and play tennis



The early birds get the tennis time at The Sports Club. This group of mostly retirees includes champions and those who are a bit newer to the sport. But some have been playing for 40 years and counting. Learn about their love of the game on - Page 6A

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Helwig at the helm Novi's new manager is on the job

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RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

He's only been on the job since mid-April, but new city manager Richard Helwig is getting used to his new digs on the second floor corner office of the Novi Civic Center

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Helwig. who offers his guests coffee but doesn't drink himself, sits career.' casually and listens. It's something he's been doing a lot lately.

"This is my eighth official day. I have been working with council and the mayor, but I'm still a rookie," Helwig said.

A former Navy lieutenant, Helwig holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the John. F. Kennedy School of Government at

"I think in particular my Navy Supply Corps training has influenced

my city management

Richard Helwio. New Novi city manager

Harvard University and a bachelor of science degree from Bowling Green State University.

"I think in particular my Navy Supply Corps training has influenced my city management career.

You learn what it was to be accountable. If you came up short when you were doing payroll, it came out of your pocket," Helwig said.

Don't expect the new city manager in uniform, however.

"I certainly don't come with my Navy sword everyday, "Helwig said. "I had four years in the Navy and that was enough. Helwig said that he will be the

eyes and ears for the council and mayor when it comes to the happenings in the city. But he also demands a lot from those who work for him.

"Personal responsibility in par-ticular," Helwig said. "When it Continued on 15

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi City Manager Richard Helwig, left, checks out the cellularbased computer system in Officer Steve Balog's patrol car.



Catholic **Central eyes** site in Novi

Catholic Central would need to raise \$30 to \$40 million to build a new high school.

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

Novi Catholic Central. The name may not sound familiar but it could become a reality if the Archdiocese of Detroit feels the time is right for the boys parochial school to leave Redford for a new promised land.

"We been looking and we have done a demographics study. Novi is a center of attraction," said Redford Catholic Central President Father Richard Elmer. "But we have been looking at a

couple of other areas as well. We've also looked at Northville and Plymouth as possibilities. "We have not purchased or made

have to make a significant dedication in funds before new plans could be drawn.

"We'll still have to do a feasibility study to see if raising \$30-40 million to build a new school is possible," Elmer said. "We would still have to talk to our Cardinal (Adam Maida) and see if we could help him fulfill his needs in this situation."

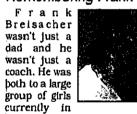
According to Corinna Webber of the Archdiocese of Detroit Communications Department, there is no room for expansion at Catholic Central's current location and the school would like to add new school laboratories and soccer fields.

"The existing facility is landlocked," Webber said. "They have a lot of students in portables and there are a lot more students that would like to come to this school."

Webber did say there is a possi-

Remembering Frank

SPORTS



search of a state softball championship. Look to the sports section for

the full story - Page 1B

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Molly and Kelsey Sutika, 7, are just one of many pairs of twins in their neighborhood.

Walden Woods runs amuck with twins, triplets

WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

You can't blame it on the water.

While nine out of 64 homes in Walden Woods II off Eleven Mile house multiples, the twins and triplets ranging in age from 6 to 13-years-old, were all born before their parents moved into the Novi subdivision.

Jennie and Raybon White and their twins, fraternal brothers Sean and Sherrick, were the first set of twins in the neighborhood in August of 1994. But soon there followed a succession of multiples and their families. Most began bumping into each other on the street after learning from the builder, Tri-Mount homes, that double vision was becoming pretty common around there.

"When (the builder) found out we had twins, he said we would fit right in ... " said Pat Figurski, dad to 11-year-old identical twins Stefan and Ryan.

While the families don't have a formai club to call their own, they have inevitably formed friendships. Just as multiples have a special bond, so too, do the parents of multiples.

Standing around a school playground while their kids mugged for the camera, the moms compared stories of difficult pregnancies, hectic first years and the joys and hard work of being a parent of multiples.

"The ultrasound technician said 'I think I see two.' And my reaction was "Two what?" said Denise Boron, recalling the day she found out she was carrying twins.

Others cried and some were shocked.

"We went through infertility for six years and were on a long adoption list," explained Jennifer McEachran. "We, needless to say, were thrilled that we were blessed with twins. We felt total joy and Continued on 19 an option on any property yet. We have not made a final decision." The Archdiocese of Detroit would

bility that Catholic Central w refurbish the existing facility.

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250 sign petitions against abatements

The Novi City Council may make a decision on a tax abatement policy on May 8.

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

The decision over a tax abatement program for Novi has been delayed again as the city council continues to fine tune the policy's wording.

But opponents to the plan are not delaying their own response to the concept.

Local resident Clare Wilson appeared before the Novi City council on Monday with over 250 signatures of residents who do not think the city needs a tax abatement policy.

"Novi doesn't want, or need, a tax abatement policy. This petition is a clear indication that the voters do not want it," Wilson said.

"Compuware was lured to Farm

ington Hills with a tax abatement and when the tax abatement expired they move to Detroit. Most of the comments I heard from restdents was 'when do I get a tax abatement."

The council was expected to make a decision on tax abatements on Monday, but will now bring back bring it back to the table on May 8 for a possible final vote.

Discussion over the policy will come after the city budget meeting, some time after 8 p.m. in council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, Mayor Richard Clark said that there could be a final decision on the tax abatement policy at that time.

"I'd like to see where we're at one way or another," Clark said. "We're still at the state of decid-

ing what it (the policy) will look like. But even if we have a policy there will be no wholesale give-

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Moms from Novi ready for march of a million in capital

These local moms will spend Mother's Day urging the federal government to tighten up gun laws.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

With the recent epidemic of school shootings sweeping our nation, mothers of all ages, races, and religions are taking a stand.

On Mother's Day, mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, and future mothers will unite in the Million Moms March, a crusade against gun violence.

"Just hearing one incident after another of senseless killings really made me want to get involved," said rally participant Pam Evans of Novi.

In Washington D.C. on May 14, marchers will gather on the National Mall to seek gun safety legislation and strict enforcement of gun laws.

We're talking about legislation that will try to keep guns out of the hands of children, juveniles, and criminals," said Novi mom Gwen Markham. "Such as waiting periods, background checks, gun safety locks, proper registration, and limiting purchases to one handgun

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Marchers from left are Colleen O'Brien-Bromley, Marianne O'Brien-Bullock, Bridget O'Brien-Watt, Gwen Markham, Judi Darling and Pam Evans.

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Don't bug 'em, they have friends in insect kingdom

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

How can you tell an insect from any other animal? Just ask entomologist Greg Dunn and he'll tell you to count the

number of legs. If you count six, you've got yourself an insect. Recently, the bug extraordinare from the Young Entomologist Society in Lansing came to Village Oaks

Elementary to tell the students about nature's little beasts. "It was awesome!" exclaimed first grader Mary Ann Caddy. "I kind of always thought bugs were gross, but they're actually pretty neat. Some, like caterpillars and butterflies, can really be cute."

Packed with insect trivia and amazing visuals, Dunn's presentation proved that the world's tiniest creatures can be the most interest-

"Did you know that an insect actually lives inside its bones?" he asked the students. That's right, because their skeletons are placed on the outside of their bodies. which helps protect them." The students were also surprised

every direction. They can see over, under, in front of and behind them, all at the same time." Dunn said. "And insects also have what we call a compound eye, which means an gan,

eve made up of many eyes. Some can have up to 40,000 of them. However, that doesn't mean they see 40,000 of the same object. In fact, they see 40,000 different the world is seen very much like a down and recycling nature's wastes few household tools.



to learn that insects can see in Above, Village Oaks kids make eyes like bugs. At right, Gary Dunn explained a bug's life.

The children gasped when they taking care of plants. heard that there were over 30 million different kinds of insects in the interesting," said first grader, world, including 25,000 in Michi-"Insects are everywhere," Dunn said. "From your backyard to the guessed that there are more ants other side of the world. Dunn told the students all kinds

One segment of Dunn's visit the of insect anecdotes, such as they students really enjoyed is when he gets his name from the black pieces of an object. So to insects, help the environment by breaking dressed up like a bug, using just a smelly juice it squirts on its preda-

grader, Corey Leach "I thought the assembly was very Rachel Slaudt. "I never knew there with the three very live critters were so many types of beeties and butterflies. I would have never on this earth than people, either." America.

tors. The scorpion's secret weapon,

like a juice which smells like vinegar. But when Dunn took out the tarantula, the children had to be

"This animal is covered with ears." Dunn said. "While they may not look

iv covered with bairs and his bairs work as ears to hear things." Dunn said that even though people think spiders are insects,

they're not because they have eight Fourth grader Jonathan Cassise and first graders Chris Gibbs and

"No one has ever died from a tarantula bite." Dunn said. "But

sharp teeth, so the blte might burt a little but it would never kill you."

First grader Amanda Sackett surprised all her classmates by naming the tarantula as one of he

People think they are ugly, but I think they're cute," she said. But Ashley Williams and Marissa Kalai said they're sticking with butterflies as their lavorite insect. Overall, the kids agreed that the

bug assembly was one of the best assemblies of the year. "I really liked it." said first grader Shohha Sridhar, "It was really cool. It was interesting to see all the dif-

butterflies and the live tarantula Dunn said he hopes the students

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

But the part the children enjoyed most was the bug displays along Dunn brought with him; the Skunk Beetle, Giant Whip Scorpion, and Rosehair Tarantula from South

Dunn explained that the beetle

legs, not six. Aidan has never killed anyone.

very quiet ears, they are. The spider is actual-

Rickel said they were amazed to hearn that a tarantula

they do, however, have two very

"That was hilarious," said fourth like the beetle, is his spray that is and that their number one job is Mother's Day Specialties



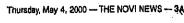
favorite animals

ferent kinds of beetles, moths, and

was awesome enjoyed his visit and encouraged them to learn more about insects. "The best way to learn about

these wonderful mini-beasts is to see them in their natural habitats."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER





The Novi Choralaires who will dress up the "Wizard of Oz" number during the May 13 concert include: Jim Ingles (front), Karl Miller, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Shirley Brady and George Giese. Below: Karl Miller and the rest of the Choralaires rehearse for "An American Quilt."



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Come See What's New in Gifts and Collectibles

A patchwork of America Choralaires give May 13 performance,

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

It's a bit of this and a bit of that, all sewn together. The Novi Choralaires have been preparing all season long for their upcoming show, "An American Quilt," premiering Saturday, May

Sure to be a hit, the show is packed with a variety of tunes from gospel to folk to pop. We've entitled the production 'An American Quilt' because the great choir and great group of peoshow, like a quilt, has two layers with something in between," said

beginning, spirituals in the middle, and fun, popular selections at the anniversary, the show's 51 mem- homes. bers will take the stage in the Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High and women from Novi, is primarily School. evening," said Wassilak, "People

will hear a lot of songs they already know and a few new ones.' Some of over 20 songs that will seniors and children under 12. be performed include "Go Down

Love's Traveling Salvation Show," When Johnny Comes Marching," some selections from "The Wizard of Oz" and "Bug's Life." "We're really looking forward to

it," said soprano Michelle Fitzpatrick, who will also be playing Dorothy. "We have a large collection of musical numbers this year. The members, and will also be available second half is going to be a lot of at the door. fun and very interactive, which is Staff Writer Stephante Fordyce

Oz' musical review." Fitzpatrick Tenor Dick Bayerl, who has been with the Choralaires for fifteen years, said he got involved because he's always been a fan of music."

"I just really enjoy it," he said. "The people are tremendous and being on stage is such a great feelind Tenor George Giest, who will be playing the Cowardly Lion, said he is proud to be involved with such a

"I love music and I love singing, director Jan Wassilak. "We've got he said. "And I'm honored to be folk and traditional songs in the part of such a wonderful bunch." Organized in 1975, the Choralaires have entertained all over Novi at church functions, civic Now celebrating it's 25th events, service clubs and nursing

The group, comprised of mer self-supporting, but is assisted "Its going to be a really fun operationally by the Parks and Recreation Department. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for

Free carnations will even be dis-Moses," "Healing River," "Brother tributed to all the ladies for Mother's Day. Jim Ingles, the Scarecrow and

Take Me Home Country Road" and Karl Miller, the Tin Man, said the show is really going to knock people's socks off. "We've worked really hard," said

Miller. "People will really enjoy it." Tickets may be purchased from the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, Novi Choralaires

why we'll be doing 'The Wizard of may be reached at 349-1700.

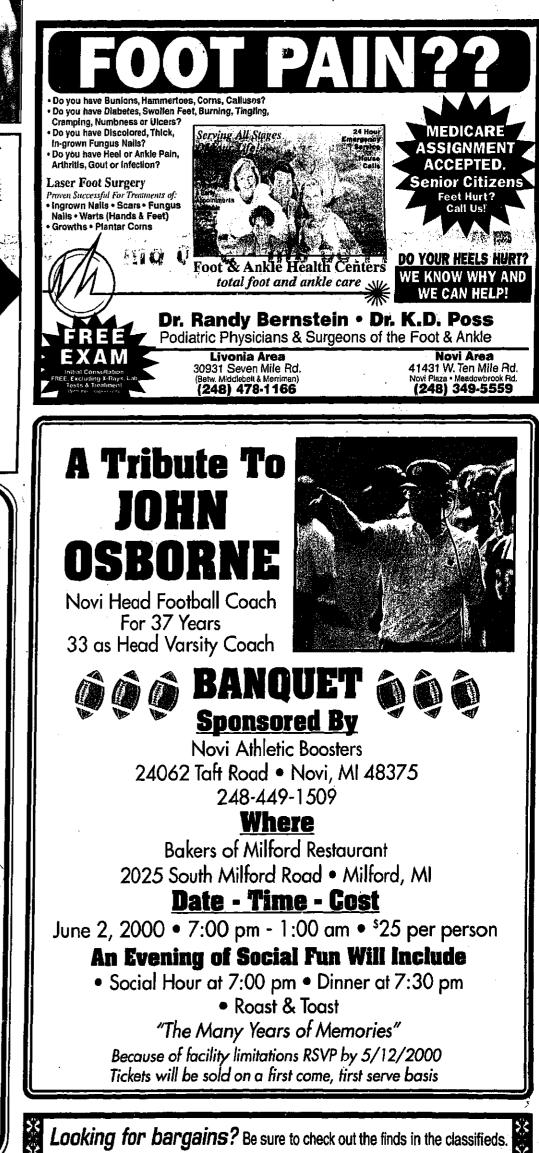
See these locals shine as members of the Novi Choralaires in "An American Quilt" on Saturday, May 13 at Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High

NOVI SINGERS

School on Taft Road: Lori Asmann, Dick Bayeri, Sally Brenner, Jan Block, Faith Brady, Shirley Brady, Noel Brown, Patricia Brown, Sue Calderone, Debbie Caruso, Alison Connolly, Kathy Craw-

ford, Libby Crawford, Dale Darkowski, Karen Darkowski, Mary Kay Davis, Trenda DeGraw, Laura DesGravise Sue Egan and Michelle Fitzpatrick.

Also: Ellen Garner, George Giese, Chandra Ann Grodzicki, Jim Ingles, Rose Johnson, Gwyn Jones, Patty Jylkka, Johanna LeBlanc, Gail LeVan, Susan Lewis, Lee Liston, Diane Miller, Karl Miller, Larry Molloy, Karen Moore, Heather Neal, Lynn Nichols, Joe Ohren, Ellie Pappas, Laura Reese, Jason Richardson, Daril Riley, Margie Shaul, Ruth Sill, Art Spafford, Becky Staab, Drew Stallard, Marcia Stevens, Frank Wassilak, Dick Wickert, and Elaine Wroe.



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high school career."

outside the classroom," said counselor Bill Ayotte. "So on behalf of all the coun-

and the community.

ly in the fall on a soccer scholar ship, said he feels pleased with his

Valedictorians Brian Dodds and

The salutatorians are:



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A 21-year-old Novi resident said

that she was approached and

assaulted by a white male subject

in front of her residence in the

The woman told police that the

male subject was dressed in all

black and wore a dark colored

basehult cap. No other physical

description of the attacker was

given. The case is open, pending

Police were dispatched to the

4000 block of Liberte after neigh-

bors reported a node sun bather on

22000 block of Pondylew.

ing quickly toward her.

recoiled and fled.

investigation.

April 27.

DRUNKEN SUNBATHER

Woman strikes back at attacker

Police News

According to police reports, the When police arrived on the woman was returning home at approximately 3 a.m. on April 27 when she saw a male subject walk-"extremely intoxicated and wearing session of marijuana. only her underwear." The woman said that the man According to the report, the "grabbed her ann" after she had woman had initially refused mediexited her vehicle. The victim said cal attention but was unable to she placed her keys between her finger so the end stuck out between

stand or dress herself. The woman was transported to her fingers. The woman then said Botsford Hospital for observation. she struck the male attacker several times with her list and the man

POT SMOKER BUSTED A Highland Township man, 42,

Court on April 27. The officer said he observed a was given a number of sobriety "white cloud of smoke coming from tests, which he failed, the driver's mouth" after the subicct was pulled over. When the man was pulled over

by police, he allegedly admitted to smoking dope. na," the man reportedly told police. block of Ten Mile Road was broken

The man was issued a citation scene, they found the woman out- for operating a vehicle while under side and noted that she was the influence of narcotics and pos-The man was also charged with not wearing a seat belt.

DRUNK DRIVER ARRESTED

A Highland man, 44, was arrested for drunk driving after he was spotted riding along the shoulder and swerving in and out of lanes on Haggerty Road on April 29. Police reports indicate that the was spotted by police smoking a man failed to pull over after police marijuana cigarette while traveling turned on their strens. The man along East Lake Drive near New eventually pulled over near Haggerty and the 1-696 freeway where he

The man was taken into custody and release after detoxification.

COIN BOX STOLEN

after management found th back door pried open on the morn-According to police, the burglar

ing management told police the only thing they noticed missing was a change box containing \$136

TEEN DRINKERS

Two Novi teens were arrested after they were found sitting in the parking lot of the Novi Public Library at 1:38 a.m. reeking of

When police asked the two teens what they were doing in the parking lot, they responded that they

on alcohol violations. They were

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call

Novi Briefs Tennis anyone?

Join the fun as Dave Peterson and his staff of local college tennis players introduce you to the fundamentals of tennis. This program instructs adult and junior tennis players using the "ten-

- nis 1-2-3" method endorsed by the United States Tennis Association. This is the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's most popular session so sign up today. Deadline for registration is May 10. Classes run from May 15 - June 5 for three weeks.
- Dates and times vary according to age and agility, so call (248) 347 3286 for more information. Courses will be held at the Novi Meadows Tennis Courts and the cost is \$48.

Flowers exchanged

Novi's Beautification Commission presents its annual Spring Perennial Exchange Saturday, May 20. From 9 a.m. to noon, come and trade your surplus healthy plants for

- something you have always wanted. The trade will be held at the Old Township Hall on Ten Mile Road, easi
- of Taft Road. For more information, call the Novi Civic Center at (248) 735-5628.

Annex gets ready to present, "Charlotte's Web." Under director Mary Kay Davis, shows run May 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and May 21 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage.

Tickets go on sale May 9 and are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. It's sure to be a hit, so don't miss it.

Mother's play cards

Lioness Club's "Euchre Tournament." The game begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13 at the Novi Civic Center. All proceeds benefit the Lion/Lioness charities such as Michigan Eye

Bank and Leader Dog, among others. You can earn three extra points by donating baby items, like diapers. bottles and pacifiers, as well as, two points for registering early. Pizza and pop will be available as well as a raffle and prizes that include

a coffee maker, baseball tickets, and cash. Cost is \$10 per person for preregistered players and \$12 at the door. Registration begins May 12, so call Maggie Meeker at (248) 344-4633 to sign up.

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Governor pledges money for Novi road work Governor John Engler announced a \$900 mil- Novi Expo Center, as currently located.

plan for major road projects in Oakland County land County (RCOC), the projects are not and one in Novi.

turn lane on Grand River to give access to the said RCOC Communications Director Craig Wixorn Roads.

lion Build Michigan 111 project Monday, with a According to the Road Commission of Oak- plans. expected to begin anytime soon.

The Novi project would entail adding a left "The mency has not even been approved yet,"

Bryson. There has to be preliminary design Bryson said that he doubts that the project will get started until next year and could coincide with the the major road repairs that will

take place along Grand River between Beck and



"Okay, I was smoking marijua- A business located in the 41000

ing of April 29. had broke the door jam loose and gained entry to the building. Build-

in coins. Police have no suspects at this time.

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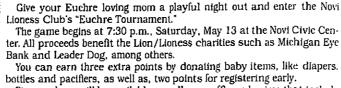
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weren't doing anything." Police took the two into custody released after detoxification.

the Novi Police Department at 348-

Children perform play

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Lawmakers get tougher on school district report cards By MIKE MALOTT

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cards...the ones handed out for the schools themselves. Representatives voted 88-20 Wednesday, April 26, to uass a bill requiring public school districts to include

more information in the education report cards that any new information. The information is already there, they are required to turn over annually to the State Board of Education and to make them available to the public. "The annual Michigan School Report has been a first every school in its district. The education report card step in bringing information about school perfor-

mance to families. We need to take that further," said parent of each pupil enrolled in the district and news-Rep. Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph, sponsor of House Bill 5212. "Unfortunately, right now at least two-thirdsof all parents don't know this information exists. We state will cover those expenses. According to LaSata, need to make it more readily available and have it sent - no extra paper work or costs is being placed on local home to each family.

The bill requires school boards to submit to the Department of Education the following information: Accreditation status

 Core academic curriculum. • MEAP scores.

Pupil retention rate

• Average class size for grades K-3. Ratio of teachers, counselors and staff to students. Percentage of teachers with a master's, doctorate

specialist's degree High schools would have to report additional infor-

mation, including the number of students who enrolled in post secondary courses: college level classes offered in the district; students who took the ACT Michigan lawmakers want tougher grading on report and their scores; and the graduation rate.

"All this information is something parents should be able to easily access about their child's school or when they are scouting out new schools," LaSata said. "This legislation doesn't require our school systems to report it's just in many different forms and locations." Each Intermediate School District in the state would also have to develop its own annual report card fo would be submitted to the school, the department, the papers in the district. Concerns have been raised over the cost of mailing out the reports, but LaSata said the

schools by the bill. Representatives rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, that would have

required even more information be included in the reports and would have added a school improvement program, the cost of which would have been covered by the state. Reps. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, Paul DeWeese, R-

Williamston, Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, and Judie Seranton, R-Brighton, voted ves

Obituaries

MILDRED (PAT) THOMAS

CUCCHETTI Mildred (Pat) Thomas Cucchetti, 95, died April 23 at Lutheran Heritage Village in Livonia. Ms. Cucchetti was born March 24, 1905 in Warsaw, Ind. to Ludwin Thomas and Mabel Grace Guy.

She was married to Peter Cuc-Ms. Cucchetti was a long-time resident of Northville and was employed as a school teacher. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Association,

numerous leacher organizations and Novi Methodist Church. Ms. Cucchetti is survived by her husband: her nieces Vicky Risner of Marritottsville, Md., Candace Wiley of Warsaw, Melissa Engel of Zionsville, Ind., Kathleen Belfiori of Warren; and by her nephew Michael Risner of Arvada, Colo,

She is also survived by her sibling. Jean Risner of Tucson, Ariz. A funeral for Ms. Cucchetti was held April 26 at Casterline Funeral

Home, Inc. in Northville. Rev. Louise Ott of Novi United Methodist Church officiated the

KIMIO INOUE Kimio Inoue, 55, died April 27 at his home in Novi. Mr. Inoue was born in Osaka Japan on March 22, 1945. He graduated from Keto University in

Japan with a bachelor's degree. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from Michigan Technological University and did post-doctor- cer research center would be al work at Drexel University in Pennsylvania. Mr. Inoue was a research assis-

tant professor at MTU from 1976 to 1978. He was also the senior industry/application development manager with Dow Chemical Company's automotive plastics division at the time of his death. He had been employed with Dow for 21

Mr. Inoue was a volunteer soccer coach, timekeeper in hockey and a Little League umpire. He also taught kendo, in which he held a black belt.

Mr. Inoue is survived by his wife, Gretchen Inoue of Novi; his three children, Kiyoski (Mari) Inoue of Waltham, Mass., Kiyo Inoue of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Kenji Inoue of Novi; his parents Kilchiro McCabe Funeral Home in Farming-

wo siblings. Hitoshi Inoue of Tokyo and Alsumi Hikita of China. Visitation for Mr. Inoue was April 29 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville with Rev. Richard Pennala officiating. Mr. Inoue was cremated.

Memorial contributions to a canappreciated by the family.

WILLIAM MORLAND

William Morland died April 28 in Providence Hospital. The Commerce Township resi-

dent was 71 years old. Morland inherited Morland's Mr. Landscape from his family, which owned and operated the business for over 70 years

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marteen. Mr. Morland is also survived by his children William Morland, Jr., Virginia Middlebrook Linda Morris, Mark (Kelli) Morland and Bruce (Kelly) Morland. He is also survived by three sis

ters, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The funeral was May 1 a





A new meaning for home theater Senior retirement community boasts many luxuries

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

If this is what retirement looks like, we should all be so lucky. Waltonwood, located behind Twelve Oaks Mall, is an independent living retirement community that recently opened in Novi. "It's great because residents can enjoy all the comfort and luxury of a home without the added worries and work," said Waltonwood

spokeswoman Mary Ann Schoendorff. It keeps them healthter not having to worry about things like yard work and laundry." Fit for a king and queen, Waltonwood includes a 65-seat movie theater, beauty parlor, library, fitness center, conventence store, hobby and craft room, a cafe and dell shop, game room complete with billiards, darts, chess and bar, woodcarving room, and a soon-to-

open wellness center with a nurse "It's like a city within a city Schoendorff said. Along with its beautiful architee ture and unique art work. Walton-

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wood also includes impressive landscaping with a gazebo, courtvards, and a view overlooking a private lake. The retirement and independent

living facility, that took about a year to huild, houses 140 one- and two-bedroom apartments. Several different floor plans that range from 629 to 1,102 square feet. Prices run anywhere from

Library needs new facilities

The Novi Library Board made a pitch for a new facility at the May 1 Novi City Council meeting.

The board, which has already made a formal request for to place a ballot proposal for a new library in the August 8 primary election made the presentation to council to stress the urgency of their appeal. "We see ourselves as the eves and ears of the council," said Patrick Burnett, president of the library board. "We think the citizens feel this is important."

Novi Library Director Brenda Evans said the library is in desperate need of space and is lagging behind other communities like Bloomfield Township or Farmington Hills. "The building predates the Amer-

icans with Disabilities Act (ADA)." Evans said, "Our building wasn't designed to accommodate computers. We have a need for quiet areas nd as our find that we have limited space for books.

Evans did say that if there was no way to construct a facility on the preferred 15 acres located along Tall Road behind the Novi High School, that they would settle for a site directly behind the old library. Evans also said that a survey of 52 percent of Novi voters would support library expansion.

"Our preference is to put this to the voters in the August election," Burnett said, noting that if an August ballot proposal was not possible that they would look for n alternative. "We want to keep the momentum going." But Burnett said the Taft Road site is the preferred site by the

library board. "We are more than willing to work with the library board," said Mayor Richard Clark.

Clark said that council would give the board a response at the May 15 city council meeting

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The Waltonwood retirement complex in Novi looks grand.

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if they're not feasting in the community dining room, they can relax equipped kitchens, a private patio in the fireside lounges and parlors or participate in a variety of social activities such as bingo, hula lessons and trips to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Waltonwood will even house the Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant on June 4. Oh, we just love it here," said

Residents may also sign up for a Waltonwood resident Jessie Page meal plan where they can enjoy who lives there with her husband. dishes like Veal Parmesan and Thomas. Shrimp Scampi prepared by Chef-"It's very spacious, we have tons of room, and the price is reason

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Page added that she enjoys the beautiful atmosphere, as well as the staff and fellow residents. The couple began looking for places after their home in Dearorn became too big for them, but Page said they weren't quite ready for assisted living.

"We looked all over, even Arizona, before we decided this was the best place for us," she said. Page said although she's only attended the dining room so far, she's looking forward to visiting the

other recreation rooms and shops in the future. "We're still unpacking our boxes," laughed the mother of three children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Schoendorff said residents like Waltonwood not only because of its appearance, added features, and great location, but also because

they get the chance to meet new people "I think it enhances their lives because they're meeting others

their age and they have the chance to share history together," she said. Waltonwood will be holding a pre-opening event on May 21 and a grand opening on July 19 for the

Staff Writer Stephanic Fordyce may be reached at 349-1700.



Waltonwood Leasing Consultants Cheri Smith, left, and Mary Ann Schoendorff talk in the senior housing center's main lobby last Thursday. Waltonwood has 141 rooms.

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Camp counselors sought by Muscular Dystrophy group

is currently seeking applications from people who would like to volunteer to for the campers and volunteers. It's one spend a week as counselors at the MDA week of the year when youngsters with summer camp in Lexington, MI. Volunteers will act as companions to

campers (ages 6-21) with neuromuscular diseases during the camp sessions to be lored for their limited mobility," says held June 18-24 and again June 25-July John O'Rourke, MDA Regional 1. Counselors must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a child. They will be relaxed atmosphere which allows called upon to push wheelchairs and campers to develop self-confidence and assist with grooming, dressing, and feed- form lifelong friendships." ing, plus help kids participate in the fun activities that come with summer camp, to attend MDA camps this year. With the advances is also available on MDA's Web including swimming, horseback riding, help of one-on-one volunteers, campers

The Muscular Dystrophy Association arts and crafts, and canoeing "Camp is the highlight of the summer ation and nature activities. muscle-wasting disorders are

able to fully participate in a wide range of group outdoor activities that are tai-Director. "MDA summer camp has a

affecting more than a million Americans. The Association receives no governmental grants, nor does it seek fees from the families it serves. For more information or to volunteer call the local MDA office in Canton at:

(734) 416-7076 or MDA national headquarters at 800-572-1717. Information More than 4,000 campers are expected about MDA programs and research site at www.mdausa.org.

MDA is a national voluntary health

agency dedicated to finding treatments

and cures for neuromuscular diseases

Gymboree fashion show scheduled for May 11

which offers free child care, is open to the public. Toddlers to ferred, but walk-ins are accepted.

A children's fashion show featuring the fashions of Gymboree Chicago will discuss "Setting Priorities At The Speed Of Life." will be sponsored by the Farmington Hills Christian Women's The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and for the price of Club on May 11 at the Maples Country Club in Novi. The event, \$10.50 includes the show and breakfast. Reservations are preschool-aged kids will be showing off styles for sports, fun and The Maples Country Club is located at 31260 Wakefield summer. Daniyel Martin will be using her powerful voice to Drive, off of Fourteen Mile Road, just west of M-5. For reserva-



Sticky tongue

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Dan Briere of Wildlife Programs visited the Novi Public Library and some Spring-Break youngsters last Thursday. He brought with him an Albino python, Iguana, prairie dog, tarantula and a green turtle. Here, Briere shows a bluetongued skink from Australia. By pressing on the skinks nose. It shows off its blue tongue.

Pholo by JOHN HEIDEF



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South Lake Drive residents ask for cul-de-sac pone the South Lake Drive resur-facing and bike path project con-

RANDAL YAKEY

occurrence on Novi or Haggerty hood. roads. They shouldn't be on south-Lake Drive, a residential road orig- he gives out more citations on East inally designed to hold traffic to Lake and South Lake drives than and from lakeside cottages.

But that has been the case now Residents brought their wish list make Lakeshore Park more acces. South Lake Drive was never meant Council on Monday that included a with the cul-de-sac idea, but were proposal for closing or to cul-de- in agreement that something needsac South Lake Drive along Walled - ed to be done. ake in the north end of the city. "This has been going on for that is exactly what they got. South take Drive resident John years, said Bernstadt Street resi- One local resident. Jim B Lake in the north end of the city.

Pisha gave a presentation to the dent Diane Stopinski.

council on alternatives to stopping or, at least, slowing down traffle Traffic jams are a common cutting through their neighbor-"Police Chief Shaeffer said that thoroughfare."

on any other drive in the city." Pisha said. residents along the route are upset. de-sac South Lake Drive would there. There needs to be a study.

for improvements to the Novi City sible. Some residents disagreed to be a thoroughfare."

One local resident, Jim Korte,

"South Lake Drive was never meant to be a

Pisha also asked that the city

installation for the blke path and

Diane Stopinski, Bernsladl Street resident

"Somebody is going to die out de-sac project if it is okayed. "Cul-de-sac by the park area? eastbound and Old Novi Road onto Who will pay for that?" Korte westbound South Lake Road. asked.

During Pisha's presentation, he Arroyo had two recommendations postpone the repaying project and talked about about speeding auto- outlined for the city. First, to develmobiles, garbage trucks and emer- op preliminary drawings and recgency vehicles going to and from an onimend a proposed road closure adult care facility along South solution for South Lake Drive. Sec- have a waterfront walkway." wondered who will finance the cul- Lake. ond, was to direct the city to post-

"Are you going to ask emergency vehicles to do the speed limit?" asked Korte. "To close the road is a struction. Redesign will resume pipe dream. To stop the cut after all safety and traffic issues

dents was to put no left turn signs

on West Road to South Lake Drive

City Planning Consultant Rod

through traffic is a reality." A temporary solution that seemed to get universal approval from both the council and resi-

are resolved. Arroyo also said that he was "sure" that there would be an impact on the amount of traffic

trough the area with the new Beck Road interchange and with adjusting traffic signals. City Manager Richard Helwig said that the city should look into

making the road a pedestrian road/walkway "We should look at its as a park roadway," Helwig said. "You would

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Jeff Kocab is helped by Orchard Hills student Dawn Barbera in demonstrating the difference between a high and a low center of gravity. As he pounds against a blocking pad, Dawn sees that a lower center of gravity helps her to keep her balance. Kocab visited for a Sports & Science Assembly.

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Sometimes fun can be a science

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Everyone enjoys sports, from the ling healthy. score of a winning point to the roar of the crowd, but there's a unusual active is important, so is nutrition said the funnicst part about the volunteers had to do a number of side to sports that many do not and the food we eat. " he said. know about - science.

Dynamic School Assemblies out of what we call 'carbohydrates' like ki. Clawson, Michigan teamed-up to meat and potatoes as well as other deliver the students a fun and foods that helps them gain the interesting way into the world of energy our bodies need." science With Dynamic's energetic speaker Jeff Kocab and upbeat music, Nick Bowman said they thought he said. students gathered in the gym to the assembly was really interestlearn a slam-dunk full of scientific ing. knowledge and how it relates to sports and other physical activi-

"It was cool," said fourth grader Andy Harrington. "I've never thought of sports from a scientific point of view before. I really learned a lot."

From what keeps a frisbee in the air to what causes a football to wobble, the Sports & Science Assembly taught students first hand Sir Isaac Newton's three laws of motion: inertia, gravity and action-reaction.

law of gravity by having a volunteer push him as fast as she could on his roller blades before she let go and sent him crashing into a wall The kids loved it. "See, because the harder you

its going to go," he said. Kocab even displayed the concept of velocity, the speed of an object, by having a volunteer throw a baseball while one of the teachers held a radar gun to measure its speed. Not bad for this student, who clocked in at 28 miles an hour. "That was excellent," said Kocab.

"But did you know major league pitchers can throw them between 90 and 100 miles an hour? Now that's fast.

Kocab also told the students the

"Now while exercise and being "You'll never see an athlete eat-Orchard Hills Elementary and ing junk food. They eat a lot of

> Fourth graders Matt Ericson, Tommy Direks, Zach Erickson and

"I liked it." said Erickson.

and science at the same time. Rvan Meier and David Kemski program was when Kocab slammed

into the wall. "That was hilarious." said Kems-Kocab. 21. who's been working

with Dynamic for three years, said he travels to five states a year doing 22 shows a week.

"I work a lot, but I really enjoy i "The kids are great."

Michelle Siden, Alexandra Kenney, and Laura Reyes said their may be reached at 349-1700.

"Yeah," added Bowman, "It was favorite part of the assembly was importance of keeping fit and eat- pretty cool learning about sports when Kocab let two students participate in an agility competition. In a race against the clock, the

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jumping jacks and push ups and then finish by shooting a ball into a basket as the rest of their classmates cheered them on. The students agreed that the

sports and science assembly was both amusing and educational. "It was fun," said Reyes. "It was really entertaining, but at the same time we learned a lot of

neat stuff." Staff Writer Stephanie Fordyce

Nou Crazy Kocab demonstrated the Why settle for push or pull something, the faster anything less than "just your style?" JUST LOOK AT THE CHOICES Nine Different Arm Styles • Four Sofa Lengths Three Matching Chairs Skirred, or Three Leg Styles Two Wood-Trim Bases Plush or Supportive Seating Comfort Pillow or Pullover Back Styles Sectional or Sofabed Available New Children's Book by WDIV Anchor, Devin Scillian • Over 1,000 distinctive fabrics to perfectly compliment your decor WE HAVE A SOFA CUSTOM SIZED TO FIT YOU! 72" "I dreamed again of Fibblestax, sitting among his books, NOW SAVE 35% Off Peering into the candielight with a calm, thoughtful look." So begins the delightful fable of Fibblestax, and how he came to 6 Months be the one who gives names to things. He has to battle the tricky, red-faced Carr, a man who "gives terrible names to wonderful Same as Cash things." The mayor of their town gives them five things to name, and the final one, "that very strange feeling, a dreamy kind of cheer, the feeling that makes you feel so good when a special [2] friend is nearly stumps Carn But fifthesias knows that feeling. Walker/Buzenberg fine furniture 240 North Main Street • PLYMOUTH • 734-459-1300 Mon., Thurs., Fri. 10-9 • Tues., Wed., Sat. 10-6 • Sun. 1-5 Sleeping Bear Press HIGK Linen Related Spring **Great Spring SWEATERS SEPARATES** DRESSES Buy 1 Get I* Ticketed Pric Now-Blazers \$27.99 Pants \$20.99 EXTRA SAVINGS COUPON FOR YOU! **1%** Off Any Single Item DRESS BARN Misses and Woman Sizes 4-24 % off items, previous purchases & layaways, gift certificates or catalog For a store near you visit www.dressbarn.com or call 800-639-6064

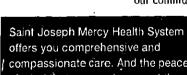


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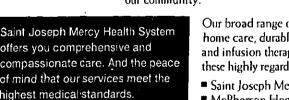
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"at least have a policy" in place. by 50 percent, run anywhere from roads. one to 12 years, although the city

motive center in Novi.

Management Robert Burnham said The new \$18 million dollar expo- the company would ask for an reached at 349-1700.

ate a quarter of a billion dollars in made by the council.

Textron Automotive, under the umbrella of Textron Corp. which tex, a leading supplier of instru-

ment panels and plastic fuel tanks. Staff Writer Randal Yakey may be

LIBRARY HOURS The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9

Library Briefs

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Community members are welcome. KIDS ONLINE

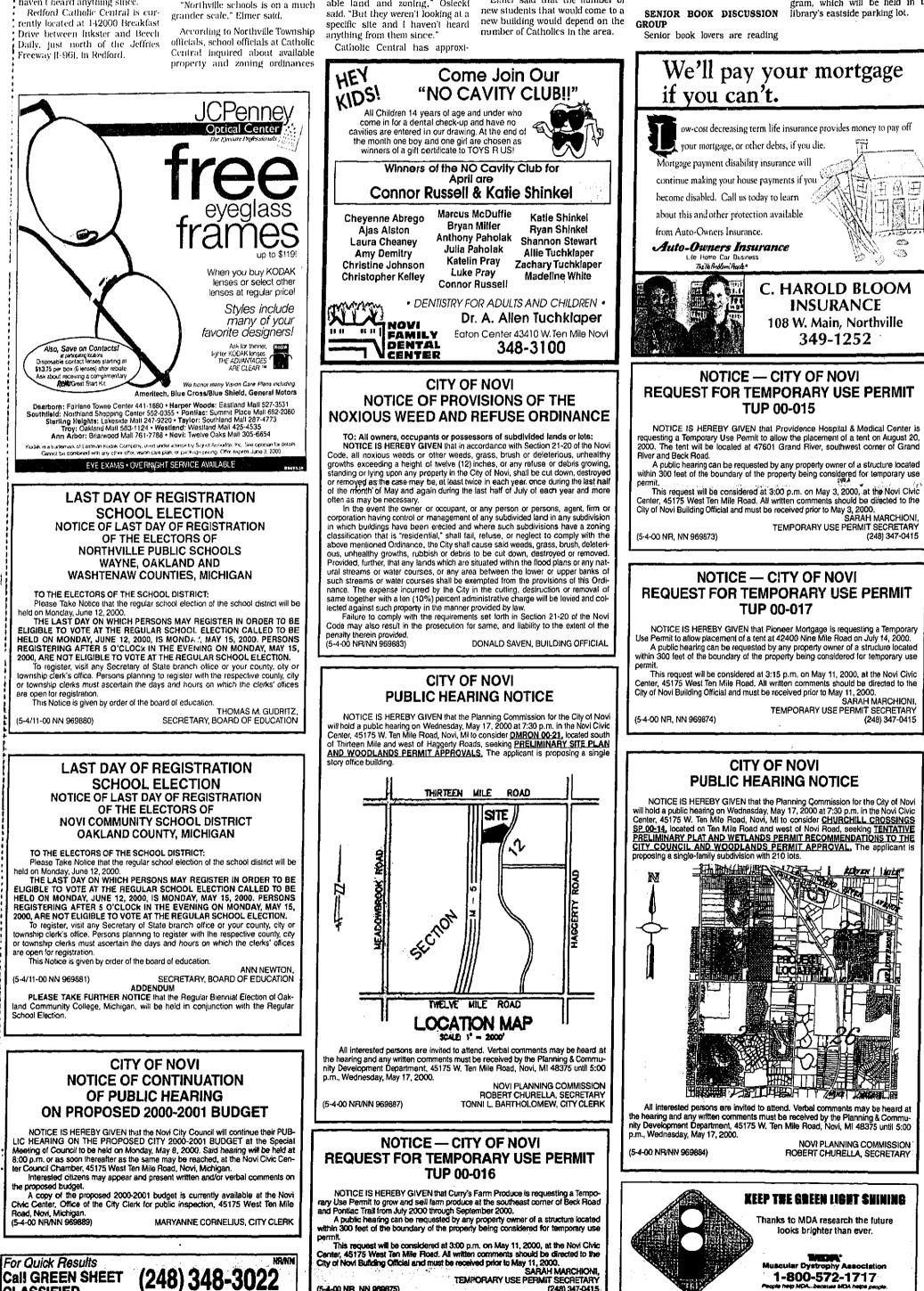
This child-oriented introduction to the Internet focuses on kids' search engines, the importance of online safety, and sites that kids love. The class, which includes hands-on practice, meets May 10 at 4 p.m. For children ages 8-12; day, May 13. Participants will learn parents welcome. Please register in about bike safety and practice on advance for all Internet classes by an obstacle course. No registration calling the library.

"While I Was Gone" by Sue Miller. The senior group meets Thursday. May 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

ONLINE CATALOG PROGRAM Still mystified by our online catalog? Our new hands-on class will cover effective search techniques. keyword searching and limiting searches by type of material or location. The class, which is for all ages, meets Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. Please register in advance by calling the library at 349-0720.

BIKE SAFETY RODEO

Weather permitting, the Novi Public Library and State Farm Insurance will hold a Bike Rodeo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturis necessary for this drop-in program, which will be held in the



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abatements, according to Novi's community," Bowman said. Economic Development Coordina-Novi could be site of new school

tor Greg Capote.

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he proposed budget.

Road, Novi, Michigan. (5-4-00 NR/NN 969889)

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Novi Director of Planning Jim seek information from city hall. "They did make some inquiries of school, but it would be a new facilproperty in the area," Wahl said. "I ity. haven't heard anything since. Redford Catholic Central is cur

rently located at 142000 Breakfast Drive between Inkster and Beech Daily, just north of the Jeffries Freeway [1-96], In Redford.

Father Elmer said that the possi- within the township months ago. ble new school building wouldn't Wahl said that Catholic Central did necessarily be a big as the new Planning Maureen Osiecki said she Northville school district high was contacted approximately 18 "Northville schools is on a much

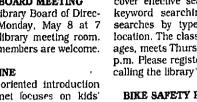
Northville Township Director of enrolled at the school. months ago by school officials. "They had questions about avail-

able land and zontrig," Osteckt

mately 1.040 students currently "We have students from the Milford and Brighton area," Elmer said. "And I'm sure they would enjoy a closer drive."

Elmer said that the number of

p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road. Call 349-0720.



Novi Expo President Blair Bow- revenue annually for the city and Clark has said previously that he man said that he would look into surrounding area. thought it would be a good idea to utilizing the tax abatement policy if The discussion over the tax has revenues of \$11.6 billion, is a It were available for his new exposi- abatement policy got a new twist part of the same company that The city will be looking into how tion center project, which is two weeks ago when Textron Auto- owns firms such as Bell Helicopter.

long any abatement would last, expected to be constructed along motive CEO Sam Licavoli unvelled Cessna Aircraft Company and Tex-Some abatements, which cut taxes Grand River between Taft and Beck a \$50 million plan for a new auto- tron Fastening Systems and Kau-"A tax abatement would allow us is only looking to grant six-year to do a lot positive things for the Vice President of Technology

sition center is expected to gener- abatement based on the decision

Navy veteran aims for a shipshape city hall

Continued from 1 comes to city management, city council needs to hold me account-

able and I, in turn, will pinpoint accountability throughout the organization." Helwig said that he wants feedback from all aspects of the con-

munity and especially the residents of Navi "I think I'm an inclusive person," said Helwig. "I value input. That

runs deep in my career. We will look for input from the community. I talked with Mayor Clark vesterday and he agreed that I should been having meetings on specific make myself available and hear issues with the mayor, including Cily Manager Craig Klaver has had service there as Dublin's assistant ever on in my life. Between us, we what the priorities of the council the topic of road maintenance.

and the citizens are."

In a big city like Detroit, the most significant player in city hall is the mayor. In Novi, the city manager is the funnel that brings major issues to the council and mayor. In most cases, the city manager is the most visible person at city hall. But Helwig is well versed in the city manager form of government.

"Davion was the sixth city (in the country) to adopt a city manager and I had the benefit of being in the system." said Helwig. Helwig said that he has already

"We'll just have to wait and see.

year. We still don't have anything."

Members of both negotiating

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need to find out what the priorities are and address them."

Helwig did say that the city would be looking into a road bond proposal in the fall to help alleviate the road problems in the city. He also said that the city should look into hiring a key new position.

"We need a full-time human resources director," said Helwig. "It can't all be done in the assistant city manager's office." According to Helwig, Assistant Ohio to finish up his thirty years of

to juggle a number of issues, city manager.

"Mayor Clark and I have been including the collective bargaining "My former wife left me after 29 25 years." talking about the annual street with the Department of Public years of marriage," Helwig said. "I Helwig also said that he is aware maintenance." Helwig said, "We Works, Helwig said he hopes to felt i needed to regroup. have a human resources director on board at least before the beginning of the new fiscal year July 1.

Helwig has been assistant city manager of Dublin, Ohio, since 1997. He was the city manager of Dayton, Ohio, from November 1984 through January of 1994, when he moved to Elgin, Illinois to take over the city manager's job there. But while in Elgin, his long-time marriage dissolved and he returned to where (Leslie) lives." Helwig said.

"I needed three more years to finish up my 30 years of public ser- the Department of Public Works vice in Obio. They (Elgin) wanted me to come back. The mayor of Elgin was a reference for this job." Helwig's new wife, who has been living in Birmingham, was confronting a similar situation and the time was right for the two to meet. "My college roommate at Bowling Green lives three blocks from "That was the first blind date I was

of the current harassment charges levied against some employees in

building. "The set of values I aspire to live includes treating people with dignity and respect," Helwig said. "There have been situations and a track record. We will root out those in the organization who don't adhere to dignity as is the standard. "We will set an example."

Staff Writer Randal Yakey may be have five children between 18 and reached at 349-1700.

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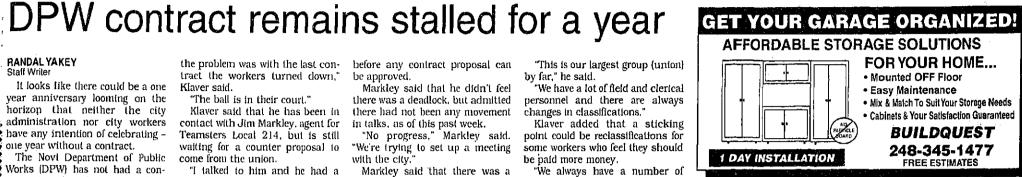
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tract since last June and indicameeting with the membership," tions are that they will have to wait said Klaver. a bit longer before talks with the city resume

Klaver said he wasn't sure where the union stood. "I really don't really know what teams must meet in membership largest union within the city,

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conflict with some schedules of some of the mediators. "Some people are going to be We started negotiations in late either out of town or out of the Assistant City Manager Craig February or early March of last country," Markley said. "So we'll just have to walt and see."

"We always have a number of reclassifications," Klaver said.

sonalized for those involved."

"And they tend to be highly per-OANS: Direct lender loosens its require-Staff Writer Randal Yakey may be tents for homeowners who need money now Have you been turned down for a loan? Do ru need more than \$10,000 for any reason re you paying more than 10% interest on





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As We See It

NIMBY is taken to point of absurdity

cringe when the spectre of Not taxpayers. residents.

great empathy for the folks land that can never be built making that outcry because, upon. If Garfield Road resiafter all, their home is their dents want to keep all of Novi greatest investment and their off this property, let them pony concern about property values up that larger sum. makes sense. But lately we've It would be crazy for the city been hearing some rhetoric in to buy the land, even for the \$1 Novi that seems to go beyond price - and the accompanying the pale.

here is not an industrial park, ers. If that happens, won't resa recycling facility, a shopping idents of every other neighborcenter or even a day care cen- hood have the right to demand ter, all past focuses of NIMBY that the city purchase vacant groups in Novi.

do not want a passive nature And where is it written that park on the 106 acre wetlands the proximity of a quiet nature mitigation site, built by the park will damage property val-Michigan Department of ues of surrounding homes? Transportation to compensate The other current case of Novi for wetlands lost to the NIMBY in Novi is almost Haggerty Connector. They'd bizarre. The city, which has like to see it left totally been hit by the destructive untouched, a private preserve. force of two tornados in the Residents on Nine Mile Road past 12 years, decided to see if don't want a tornado siren any gaps existed in tornado crected near their homes.

to miligate the wetlands lost to siren on the yard of Thornton the Haggerty Connector many Creek Elementary School on miles away in state parkland in Nine Mile Road, west of Taft St. Johns. The Novi City Coun- Road. The Northville School cil rightly protested this move District nixed that proposal. by the transportation depart- saying the siren would disrupt, ment, insisting that wetlands student activities and be a lost in Novi be replaced in Novi. drain on power. Right from the beginning. Excuse us? Siren practice MDOT and the city discussed drills are on Saturdays. So if a Novi taking over ownership of siren goes off during the school the land for \$1, to be used as a day, for an actual alert, that park.

of these small "vest pocket" remember? parks, as well as the Commu- The city then proposed nity Sports Park and North installing the siren on a city-Novi Park. The city of Wixom owned right-of-way along Nine has such a protected wetlands Mile Road. Residents in the habitat area, with boardwalks area didn't like that idea, for observers who wish to enjoy which seems amazing. Unless the land in a quiet manner. we missed the concept, the

compensate for land lost to the warn people of the danger of a Haggerty Connector. Residents tornado. The sirens are relawho live on Summit Drive and tively unobtrusive structures, or who lived along Twelve Mile certainly nothing along the line Road were either forced out to of the cell phone towers make way for M-5 or lost part sprouting up all over the horiof of their yards to the road zon. Now, NIMBY is going to projeci. Now.

Garfield Road would like to the Novi City Council needs to keep the rest of the citizens of stand tough and consider the Novi - including those who lost community as a whole. Pleasthe natural areas around their ing all of the people in these homes - out of the wetlands cases would simply be the miligation area that was built wrong thing to do.

Government leaders typically at the expense of all Michigan In My Backyard, or as we all The state tried to back out of know it, NIMBY, is raised by the \$1 asking price it originally offered the city for the land.

Most of the time, we have saying it is worth \$270,000 as

liability - as a private amenity What we're talking about for a small group of homeownland to create private habitats Residents on Garfield Road for their communities as well?

siren coverage. First, the city of Originally, MDOT proposed Novi proposed placing a needed

assive, not highly developed, would disrupt student activities? We certainly hope so. The city already has a series that's what they're there for,

Remember that this site is to purpose of a tornado siren is to take precedence over the pubhomeowners on lic safety? On these two issues.



ings about this. Not because of the man she's marrying. He's one of the finest people I've ever met. It is not even the fact my sister picked a bridesmaid dress that cost as much as a small country and on my best day could never find an occasion to wear it again. No, none of these things are the

source of my trepidation. Instead, it is because my sister has made me Maid of Honor. Jiminy Christmas, what's she try-

ing to do, kill me? This duty bestowed on so few is a lot of pressure. Not so much for the parties I'm supposed to arrange or the shoes I'm supposed to keep track of, but for the granddaddy of all maid of honor duties; the Toast. The gushy tribute over a thimble-sized glass of cham-

pagne summing up how I feel about the nuptials, how they feel about each other, how the nuptials feels about me and my feelings for them, and what other people think about how they feel about each other and me. A toast complete with charts graphs and other visual aids I have to finish all before their chicken dinners get cold.

Adding to this torture is the fact I'm a writer. These people are expecting something good. Some creativity, some profound something, explaining the meaning of life and the importance of marriage. Let me tell you, I got nothing.

Surprise, I don't know the meaning of life. And if I did. I don't think I could sum it up before their 50th anniversary, let alone, before people started throwing things. As far as marriage, you got me.

But knowing this is one of my honorable duties, I sat down and tried to think of something. That is, of course, here.) after I cleaned my room, alphabetized my sock drawer and re-grouted the bathroom

Finally, I sat down to write. Ten minutes later, I still had nothing but I did discover three new lines in the ceiling. mplenda@ht.homecomm.net

Sister of bride has the jitters After 20 grueling minutes, I gave up and went to sleep hop-So my sister Stacey, a Northville ing it would just come to me. resident, is getting married in May Still nothing. and I have to say I have mixed feel-I don't know, maybe it's as simple as an anecdote. Some

pithy memory I have of Stacey, like the time she locked her keys in the car with it still running or the time we were making a cake and I thought it'd be a good idea to stick a wooden spoon in the beaters while they were still going. But that won't work either because that still doesn't wrap their feelings into a neat little package like these stinkin toasts are supposed to do.

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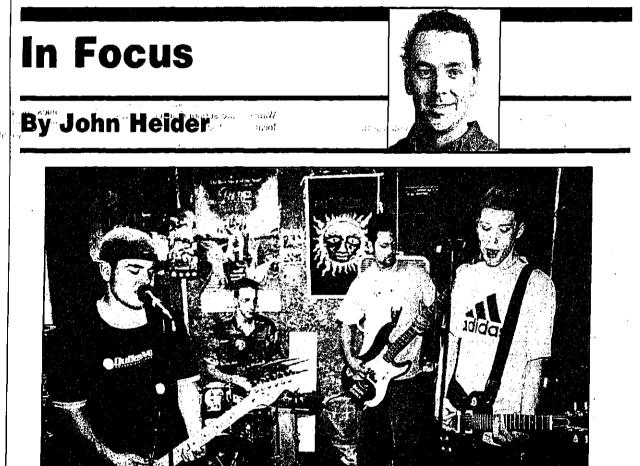
So I guess what I'm saying is I need your help. I think I came up with something but I want to try it out on you first. You can e-mail me with some pointers and tell me what you think. Now this probably should be a surprise, so if you know my sister, don't tell her. I know what your thinking,"won't she read it in the paper if she lives in Northville." Don't worry, my sister refuses to read the paper because as she says, "Why do I gotta read the stinkin' paper when you can just tell me what's in it." So don't let her finding out concern you. It will be our

secret. Okay here goes:

One of the first times I ever hung out with Gary (her fiance) and Stacey was at a concert. Stacey stepped away for a minute and Gary pulled me aside and told me he loved Stacey and would take care of her as if to say I shouldn't worry. He has never faltered in this. And the best thing he has done for her is make her happy. That seems so simple but he gave Stacey her smile back and has made our family's lives better just for knowing him. Stacey sparkles when she's with him. It was as if the thing that was missing finally came into her life and just fit. Some people are never lucky enough or give up trying before they find that. They float around just missing each other or connecting but not matching. But these two just match. And I wish them the peace that comes with finding your missing piece. To Stacey and Gary, (Insert clinking glasses

Let me know what you think

Staff Melanie Plenda can be reached at



Basement band

Learn a new skill this summer

9Miles2Go, all Novi High juniors, rehearse, From left are Bryan Beeler, Will Morris, Chris Kaulfman and Steve Alberty.

Novi News Quote of the Week



Mayor Richard Clark, referring to empty council chambers late Monday.

Letters to the Editor

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-orient ed, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity mus explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an atlempt to be fair to all concerned Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

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soon be out, why not take advan- underage user. tage of free cable access classes?

equipment How do you get started? In order to attend any work- ily Fest and the Farmington Memorial Day Parade. shop, all interested access users must complete an orientation. The orientation outlines the policies and proce-Upon completing the orientation, you can register for other workshops.

Kathryn

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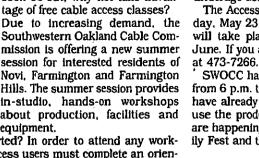
Are there any restrictions to register for the workshops? 6 p.m. at Fusion in Farmington Hills. Access users must be 18 years of age and a resident of The next Access Forum is June 7 at 7 p.m. at SWOCC.

With summer quickly approaching, either Farmington, Farmington Hills or Novi. Those under it's the perfect time to take vaca- the age of 18 may use certain access services, but a partion video. And since school will ent or legal guardian must accept full responsibility for the

The Access Orientation Workshop will be held on Tues-Due to increasing demand, the day, May 23 at 7 p.m. at SWOCC. The other workshops Southwestern Oakland Cable Com- will take place on Tuesdays throughout the month of mission is offering a new summer June. If you are interested in registering, contact SWOCC SWOCC has also scheduled a van workshop on May 10

Hills. The summer session provides from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Time Warner Cable for those who in-studio, hands-on workshops have already taken the access orientation. Learn how to about production, facilities and use the production van to shoot events right where they are happening. You'll see the van at the Farmington Fam-

Kathryn Bandemer is the community relations specialist dures of cable access and highlights what it has to offer. for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. She can be reached at 473-7266, extension 14. The next Cable Access Committee meeting is on May 9 at



Investing in minds is best pay-off



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the event, I like university commencements best of all. I never fail to be moved at the sight of a But each would have received while at of the newly minted graduate turns incan- university experience is perfectly enordescent and nobody minds when the fami- mous. ly's whoops of joy punctuate the decorum The dry data in the Digest of Education of the ceremony.

can make

sucker for cere-

There were a lot of grins throughout hard cash. Clinton spoke on Sunday to a packed for male high school graduates rise to can conceivably make. house at Eastern Michigan's commence-\$31,215. But the average BA graduate ment exercises in Ypsilanti.

So when I was invited to say a few words at the commencement of the College of Nat- remarkable as the years of investment in ural Resources and the Environment at U- human capital increase. At the master's M. I was happy to put on my academic robe level, average earnings jump to \$61,051, and proceed down the aisle to the tune of while those who go on to a professional Jeremiah Clarke's fine air for trumpet. Sitting on the stage and listening to the I'm not certain measuring human worth ppower@homecomm.net.

or so turns them into educated men and admit it. I'm a women.

monies like wed- kids sitting before me, only partly solemn sider the trade off between appropriating dings and gradua- in their black robes, some with flowers money to educate young people at Michitions. I suppose it's stuck to their academic hats. Some would gan universities and warehousing crimimostly because the become landscape architects, while others nais in prisons. ritual makes con- would challenge the captains of industry as crete and intensi- leaders of the environmental movement. fies the emotion of Some might not even have a career in natural resources; they might go off to law school or become teachers.

Statistics sum up the value added in cold,

earned \$48,616.

degree earn an average of \$85,011.

awards being handed out and the speeches in dollars and cents is the best ways of

Sugg head: Educa- being given, I found myself reflecting on doing it, but the facts possess a certain tion is best what is really going on at the core of this solidity. Investing in human capital investment state gigantic enterprise that takes adolescent through college education pays off better high school graduates and over four years than any other investment I can think of.

Those in Lansing who preside over the allocation of taxpayer dollars might bear I had no idea what would become of the this fact in mind, especially when they con-

In my experience, universities don't make this point very well when they lobby the legislature at appropriations time. A. Bartlett Giamatti, the former president of Yale, understood the issue when he wrote in his book. A Free and Ordered Place: "Of young person - often the first in the entire the university an enormous injection of all the threats to the institution, the most history of the family - receiving a college what might be called "human capital." And dangerous come from within. Not the least degree and thereby entering "the communi- the value added to each graduate - value among them is the smugness that believes ty of educated men and women." The grin for society, value for the graduate - by the the institution's value is so self-evident that it no longer needs explanation, its mission so manifest that it no longer requires definition and articulation."

It's no loss of dignity for university presidents to point out that their institutions Michigan last weekend. Something like In 1997 (the last year for which statistics add more value than any other. And it's 45,000 graduates and their families piled are available), men with less than a 9th hardly crass to point out that a dollar spent into Michigan Stadium for the University of grade education earn on the average in developing young minds pays off better Michigan's ceremonies, while President \$19,291 per year. Average annual earnings than any other investment that the state

> Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown The earnings gains are even more Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper and served as a Reaent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1998. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880. or by e-mail at

Commercial projects why bond issue failed o see our children recognized like

I would like to response to Anthony Nowicki's statement blaming the deteriorating roads on the 1999 Road Bond failure. More than likely the bond would

not have failed if it had been targeted for repairing Novi roads. It was defeated because it was targeted for roads that would benefit more commercial developments. We want road projects that benefit the taxpayers. Please put the

blame where it belongs. When the taxpayers come first in Novi, we might support bonds.

Carol J. Crawford

DOWNG DESERVES SUPPORT

To the Editor: Very seldom do I write to praise or condemn an article in a paper. But after reading your (reporter

Letters

Randal Yakey's) opinion April 27, MORE HICKORY WOODS NEWS 2000. I must say you have said if all just right and I have to say it's about time. Most all the new young and old but it is time to renew my subfolks who move to our fine city just scription and I am hesitant. I am do not realize what Northville concerned about the lack of cover-Downs has mean to our communi-

You explained some of it and 1 enjoyed the way you wrote it. I hope to read more positive ink about enjoying and supporting Northville Downs and horse racing in our city. Thank you again.

To the Editor: We have enjoyed the Novi News,

age Hickory Woods Elementary . We are located in Novi, on Novi Road and Thirteen Mile. All the students live between Twelve Mile and Fourteen Mile, we all live in Novi and pay Novi taxes. Yes, Hickory Woods is in the Walled Lake school district, but, its location and students are all Novi residents. Walled Lake papers don't Bill St. Lawrence cover the events at Hickory Woods

because it is in Novi. Please send my wishes on to whoever it is in charge of local school happenings. We would like

every other school in Novi. Hickory Woods is a relatively new school (approximately three years old), we have a terrific principal (Audrey Longl, teachers, children and always some interesting event taking place. We would like to be

included in your newspaper. We hear plenty about crime that takes place at the Chateau Estates trailer park (located at Thirteen Mile) and the crime that takes

place on South Lake Drive. Let's hear about the positive things that take place in our schools. Hickory Woods is building an Outdoor Nature Center, has an arts/music program, plays, etc. More families of Hickory Woods students would subscribe to your newspaper, since we all live in Novi between Twelve Mile and Fourteen Mile. Our address is Novi, Michigan. Please do what you can to include us in your school coverage.

Brenda Kroswek

Local leadership bid needs local support

Mike Malott

per year and the amount is rising. counties in the entire nation and often house.

people who live here. much better at forming and holding to to gain support for her bid as speaker.

coalitions, we're told. ers don't argue hard enough for the coun- announced his intention to run for reelec- tions of state and regional events. He can be ty's fair share, others suggest.

You, dear reader, islative leadership was going to consider may recall all the boopla from last upcoming round of budget negotiations. No year about Oakland promises, they said, but they were willing he'll be seeking to gain the support of other County's status as a to discuss it.

State of Michigan. The problem is that we have to make our Of course, they are not alone. Rep. Patri-It seems that for case to someone else. The real point is that cia Birkhoiz, R-Saugatuck, and Rep. Mark every dollar Oak- Oakland County ought to have its own peo- Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, are also likely to land County sends ple in the top leadership. Oh yes, we have vie for the position, despite the fact that so off to Lansing, it a few lawmakers in leadership jobs, but far, only Godchaux has announced. gets back in ser- Oakland representation is light.

Oakland resident haven't held in very long time.

sends off to the rest of the state, through The last time the speaker of the House our state tax dollars, something like \$715 was from Oakland County was 1867. No, often able to decide which versions of bills. not 1967, it was 1867 - two years after the when several have been introduced. will You may also remember some of the Civil War. That's pretty bad considering see action. At the center of the caucus sysexplanation for this. While no one expects Oakland County is Michigan's fastest growthat Oakland County, one of the wealthiest ing county, the state's economic power for the causes he wants. He is able to put a

gan, won't be a donor to some degree, it is County's delegation are in a position to islative ideas (which other members of his the amount of the donation that riles most make a run for the speaker's chair. State party pick up) serving as the sponsor, and Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, And it happens because, we're told, state has already announced her intention to Senators and Representatives don't work seek the post. She's formed a leadership es would do well to support their canditogether enough when they go to the lead- fund, a political action committee that dates in the bid for the speakers' seat. The ership asking for appropriations. Detroit gives her the ability to help fellow Republilawmakers and outstate legislators are cans help in their bid for election in order benefits for the lawmakers' home district

Another contender is Rep. Andrew Perhaps it is just that Oakland lawmak- Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. He's just

representatives by helping them out in "tax donor" to the Such explanations miss the real point. their own bids for office.

To understand the importance of the vices only about 74 And the top job, speaker of the House, is cents. All told, every a position Oakland County lawmakers it provides, you only have to look at the

performance of speakers past and present. The speaker is able to set the agenda and tem, the speaker is able to martial support road block in front of those he doesn't. And described as the economic engine of Michi- This year, two members of Oakland he is often in a position of spinning out legguide through the process.

Oakland County residents and businessbenefits that come with that position -- the and county - ought not be overlooked.

Mike Malott reports on the local implica-

tion to his House seat, but there is no reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e

In the final analysis, you may recall, leg- doubt he's interested in the contest for the mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

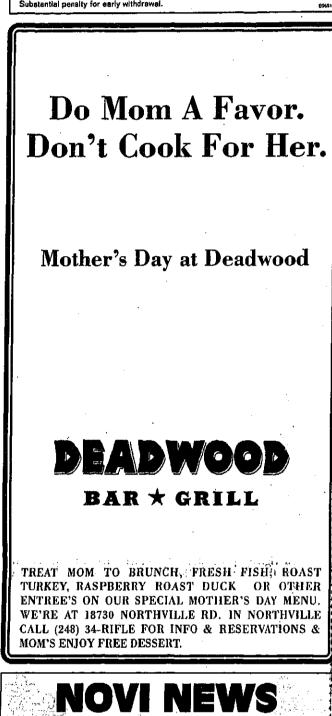
Novi Civic Center to host cancer fund raiser

unique team event that has no fin- nity camaraderie.

found. The 24-hour event will be dous advances, cancer still strikes events will be held in southeast held at Novi High School beginning one out of every three people mak- Michigan, raising nearly \$1 million ry lap made up of cancer survivors. at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 24. Relay For Life is an annual person in every community in some for cancer research, local educa-tion, and community outreach profundraising event that celebrates life and honors those who have been touched by cancer. The event American Cancer Society. "But for is usually held at a civic center and those who are suffering right now and we are looking forward to a tion. typically lasts for 24 hours, with and those who may be diagnosed in successful event this year," Iovan For more information about par-

The American Cancer Society is the event, a celebratory atmo- ties are empowered in the fight and services the American Cancer proud to partner with the Novi sphere hangs around the camping against cancer with events like Society offers throughout southcommunity to host its national sig- team members who enjoy enter- Relay For Life and each individual east Michigan and it lets people nature event, Relay For Life, the tainment, food, games and commu- can make a difference in the lives know that we are here to provide of those around them," she said. In hope, progress and answers in the ish line until a cure for cancer is "Although we have made tremen- 2000, nearly 20 Relay For Life fight against cancer," she said. Kicking off each event is a victo-

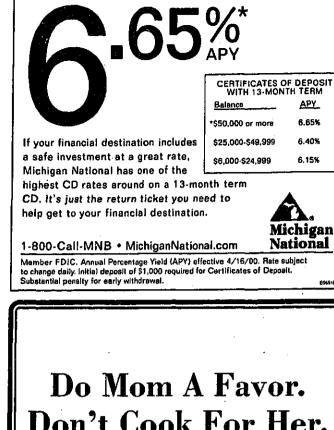
members of the team taking turns the future, there is more hope than said. "Relay For Life provides ticipating in this event, call Barb walking around the track. During ever before. Now, whole communi-





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From left, Judi Darling listens as Gwen Markham discusses the goals of the Million Mom March both of the women will attend. ocal moms head off to march

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country a lot safer."

n't make sense to Colleen O'Brien-Brumley, another Novi mother. "For example why does somepeople who can't buy them legally," ers. she said. While gun legislation does exist, it is seldom regulated,

'O'Brien-Brumley said. "There is legislation already, but we want it enforced " she said. "Women are a strong vote in this and we are going to show them that we want them to get going and that we are very concerned for our children's safety.

According to the Handgun Conin the United States."

"People are naive if they think it's decision for people." school," said Judi Darling, who will will have Rosie O'Donnell as mas- said, "I don't want to see that hapbe traveling to Washington D.C. ter of ceremonies, are available in pen when I get into to high school. with the Novi Methodist Church. Children are going along, to Washington D.C., as well, including marcher Maggie O'Brien-Watt. 12. from Wixom. She agreed that the world is becoming a scary place. for youngsters. "Every time I turn on the televi-

sion and I see all these shootings, it lust makes me sad because it can happen anywhere," she said. Evans said that is because there

are just too many guns available. "If the guns weren't there to use, maybe someone would get punched, but they wouldn't be dead," Evans added. The women, for example, dis-

cussed a recent incident in Canada where a high school boy went on a rampage, stabbing four classmates and a leacher. "And you know what? Nobody

died because he had a knife, not a gun," said Markham. "While that was a terrible tragedy, no one was killed. Hopefully that will give all the people that say 'guns don't kill people, people kill people' some-thing to think about.

Markham went on to say that teenagers by nature sometimes get frustrated and angry and by giving them access to a weapon is in a sense giving them a license to kill. "All teenagers get upset at some point in their lives and they do crazy things. If you give them something that will kill somebody or themselves, things happen that can't be taken back," she said. That's why we want to keep guns out of the hands of kids who shouldn't have them because they'll often do things they regret." Evans said that television and video games aren't helping the

problem either. "And the younger ones watching

Band to play this weekend The Novi Concert Band will pre

Sent its annual spring concert on Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The concert will feature a variety of music from light classics to Broadway. And this entertaining

evening is free to the public.

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a month. If we could do that, it games where they shoot someone ing Livonia and Bloomfield Hills O'Brien, both 10, and Tyler Bulwould go a long way in making our and they come back to life. It gives and at Twelve Oaks Mall. See chart lock. 9. said they also wanted to The way things work today does- really understand it," she said. O'Brien-Brumley said that if gun For those who can not make it to

once? Well, so they can sell them to intentionally on themselves or oth- the same day at 2 p.m.

said responsible.

and mothers.

doing this, they immediately are and Democratic Conventions, trol Center of Preventing Gun Vio- very interested and positive about zero children in Japan. 19 in Great how serious people are about the ing rally. Britain, 57 in Germany, 109 in march because to say 'yes, I'll give France, 153 in Canada, and 5,285 up Mother's Day and go to Wash- my mom is doing it and I think it's ington D.C.' has not been a difficult an important thing to do because

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all these videos and playing video many neighborhood cities, includthem the wrong idea and they don't the for pick-up times and other support the cause "People shoot details.

owners stored their firearms prop- the Washington D.C. Million Mom about the event or register, you can erly, children wouldn't find them March, a local rally will be held at log on to their website at www.milbody have to buy 300 handguns at and use them unintentionally or the Lansing State Capitol Building lionmommarch.com

Lansing participants are asked with the The Michigan Partnership "People think we are trying to to bring along a pair of new or to Prevent Gun Violence at (517) take guns away, but we're not," she decent-quality shoes to place on 332-4299 or e-mail to: lansCapithe Capitol steps in representation talMMM@aol.com. "We just want owners to be of the 1.092 individuals, such as 6year old Kayla Rolland, who lost at the march as possible," said Markham said she has received their lives last year in Michigan to O'Brien-Brumley, "And if they can't nothing but positive responses gun violence. The shoes will later go to Washington D.C., go to Lansfrom fellow community members be sent on to be a part of the Silent ing. We need to educate our chil-March 2000 rallies against gun vio- dren and our country about the life "When you tell people you're lence at the National Republican threatening dangers of guns.

Twelve-vear-old Katy O'Brien can't go on. lence, "in one year, firearms killed it," she said. "And it shows just said she will be attending the Lans-"I wanted to get involved because

gun control is very important, not going to happen in their Bus trips for the march, which especially-after Columbine," she

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Multiplicity Twins abound in local neighborhood Continued from 1 happiness. The only fear we had

was of possibly losing the pregnan-"I was very scared because many of my friends were overwhelmed with one new baby and how would

we do it with two," recalls Cheryl Jewell. Logistics is the biggest hurdle, the moms agreed. Fitting kids, car seats, strollers and diaper bags into a large enough vehicle and actually going somewhere during the first years is a feat. "We never went anywhere," said

many of the moms. "The early years are tougher At left: Sean and Sherrick, 12, are fraternal twins born to Raybon and Jennie White. The boys have a 10-year-old brother, Cortlan. Below: Garrett and Brett Jewell, 7, are also fraternal. Their parents are Jerry and Chervi.

explained Jennie White. "It becomes easier as they get older. have a 6-year-old sister. with.

do," explained Andrea Valade, the hard to break into," she said. mother of triplets. "You don't have a choice. You just do it." Also difficult is trying to make everything, though, the parents each child feel like an individual.

children are going through every- said Diane Sutika. "They already thing together, you have to find each child's limelight so they can amazing every day to watch them still be individuals," said Figurski. interact, They get along great and Mitzel is the mother of twin 15-The other hurdle is making sib- they constantly have so much fun month-old boys.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO MULTIPLES

O "It's great to always have someone to play with and talk and we can blame each other and no one knows the difference," said 11-year-old identical twins Ryan and Stefan Figurski.

O Identical twins Kelsey and Molly Sutika, 7, enjoy being able to trick people as to who is who and say "When you're lonely you always have someone to play with."

• "I love (being a twin) because we were born on the same day, which is special," said 7-year-old fraternal twin Megan McEachran. "I love it because she is special," said sister Caitlin

"What I hate is that we get into fights. We have to share friends," added Megan. Said Caitlin: "There's nothing I hate about being a twin."

© Taylor and Alexa Boron agree the worst part about being a twin is when one gets left out. Still, there's lots of fun in trying to trick Mom and Dad, sharing a bedroom and always having a friend.

O Danielle Valade, 6, loves being a triplet "because you always have someone to play with." Brother Christopher added: "It's difficult being a triplet when it's two against one." "It's hard when they leave me out," explained Andrew.

O Stephanie and Megan Wainwright, 13, say the best part is always having a friend close by. The toughest part is "being treated as one, not two individuals."

The pair babysit for many of the other twins in Walden Woods, Said Stephanie: "it's fun, it's like a you know how to treat them. The hardest part is telling them apart."

She said she and her sister can relate to other twins and understands that just because they're alike, doesn't mean that they each like the same things.

because of the double duty of bot-iles, diapers, potty training etc.," twins, explained Jennifer

so close in age who at times feels

Watching them grow together and become friends is well worth

said "The toughest part is that the "I absolutely love having twins,"

Her twins are mirror image McEachran whose 7-year-old twins twins, sharing the same traits and physical features only in opposite They always have a friend to be "It is hard having a single child . ways. One is left-handed, the other uses her right. Each have the same "You just do what you have to left out, because that twin bond is mark on the opposite ear. As bables, they slept the exact same way only on opposite sides. Being a twin., according to

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Kelsey Sutika and her many multiple friends, is pretty cool. "If I wasn't a twin." she explained. "I'd want one so bad."

Staff Writer Wendy Plerman



Megan and Caitlin, 7, are fraternal sisters born to John and Jennifer McEachran. The girls also have a 6-year-old sister.

Below to left: Megan and Stephanie Wainwright, 15, are the babysitters for the group. Their parents also have a 15-year-old son Dan.

Not pictured are the Laski family, triplets Kristen, Bobby and Bradley, 9, and parents Cheryl and Bob.





Above: Eleven-year-old fraternal twins Stefan and Ryan Figurski have a brother Keaton, who is four. Their parents are Pat and Patrice. (Submitted photo.

Below: Taylor and Alexa Boron, 6, are identical twins born to Brian and Denise. They also have a brother, Blake, who is four. Bottom right: The Valade triplets, Andrew, Danielle and Christopher, are 6-years-old now. Mom and dad are Andrea and Richard.

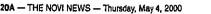




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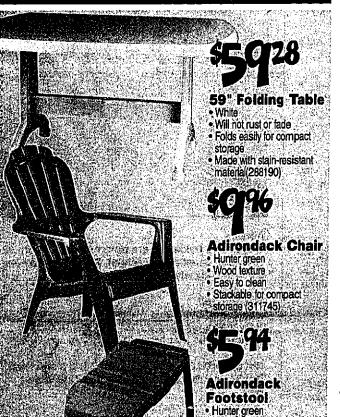




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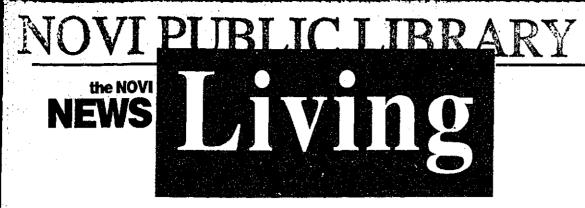
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Tennis anyone?

Morning club jumpstarts their hearts with tennis

Tennis enthusiast Chuck Glinz doesn't play around.

When he noticed that the Sport's Club of Novi didn't have a morning tennis league, he took it upon himself to create one.

"In the morning, from 7 - 9 a.m., this place was empty," said Glinz. "They had all these beautiful courts and no one was using them."

The 67-year-old said he just wanted to get something organized for early birds like himself, who enjoy playing the game.

"I just thought there should be some kind of league for retirees and for people who work the afternoon shift or have something else going on during the day." said Glinz, who has been a tennis player for over 30 years.

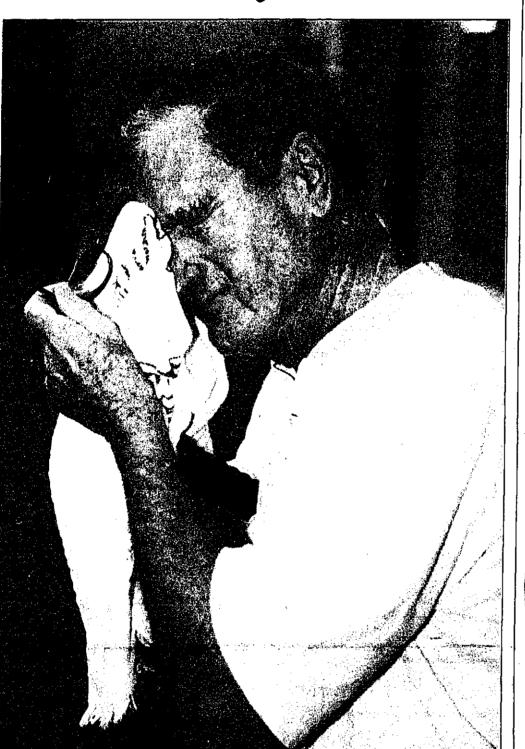
It took a lot of convincing, but, the tennis crusader finally got his wish. "I approached the lennis department in October, November, and December," he said. "And finally in late February, they gave their approval."

Whether it's singles or doubles, everyone will get a chance to play, because one of the best parts of the early tennis league, Glinz said, is that there is always a guaranteed number of equal players.

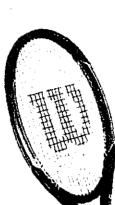
You don't have to concern yourself with geiting people to play," he said. "I promise that there will always be an even number of participants. If seven people come out, I make the eighth. If six players show up, then I sit out. So no matter who comes, they're guaranteed a spot on the court."

Glinz, who holds the title as the Michigan Men's Senior Singles Champion, said he encourages players, both men and women at all levels to come out.

"We pair everyone up so that both







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sides are equally competitive. Its not like we're going to put strong players against weaker ones," he said. "You don't have to worry about a thing, all you have to do is show up."

Novi resident Jim Robinson, who has been playing tennis for 30 years, says he is thrilled with the morning addition.

"It's a great way to get the day started," he said. "Its very inexpensive to play and I appreciate the fact that Chuck is here to make sure we always have an even number of players."

For Sports Club members, the cost is just \$5 for two hours of play and non-members may purchase guest passes for an additional \$10.

Glinz said the club is a great place to play and that the staff is an even greater group of people.

"They've been just terrific," he said. "You couldn't ask for a nicer group of people. They've been very supportive." Even though it was a short season, running from March to April, the league will be back again in September.

"The season was short because it took some time to organize. Come late April, the weather gets nice and people want to be outside." said Glinz.

"But next season, the program will run roughly eight months, from September to April or May, whenever it warms up again."

Connie Loftus, assistant tennis manager at the club, said she was impressed by Glinz's dedication for getting the early league up and running.

"Chuck is a big advocate when it comes to promoting tennis." she said. "He has a lot of experience

with this. He knows a lot of people and he saw that there was a high demand for this sort of thing."

Tim Klinefelter wipes away some sweat from his eyes after a vigorous game of doubles at the

Novi Sports Club. Klinefelter plays tennis after having one of his knees replaced.

Loftus said she thought the morning tennis program was a great idea and said they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Tennis veterans George Wills from Novi, who has been playing the game for 45 years, and Tom Klinefelter from Suttons Bay, who has been playing for over 50 years, said they are delighted for the opportunity to use the courts and are very glad Glin z started the program.

Bill Hammer, a 22 year old tennis player from Farmington Hills, agreed.

"I think it's great," he said. "It's

e a lot of fun and really good competition."

Glinz said he'd like to see as many participants as possible come September.

"Its great exercise and a whole lot of fun. And for just \$5, its practically free," he said.

"There's also an awful lot of good fellowship between us. We're here just to have a good time doing something we love- playing tennis," Glinz said.

If you would like more information on the early bird league which starts back up the week of September 11, call The Sports Club of Novi located on Novi Road, south of 10 Mile, at (248) 735-8850 or its organizer, Chuck Glinz at (313) 532-0671.

Story by Stephanie Fordyce * Photos by John Heider



Up in age, but still mobile on the tennis courts, these buddles met at the net at the Novi Sports Club on a recent Wednesday morning. From left: George Wills; 56, Jim Robinson; 57, Chuck Gilnz; 67, Tom Kilnefelter; (age not reported) and Bill Hammer; 60.



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Novi Highlights

-SIXTH GATE CLOGGERS

ing clogging. The department – at Walton Woods in Canton. and they perform not only locally information. but in nearby areas. They practice To invite the Cloggers for an and Holy Family Needy. two times a week at the Civie Cen- appearance, contact (313) 453ter and also participate in several 7848. clogging workshops throughout the U.S. and Canada.

According to legend, the name Sixth Gate was derived back in the White Cane Week continues with Late 1800s from the sixth tollgate the final day being Sunday, May 7. "(No. VI) road connecting Detroit to The Lioness have been helping the Lansing. The road was located Lions with this annual project. where Novi is today.

several locations including the including Leader Dog School orga-Park with about 60 in attendance; school graduates more than 300 Heartfand Health Care in West "teams" fa leader dog and its sight-Bloomfield; the Evangelico senior less companion) annually. The residence in Sterling Heights, puppy program places about 300 where the audience was encours pupples in private homes every aged to join the Cloggers on stage year. The goal is to raise at least to the tune of "Honky Tonk Super- 450 dogs per year. man"; Northville's Alten Terrace - Another program supported by

NOVI LIONESS

 Proceeds go toward charities sup-The Cloggers have performed in ported by both Lions and Lioness

senior residence; and for St. the club is the Michigan Eye Bank - FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTE-Patrick's Day, they performed at - & Transplantation Center in Ann - RIAN CHURCH St. Daniel's Church in Clarkston - Arbor, one of the first eye banks in

For those new in the community soup and bread supper prepared established by the Ann Arbor busy with the celebration of Palm 1 p.m., has lunch, spends time Mrs. Richard Clark and Mr. Rawty, the Novi Parks and Recreation by the parish priest. A second per- Lions Club about 20 years ago. Sunday, a Tenebrae service on together with Bible study and land Storm. offers a variety of classes, include formance followed that same day. Over 4,000 corneas and/or eyes. Maundy Thursday, and the com- song, and prepares their youth-led were collected in one year and over bined Good Friday Ecumenical services. sponsors a group called the Sixth For those interested in Joining 2,400 corneas were transplanted service at Holy Family Calholic The junior high youth recently Gate Cloggers, which was formed (no age limit), call the Parks and during that time. Contributions to Church, with both Pastors Cy went bowling and also had their in 1988. It has grown in popularity Recreation at 347-0400 for more local organizations include Smith and Richard Henderson own lock-in event. They also meet D.A.R.E., Novi Youth Assistance participating. A Sunrise service on Sundays and prepare similar the property more pleasing to the

naments were made at the Lioness - following. Koney Island restaurant on Hag- the direction of Associate Pastor office, 349-5666. gerty. The tournament will take Jennifer Saad, completed several place on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 projects such as receiving 14 con- NOVI BEAUTIFICATION COMMISp.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Once firmands into the church. They SION again, proceeds will go toward began their confirmation journey supported charities by both clubs. Last January with an overnight Due to scheduling conflicts with held come rain or shine. Those the last meeting: Mary Wiederhold review of the reformation and next meeting has been changed to their surplus healthy plants in Barbosa, president; Jane Coonce, church policy and creating a con- Tuesday, May 16. The commission portable containers (dairy car-Jewish Community Center: Oak nized some 50-plus years ago. The vice president: Patti Barr, secre- firmation stole with participation is looking for additional members Lons or plastic bags) for tary: Maggie Meeker, tail in the evening prayer service as their schedule of events has exchange. In addition to master twister/Lioness lamer: and Mary before the celebration dinner. Fiero, Karen Burnett and Kathy Rhea, directors.

> the organization, you do not have together, played cards, watched one at 735-5628 for more informa- 5628. to be a relative of a Lion member.

was celebrated on Easter Sunday programs. Final plans for the Euchre tour- with worship and church school

monthly meeting recently held at The church youth group, under A list of officers was presented at retreat at "Howell Center"; later, a several members, the date of the attending are asked to bring

> videos, and ate pizza. Throughout tion. the month of April, they conducted The commission extends an Novi Highlights is written by youth-led services at both the 9 open invitation to those interested Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish and 10:30 a.u. services. The in helping with future projects to to contact her with information for senior high group meets about attend a meeting and meet the this column, call 624-0173.

For more information about the the home. youth groups or various programs,

call Pastor Jennie at the church

increased. If you are interested in gardeners, members of the com-Other activities included a lock- flowers and want to help make mission will be there to answer in for the senior high youth and Novi known for its beautiful main any questions. For women interested in joining friends, where they hung out thoroughfares, call Maureen Mal-

and participated in the Lenten the U.S. This organization was Holy Week at Faith was very every Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to members. Recent visitors were

Mr. Storm recently attended a commission meeting and explained his plans regarding the Fuerst property. He also had sketches indicating his plans for making eve with gardens surrounding

During the business meeting, plans were made for the Spring Perennial Exchange, which will be held on Saturday. May 20. from 9 a.m. to noon in front of the old Novi Township Hall on Ten Mile Road. The event will be For more information, call 735-

Religion

the Church of the Holy Family further information. in Novi offers the following cardiac care classes:

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All classes will meet in the 349-8847, until May 12. Family Center, from 7-9 p.m

Church of the Holy Family sie" on Saturday, May 13 at May-14. from 8-10:15 a.m. in the Northville. May 9 - Leslie Sergison R.D. – activity center, Adults, \$3; chilwill discuss heart-healthy nutrissic dren 6-12, \$1.50; 5 years and stimes: 5K-10 a.m.; 10K-11 a.m.; schose tickets will be May 7. Due

under, free. Tickets are on sale after all walkers must register by Friday, church will be unable to will take place on Friday, May 5 6:15 p.m.; class begins at 7 p.m. Masses May 6 and are also avail. May 5. able in the parish office, {248} For detailed information regard for dinner.

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one mile, 12:15 p.m. Team 5K to this popular catered event, the

Three categories and meeting - \$7 for 3-6 years. Last day to pur-

will be held at Ward Church on Sunday, May 7 at 6 p.m. in the

A coffectiouse book discussion Church, Northville. Topic of dis-We Live" by Charles Colson and provided, Call (248) 374-5920 for Nancy Pearsey.

An evening of fellowship and light refreshments for everyone. RSVP (evenings only) at (248)

gle Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Room C317/C319 at Ward Church. A free meal is served at Single parents also meet every Wednesday night in the SPM

On Campus

Local students Melissa Northville High School, Strikulis and Erica Whichel-Alma College.

Wehbe of Novi will be at Hub bard Itall. These students will 10 recently graduated from Michigan State University serve as primary facilitators of a announced students who will be floor community in the residence Strikults, a graduate of mentors, formerly resident halls and have specific duties for Novi High School, was award - assistants, for the 2000-2001 - working with students on their ed a harbelor of arts degree school year including three local floor. They will create learning in exercise and health set- residents. Jamos Goers of communities, plan programs Northville will be assigned to and activities, refer students to Whichello received a bache- Shaw Hall, Nicole Lounsbury of campus resources, help with for of arts degree in English. Novi is assigned to Campbell- problem solving and mediate





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The Parish Health Ministry of parish office at (248) 349-8847 for Village. Ward Presbyterian There will be a \$4 state park A "Praying For You" celebration Church Single Point Ministries entry fee. is hosting "Eagle Run/Walk Clas-Ward Church will hold its chapel. • May 2 - Dr. Carter M.D. will will host their annual Mother's bury State Park on Eight Mile, annual Mother's Day banquet on Call the Community Outreach explain heart disease and treat - Day breakfast on Sunday. May two miles west of Beek Road, in - May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. Department for more information

Tickets are \$12 for age 7-adult; about this special Sunday evening service, (248) 374-5937.

accommodate children under 3 at 7:30 p.m. in C307/309 at Ward ing rules, entry fees, and team- For more information, call [248] cussion will be "How Now Shall office. Free childcare is always

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Single Point Ministries for Sin-

more information.

Community Events

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northville

District Library, 212 W. Cady Guest speaker will be Patricia Gee, author and teacher of the will be held on the third Thursday Dearborn/Southgate schools. A 1:30 p.m. beginner's class will Lutheran Church, 201 Eim Street, Interact Club is sponsoring the tion, call (248) 477-1397. precede. For information, call (248) 349-

1276 or (248) 348-1325. Chapter will present Business Associates Night, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 19 at the Wyndham please call (248) 348-0115. Garden Hotel in Novi. The evening will include awards given to scholion. In need are donated items for

the auction. For reservations and/or donations, please call Shannon Hannon the Novi Convention Center. at (248) 684-9708.

For families interested in domestic and international adoptions, an Church of the Nazarene in Novi. International at (248) 474-0990 2 and 4 p.m. for additional information.

ages, Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. at reach from wheelchairs. Ward Field, Six Mile and Haggerty. Cost, \$1 per child, \$2 per adult.

or May 23, Cost, \$25 per adult. of campus.

(248) 374-5937. only, May 12 through June 10. Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m.; Satur- canopy will provide shade. days, May 13, 20, June 3 and 10

at 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 21 at 2:30 p.m. \$7.50. For ticket information, group and office workers. rates, school performances, and

birthday party reservations, call (248) 349-8110. and the same of same grow men a second in

workshop. These free workshops ext. 143. of each month at St. Paul's

Northville.

American Business Women's For further information about International. The event begins at may be purchased by sending a Association Novi Oaks Charter this workshop or other grief sup- 8 a.m. Awards will be given to the check or money order to Senior All port opportunities offered by New top five finishers in both track Night Party, c/o Linda Temple, Hope Center for Grief Support, and field events. For more infor- 26023 North Valley, Northville,

Bob Greene, personal trainer

physiologist and specializes in fit- 380-1666. ness, metabolism and weight loss, informational seminar will be held and a proponent of free weights. May 20, 10 a.m., at the First His appearance dates and times

a 1996 graduate of the UM-Dear-RSVP by May 19, (248) 374- born environmental studies program and owner of Castle Land-

when funding allows. Seven raised 0522. The talented Marguis Theater wooden boxes and two tables were

Arbor Hospice is seeking volun-

2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. the Eye of the Needle climbing al Home and New Hope Center for more information, call the Arbor (248) 347-2100. Grief Support are sponsoring a Hospice Volunteer Services monthly grief support Department al (734) 662-3742,

Northville High School's Rotary 5K "Heart and Sole" race at The first workshop will be held Northville High School on May on Thursday, May 18, from 7-8:30 20. The race will benefit two needy children through Children mation, call (248) 347-2881.

Center Stage Dance Co. will prearship winners and a silent auc- and spokesman for the Probell sent the ballet, "Beauty and The Free Weight System, will appear at Beast" at the Marquis Theater in the Michigan International Northville on May 13 at 5:30 p.m. Women's Show, May 5 and 6 at for one performance only. Tickets Greene is a personal trainer for the Marquis Theater or the studio. your mailbox on that day. Your let-Oprah Winfrey. He is an exercise For more information, call (248)

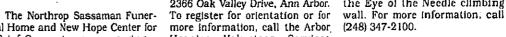
Psychotherapy & Counseling Services / Milestones Addiction of 1975: Out-of-state Mustangers on stage are Friday, May 5 at noon Programs is presenting an infor- are searching for local classmates Please call Adoption Associates and 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 6 at mational class on the problems to help plan and schedule their and alternatives of sexual behav- 25th high school reunion this ior. It meets one Saturday per summer in the Northville area. For The University of Michigan- month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the more information, contact Kim 47601 Grand River, Suite B124. Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Dearborn has a garden which fea- next meeting is scheduled for May Millington Kleckner at kleckner-Church in Northville is offering the tures wide paths and raised 20. PCS-MAP is located at 670 fam@earthlink.net or Daniel Walker following activities: T-ball for all planter boxes that gardeners can Griswold St. No. 4, Northville. Reg- Guido at DCReports@aoi.com or istration is required. For more (703) 237-5460. Landscape artist David Zenisek. information, call (248) 348-1100,

RSVP and payment by May 15, Construction of the garden and June 3. Showlimes vary, For be closed to cars. began last fall and will be finished more information, call (248) 349-

Children will present "The built to heights that can be The American Association of Supporters of Our Lady of Prov-Princess and the Magic Pea" at reached by gardeners in University Women, Livonia idence will gather on May 6 to cel-Marquis Theater, 135 E. Main wheelchairs. Grass in one planter Branch is holding a luncheon and ebrate "Millennium Moments," ai Street, Northville on weekends box will allow gardeners the oppor- fashion show on May 5 for a OLP's annual Susie's Dinner Performance dates and times: while they work with plants, and a and tickets, please call Carol raised will help care for 75 devel-Strom 464-2733.

> est in the outdoors. A volunteer orientation will be There will be many activities,

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The Novi Lions Club members will be out promoting their project. White Cane Drive, April 28 through May 7. For more informa-

Tickets for the Northville High School Senior All-Night Party are on sale at a cost of \$50. Tickets Mich. 48167. For more information, call (248) 348-0826 or (248) 348-8039.

The National Association of Letter Carriers will conduct a food drive on May 13. Place nonare \$6 each and are available at perishable food donation(s) by ter carrier will deliver it to a local community education programs 8111. community food bank or pantry.

Northville High School Class

Downtown Northville streets Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall will will be in bloom during the annuhost a Cinco de Mayo celebration al flower sale on May 26 and Men's and women's slow-pitch scape in Northville, designed the on May 5 and a children's presen- May 27. The hours will be May softball leagues (childcare provid- Enabling Garden and supervised tation - "Mystery in Fable's For- 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and ed.] Saturdays at 1 p.m. or Tues- construction of the site at the edge est" - on May 4 and May 18. May 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. more information, call (248) 349- call (248) 426-8059. days at 6:30 p.m. at Ward Field. of the community organic garden, Additional presentations of the More than 15 greenhouses will Six-week leagues begins May 20 a hillside garden at the north end restaurant's current show, 'At The participate. Main Street, between Hop," will run May 4, 5, 10, 13 Hutton and Center streets, will For more information, please

call (248) 348-0488.

tunity to rest on a grassy spot scholarship fund. For information Dance and Auction. Funds opmentally disabled, ages 18 to 45. The event will feature a din-REI Northville is presenting ner, dancing, and a silent auction teers in the areas of meal prepara- "Outdoor Jam" on May 6 and 7. at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tick-Tickets for all performances are tion, errands, reading, eating The event is open to K-12 local ets are \$60 per person. To make assistance, gardeners, greeters, area organizations with an inter- a reservation or for more information. call (734) 453-1300.

> held on Monday, May 8, from 6 to clinics and demonstrations Oakland Physical Therapy 9 p.m. at Arbor Hospice residence, regarding outdoor skills, including P.C. will present the following





The ladies of AAUW recently met at Talbots of Laurel Park to plan a fashion show. Members include Irene Cameron, Barbara Medwedeff, Sandy Ralston, Anne McDowell, Eileen Jellick and Sharon Eddy.

in May: • Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m. "Exercises and Techniques in

Stress Reduction" • Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. "Fit After Fifty" Both classes will be held at

Novi No charge for these programs, however, class size is limited.

reserve a space.

be held at Novi Erpo Center May 19-21. Hours will be Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Meet comic book legends and

The Motor City Comic Con will

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Providence Medical Center, heroes, artists, authors, movie stars, models and TV greats. Among the greats will be Star Trek's Scotty, James Doohan. Admission: \$15 per day; three-Please call (248) 380-3550 to day passes, \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door; children, 6-10, \$10 per day; three-day passes, Northville Garden Club will \$20 in advance or \$25 at the hold its annual live plant auction door with paid adult ticket. Chilat noon on Monday, May 8. Mem- dren 5 and under free with paid bers and guests are welcome. For adult ticket. For information,

more information, can (246) 548	- Call (248) 420-8009.	
CHURCH DIRECTORY For Information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700		
GOOD SHEPHERD JUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday Worship 10:00 am Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565 8:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. at Hutton - (248) 349-0911 Worship & Church School - 9:30 & 11:00orn Childcore Available at Ali Services Youth Loge Prog. Wed 415 Gr. 14 5 000M 376:14 Singles Place Ministry - Thuts. 7:30pm Rev. W. Kent Clike, Senicr Postor Rev. Jornes RRussil, Associate Postor	
CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity) New Location Meadowbrook Elemeniary School-Wolled Lake (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) (249) 449-8900 Services at 10 AM Children's Church 10 AM Minister Barbara Clevenger	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook R. Novi at 8½ Mile Marning Waship 10 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. 248-348-7757 Minister: Rev Dr. E. Nell Hunt Minister of Music: Patrick Kuhi	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 349-1144* 8 Mile & Toff Rocids Warship Service: & Kob an 9:15 on 11:00 an Sunday Schol 9:15 - 11:00 Huary baih services (Hari rond) Surmer Warship 9:15 & 11:00 (July thru Labor Day) Dr. Douglas W. Vernan Rev Thomas M. Beogan Rev. Arthur L. Spatford Rev. Cynthia Loomis-Abel	
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ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, Mi 48374 Soluiday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 930 & 11:30 am. Reverend James F. Cronk, Pastor Parish Office 347-7778	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing 348-1020 Sunday Worship, 10:45a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Meetings 7:00 p.m. Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m.	
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, Mi 48375 Masses: Sol. 5 pm; Sun, 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm Holy Days: 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Father John Budde, Postor Father John Budde, Postor Father Adrew Carneckl, Assoc. Pastor Parish Office: 349-8847	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21260 Hoggerly, Northville 348.7600 (between 8 & 9 Mille Rds, near North Hitton) Suricity School 9:45 am Morring Waship 11.00 am Olscipleship Service 6:00 pm (ruisely provided) Dr. (Corl M. Leth. Pastor	
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HE COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS		
Religion That Places its Faith In You" Sunday 10:30 a.m. to Brighton Ed. and Community Center on Church St. Contact us at our e-mail address: ultifo@yabo.com or leave a message at (810) 225-2882 Minister: Dana S. Reynolds 11	Visit your church regularly	

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Invest wisely in mutual funds to see the most gain

It's hard to miss reading or hear ing about mutual funds lately. Today, a perusal of nearly every newspaper or magazine with a financial section is sure to reveal some mention of mutual funds. The articles often talk about the billions of dollars flowing into unitual funds - \$21 billion in May alone. But where is the moneycoming from?

WHO OWNS MUTUAL FUNDS?

An estimated 63 million individuals, or nearly 37 million households, own some type of mutual million households in 1994. According to a survey conducted by their top investment goal. the Investment Company Institute, the typical mutual fund investor is - mutual funds and so many fund middle class, 44 years old, has companies touting double-digit fund investor is age 44. Generation - these tips before you do so. X ers fages 18 to 300 have a higher portion of their financial assets in nutual funds (38 percent) and tend INVESTORS to concentrate in county funds.

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With so many investors owning financial assets of \$50,000, is returns, you're probably ready to employed and is likely to be mar-jump on the bandwagon, if you're ried. Although the typical mutual not already. If you are, consider

TIPS FOR MUTUAL FUND Read the fund's prospectus Baby Boomers (age 31 to 49), while - This is the fund's selling documenthaving twice as many financial and contains information about assets as Generation X-ers, have $\mathbf{a} = \cos t \mathbf{s}$ (such as loads, expenses and

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goals and risk tolerance. Are your investment goals short-term (three to five years) or long-term (five years or more)? Once you determine that, pick a fund with equivalent goals. For example, a fund that invests in three-month government bonds is meant to be held for the short term, while a fund that invests in growth stocks is probably a better choice

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Look at the performance figures in relative terms. Many funds tout double-digit returns, but there are many questions you should ask about these numbers. Just because a fund returned over 20 percent last year doesn't necessarily mean that it will earn that same advisor. (As with all securireturn in subsequent years. In ties, the value of the fund will flue- advisor with Frommer and Associyour financial advisor. Read it care- fact, this year's No. 1 fund could tuate with market condition. ates, 31860 N'Western Highway, easily become next year's below- Therefore, an investor's shares. Farmington Hills. Mich., 48334 average fund. Look at other indica- when redeemed, may be worth Phone (248) 885-0080 or Fax (248)

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Send a personal Mother's Day greeting to your one and only Mom! Let her know just what she means to you and tell her how much you love her in a Happy Mother's Day ad.

> Your ad will appear in the May 10/11 edition of this newspaper.

> For just \$9.00 you can give your Mom three lines of heart felt sentiment that she will save forever! \$2.50 for each additional line and \$2.00 for a rose or heart graphic.

~ HURRY The deadline to place your ad is May 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Rose or Hearts only \$2 extrai

Engagements



Meehan-Adamski

George and Cheryl Meehan of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Marie, to Raymond James Adamski, son of Raymond and Nancy Adamski of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduthe University of Michigan, with ter Homes & Gardens. bachelor degrees in mechanical engineering and are currently employed with Ford Motor Co.

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Oliver-Kohli

Cynthia Ann Oliver and drill and ceremonies, weapons, James Richard Kohli are planning a Sept. 30 wedding. The bride-elect is the daughter of George and ditions. graduate of Michigan State Uniate of Northville High School and versity, she is currently Lake. the groom-elect is a 1991 graduate employed as a social worker of Plymouth-Canton High School. with Lutheran Social Services They both graduated in 1996 from and a realtor with Westdale Bet-

Eugene and Elizabeth Kohli of Novi. He is a final Novi. He is a graduate of East-A June wedding will be held at ern Michigan University and is Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield currently employed with Central Transport as a manager.

Stay Off, Stay Away, Stay Alive" Twenty-seven people have died and in Michigan since 1996, many of ed with activity on the tracks. In on or near railroad tracks. These are 47 needless deaths and injuries. During the month of May, the Michigan Railroads Association is inining a national effort to inform the up to \$100. public of the dangers of being near the tracks and our message is: "Stay Off. Stav Away, Stav Alive.

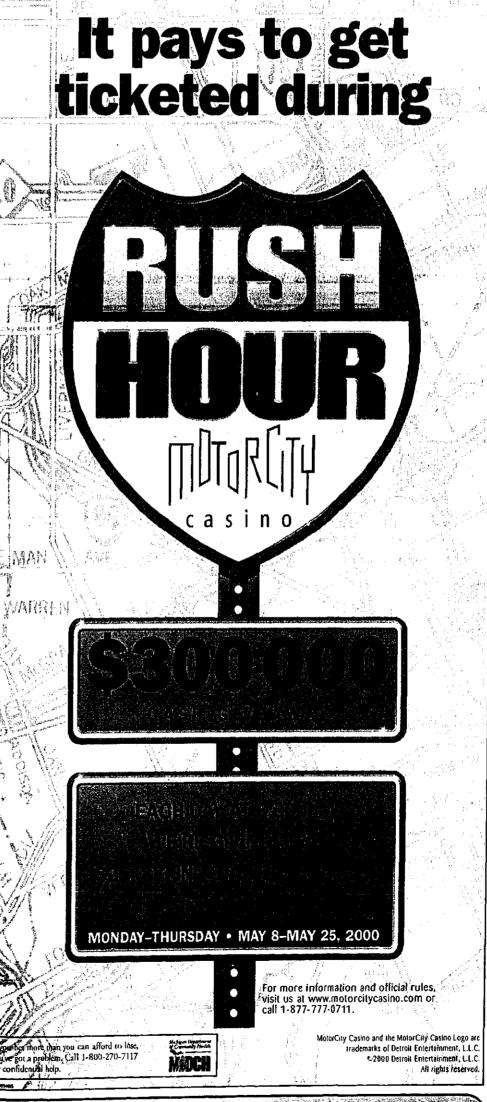
In Service

Walking along railroad tracks is not

Army Pvt. Rabon F. Nunley II has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. During training, he received instruction in map reading, tactics, military cour-

tesy and justice, physical fitness, first ald, and Army history and tra-Patricia Oliver of Essexville. A Nunley is the son of Rabon F. and Martha M. Nunley of Walled





Too Many Kittens To Feed? Place an ad in the Classifieds to find them a new home

only dangerous but also illegal. Many Michigan Operation Lifesaver, urge enough clearance on tracks for the individuals, particularly children, do parents and educators to pass along train to pass. 20 people have been seriously injured not understand the danger associat- the following safety tips to children: them youngsters, because they were addition, railroad tracks, trestles, freight train traveling 55 miles per slip of the foot can cost you a limb or yards, and equipment are private hour can take a mile or more to your life.

property. Walking and playing on rail- stop. road tracks is trespassing, and can . Do not walk, run, cycle or operresult in fail for 30 days and/or fines ate all terrain vehicles on railroad tracks or rights-of-way. Cross tracks only at designated the Michigan Railroads Association in pedestrian or roadway crossings.

 Do not play, fish or bungee jump cooperation with the Michigan Department of transportation and from railroad trestles. There is only

 Do not attempt to hop aboard • Trains cannot stop quickly, A railroad equipment at any time. A

> Always expect a train This summer, when it comes to railroad tracks, remember: Stay Off, Stay Away, Stay Alive.

If you would like more train safety information, please call the Michigan Railroads Association at (517) 373-3980 or (517) 482-9413.



Look for this special supplement next Thursday in Milford Times "Times NOVI NEWS Northville Record Herald HOMETOWN

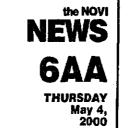
Our future

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As the school year draws to a close,

Diversions



Novi Seniors

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

COMING EVENTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

 There is still time to step up - daily at the Novi Senior Center. able for the three-day trip to see – donation. the Fantastic Terra Cotta Warrlors exhibit from China.

course will be offered in the Center June 7 and 8. A refresher course sponsored and conducted by the AARP. There is a fee of \$10 for materials. Call the Center at 347-0414 to register.

· An antique Road Show (the Novi Senior Center version) will will be available at \$10 each for seniors who wish to sell their antiques. No dealers or pictures, please.

SERVICES

 Newsletter/Brochures/Calendars Copies of the monthly calendar of activities and menus are available at Novi Parks and Recreation. Register to receive the quarterly Novi Parks and

Recreation brochure mailed to your home.

calling (248) 347-0203, from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Ask for Diane. Telephone reassurance calls are events and trips each have their provided to homebound Novi tion options for Novi seniors 50 seniors needing reassurance. and older: Subsidized cab rides Calls are made by volunteers and provided for \$2 for a one-way please call (248) 347-0414 or by can be arranged by calling the ride within the city of Novi. Call Senior Center.

Nutrition /Food Services Catered lunches are provided

for May day trips — Cornwell's Advance reservations are neces-Dinner Theater, Detroit Destiner, sary, Call the center from 9 a m Showcase Home Tour, and Casi- to noon at least three days in daily no Windsor. Room is still avail- advance. There is a \$2 per meal

Focus Hope/Food Commodity distribution programs are provid-• The "55 Alive" safe driving ed at the Senior Center to persons meeting income criteria.

• Health/Fitness

Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the with their utilities and home ers and registration at Novi Parks Senior Center, between 11 a.m. repairs, to 11:50 a.m.

Body Recall exercise program arrive on June 28 at 12:30 p.m. with a certified instructor on mation to address the needs and A certified antique appraiser will each Monday and Friday at 9:30 Interests of seniors: in-home be available to appraise a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$2 antiques at \$2 per item. Tables per session or register for a 10week session

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

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

• Services for Homebound Tai chi, qi gong and karate Quilting, second Wednesday of

Home-delivered meals are Novi Parks and Recreation

Transportation The Novi Parks and Recreation Department provides transporta-Community Cab at (248) 349-8118 for a ride. Novi senior vans operate daily within the city. Suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling (248) 735-5617, between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

 Home Energy Assistance Novi residents who are income eligible may receive assistance tion. Day and evening classes, fly-

Information and Referral The Senior Center has inforsupport, housing, legal services, job opportunities, Medicare and olunteer opportunities.

· Books/Cards/Clubs at the Novi Senior Center Pinochle tournaments, Mon-

days at 12:30 p.m. Contract Bridge every Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge on Fridays,

12:30 p.m. Held monthly, the Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Bookmobile at the Novi Center, third Tuesday of the at month, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

2 pencils: No charge for this class. • Bus Service for Movies, Lunch Call to register.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

• Dinner Out - Under the Eagle On May 25, we will be heading to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shop- Under the Eagle Restaurant in ping. The days scheduled are the Hamtramck for dinner. The bus will second and fourth Monday of each depart from MAGS at 4:30 p.m.

first Mother's Day Tea. This event 6:30 p.m. Residents, \$54, non-resiwill be co-sponsored by Marriott's Brighton Gardens of Northville. The tea will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Center. Enjoy several hours of fun Northville Parks and Recreation meeting room. Refreshments and lows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 entertainment will be provided free p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, Mon- of charge. Please call to reserve your days and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to place.

• Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids Come along May 18 for a trip to

the Frederik Meijer Gardens in All levels are welcome. Held on Grand Rapids. The cost is \$18. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Lunch is on your own. The bus 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the departs from MAGS parking lot at with a cost of \$55. Classes will Parks and Recreation Center. (Verify 7:45 a.m. and returns at approxi- meet on Mondays and Wednesmately 5:30 p.m. Stop by and regis- days. The session runs from May ter today

• Sound of Music

Great musicall May 19 at the Masonic Temple for \$55 per person. Cost is \$3 per class. No registration Transportation will depart at 5 p.m. and return about 10 p.m. Dinner is on your own.

Steamboat Line and Luncheon every month at the Senior Center. Cruise

On June 7, we will be cruising Northville Senior Center has visit the Francis Park's Rose Garden reserved tickets to various concerts of over 60,000 rose bushes. Bus \$40. Stop by and register.

> Tiger Game at Comerica Park Please join us as we head to Comerica Park on Aug. 10 to cheer the Tigers on to victory. Cost is \$37. noon. Call now to reserve your seat.

Annual Mackinac Get Togeth-

Michigan parks and recreation (800) 407-4557 to schedule an entertainment are also planned. The cost for a resident: \$495 for a

Creative writing, call Jan at 347-0414. Crafts, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Pen pals, call Jan. at 347-0414.

Novi Garden Club, call Elinor at (248) 477-7913. Michigan Fishcarvers on Wednesdays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oil painters every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Monthly book discussion for seniors, second Thursday at the Novi Library, 12:30 p.m.

Sentor ushers needed for the Novi Theater, Cail the senior cen-

ter for more information. • Dance at the Senior Center Monthly bailroom dance to the

"Satin Sounds" band, Fourth Tuesday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Clogging, open dance and beginners/intermediate instrucand Recreation.

Line dance, western and regular, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

 Travel Numerous day and extended travel opportunities are available. Flyers on the many rips are displayed at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in

the Novi Civic Center.

Monthly travel meetings are held on the third Thursday. Tour companies are available that time to show slides/videos of trips. Just drop in. There are no club dues or fees.

• May 2, Turkeyville Dinner Theater "Never Too Late" Depart at 9:15 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Residents, \$55; non-residents, \$56. • May 5-10, New York City

Six days and five nights; \$900 per person.

May 16, Gerald Ford Museum, Grand Rapids Depart at 7:45 a.m. and return at

 May 16, Motor City Casino Depart at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Residents, \$16; non residents,

dents, \$55

\$17.

May 31, "Always Patsy Kline" Gem Theater. Leave at 10:45 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Residents, \$69; non-residents, \$70.

SENIOR FITNESS.

 Senior Water Aerobics This is a seven-week session 1 through June 12. Class begins at 1 p.m. at the pool at Our Lady of Providence on Beck Road. Stop by the Senior Center and register.

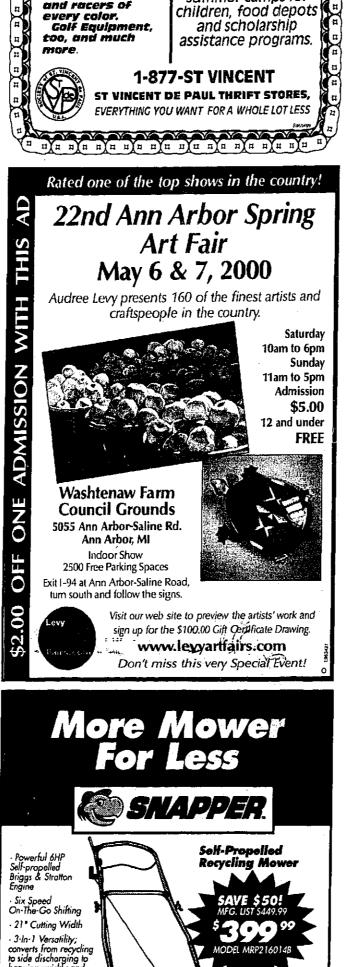
Massage Therapy Treat yourself to a well deserved hour massage by a cer-

tified therapist at the Senior Cen-You must call ahead to make

an appointment. Beginning June Lansing's scenic Grand River on the 1, the cost will be \$31 for one Michigan Princess while enjoying a hour. To cancel an appointment, buffet lunch. Afterwards, we will please call 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for the appointment. For your first massage throughout the season. Departure departs from MAGS at 9:15 a.m. appointment, please arrive 10 time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please and returns at 3:30 p.m. Cost is minutes early. Call the Senior Center today to register.

> • Life Line Screening for Risk of Stroke and Vascular Disease On May 3, Life Line screening will offer three primary health The bus will leave from MAGS at screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease. The tests are offered for \$35 each. Anyone interested in the screenings must register at least 24 The Mackinac Island 33rd annual hours in advance. Please call

· Garage Sale The Northville Senior Center will be conducting its first garage each day. Special activities and sale June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. The sale will be held at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady Street. Contact Sue Koivula at (248) 349-4140 for more infor-



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parking lot (11:30 a.m.). Cost Is \$2.

Join us for cards at the Senior

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Tuesdays, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30

• Senior Drop-in Volleyball

days on monthly recreation calen-

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service, a dish to pass, and \$1.

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day at 9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace.

dar at the center.) Cost is \$1.

• Pot Luck Luncheons

is necessary.

call to register.

Hollywood, June 1.

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

Newsletter

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

• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to talk and check on their well being, free of 4:30 p.m.; beginning Pinochle on charge. Please call the Senior Center to register

Nutrition

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

Focus:HOPE

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

• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensi-

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

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

• Michigan Emergency Pharmacentical Program for Seniors Qualified Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive three months' worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. For more information, call

TRANSPORTATION

the Senior Center.

24 hours in advance.

· Bus Service for Local Shopping Tripe Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks. Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or

Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays). Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations

Beginner Drawing Class Howard Payne is currently teach-

and Recreation meeting room for

fun and light exercise. The class

meets on Wednesdays, from 1:30-

ing a beginners drawing class at the Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The class will run through May 10. Please bring a supply of plain paper and a few No.

"Coffee Concerts" are \$27 per ticket. Available classical Coffee Concerts include: All Mozart, April "Pop Concerts" are \$33 per ticket. Available Pop Concert is Pops Goes

senior "Get Together" will be Oct. appointment. 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 per session. No 22-25 at the Grand Hotel. This speregistration is necessary, just drop cial event includes hotel accommodations, transportation, and a full breaklast and five-course dinner

double or triple accommodation; 9625 for a single. CONTRACTED TRIPS

Transportation cost is \$4. • Mother's Day Tea On May 9, we will be having our



Stories unfold in Figgis' innovative, non-script thriller 'Time Code'

tery, comedy and drama

cut. There are no scripts, just one time? real life

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wood production office.

intertwine in shocking ways. The the ideas in staging.

Four stories unfold at once in dering motion picture executive. changed locations, the camera fol-Code." Deviating from the norms between his stress and her own new full-length, feature films. of feature films today, the flick is mishaps. Finally, Jeanne Tripplethe first of its kind breaking all horn is an angry woman whose also physically grueling for the bounds while highlighting mys- actions will change all of their cast. Actors found themselves in a fates,

ing or cuts. Improvised, yet tightly chore- As opposed to film magazines

sources of input. Evolving into a As the life-blood of the film, symphony of human emotions, the hand-held digital cameras also required a specific time slot. film builds into a violent crescen- allowed for cheaper production,

moment in which they are fused the full 93 minutes on a digital each — the final product emerged. videocassette. Characters slightly Familiar faces dazzle the screen altered their style, behaviors,

Stellan Skarsgard plays a philan-story. If Jeanne Tripplehorn multiple melodies and perfect syn-Weber, and more.

Mike Figgis' comedy thriller, 'Time Saffron Burrows is his wife caught lowed her. New takes were simply

"Time Code's" demands were self-reliant world away from the There is no ediling, just a single But no ediling? And four plots at typical movie sets filled with makeup designers and personal trainmaps for each talented actor to fol- "Time Code" revolutionizes the ers. Each was responsible for his low. For 93 ground-breaking min- movie industry via hand-held digi- or her own hair, make-up and cosutes, the cameras continually roll tal cameras. It is the first feature tumes. More importantly, each on four Los Angeles lifestyles mys- film shot in one fluid take; the sto- was responsible for much of their teriously effecting the other as in rytelling is never disrupted by edit- own artistic choices concerning movement and emotion.

Having to stay in perfect clockographed movements, synchronize which can shoot for no longer than work with each plot, the 28 actors the characters. The audience is 10 minutes at a time, the digital coordinated their times by wearing challenged to piece together the camera can shoot for hours on synchronized digital watches. Each line said and every movement important to the plot

Mike Figgis, writer and director, greater mobility, and a smaller set the "script" on music paper. The four plots simultaneously number of crew then there was Originally used to set flow charts, unfold on a quadruple-split cast. Each crew member involved he used the bar lines to indicate screen. "Time Code" bases its cen- felt both the physical harshness as minutes. He foresaw the problem tral elements around an affair, a well as the creative rewards. Cam- of correlating spontaneous movemurder, and the chaos of a Holly- eramen have never before filmed ments with those critical to the for 93 minutes straight nor have plot. Both the cast and crew chronization. Therefore, the film Set in real time, the stories they been directly involved with addressed this topic in great was not so much directed as it was characters mysteriously connect Each day, the cast and crew imaginable. Finally, after some 60 building to a final, climatic completed an entire length film, takes - meaning 93 minutes for

with their improvisational skills. actions, and regular mishaps of olutionizing piece. A renowned MacLachlan, Alessandro Nivola, Salma Hayek is an aspiring everyday life. If Salma Hayek orchestral composer, he is born Mia Maestro, Leslie Mann, Laurie



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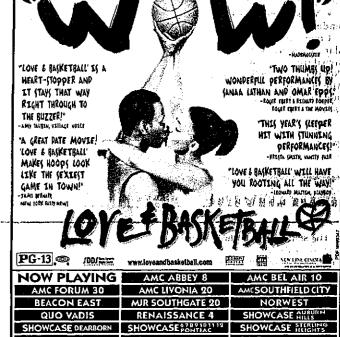
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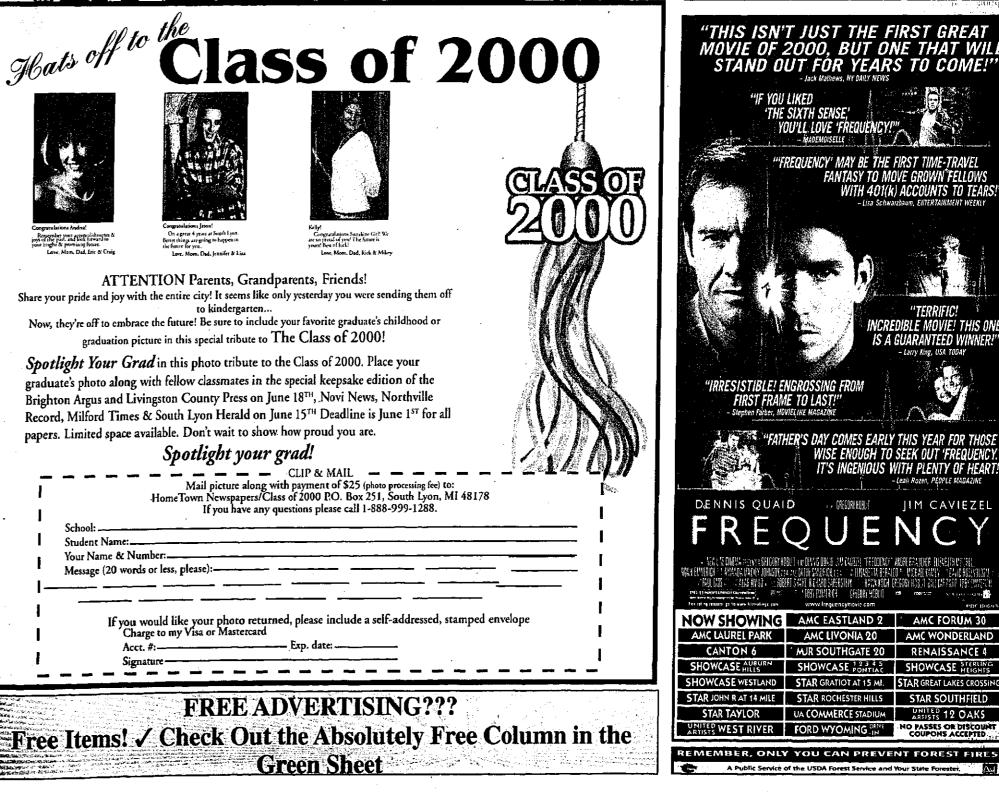
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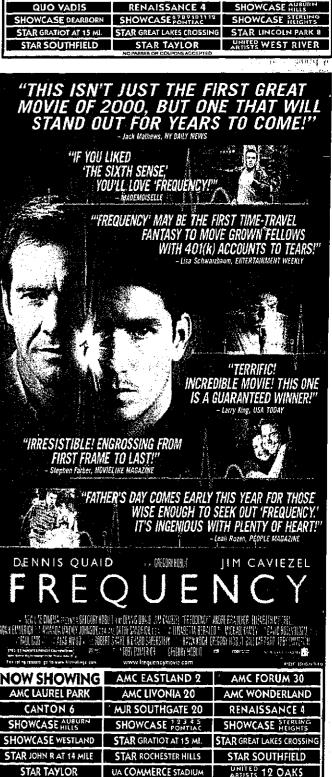
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Salma Hayek and Jeanne Tripplehorn star in Screen Gem's "Time Code."

length preparing for every mishap conducted, harmonizing the four distinct story lines into one. The cast also includes Xander Berkeley, Viveka Davis, Richard "Time Code" mastermind, Mike Edson, Glenne Headley, Holly Figgis, was well suited for this rev- Hunter, Danny Huston, Kyle actress in the midst of an alfair. tripped, it became part of the and bred to thinking in terms of Metcalf, Julian Sands, Steven









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way he has had dozens of cocoaches and has made friends with several thousand parents, fans and opposing coaches.

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The Novi Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a special banquet in honor of Osborne. "A Tribute to John Osborne" will be held at Bakers of Milford on Friday, June 2 from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets are just \$25 per person and include a social hour beginning at 7 p.m. and a "Roast and Toast" dinner at 7:30 p.m. Because of facility limitations and the aforementioned reasons, the Booster Club would like those interested in attending to RSVP by May 12. Tickets will be sold on a firstcome, first-serve basis

The banquet should bid a final farewell to a coach which has meant so much to not only the football program here at Novi High School, but to the thousands of students he has taught in his 37 years in education. Although he loved football first, he put as much dedication and time into his profession and touched far more lives in that capacity.

Fellow health teachers Carol

Get your ticket now, because if Diglio and Bill Kelp may understand Osborne better than anyone, except maybe his family

John members. "I love working with him and he Osborne is great with the kids on the field or in the classroom," Diglio told coached hun me. "Not only has he been fun to work with, he has been an exceldreds, lent mentor for me, a great friend thou sands of and someone I often turn to for football advice. I can't teil you how much players I'm going to miss working with in his 37 him.

As I was talking with John the other night, he said he didn't necessarily like the idea that he was going to be the center of attention. But he did say this would be a great opportunity to see all of the people he's missed over the years. "I'm all for a good time as long

as if we're all gonna laugh," he said. "To see a lot of people - I'm really looking forward to it, enjoy-ing old times together."

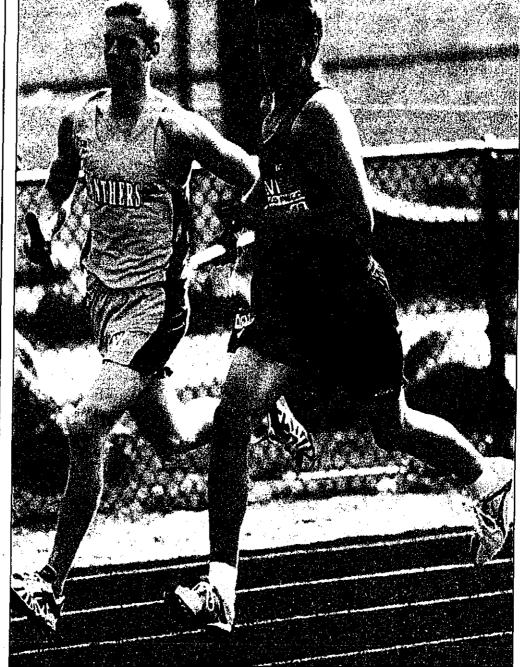
Let's not forget though, that Osborne is not yet retired. He's still a health/physical education teacher, at least for the next oneplus month. And even after that, it's hard to believe someone so involved can do the whole retirement thing. It's not as if he'll go home after the last day of school and never return.

"When the school let's out and the keys are put away, then I think it'll sink in," he told me.

He may still coach in some capacity, either at Novi or somewhere else.

"It's still up in the air," he said. This spring has been much the same as every other for the only coach Novi's every know. He has been working with the kids in their off-season workouts and as attended some camps with new Novi coach Tab Kellepourey.

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Novi distance star Tim Moore (above right) and his teammates fended off Millord Tuesday night.

Novi teams win

Needing to finish at least second for her leam to win the meet, Kristina Utley did just that Tuesday night against Milford. The runnerup finish put her team up six points with one event to go, which it lost to make the final tally 69-68 in favor of her Wildcats.

The boy's team didn't wait that long, as they finished off the three-time defending Kensington Valley Conference champion Redskins with a 1-2-3 sweep in the 3,200 meter run. Tim Moore led the way with a win in the event.

Harvey Steele continued his steady improvement in the shot put, breaking his own school record with a throw of 50 feet, four inches.

The boys won all four relays and 11 events overall with just the pole vault competition to be finished. They were leading 76-47 with those results to be decided.

"It ain't over yet," Novi boy's coach Bob Smith said of the chase for the KVC title. "Stranger things have happened.

"We just had superior depth tonight. There were really no events where we didn't score the same number of points or better." Yasuakt Goto led the way with four wins, two relays and the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

For the girls, Mickie Rzepka won four events and the team split the four relays in the meet. The win for the girls kept the team a loss behind Brighton while it put the boy's in first -place (4-0) in the KVC standings,

Easy ways to fix your golf swing in just four weeks

Golishape experts, Bruce Conroy, a PGA professional and Terry Heaton, an orthopedic physical therapist, are offering four weeks of quick tips for golfers preparing for the upcoming season.

"The golfer's body is the most important piece of equipment, so our focus is on building the golf swing in a supervised environment where the golfer must train correctly and repetitively," said Conroy, owner of Golfshape, a new unique year-round golfspecific teaching and training center. "Proper grip, correct posture, and shoulder and hip rotation are essential to playing your best game."

Week one focuses on proper grip to hit solid shots "Know that your grip is correct," said Conroy. "Hitting solid shots always begins with grip."

"Grip strengthening exercises, such as squeezing a ball or silly putty with the last three fingers of the left hand, will help you maintain a consistent grip pressure and a better clubface position," said Heaton.

Week two focuses on correct posture to increase consistency.

"Poor posture is a constant problem for many amateurs," said Conroy. "When you improve your

posture you will greatly increase your chance of hit ting more consistent shots."

To improve your posture and shoulder motions, stand with your elbows and shoulders bent to right angles then lean gently into a corner or doorway," said Heaton. "By doing this you also improve the" health of your back and reduce the risk of an injury. Hold the stretch for about 30 seconds and do 10 repetitions."

Week three focuses on shoulder rotation to increase distance.

"The proper shoulder turn is necessary to swing

the club on a consistent plane," said Conroy

------ Photo by JOHN HEIDER.

"Making a proper turn requires flexibility in your shoulders and upper back, and increased flexibility increases distance," said Heaton. "An exercise to increase the shoulder/upper back turn is to lie on your left side with your hips/knees bent to right angles and gently rotate your right shoulder back reaching toward the floor with both hands. Hold the stretch for about 30 seconds and 10 repetitions. Week Four focuses on hip rotation to improve

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Frank Breisacher was a father to everyone

Novi fatherly figure was there for anyone who needed him

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

The face may have been intimidating.

The sometimes gruff voice may have turned a head or two in its time.

But anyone who gave Frank Breisacher five minutes of their time, quickly found a man who would go out of his way to help

someone out by putting a smile lives he'd touched with his adept on their lace. That was perhaps his greatest

attribute. Breisacher died of a sudden heart attack last August 16, leaving behind wife Maryjo and daughters Shannon, Adrienne and Erica. But along with his immediate family. he also left behind numerous people whose

ability to offer a helping hand.

You see, Breisacher was first a husband and father, but secondly, he was a fatherly figure and coach to many, many young girls over the years. Shannon, a 1995 graduate of Novi High, and Erica, a junior on this year's fourthranked varsity squad, both were heavily involved in the sport their father loved, softball.

Having been a profes-sional (AA) baseball player himself in his younger days, he loved nothing more than to be a part of the athletic careers of his three daughters. Adrienne was a member of the varsity golf squad and graduated in 1996.

But he was never one to turn his back on others who may benefit from his knowledge of the game.

about softball, but ask you how your mom was doing. He taught me a

ridiculous amount

about softball." Oakley had a brief history in the sport, but really benefited from having Breisacher around as an assistant for two seasons.

Each of the girls on those teams benefited as well. "He always treated the other girls like they were his daugh-ters," Erica said. "They could always confide in him, he was good at keeping secrets. He was

quite the gossip guy. "I guess it was that big teddy

bear thing," she said. Despite his manly presence, Breisacher was very understanding of the problems many of his young players faced. He grew up with three sisters and did not have a son himself, so having raised three daughters, he knew the rules.

"He was a neat guy," Novi varsity coach Carol Diglio said. "He had a very distinct personality. He would kick the girls in the butt when they needed it, but he would give them a hug on the same level. He found the balance that's very important at this level.

Everything the man did for softball, he volunteered his time and efforts. He was an unnaid assistant under former Novi skipper John Peace when Shannon played. He gave up his afternoons and evenings to assist Oakley, as well as coach Erica, on two differ-

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Submitted Photo Another of Breisacher's passions was Ohio St. University.



Frank Breisacher coached both the Motor City Madness and at Novi High.

"He made you feel like you were a part of his family right away," Novi junior varsity coach and one of Breisacher's students of the game, Eric Oakley said. "He was the kind of guy who would call you out of the blue and not necessarily talk

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ent NovI-based Motor City Madness summer travel league teams. softball, both in the city recreational and travel leagues as wellas at the school," Oakley said. "There's a tremendous amount of commitment involved with coaching and it's hard to find summercoaches these days. But Frank was willing to do it."

Just 16 years old and a key part of Novi's success a seasonago. Erica nearly decided to give up softball after the death of herfather. She had grown up watching her older sister play and her dad coach her. When spring rolled around, there was something definitely missing. "I thought: this is like half of

my life," Erica said. "I play in the spring and all through the summer. I knew I would miss it and all my friends too." Although her father is con-

nd her mind off the pain

She takes after her father, who was also a pitcher on the baseball field. Erica pitches every third or fourth game this season and will "He put in a lot of effort into be the ace of the Novi staff next year. So far this season, she's helped her team to a 10-2 Kensington Valley Conference mark

and a 14-4 record overall. This year's team is wearing Frank's initials (FB) on their visors in honor of their former coach and mentor. The letters may have helped the team through the first half of the sea-

son, although that's just specula-

The truth, however, is that despite the absence of Breisacher in the dugout, behind the fences or in the stands, his knowledge of the game has helped the girls get to where they are today. And it's also helped lead them

in all avenues of life, on the field and off Jason Schmitt is the sports edistantly in her thoughts, she said - for for the Northville Record and playing softball keeps her busy Novi News. His e-mail address is ischmittäht.homecomm.net

Whether John Osborne will ever coach again is up in the air, but he will be honored at "A Tribute to John Osborne" on June 2. Tribute to John Osborne coming up

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"Novi football to me is 'John Osborne," Kellepourcy said. In five years I hope people still associate Novi football with John Osborne. He's such a high-quality individual." For someone to come in and fill the shoes of a legend to say those kinds of things in his new program says a lot for that man too. Regardless

of how well Novi has fared over the last several years, it's always been "his" program. It's tough to say whether or not change will be welcome in Todd Pennycuff, Tom Fritz and Rand Helmkamp the next few years

"I don't think you can step into his shoes and of theirs ing to continue on with the things he's always done.

That'll be relatively easy to do with Osborne around, if he so chooses to help out. The transition should also be smooth because Kellepourev is a former Osborne assistant, having spent eight years on the Novi sideline before heading off to head up the Hartland program for six seasons. Many, if not all, of Novi's current assistants will still be here. Cole Rowekamp, Kraig Caurdy,

I'm not gonna try to," Kellepourey said. "I'm hop- Will Novi football be filled with exciting changes and new faces, probably not. But that's okay in a program which has bread so many successful football players and more importantly, successful

File photo by JOHN HEIDER

young men. "The biggest thing he taught us as coaches," Kellepourey said. "was that the kids were always the reason we played the football games." Like I said folks, get your tickets now.

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for the Northville Record and Novi News. He can be will be there for Kellepourey, a former colleague reached at jschmitt@ht.homecomm.net



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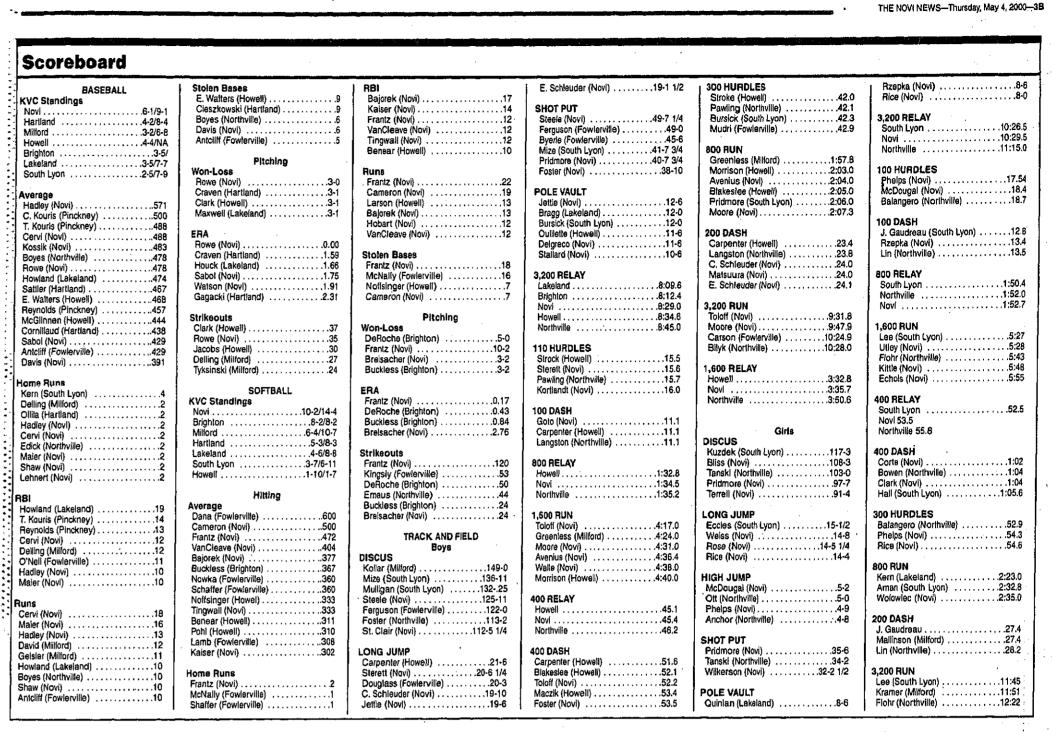
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Golf doctors have innovative ways to correct your swing

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lower body motion. "The lower body and hips must learn to the inside and generate maximum club head speed," said Conroy.

back," said Heaton. "A good exercise for your left leg straight and pulling your bent golfers, the more I felt that a practice and program features an "18-hole" golf specific where you can get a combination of golf and for Flexibility Analysis or for more right knee up and over toward your left. training facility was needed to really help fitness training area designed to work the* fitness training and PGA instruction information, please call (248) 476-5379.

hamstring stretch is to elevate your heel could occur," said Conroy, who has also unique golf specific pieces of training initiate the downswing to keep the shaft to up on a bench and while keeping a sway in your low back, gently reach below to the shin as you straighten the knee then "Hip and hamstring flexibility allow the stretch the other leg. Hold the stretch for lower body to clear faster and protect your about 30 seconds and do 10 repetitions." "I created Golfshape because the more i

worked as a GolfPro in Palm Springs, a equipment that ensures a golfer will Teaching Pro in West Bloomfield and has always "train on plane." hosted GolfWrap on WJR.

programs that focus on flexibility and reduce the likelihood of injury. hip tighiness is lying on your back with watched the practice habits of most strength in the "golf specific" muscles. The

Heaton is Golfshape's orthopedic physi-

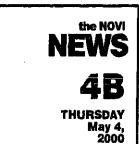
Golfshape offers instruction using the cal therapist, who emphasizes golf specific best video equipment in the industry and exercises to improve your swing and "Golfshape is the only local facility

elbow using your left hand then repeat golfers understand their swing problems golf specific muscles including a track together. It can make a big difference in for the opposite hip. A safe and effective and begin to train in a way that change trainer and a golf swing emulator - both the quality of a player's game and health." Heaton said. Specific training packages are available for individuals, as well as, corporate and

group packages. Services range in price from \$25 and up. Golfshape is located at 32472 Grand River in the Village Com mons Center in downtown Farmington. To make an appointment for a Golf Swing

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Health Column

Athletes must use their heads

With spring and summer sports seasons ready to begin, a University of Michigan expert is warning athletes of all kinds; students, amateurs, and professionals alike, to heed new findings about an old sports injury - concussion.

Even a little hit on the head, whether in a Little League baseball game or a pickup round of basketball, can mean big problems, says Edward Wojtys M.D., a U-M sports medicine specialist who recently led a national committee on concussion treatment guidelines.

He explains that sports-related concussions are far more common, and potentially more dangerous, than most people realize. New research shows that a single brain-bruising knock can cause damage, and that repeated concussions may cause permanent brain Injury.

So. Wojtys advises parents, coaches, and trainers to know the basic signs of concussion, and what to do if they suspect a player has suffered one. There are even checklists to guide them.

"The number of concussions that cause truly critical injuries are few and far between, but every year in North American several kids lose their lives to undiagnosed concussions," he says. "Most concussions are minor, causing short-lived symptoms that clear up pretty quickly," he adds. But others can be lifethreatening. Only proper screening on the sidelines and treatment by trained professionals can help decide when or if an athlete can return to the game.

Once an athlete has had a concussion, the risks from additional ones are even higher. "The real danger with some minor concussions is that they can make the brain and nervous system susceptible to another blow." Woltvs says. "If it comes along, that can cause the nervous system to deteriorate rapidly. It doesn't happen often but when it does, it's truly an emergency. According to the Centers for Disease Control

and prevention, some 500 deaths annually result from sports-related head trauma; most of these occur among 15- to 24-year-olds. Although concussions are associated mostly with contact spots like football, baseball, soccer and hockey, Wojtys cautions that even non-contact spots can carry a risk of concussion

So what, exactly, is a concussion? In general, Wojtys says, it's an "alteration in brain function usually caused by trauma and it can be anything from dizziness to nausea, to a headache or even loss of consciousness."

How can you tell if you or someone else may have suffered one? Says Wojtys, "If an athlete is acting a little bit dazed, if their balance is obviously affected, if they're not walking or talking right, or responding properly, all of these things are very important. If these are combined with headache, nausea, vomiting or inability to sleep, that could be very significant.

Most commonly, a "routine" head trauma presents as a mild headache that gradually disappears. However, before returning to sports, anyone who experiences a concussion. no matter what the severity, should be checked by a physician.

But it is especially imperative when symptoms persist, such as a headache that continues more than 15 minutes after the incident, that the injury be evaluated. "Anyone who shows deterioration after the initial event, who has a headache for a while and an hour later is nauseated or is vomiting, should be taken to the emergency room. That's someone we can't take a chance with."

Wojtys explains that neurological research indicates that the brain sustains lasting "bruises" even after symptoms, even the subtlest ones, have disappeared. In order for the

brain to fully heal, it requires rest, sleep, protection from subsequent impact, and abstinence from alcohol.

He stresses the need for parents, coaches and trainers to know the basic signs of concussion. He said there is a simple sideline evaluation that tests an injured athlete's memory, which is a good indicator because memory is particularly sensitive to alterations in brain function. If a player cannot pass the evaluation, he should be sidelined. The form is available on the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine Web site, www.sportsmed.org, along with an article about concussion management.

Research still continues on the effects of concussion on the brain, its function, and on the best way to evaluate and treat concussion. But even as more information comes in, athletes and those who care about them should use their heads and be cautious about concussion.

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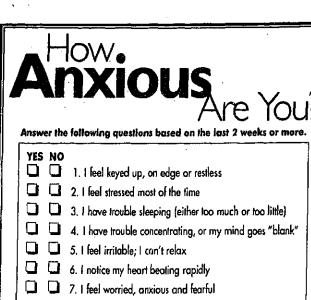
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Facts About Concussions: More than 300,000 American athletes sustain concussions or other mild to moderate brain injuries each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

. Twenty percent of high school football players have a concussion each year, according to NCAA.

. A 1991 survey found that a third of those who suffer concussions did not see a doctor.

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Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

Health Notes

Child Clinic

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Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an hmo or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

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Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

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

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

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

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Prov-Idence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause. For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

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

Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and hdi readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required.

For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

Intermediate Water Aerobics

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

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

s ano w immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed.

Appointments are required.

For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dictitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required. The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastleeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health

Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100. To register, call 1-800-968-5595.



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