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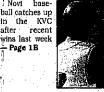
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Novi students Mark Levin, left, and Jonathan Weirmeir have won awards for their creativity in the radio booth

# WOVI wins national award

### By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

The awards adorning the walls at Novi High School's WOVI radio station will have to be rearranged for another.

The student-operated radio station, 89.5 FM, was chosen as Michigan's High School Station of the Year for 2001. The award came from the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters (MAEB) last month, at their annual awards ceremony in Warre

"We all work very hard here," said junior Mark Levin, who runs Monday Madness, an alternative rock show. "We have an extreme-

ly 'dedicated' staff and a great instructor. In announcing the Station of the Year Award, Judges cited WOVI's involvement with community organizations, taking special notice of the three-month-long campaign the station ran for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life."

The campaign included a remote broadcast from the Novi Civic Center, two sets of Public Service Announcements that aired over several weeks and an 18-hour radio marathon in June. WOVI also broadcasted another marathon for the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Campaign

in December. Over the last year, we've done some really good community service programming, said David Legg, the station's faculty advisor. "With the Relay For Life ktck-off and the Toys for Tots, we had a lot of success. We were able to particulate the discussion and the

make some good contacts and it was something that the students connected with very easily." Individual students at NHS also brought home awards. Levin brought home a Gold Microphone Award for radio production and a Bronze Microphone Award for his deejay entry and senior Jonathan

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# City's goal: lean budget

### By RANDAL YAKEY

Samwiner Gearing up for a decision on the Sandstone Visias lawsuit and pro-viding adequale emergency medical services is top on the list for the 2001 Novi city budget.

No longer a rural outpost of Oakland County, city manager Richard Helwig said the future is now for Novi, which is facing the medium realities of balaci a city.

modern realities of being a city. Helwig said it was time to acknowledge the facts and that with the city heading to 50,000 in population, there is no turning back when it comes to providing infrastructure

and comparable city services. "Going through the EMS task force, it was obvious to some of us but (a few) were saying, 'well, we're still rural or maybe we're semi rural." And I said wait, time out, anybody who analyzes us, from the Census Bureau to Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG),

know that we are a city." A lot of what this the budget process was about was catching up on city services, Helwig said. The

ean" budget will concentrate on a few core essentials: preparing for a decision on the Sandstone Vistas lawsuits, Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Increasing the general balance fund and improving city services

Helwig acknowledged that Sandstone Vistas Hilgation suit, a potential payment by the city of up to 862 million, was a major concern. "We don't know what the outcome

is going to be and in the current is going to be and in the current year's budget we setup a judgment trust fund which is a good practice. Cities have judgment trust funds to try to deal with the setUlement and not go to the voters. The said. In the 2001-02 budget, the city plans to set aside \$475,000, within the overall \$21 million budget pro-need for next year.

posal for next year. "We put \$325,000 into that fund

last year," Helwig said. "If you put in \$325,000 a year for seventeen years you could support debt services of \$2 million in judgment bonds. It's a start."

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# EMS a top priority for 2001 budget

### By RANDAL YAKEY

A top priority. The Novi City Council approved \$650,000 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) upgrades for the 2001-2002 city budget to begin July.

"People, count, on, us, to be, there, during emergency situations," Novi, city manager Richard Helwig said, "And our emergency staffing is low." We gave the \$650,000 to support what our priorities should be," Helwig said. "They (council) approved about \$600,000. So we still have about \$40,000 in reserve." Helwig said the EMS allocations

mitment was made to EMS upgrades: "We are going to be a combination department for many years come," Helwig said. "We'll have pad-on-call (POC) and full time personnel. We're going to be dependent on everyone to make this work."

As part of the Emergency Medical

Task Force recommendations, there will be an addition of two new fulltime fire fighters, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) will be put into each police car and two for the police building. AEDs are used to revive heart attack victims. The biggest expense will come with a pri-vate ambulance car dedicated to only the city of Novi. An estimated S220000 was budgeted for such a

service. "Our current (ambulance) provider quoted us with \$220,000 and another quoted us less," Helwig said. "This will lower our response time. They, are not meeting the guidelines now of 90 percent of the calls within ten minutes. We want to here they if was one? service.

lower that, if we can." Helwig sald there may be money for the defibrillators but those items were added to the budget because they save lives. The council

The council also approved POC hourly rate increases, setting aside \$100,000 for pay benefits.

# Largest group of vals in history

### By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Stali Writer

This year Novi High School will need a bigger podium when it comes to honoring its brightest students on graduation day. With 26 valedictorians and 12

salutatorians for the Class of 2001, the group has become the largest in NHS' 33 year history.

This is the biggest group of stu-dents for vals and sals we've ever had," said Novi High School princi-pal Dr. Jennifer Cheal. I am so proud. It not only says a

lot about our school, but our entire

counselors, met to share in the celebration and to discuss commencement details.

"It is a pleasure to have all of you here and I want to congratulate each and every one of you on your

exemplary academic achievement, Cheal said, Thursday, Cheal said she was extremely proud of their accomplishment and their commitment to educational

excellence, "I know you have all worked very hard throughout the years. You have brought pride to yourself, your families, your teachers and your



were "significant" and a major com-mitment was made to EMS

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At Oakland Schools after receiving their award are Gary Kelly, Michael Wang, Karen Andrews, Steven Savickas, Sarah Holt, Vidya Mahadevan and Beth Bovair.

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# Teacher, students win award for WWII veteran Web site

### By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

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Through the efforts of one Novi High School teacher and several students, the voices of WWII veterans are being forever preserved.

It began with Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation."

Generation." Not only did it inspire our mayor to create a recog-nition day, but it also inspired Gary Kelly, who in turn inspired a group of local students to come face-to-face with history. Through the use of the Internet, Kelly and his stu-dents developed "So Proudly-We Hail," a Web site documenting the real-life accounts of WWII veterans in the community. The site invites visitors to "step into the past," as we terans share the challenges, heartaches and

The site invites visitors to step into the past, as veterans share the challenges, heartaches and sometimes joys that was WVII. On April 27, Kelly and the students were honored at the National Association of School Boards ITTE Technology Leadership Conference at Oakland

### Schools in Pontiac.

The conference showcases those schools who have developed innovative technological programming for their students and staff.

Surrounded by board members and administrators from all over the United States, the NHS students provided a live demonstration of their website and shared their own accounts of the courageous men and women they had met. You don't often hear about females in the war, so

it was really inspiring to meet a woman who had so much courage at the tender age of 18," said student Beth Bovar, who interviewed veteran Isabel Collins, a licutenant in the Army Nurse Corps from 1941 to 1946;

"With the Internet, these people will still live on and their experiences will be saved," Bovair said, Dying at an alarming rate of 30,000 veterans a month, the Web site hopes to ensure that future

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

# Men assault resident of apartment with baseball bat

### Four men broke into a Spring Lake Apartment residence and assaulted at least one man who was taken to the hospital for treatment on April 26. **Police News** According to police reports, the

incident occurred at around 11 p.m. when a group of men carrying baseball bats broke into the apartment demanding to talk to one of the men inside the residence

After the men broke into the rtment, a fight ensued between two groups where one man was struck in the head with one of the bats, After the four suspects were bardshed from the house, police were called. When police arrived on the scene, the call for an ambulance to take the victim to the hospital. Reports indicate that all the men nvolved may have been to a party in

Farmington Hills where some money may have been stoler The man who was struck with the bat was treated and released at Huron Valley Hospital. Only one description was filed on the intrud-ers. That suspect was described as a male in his early 20s, approximately 5'-8" tall, skinny and wearing a white bandana around his forehead

BURGLAR STEAL ELECTRONICS GEAR Two residents in the 41000 block of Joindre Drive arrived home to find their living room window was removed so burgiars could get inside

on April 27. homeowners came back about 2 a.m. to find the removed and lying on the living room floor. The burglars apparently removed the window and proceeded

o take electronic equipment from home. Apparently an enclosed porch allowed the burglars to removed the window unseen. Police have taken evidence from the scene and contin-

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PILFERING PLEASURE TRIP him walk away from the situation The Michigan State Police followed but he didn't refrain and was taken into custody. The man was charged with disor-derly conducted and taken to the a Macomb County couple across Novi. After the couple stole some Items from a construction site at the new Autumn Park subdivision off of Novi Police station for processing. Beck Road, the police arrested them The state police unit called "Comet" began following the couple on the morning of April 27. The surveillance unit followed the couple into the new subdivision, in conuncture with the Novi police. The state police officers witnessed the two, one male and one female, take some property from a building site. The two vere pulled over by Novi

police near Beck Road and Baker Street. The suspects were taken into custody for larceny in Novi. It is unclear if the two will be charged with any crimes in Macomb County,

THIEF STEALS 14-YEAR-OLD ECONOMY CAR A Redford man, 48, on his way to

urn himself in at Frank Greenan Detention Facility in Auburn Hills, left his car with a man who was supposed to leave the car at a Novi residence. He never did. On April 27, the incarcerated man's father reported that the car, a

1987 Plymouth Horlzon, had never been returned to his home. NO FREE MEAL FOR YOU

A Redford man, 45, was arrested after he made a scene in the Big Boy's restaurant on April 26 around dinner time.

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The man apparently began demanding free food at the restau-Police are still investigating. one point in the conversation, it

WIXOM PARANOIA OR CONSPIRACY? later the car was gone. A Village Apartment resident claims that over the last four years in the rear. people have been entering her home and doing strange things. In the last couple of instances a town. package of lightbulbs were taken and some type of sensor was placed in the 45-year-old woman's VCR. It is unknown how entry is being made. The doors are always locked

on the complainant's return. Recently the woman installed an m system in her apartment that covers all entry points and a motion sensor was set up for the front room/kitchen area The woman states that despite the \$500 bond. alarm addition, people continue to enter the apartment and are profes-

stonal enough to not set of the continued saying that now people are following her outside her apartment

A Ford pickup has been observed several times by the woman while on

the road. The woman had a con-

frontation with the driver at the

Amoco station on Pontiac Trail and

Beck Road when the driver cut her

off at the air pump. The woman feels this is all part of

THOMAS KINKADI

man's neighbors who were out of WARRANT FOUND •A Novi woman was arrested in Wixom on April 23 after she was

VAN STOLEN

pulled over for a traffic violation, The 24-year-old was stopped for nproper lane use on Pontiac Trail at around 5 p.m. A check of her record revealed a misdemeanor warrant out o Westland on a Fraud charge, with a

The woman was taken into custody and transported to the Westland Police Department.

### WALLED LAKE ANYONE HERE A BAPTIST?

A 22-year-old Novi man driving a Ford Thunderbird was pulled over at Pontiac Trall and Chestnut Ridge in Walled Lake on April 25 at 11: 25 p.m. after going through a stop sign, a red light and swerving. stop sign, a red light and swerving. The police officer noticed that the man's eyes were bloodshot and watery and his speech was slurred.

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the officer that he had a 12th grade education and he couldn't do that. He was taken to Providence Hospital, where he demanded that a A 1992 gray Chevy Astro was stolen from a business on 47300 W. Pontiac Trail on April 19. is legally drunk. At around 3:30 p.m., the complainant parked the vehicle at the ocation and went into the store. abstain from drugs and alcohol. He was fined \$5,000 for a probation vio-When she returned 10-15 minutes

Vehicle had several helium tanks lation. The Astro belonged to the MONEY FOUND A Wixom woman who works at Melvin's Hardware, 690 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, found a sealed

invelope on a countertop next to the register on April 23. She then gave the envelope to the store owner. He opened the envelope to the store owner. He opened the envelope to find \$1,290 in it. Walled Lake Police took the money to the station and placed it in a safe. The case is still open.

BAD CHECKS SPELL BAD NEWS Walled Lake Police were sent to 1075 E. West Maple Road, The Liquor Station, where the owner said

a check was returned on April 5 from Old Kent Bank, Bank officials because she had spent all day clean ing and he keeps messing up the res-idence. She said they had been arguold the owner that the check had been written from a company check ing over something that had hapnened three days ago. book that doesn't exist.

Police called the defunct compa She admitted throwing the chair ny's owner, a 48-year-old Pontiac but she said she didn't throw it at resident, who said his daughter's him, The man had a reddened area or boyfriend, a 20-year-old Holly resithe one who signed the dent, was the one who signed the check. The man's business had

around.

CHAIRS

DRINKING AND THROWING

A 40-year-old Walled Lake ma

Maple called 911 last week when

his 31-year-old live-in girlfriend threw a chair and hit him in the

He told a Walled Lake police offi

phone cord out of the wall when he

was talking to 911 dispatchers. The woman was by the doorway when the officers entered and the

man was lying on the couch with a

ment. She had been at the neighbor's

drinking and had continued to drink when she got home.

He was angry and threw a glass into the kitchen, breaking it. The

woman cleaned up the mess while

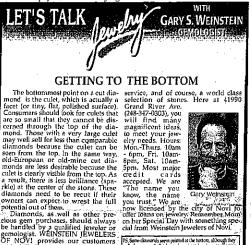
she yelled at him. She then threw the

wooden chair at him. The woman said she was mad

living in the 1700 block of E. West

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# Legislators want investigation into Michigan gas price fixing BY RANDAL YAKEY

If it seems gas prices are much higher in Oakland County than in other areas of the state, that assumption could be correct. Seven Oakland County Altorney General's office has Representatives, including Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), have asked Attorney General Jennifer been monitoring the situation. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), have asked Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to investigate price gouging at gas stations in said. "Price fixing is a violation mer grades of oil to the cus-

gouging at gas stations in Oakland County. "We want to see if there is price gouging in the gasoline into court." market." Cassis said. "When I DeWitt sa was driving out of Lansing. I had to take Grand River because they had it blocked off and a gas station there had gas for \$1.63. Accord

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DIABETIC NEUROPATHY

Dr. Michael P. Burk

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His breath smelled of alcohol. The officer asked him to count from 80 to 63 backwards. He told

The company's owner wrote a let-ter verifying that he had nothing to do with the bad check. tist draw his blood. His blood leohol count was .117. According state law anyone registering a 0.10 He was arrested for operating inder the influence of alcohol influence of alcohol (OUIL). He was already on probation for assault and battery. One of the conditions for his probation was to cer and Wolverine Lake police offi-cer that his girlfriend was drunk, threw a chair and then yanked the

Cassis said prices do vary in the area around Metro Defroit but the highest prices are most likely to be in Oakland County. same time last year. According to the United States

Department of Energy, gas prices usually tend to rise just of anti-trust laws but there must tomer, there may have been less 'winter grades' causing a rise in

gas prices. Californians are currently paytions continue, there will even-tually be a decision to bring charges. According to the letter sent to

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not comment on if the investiga-tion was only on gasoline distri-bution in Oakland County or on which, or how many, distributors

were part of the investigation. The letter sent to Granholm was signed by Cassis and Reps. Andrew Raczkowski (Farmingto Hills ). Mark Shulman (R-Wes Bloomfield), Pan Godchaux (R-Birmingham), John Papageorge (R-Troy ), Robert Gosselin (R-Troy), Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), Mike Bishop (R-Rochester ) and Ruth Johnson (R-Holly).

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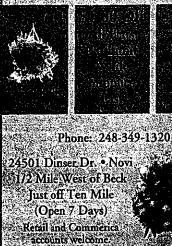
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Marilyn Charette and Redmond Rock dance to the tunes of "Satin Sounds" during last Tuesday's big-band dance at the Novi Civic Center. The dance was sponsored by Parks and

ecreation

sat down with the Parks and Recreation department and the parks committee members just to let Continued from 1 Helwig said that he did want to them know that there were budget increase the general balance fund for the city from approximately \$1.5 million to about \$1.9 million. priorities the city wanted to take car

"Sure, get the land because we're building out fast," Helwig said. The city is also expected to spend over \$300,000 on upgraded road "We've got other basics that we need equipment, Police vehicles and pub- to take care of. I'm as big a fan as to take care of. I'm as big a fan as works staffing. Some departments, such as

to take care of. I'm as big a tan as there is of parks." "We're trying to add two firefight-ers," Helwig continued. "We abol-ished a police sergeant position. We had three officers retire and we pro-moted two. I saw the opportunity to abolish that position in order to also Parks, Recreation and Forestry, received funding for virtually none of "We're trying to develop a strategy "We're trying to develop a subacy for Novi. Most of the submittals from departments were not added," Helwig said. According to Helwig, city officials abolish that position in order to give us \$97,000 to do something els That's how tight things are.'

# Radio wins top honor

the outside world.

entire community to listen. It's not Weirmeir received a Silver just one for the students in the high Microphone Award for radio proschool to hear duction. Weirmeir, the student Program The MAEB, in which WOVI is a

charter member, was founded in Director at 89.5 FM., said he thinks 1978 to promote educational the reason the station does so well roadcasting in the state. The MAEB is a Michigan non is its ability to connect easily with profit corporation made up of indi-"I think we do a good job in put-

vidual high schools, trade schools, ting ourselves in the listeners shoes and providing the kinds of pro-grams and music the average lisand colleges with broadcasting pro-grams, including on-air stations, cable radio or television facilities, or ener would want to hear," he said. hands-on production studios. Annually, an award for Station of

Surprisingly, WOVI is one of only 16 other high school stations in Michigan and 150 in the nation. "A lot of times people think of the Year goes to one high school and one college member. This award is based on station profiles high school radio as 'pretend radio' submitted for judging. WOVI, which has been on the air Similar to the one seen on 90210. Legg said, "But the difference between WOVI and (the pretend won the Station of the Year Award

stations) is that ours and the 16 in 1996. other stations in Michigan allow the



## Budget will focus on essentials

# make up 38 of student population tions," he said. "I'm excited and sad at the same time." Salutatorian Asim Kagzi said he

Honors graduates

too will miss NHS, but is ready t

The vals and sals are 38 of 365

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Melissa Harbison,

Continued from 1 Cheal toked that while some people may think NHS is easy on its students, one only had to look at their ACT scores to prove them-

embark on a new of the second When I went and combined where I went and combined ach of their scores, the groups average as a whole was 30 on the ACT, she said. ach of their scores, the groups average as a whole was 30 on the ACT," she said. Novi High School counselor Bill be wonderful leaders of our com Ayotte also expressed his grati-tude to the students outstanding munity. students graduating this year. And the valedictorians for the Class of 2001 arc...Lindsay Anan.

complishments. "I know it is difficult to earn the grades you've produced," Ayotte said. "It's a lot of pressure, but it's quite a feat. One that you will have with you the rest of your life." Karen Andrews, Elizabeth Bovair, Valerie Carosetti, Ryan Fedronich, Monica Fink, Jeffrey Gdowski, To qualify as a valedictorian, a tudent must earn straight As hroughout their entire tenure at student must earn straight As throughout their entire tenure at NHS. Salutatorians attain the same, with the exception of just Larissa Szwast, Yuki Tanaka, Allison Tingwali, Michael Wang, Alexander Wong, Julie Wuerth, Lisa Yin, and Jessica Zhou. ne B. "We are all so proud of you," said counselor Kathy Scullen. "You have made your life and this

school interesting. The salutatorians are...Elsa Valedictorian Alex Wong, who will be attending the University of Michigan to study chemical engi-neering, said he feels pleased with his accomplishments. his accomplishments. "Ive had a good academic career here," he said. "I'm proud of that." While Wong said he's looking forward to graduating, he will miss seeing his peers and teach-ers. Slovan, and Elizabeth

Stephante Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net "I guess I have mixed emo-

**NHS Senior wins** 

national scholarship By STEPHANIE FORDYCE pation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts

Stall Writer To her peers, teachers, coaches, and principal, Novi High School student Allsion Tingwall embodies the perfect definition of a leader. Whether it's representing her class as student council president, empresenting her temperature in the arts ence, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay. Tingwall has demonstrated demine work and results to be Tingwall has demonstrated exemplary achievement in her aca-demic work and service to her three variativ sports ior represent three variativ sports ior represent three variativ sports ior represent ambassador. Tingwall has made a stor. NASSP "She's a nire team ine emblematic tool for direction and guidance. Competing against

and guidance. people in America's high schools. " Competing against approximate ly 7,500 school winners from throughout the United States, the NHS senior has won a national Scholarship. School student ever to be selected to receive the award School student ever to be selected to receive the award the student council president the senith Club and the student council president the senith Club and the selected the selected the selected the senith club and the selected the selected the senith Club and the selected the senith Club and the selected the sel to receive the award. dent, Spanish Club vice president "This is a real honor," Tingwall and co-captain of the Giri's Varsity Basketball, Volleyball and Softbal

said. "Novi High School has nomi-nated a lot of great students in the past and it's great to be recognized in the same category as them. NHS - Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal, who nominated Tingwall for attend the University of Michigan to study engineering. "Allison is just a very well-roundthe award, said there was no quesed individual," Cheal said, "She's tion when choosing Tingwall, because the senior fit the criteria to

liked by both adults and her peers and she personifies what Novi High School is all about. We're really a tee. "Allison is an unbelievable kid." proud of her Cheal said. 'She is a fine leader for our school and our community. Not only is she heavily involved in a

number of school athletics, clubs and activities, but she's also a

"Allison took such a key leader-ship role in showing and introduc-

one of 150 Principal's Leadership Awards that were presented as part of National Student Leadership Week, April 22-28 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Herff Jones, Inc.

arate generations."

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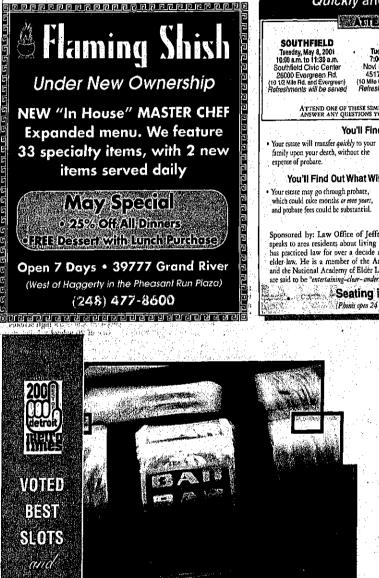
Novi Civic Center. Recrea The concert, directed by Jack 0400. Recreation Department at (248) 347 Kopnick will be held at the civic cen-Parks and Recreation Schedul and is free of charge. Parkview School Fair

Change The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting for May 10 will have the following schedule change: • 6-7 p.m. – Regular Parks and Round up the family and join arkview Elementary for a night of un on Friday, May 11, Games of skill and chance, moon yalks, face painting, and rafile. Pizza, roppcorn, candy, sweet shop, ce cream and pop will also be served. 667 p.m. – Regulau raiss and Recreation Commission meeting. • 7.8:30 p.m. – Novi Parks and City Council joint meeting. • 8:30 p.m. – Novi Parks and

Recreation Commission resumes their regular meeting. If there are any questions, call (248) 347-0400.

Top rose expert to present program Top rose expert Tom Taylor of

Will's will present a program enti-tled "Rose Hybridizing" on Friday, The show starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Varest Auditorium at Novi High School: Tickets are \$10 for adults and School: Tickets are \$10 for adults and Soft seniors and children under 12. Mile Road. A social hour will follow ee carnations will even be distrib-ed to all the ladies for Mother's Day. to the public.





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World War II Web site distinguishes Novi teacher, students

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the veterans who was scheduled to be present during the presenta-tion that merning was admitted to the hospital. "He had a number of medals, books, pictures, even model air-planes that he shared with me."

Cheal, right, shows soon-to-be Novi High graduate Allison Tingwall the school's newest alumni directory

Mike Wang and the veterans who said. "They welcomed us into allowed them to record their lives. their homes and willingly shared "We never imagined the an important part of lives with great service and sacrifice. The site that began nearly a year ago now has 24 interviews for WWI made him see in the long list of contributors and willing was admitted to the hospital. The site that began nearly a year ago now has 24 interviews for the nose that much insignt after the was in absolute "awe" when method and part of lives with the states of the sage really hit home when Holt announced that one of was in absolute "awe" when method and part of lives with the states of the sage really hit home when Holt announced that one of the sage really and the was in absolute "awe" when method the sage really and the sage really hit home when Holt announced that one of the sage really hit home when Holt announced that one of the sage really hit home when Holt announced that one of the sage really hit home when Holt announced that one of the sage really hit home when Holt announced that one of

# Principals in high schools

throughout the country could nominate one of their student lead-

The wonderful thing about this project is that the kids did this willingly, on their own time," he said. This project was able to give them real life experiences and at the same time unite two very sep-arts dramations."

To view these oral history accounts, visit the student's Web

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or by e-ma enrice@ht.homecomm.net.

school principals and assistant principals. It administers the National Junior Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, the

Advisers, collectively serving an additional 50,000 advisers and

Councils, and the National Association of Student Activity

ting the high school to our visitors," Cheal said, "She was very articu-late and very honest." The award, which includes a \$1,000 college scholarship, was \$2,000 middle level and high

more than one million students. NASSP is also the sponsor of National Student Leadership Week.

ers. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, partici-

Tingwall's parents, John and Carol also expressed their happi-ness for their daughter's award and success. "We are very proud of Allison and activities, but she's also a straight A student." We are very proud of Allison Cheal added that Tingwall did a cheal added that Tingwall did a sador last year when the school was evaluated for the Blue Ribbon Award. "Allison took such a key leader ship role in showing and introduce

the organizations to which she

teams. This fall, the 4.0 student plans to

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

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\$15 after that date For more information, call the Hotline, (248) 746-3360; e-mail: www.c@imb.org; Website: http://www.lmb.org/wheels/wheel

Camera Club Meeting The Novi Camera Club will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Topic of the evening will be "Trick Photography – Over the Years."

Guest hosts Gene and George O'Neal will present a special program, including an 8mm motion picture on the special ways of creating tricks with the camera – both still and niotion picture. An extra section on Wee Gee will be includ-ed. He was a noted photographer and specialist in trick photography.

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The play will hit the stage July 13-15.

Rehersals for Senior Variety Series Rehearsals for The Novi Theatres

Senior Variety Series production of Hooray For Hollywood are May 7. arsals begin at 12:30 p.m. a

the Novi Parks & Recreati Department in the civic center Registration fee is \$50. Information on solo/duet audi-tions and dance rehearsals will be given out at the first rehearsal.

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

The group, directed by Mary Kay Davis, will perform two evening shows, closing with a matinee on Sunday, Tickets are \$8 in advance and All seats are

\$10 at the door. All seats ar reserved.

For more show information, please call the Novi Parks & Recreation Department at (248 347-0400.

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## **Two companies** try to stay afloat

### By RANDAL YAKEY

Even with its seemingly prospering economy, busi-nesses based in the city of Novi have admitted to some economic difficulty. Amid reports that Fife Electric has closed its doors. the president of the company Doug Venable said the com

pany is still open. Venable would not confirm the company is \$8 million to consolidate its work force. in debt or if the company is

behind on its rent. "We are looking for a strategie fit for the situation that we are in," Venable said. "We have a lot of inventory and e are still taking order for

that inventory." Venable did confirm that the company filed an "assign-ment for the benefit of credi-tors" as a means to pay off creditors through a third

Fife, which makes electrical products for MGM Grand Detroit and Greektown Casino, had recently been involved with the midfield erminal project at the Metro

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contractors. Over on High Point Boulevard in Novi, Hoskins Conturing Inc. Manufacturing Inc. announced they have closed

their Charlevolx plant, According to Hoskins presi-dent Jim Musser, the compa-ny closed the plant in order "It's just a consolidation to improve the company, Musser said. "I was up there to make the announcement. Hoskins, which produces spark plug electrical compo-nents, also has plants in Hamburg Township, Mio and

Lewiston. Musser said some of the workers in Charlevoir will be offered positions a other company facilities.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached by e-mailing ryakey@ht.homecomm.net\_oi by calling (248) 349-1700, ext

### Sports Club of Novi will expand By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer Beginning the first of August, The Sports Club of Novi will begin construction on its \$400,000 expansion

Plans call for a new 5,000 sq. foot addition to include larger space for classes and equipment. The project also calls for a 30 percent increase

in the outdoor patio area. "Our members have been shocked to hear that we're already at capacity," said Mark Pinchoff, the club's general manager. "We've only been here two and half years, so the response has just been tremendous, We continue to add new members every month,"

Currently the club serves over 3,500 families. Pinchoff explained that part of the project will include a 3.600 sq. foot cardiovascular center with addition-al treadmills and crosstrainers.

'During our heaviest hours,

650 sq. foot stretching area and a new 750 sq. foot group exercise/personal training studio.

The Sports Club of Novi, located on Novi Road, offers memberships in fit ness, tennis and summer swim dul as well as a number of sports and fitness classes to both members and non-members. For more information call the club at (248) 735-8850.

SPORTS CLUB OF NOVI EVENTS SPORTS INJURY CLINIC Join Dr. George Nicoloff for the Sports Club of Novi's complimenta y Sport's Injury Clinic, Tuesday, May 15. Entitled "Get Back in the Game," Nicoloff will be available for injury room by 1,250 sq. feet. The idea for a "family restroom' came from the club's suggestion box, as did the idea for a larger sessments along with recommendations for individual exer "Based on customer response,

members wanted to see a larger snack bar area, so we'll be increasing the path for our summer swim club," Pinchoff said. Pinchoff added that while a few

parking spaces will be eliminated by the expansion, the club will still have plenty of ample parking to accommodate club members. J.J. Hopper Construction, the same company that built the club, will do the work which will take

about 12 weeks to complete. While part of the construction for the addition will take place in front of the club, Pinchoff said members

take place, making room for a new

family restroom and an expansion of the club's current weight training

patio.

will have no difficulty entering the building. He also noted that classes and gym services will continue as normal throughout the duration of the construction. Looks as if even more construc-

tion is on the horizon for the club. In April, the planning commi gave nod to a preliminary site plan that calls for a 3,700 sq. foot expansion for a new outdoor pool and

water slide. Pinchoff said that project would not begin until the summer of 2002.

### ramming. Nicoloff has worked extensively with college and professional athetes and is the current team physician for Stevenson High School In' ivonia. He is a board certified Family Physician and is a University of Michigan Medical School graduate. Services provided at the sports clinic will include therapy instruc-

ion/referral, exercise prescription/counseling, and injury evaluation? Dr. Nicoloff, who works at PrimeCare in Novi, also offers full service b) (neutring and splitting, injections, and sports physicals in his office. PrimeCare is located on Ten Mile, just west of Haggerly. The sports clinic runs from 7-9 p.m. by appointment and is open to

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Sports Club of Novi. Her repertoire includes: Spinning, aerobics, step and the 7 week session begins May 10 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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Cost for members is \$89 and \$109 for non-members.

Please register one week prior at the front desk under Debble Nutile. The Sports Club of Novi is located off Novi Road between 9 and 10 Mile. For more information, please call (248) 735-8850.



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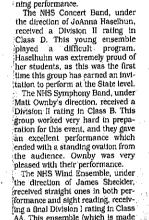
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AA. This ensemble (which is made up of primarily juniors and sen-tors). moved inp to Class AA from, Class A last year. Sheckler was also extremely proud of their performance, especially since these stu-dents played between 9:30-10:30 p.m. at night. All groups were adjudicated by

four judges on their performance of three prepared pieces of music and two pieces of sight reading music. The musical demands at this State Fostival were challenging and stringent, and all bands gave strong performances. The instrumental Music

Department and our Band Booster organization would like to send a special thanks to the NHS Administration for their support of this prestigious event; to the custo-idians for all of their assistance; to nization would like to send a our Vocal Music and Theatre teachers for all their help; and to the teachers whose rooms we used for homercoms. They would also like to send out a special thanks to Norm Norgren and his auditorium staff for all of their preplanning,

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which are usually after work and on Saturday afternoons, we want to ensure that there is enough equip-ment for our members to complete their workout with no delays," Pinchoff said, "That way they can come in, take a shower, and be out of here by 7 (p.m.)" Due to an increase in class sizes. Pinchoff said the club will add a new

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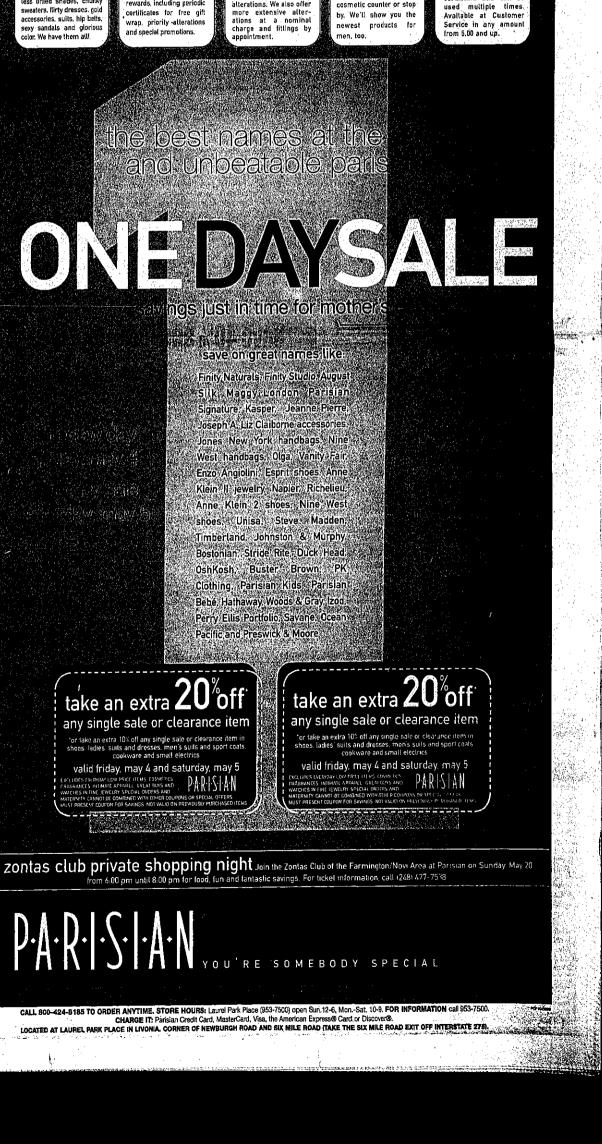
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ten these days."

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is great," said Pauline Flemming, who found out about the clean-up project through

## Clean up project helps seniors with chores

"Not only does this project help our elders, but it

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### Donnelly Bros. By STEPHANIE FORDYCE helps Foster

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times."

"It scares me when I think

back to the first weeks of the

like giving up. 1 am thankful

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Today, the company oper-ates five crews, offering com-plete landscaping services for both commercial and residen-

The company has staff mem-bers who are well-schooled in

initial client meeting to on the

job construction techniques. Donnelly said. "I believe ir

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What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with

operation," Donnelly said. There were a lot of times I felt

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL

Walled Lake's historic Foster

Farm House is getting a acelift from Donnelly

rothers Landscape & Snow

The company won first place

for their winning design of a formal garden featuring box-wood shrubs and tulips and a

effection pond. They are

donating the winning garden design worth \$3,700 to the historic home. "We wanted to celebrate our

success by helping to enhance the community," owner Patrick Donnelly said. "The

hrubs will be a beautiful

naterial to line the walkways

and the house once it's

Tracy White, Downtown

Development Authority direc-tor of business retention and recruitment, said the company

has been active in the commu

nity since they opened in the

demonstrated their commit

ment to the community by

enhancing their site, she said. They have also given support for the Main Street program.

The company began in 1986

on a smaller scale. Every night Donnelly and his wife Lynn would store their lawn mowers

and other equipment in their

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Where: Faith, Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. 48375

When: General meeting: Tuesdays at

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVER-

What: Promotes equity for all women

SITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI

and girls, life-long education and positi

societal change. Contact: Barbara Wilson (248) 348-

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NOVI OAKS CHARTER

What: Bring together businessw

of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help them-

eives and others grow professionally. Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel.

42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi. When: Every third Monday of the

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Contact: Beitle Johnson

Phone: (248) 960-9559

7:30 p.m.; Couples meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Women's meeting: Sunday at

ACORD Phone: (734) 349-1343

4 p.m. Contact: Stanley

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and will complement the gaze

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After more than two decades of caring for the elderly, Novi resident Greg Adair has seen first hand the challenges faced by the senior population. Therefore, Adair, along with several teens and other volun-teers from the Novi Church of Today, have teamed up to help new landscaping out senior citizens. On April 28, Adair and the

church organized the Clean up-Fix up Community Service homes the volunteers would Project. visit. Teams of parents and teens "Oh, this is just wonderful. I visited the communities of Novi, have a bad back, so it's difficult Farmington and Walled Lake to bend down. But having the

do odd jobs and chores at the homes of seniors. "Not only does this project help our elders, but it gives the kids a better understanding of

McCauley's senior center in gain a greater appreciation for Farmington. the challenges faced by seniors," what it means 'to give back' a lesson that offen forgotten these days," Adair said Saturday, as he unloaded his car with garden differs live hadding and older, helps those who have the data and the adding match and adding match and the adding match and adding match and the adding match and the adding m what it means 'to give back' a lesson that often forgotten these days," Adair said Saturday, as tools and equipment. It was around noon and the difficulty handling major chores around the house and don't have family who can help. Adair said it's a great time of the year to do this project lors - get to know them. The eldgroup of teen volunteers were already busy in a backyard in

landscape and horticulture design from well-known uni-Farmington, raking leaves, trimming hedges and pulling weeds. because people are coming out erly have so much wisdom and "We pride ourselves on ou attention to details from the

### Library Lines

having a strong game play before starting the project. We LIBRARY HOURS educate our potential clients on the importance of profes-sional landscape design." Donnelly Brother's Landscape and Snow Removal Is located at 127 East Walled Lake Drive. The telephone number is (248) 669-0366. tion. call 349-0720. Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached by

GROUP Our May selection is "I Know e · mailing calling (248) 349-1700, ext 110.

The Novi Public Library is ppen Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. INTERNET INTRODUCTION by Simon Winchester. The senior to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The address of the library is 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more informa-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

This Much is True" by Wally Lamb. The group meets Monday. May 7 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

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tion of citizens in government and action

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE -NORTHWEST DETACHMENT NO. 162

What: A service-oriented organization dedicated to the purpose of uniting all U.S. Marines, both discharged and, on active duty. They also assist and help all

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo

Center Dr., Novi When: Second Monday of every month

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e: (248) 349-2479

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tone: (248) 476-0320

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SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION Senior book lovers are reading

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Phone: (248) 735-0192

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NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB Phone: (248) 344-8440

NORTHVILLE RAINBOWS NO. 29

Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Northville community When: Once a month, September

Phone: (248) 349-6774 NOVI JAYCEES What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and manage ment skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund

Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi When: First Thursday of every month

NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES

Contact: Sue Koivula Phone: (248) 349-414

NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB Contact: Virginia Martin Phone: (248) 349-3064 NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE

NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CEN

Contact: Mary Ellen King Phone: (248) 344-1618

NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB **What:** Serves the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The elub also provides parade control in Northville on July 4 and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the tornado alert sys-

Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi

When: First Tuesday of every month Phone: (248) 349-4064

NOVI BAND Where: Novi High School or Novi Middle School, throughout school year

When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 932-9244

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE What: The chamber of commerce is an organization which coordinates the talents and resources of business and Order of Oddfella al men and women. professional men and women. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi When: Membership meeting: third

y of every m NOVI ROTARY CLUB oard of directors meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday Phone: (248) 349-3743 ple within the com

NOVI CHESS CLUB Phone: (248) 344-9833

### NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY nity a knowledge of their common her-itage; fosters the collection and preser-vation of records and objects; and loans nore familiar with the bistorical material to other historical

time and skills toward the goal of pre-

venting juvenile delinquency. They are aided by a professional staff person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting class-es, and Substance Abuse Prevention Where: Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Taft Road, Novi When: Committees meet every fourth Fuesday at 7 p.m. Phone: (248) 347-0410

they want to give it to people, so this is really an intergenera-tional project as well."

Novi High School student and

clean-up volunteer Portia Willy said she was glad to be a part of

"It's really important to get

involved in your community and this is a great way to do that,"

Sarah Banks Middle School

student Lauren Schmandt of

people," she said, "And to see

Adair said that the group is

hoping to organize a fall clean-up as well and any interested

parties should call the Church of Today West at (248) 449-

8900. More information about affordable home care can be obtained by calling Adair at (248) 477-4848.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She

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done a great thing.

Novi resident and Affordable HomeCare owner

of hibernation and lots of little

Popular requests from past programs include washing win-dows, cleaning flowerbeds,

changing light bulbs and minor plumbing or electrical work.

care for the elderly.

"We're trying to get the kids to

the project.

she said

oiunteer Portia Willy

ORDER OF ALAHAMBRA

PRESERVATION NOVI What: Non-profit corporation whose stated goal is to promote and encourage preservation of historic buildings in Novi, for example, restoration of the Fuerst Farm property

Where: Annual meeting is in the sec ond quarter and open to all intere Contact: Kathy Mutch

Phone: (248) 349-6774 SWOCC

What: Sou thwestern Oakland Cable Commission serves Novi residents with community access television. Residents interested in registering for the TV or radio workshops can call for more information.

Phone: (248) 473-7266 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLUB

Phone: (248) 348-9077 VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI

lowing veterans groups: Novi Post 19, The American Legion: Perry Kenner Post 76, AMVETs; Northwest Post 76 Detachment nent 162, Marine Corps League: and Novi Post 2165. Veterans of Foreign Wars.

When: Once a month, September Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi When: First and third Monday every through May. Social interest groups month at 7:30 p.m Phone: (248) 349-2835

> NOVI POST 2165 ice oriented organizatio ated to helping military veterans. their families and the community. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans of active foreign duty during a wartime as prescribed by discharged vet

the U.S. Congress Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi When: First and third Tuesday every nonth at 7:30 p.m.

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"The Professor and the Madman"

group meets in the library meet

MOTHER'S DAY CLOSING

ng room on Thursday, May 10

NOBTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREraising projects for muscular dystrophy. St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees

at 8 p.m. Phone: (248) 348-6684

NOVI LINES CLUB AND LINESSES CLUB What: The Lions' objectives are to help the billind, sight-impaired and billind physically and mentally challenged chil-dren and to help find cures for prevent-

meet once or twice a month,

Phone: (248) 349-2414

What: A fraternal orga

of every month at 1 p.m.

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able blindness. Lionesses work with the Lions Club but also host their own projects and programs Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant. 26150 Novi Road, Novi When: Lions: every second and

ourth Wednesday: Lloness: every third Tuesday, Social 10... with dianer at 7 p.m. Lions: (248) 348-0531; Contact: Caren Collins Lioness: (248) 348-9098

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS What: To help newcomers to the area as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS tion: the women's division of the Independer When: Second and fourth Thursday

What: A service-oriented club com-

posed of business and professional peorians hold a variety of fund raising events every year Where: Novi United Methodist VEW POST NO. 4012

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FARM AND

When: Every Thursday at noor Phone: (248) 380-6500 NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE waat: Prevention program that relies local citizens who volunteer What: Pre-

clothes and baby items When: Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; the first two Phone: (248) 349-6104 Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon: and the last two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon NORTHVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS e: (248) 349-8553 DETROIT/OAKLAND CHAPTER - GEN-NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER TLEMEN SONGSTERS CHORUS OF COMMERCE Contact: Laurie Marrs

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FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION Phone: (248) 462-4413

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When: Every second Tuesday for busis and every fourth Tuesday for social

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obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World Way II through present. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo

When: First Wednesday of each month

Novi Hilton, 2111

POST 147 hone: (248) 349-1060 AMERICAN LEGION NOVI POST 19: AUXILIARY POST 19 What: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as pre-

open to all female members of eligible Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi

event at 8 p.m ict: (248) 344-8236; Auxiliary:

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NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY What: To discover, collect, observe advance and disseminate knopwledge of history of the Northville Region. The g focal point is Mill Flace Historical V Contact: Pat Schimmer

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Phone: (245) 348-1845 NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB Phone: (248) 348-9075

NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS

# Bicycle rodeo will allow kids to learn bike safety

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Get ready to saddle up your

oung'ns because the rodeo is com-But bring the klds' blkes instead

0A --- HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS(NL) -- Thursday, May 3, 200

all about blogele safety. The annual Blogele Rodeo will be held May 19 at 9 a.m. until noon behind the Walled Lake Police Department. Nelson Reis, a Blegele Trials U.S. and Brazilian National champion, "We'll talk abou

will give a special demonstration of a fairly new sport that involves performing stunts and navigating round challenging obstacles. Larry Brandon, State Farm agent

and steering."

In Walled Lake and one of the spon-sors for the event, said the bicycle rodeo is fun but it's also an impor- leave with a bicycle license, he said, tant occa

where trained people check bicycles for mechanical problems. Kids will pears every 40 seconds in this country and having this type of identification updated and available be able to show off their blevele designed to show how well they can handle their bikes. In all, there are should do if they are ever faced with

all about bloccle safety. The annual bloccle safety. "We will also have 911 simulator Kids will have a chance to win great prizes every 15 minutes too. he sald. One bike will be given away 11 and they'il learn the importance of only using it in an emergency. Captain John Woychowski of the "We'll talk about bicycle safety and try to have a little bit of fun with it too." Brandon said. "Every Bicycle Rodeo course will test kids breaking Walled Lake Police, said "Kids can get hands on to operate it so they won't be scared and it won't be a

strange thing to do." Parents will also be able to get their children's fingerprinted for emergency purposes and they can In past years, 250 children attended the rodeo, he said. Last year, there was only about 30 kids because it wasn't advertised soon enough. Brandon's hoping to get as "The ID program is really impor-tant," Brandon said. "A child disapmany children to attend as possibl

dren and parents will be better educated about bicycle safety.

Brandon wants people to become more informed about the signifi-cance of bicycle helmets. Most children wear bicycle helmets, however, sometimes parents don't wear them, he said. Often the children who wear helmets are actually wearing them incorrectly. Officials at the rodeo will show them how to prop-erly wear their helmets to assure their safety if they take a spill.

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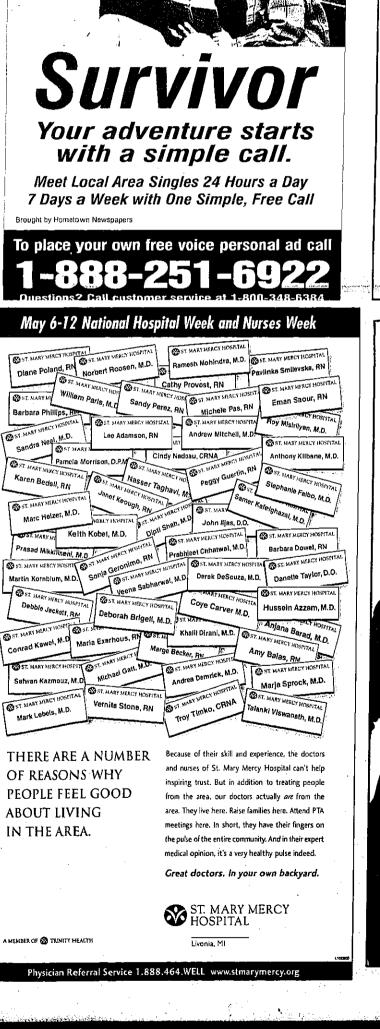
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the last few years and we If they don't have one or if it's in Brandon said. "Local businesses "If they don't have one of 11 its in really bad shape, we'll give them another one. We make sure it fits correctly." "Unfortunately they do fall," Unfortunately inter an et al. Brandon sald. "They can get a American Legion have helped us closed head injury. It's one of the worst injuries to get." There are a lot of generous peo-lt takes a lot of workers and stip-per to get the rodeo off the ground users users to be cold as many people out there as possi-





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# **OPINION**

which citizens have strong and differing opinions. I oppose the recent legislation that will increase the number of con-

cealed weapons permits in Michigan and I

said so at the meeting. Some residents of

the area disagreed with me and they

Your article fairly represents the dis-

nt about this Issue, ately, several subsequent letters

voiced their opinions too. The discussion was spirited and respectful.

there is strong public interest and differ-ing opinion. This is precisely the kind of

That is why I want to remind our public officials and your readers of my central point at the time of the town meeting. We

need to hear what people think and believe on this issue. At the meeting, I

was asking our representatives to respect the hundreds of thousands of Michigan

citizens who have signed petitions to place this issue on the ballot for a public

referendum. These signatures have been collected across our state since the con-

troversial legislation was passed late last

year. While both representatives voted in favor of the more lenient concealed

veapons law, neither disagreed that the

signatures to put the issue to a vote were

secured.

ufficient in number or appropriately

The sole reason that this issue might

not come to public vote is because of a

legislative technicality (referenced in your

cy and breeds mistrust in our democratic

institutions, in my opinion. My plea then,

as it is now, is that we allow the people of

the state to vote on this issue. We have a right to bear arms. We do not

have a responsibility to bear arms. Those

whord lagges, with my point of view regarding concealed weapons may do so because they wish to protect our right to bear arms. Our right to publicly discuss

and our right to vote on the most impor

Citizen's letter

was right on the

tione the lines he has started.

I would like to congratulate Joe Toth for

wonderful rebuttal in last week's paper.

However, I would like to add some notes

hear of all the time ... the dedication ...

the this, the that ... their whatever. No

one is questioning the integrity of Kathy Crawford, but just to set the record

straight: She is a city employee. She is

paid quite nicely for the work she does. Just exactly how much of her contribu-tions actually is included in her job

description, acknowledging the extra

amount of time and effort she does on a

Crawford – not Mrs. Crawford. Remember:

It was he who campaigned for the county post ... it was he who made the campaign promises, and it was he who was elected,

ot "she," Coincidentally, Mr. Crawford's

first visit to the Novi City Council meeting

are always ready to shoot the messenger.

You don't have to like the style of any par-

of you who plan to support your specific candidate or campaign in their direction; it is their intelligence and their knowledge and their capacity to deliver Novi into the

21st century that is of the utmost impor-tance to our future. It is not their dedica-tion to the city; while dedicated people are

people have said ... this one ... that one ... and so much time that they've put in and

It never ceases to amaze me that any

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# Let's not turn our state into the 'Wild Mid-West'

Gun-rights advocates have cer- ground of applicants. tainly made some fair points boards to decide on permit applications in an arbitrary fashion. But the revision to CCW laws -this July - is a serious overre- gap. action.

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result in a large increase in the CCW law is headed to the ballot number of people legally carrying in 2002. The People Who Care concealed "heat" in Michigan, by some estimates up to a ten-fold increase.

Given a chance to vote on this Coalition of Responsible law in a referendum, Michigan Owners filed suit to block that voters should toss it out and vote. On Monday, April 30, send state lawmakers back to Supreme Court justices remariddrawing 💼

board for some serious rewrit Improvements needed to the

law include: Tougher restrictions. lawmakers want back to the drawing to retain "shal issue" wording board for some serious - verbiage that eliminates the discretion

local gun boards requires permits as long **a gun.** applicants

meet all the cri-- additional restrictions teria are in order. Applicants should Further, the last minute addi be required to "show a need." Under the current "may issue" rules, gun boards often do clearly a ploy by legislators to require a showing of need, but block a public vote that anything what they'll accept as a need is less than allowing an election to frequently disputed. Lawmakers proceed will do violence to the ought to require that showing. then provide a list of what needs are considered acceptable for This is not about second amend applicant can show that need, citizen has a right to own a gun shall issue wording begins to Nor is it about the right of self

make more sense. o Revise in the new CCW law the lt is not even about the "right to so-called "village idiot clause." bear arms." There is dispute State lawmakers included the about how much right one would clause to allow gun boards to have to carry a gun in the open weed out applicants who might under the present wording of the not have a criminal record or state and U.S. Constitutions, might not have been committed although clearly someone toting to a mental institution, yet a gun in that fashion would be would present a danger to them- shunned by society and quesselves or others if allowed to tioned constantly by police, walk around with guns. Nice This is about carrying a gun idea, but to invoke that clause, concealed, hidden from view. gun boards would have to pro- The government has long since duce "clear and convincing evi- insisted it has a legitimate interdence" that the applicant pres- est asking citizens to get a perents a danger. That standard of mit if they want to do that, and evidence is too high. The wording the courts have supported it. needs to be changed around to Nevertheless, proponents of the provide a presumption in favor of new CCW law have identified the board when it exercises its flaws in the old system. Their discretion. Applicants could still new version, however, involves appeal to the courts if rejected enormous risks. Just because "I on that basis, but the burden of want to" is not a sufficient reaevidence would shift.

boards to conduct background their person. checks on applicants is serious- We urge rejection of the law as ly too short. Set in the new law passed by the legislature. That at 30 days, it is half to one third might send a message to zealots the time given gun boards in on either side, encouraging them other states to review the back- to get back to the drafting table.

o Nice as it is that lawmakers about the current state of law ruled out applicants with a hisregarding permits to carry con- tory of mental illness, there is cealed weapons. Drafted back in no way for gun boards to check the 1920s, Michigan's present on that history. There is no cen-CCW law has resulted in a sys- tral database to refer to. The tem which allows county gun system depends on applicants admitting to gun boards that they have had such problems. Otherwise, boards would have to rushed through the Legislature poll every therapist in the state in the closing days of last year's to do a thorough check session and set to go into effect Lawmakers need to close this

At this point, it appears a refer-There can be little doubt it will endum question on the new About Kids Committee gathered some 260,000 signatures to put the law to a referendum. The We've no desire to see Michigan Michigan United Conservation turned into "The Wild Mid-West." Clubs and the Michigan ed the case to the

> Court of Appeals, Given a chance to vote insisting on a on this law in a referenruling by June and stating that dum, Michigan voters the question of should toss it out and whether laws that appropriate send state lawmakers money can be subjected to referendum is "ripe for review." We've rewriting. This is not stated on these of about second amendment pages that we believe. rights. Clearly, a Michigan

expression 0 them to give out citizen has a right to own that many voters should be honored and the balquestion lot should proceed tion of a \$1 million appropria-

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tion to the CCW bill was so very notion of "government by the people."

issuing a CCW permit. If the ment rights. Clearly, a Michigan defense. We all retain that right.

son for somebody to be walking o The time period given to gun around with a pistol hidden on

CCW discussion they're so dedicated ... and they're what we need ... well. Dedication is nice, but give us intelligence and foresight to lead

us in the future. Thank you, Mr. Toth, for your letters, On March 29, the Novi News provided coverage of a community town meeting at which the topic of concealed weapons was your hu mor, and your insight into this city James E. Korte discussed. There was disagreement about the issue at the meeting. It is one about

LETTERS

### Resident disputes Northville Record's claims

In Chris Davis' column dated April 26. he wrote a paragraph about .... "everyone's perception of the (Northville Record) is difto the Novi News suggest, in substance and in tone, that the issue should not ferent ... " He refers to a "letter from a readhave been covered in the way that it was in your paper. I disagree, I feel that the Nout News carefully laid out the two And he writes, "----I took a phone cail And he writes, "----I took a phone cail

I read a letter to the editor in the April 26 Northville Record that commended the

paper on the outstanding "letters pub-lished April 19." Where is the letter to the editor he referred to in the above paragraph expressing satisfaction with the amount of local stories? If he is referring to F.A. Walling's letter to the editor on "Varlety of letters welcome" with regards to one spe-

cific date, he is taking this out of context. Please run the letter from the reader nance, ru who is "pleased as punch with the Service amount of local stories..." I would be Avenuel? interested in reading it. Also, the editor responded to the letter entitled, "Novi News doesn't report" (April 19), by stating, "Although the NR occa-

sionally runs space-permitted news from the city of Novi, it is the focus of the Record to be dedicated to Northville and Northville Twp. In that same issue, the April 19 article) that was purposefully inserted in the law to block it from the public ballot. This is a cynical approach to public poli-Northville Record, there were three Novi

articles: Novi gets 100 percent compliance
 Novi police hunt for male suspect in bank robbery

3. Novi prepares to go to voters with \$75M school issu Are these slow news days for the

Northville Record **Rosemarie Denton** Novi

### tant issues of our day are every bit as **Talk on sex ed** rights; they are our responsibilities as has gone too far

in response to Rosemarie Denton's let-John C. Burkhardt ter of last week regarding the parent meeting for the Novi Meadows Human Growth and Development course; enough already

I know I speak for a lot of people when I say the day you have a child enrolled full time in the Novi district then maybe, just maybe, some of us might be more open to your views. You might also get more peo-ple on your side if you toned down the "witch hunt" behavior shown at these various meetings you have attended. I was at that parent meeting and I

believe the presenter, Mrs. Jiskra, considering the trying circumstances she was under, handled herself beautifully. There about Hugh Crawford, his achievements or lack thereof, his loyal supporters feel it he picture. I don't ever remember any criticism of Mrs. Crawford. We constantly an appropriate and dignified matter.

Please let the schools handle the program as they see fit and let those of parents with students actually attending the classes make any objections known if we feel there is a problem with the materials pres

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### The Toth letter was a criticism of Mr. The Toth letter was a criticism of Mr. **Let others have** their say

It seems to me, and I am sure to other Share your opinions readers too, that your "Letter Policy" is We welcome your letters to the editor. not being enforced. I, as others have said, believe in the Freedom of Speech, but believe in the Preeden of Speech, but there has to be a limit on content and and phone number for verification. We length enforced.

first visit to the Novl City Council meeting was only after the publication of Mr. Toth's letter. The letter hit the nail right on the head regarding the broken promise of constant visits to Novi to keep us apprised of actions at the county level. It never ceases to amaze me that with all the wonderfully astute readers in this city, we are alwaye ready to shoot the messender Therefore, I propose the paper dedicate one full page each week to the Kortes, Dentons and Toths. You could even include their pictures if they like, Whether the pictures is they like.

We are again getting into political times and candidacy announcements for the November elections. Let me remind all week by the same people, we tend to not write. paper if they thought you had enough space for them. When we see letters of 400, 500, 600, 700 or more words each

A long time resident of Novi and reader **E-mail:** of the Novi News.

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# always necessary to any society, the ded-teation, time involved, or gratuities extended that makes a person acceptable for the seat to which they aspire so many **Commissioner**

appears

The power of the printed word! Last Monday, April 16, ten days after ny Novi News letter, the Ponitae Politician popped up like a spring daffodil at the Novi City Council meeting. Recently elect-ed County Commissioner Hugh Crawford arrived for his annual (or semi-annual?) Novi

visit with the Novi City Council and stayed for the entire evening. Two weeks ago, this concerned citizen and letter writer wrote about the extreme

ursday, May 3, 2001

conspicuous absent of County er Crawford at any of the Nov City Council meetings this year. Monday's meeting with the Novi City Council was a typical Pontiac Politician's "Smoke & Mirrors" show in front of a dis-tressingly wimpy and pitiable Council (Council member Bononi was not presen at Monday's meeting).

Like many of the Novi residents and taxpayers, I had assumed that we elected anyone attending the meeting would have from a reader who thought we were as done, that this is an issue about which empty for local news as a refrigerator in a there is strong public interest and differ-weight loss clinic." our City and the spending of our tax money. Evidently I was wrong. Monday's display of ridiculous mumbo jumbo responses - or lack of hard questions directed at the representatives from the Oakland County and the State of

Michigan was a nauseating and shamefu display. Where was the hard-hitting, in-theface, questions to Michigan Departme of Transportation representative about available State money for yearly mainte nance, repair, and upgrading the 196 Service Drive (A.K.A. Grand River

Where was the forceful, demanding, questions to Oakland County Road Commission representative about sharing County tax money for yearly mainte nance, repair, and upgrading of city of Novi roads (Taft, Nine Mile, etc.) that are used by heavily by non-Novi County re dents? They always ask us to share the costs on their roads. Why don't they share the paving costs on some of our roads? Once the Grand River Bridge is done, can

charge the non-Novi drivers a usage toll to recoup our \$1.5 million? Where were the sharp, passionate, and painful questions about what commissioner Crawford has personally painful Commissi done for our city and our residents? Where were the profound probing and relentless miguestions about is what Commissioner Crawford is now personal-ly doing for the city and the residents

Where were the intelligent, intense, and

plercing questions about what Commissioner Crawford is personally planning to do for our City and our residents in the near future? Each year, our Novi residents and prop-erty owners send an awful lot of money up to Pontiac for Oakland county and to Lansing for the State of Michigan Where is Novi's fair share of all this tax

money? Commissioner Crawford needs to come back to the City Council table with some solid facts and hard numbers and some significant achievements for our com

The Pontiac Politician's Mirrors" sideshow may be a winner in Northville, in Walled Lake, and on the Golf Course, but here in Novi it is just a bunch

badgering City volunteers during the interview sessions. Why can't they browbeat and pursue the elected and app ed officials who are munching away at the political trough and our tax dollars? This City Council needs some backbone Jan M. Less officials. The seemingly Vallum induced attitude and demeanor that I saw on cable was not the tough, aggressive stand that our residents expect from their elected local representatives.

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ask that your letters be 400 words or

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# **OTHER OPINIONS**

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Kalamazoo (Western Mich

So what does it all mean?

Ypsilanti.

# **SmartZones could be crucial**

On first glance, it looked a lot like pork. A state body (in this case, the Michigan Development Corporation) conomic mounces 11 "SmartZones," carefully scattered around the state. The press release detailing locations of the various SmartZones quotes an aspirant for higher office (in this case, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus)

But a more careful look reveals something far more significant for the future of our economy than just another government program announced by an aspirant for higher office.

So far know. the SmartZone program is unique n America: An integrated way links between research done university labs to the busi ness community to new high tech companies, importantly cou-

with method of financing the infrastructure required to make these "virtual business

Phil Power

of the Derby.

parks' really take off. There's one in Oakland County, appropriately enough labeled "Automation Alley SmartZone," based on the cluster of techologies important to the auto industry, linking the GM and Chrysler tech centers in the county to the area's higher education capability in Oakland University and wrence Tech

The one in Western Wayne County, 'Pinnacle SmartZone," is designed to create a state-of-the-art real estate development that builds on and compliments the new Metropolitan Airport. The vision is to transform around 1.200 acres of underutilized county-owned land around the airport into a high-quality mixed business and technol-

ogy zone. The Lansing Regional SmartZone is sup-to leverage all this academic research activ-

The smell of gambling victory row and my mind began to race

As we drove through a Louisville neighberhood down rolled down rand the Wistors of the horse. Life T. bouncing his a the older southern lady had just me smell of Apple blossoms filling the inside of the horse. Life and dancing in the paddocker and the state of the transfer of the time was the use the state of the time was the t (two days early) to the Kentucky Derby. how animated, how strange the horse An orange/red sky was the back drop for acted. As if it were trying to tell me some-the white spires of Churchill Downs, home thing. I began to waver between the horse I originally thought would win and the horse I saw, Lil E.T., so much like a person. Tomorrow we'll go to the Oaks," my

friend Robby said. "Kind of a teaser for the It had been cloudy all day and the guys over at the whiskey barrel were still dis It was my first "real" trip to the Kentucky cussing their options. And then, the clouds

Derby. I had gone previously but sat in the infield and did not wager much at all. But this time. it was serious busi-

ness. We had dow 6. done our homework. Robby had a few years expe-'handirience capping' the He'd been Belmont in New York and he kept saving things

Just watch Randal Yakey what I do' or 'I'll show you what to do.' And though he was good at picking the horses, he had never hit on a Kentucky Derby winner. Oh. don't get me wrong, he had won two Breeders Cups (the richest horse race in the world

yet not as prestigious as the Derby) and I worked so hard handicapping for the day was feeling a bit intimidated. We were in the midst of some extremely experienced me the tickets, I thought: "What an idiot horse gamblers. orly at the Oaks, which mus the Friday before the Derby. I don't remember

how much money I lost but it wasn't a word. I was afraid to. What kind of an luck. But he wasn't complaining about enough to damage my confidence for Derby day. In the Kentucky Derby, I could already the steak dinner we had that evening.

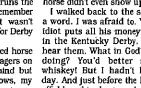
LIP E.T. and was ready to make wagers on taf avorite. I had made up my mind but when'I got in front of the windows, my hands began to sweat, my vision went mar-

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Pedestrian

walkways are

LETTERS important



kind of drug.

At that moment, I made a instantaneous move. I rolled out the bills and ordered the teller to give me a ticket to win, place and show on Lil E.T. All the money I had

ment.

to

- all on one horse. When the teller handed am 1?" It would be a long ride home if that horse didn't even sho

I walked back to the seat. I didn't say vehicle. Robby said it was beginner's I had almost ignored the animated horse hear them. What in God's name are you



ported by the cities of Lansing and East Lansing. Designed to focus on attracting, creating and expanding businesses in life sciences and advanced manufacturing, if will feed off research done at Michigan State University and MBI International.

The Washtenaw SmartZone will link the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti into what amounts to a virtual business park. linking the two with a high-speed data grid. The zone will concentrate mainly on information being done at the University of Michigan and at Eastern Michigan University. The broad bandwidth grid will include 68 blocks in downtown Ann Arbor and 10 blocks in

Other sites are located in Grand Rapids (Grand Valley State University and the Van Andel Institute for studying life sciences). an University even Houghton in the Upper Peninsula (Michigan Technological University). SmartZones will be allowed to capture the

growth in property and school taxes as the business climate improves, much like the tax increment financing system used to fund downtown development areas. The revenues can be used to build infrastructure ranging from sewers to high-speed telecom munications, building incubators to house high-tech companies and creating support facilities like R&D and testing labs.

It means that Michigan for the first time in my memory is getting serious about putting together the elements that led to the development of high-tech powerhouses like Route 128 outside Boston and Silicon Valley in California, Both centers were powered by proximity to great research universities, Route 128 to Harvard and MIT and Silicon Valley to Stanford, Each Michigan SmartZone is directly tied to one or another

university or existing research center, The emphasis on universities is not by chance. Michigan's universities are amoni the nation's leaders in research and devel opment {U-M is number one among public chools). But the historic problem has been

SmartZones will be allowed to capture the growth in property and school taxes as the business climate improves, much like the tax increment financing system used to fund downtown develop-

### ment areas.

umercialization. SmartZones are aimed directly at this connection. And now that there are 11 SmartZones, it's possible to see how one area compares with another in linking research to the business world. I asked Doug Rothwell, CEO of the Michigan Economic Developm Corporation, what the criteria were for pick ing the 11 sites. "The business realism and of the proposals, mainly," he responded. "Of course, we were interested in connection to universities and research labs, and we looked at amenities like incubators, lab space, even day care facilities," Rothwell also stressed SmartZones as a way to rebrand the image and direction of Michigan's inner cities. "We deliberately tried to locate most SmartZones in tradi ional core cities instead of the suburbs Michigan simply cannot achieve its potentia inless our cities are vibrant. So this pro gram links our ability to compete nationall in the technology sector with revitalizing our traditional downtowns. It's a real two-fer The SmartZone program made it into the headlines for a day or two a couple of weeks ago. I happen to think it might just turn out to be of fundamental and lasting importance in building Michigan.

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her entire life savings on a 17-1

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horse dancing around in the pad-

dock like it had a combo of Mad

Cow disease and hypertension?

on ice and sat down in my seat. "Where have you been?" Robby asked.

ckets in my shirt pocket.

"Placing my bets," I said, tucking my

When the horses went off. I could feel

my heart drop into my stomach. I felt sick; Lil' E.T. was near the back of the

pack through the first turn. But along the straight away he began his rally. My

heart was pounding in my chest. I kept looking for the my horse. Where is he?

And then I heard the sound I will never

forget. "And down the stretch they come!" And "here comes Lil' E.T." was some-

I sat down in my seat and didn't say a

Everyone around me was ripping up

I peeked at the tickets. Lil' E.T. to win-

place-and show. I began the math in my

head. Wow, I thought. I did pretty good.

I don't want to brag, but I will anyway.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the

where in there and I nearly pass



opened up and a beam of light penetrated to the ground. I could see Robby drinking down the last of his whisky and then an older woman stepped in front of me at win-

I became even more panicked. My hand was sweating on the roll of bills I had shoved way deep into my pockets. "One hundred across the board on Lil" E.T.," she told the teller, to my astonish-

The older southern lady had just laid, what I had thought at the time, could have been her entire life savings on a 17-1 shot. What in God's name was she doing? Didn't she see that crazy horse dancing around in the paddock like it had a combination of when he crossed the finish line -- the win-Mad Cow disease and hypertension? The bleeding horse looked like it was on some word. I kept my hand over my heart. I could feel the tickets safe inside my shirt

pocket

their tickets.



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 Maybe some of these counting members are indifferent and dig passionate because of their lack of t Mayors of those cities. Midland is spending over 21 million dollars



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### LETTERS

### blke paths and sidewalks where Novi does not? Mayor Clark mplies that the presence of Dow emical is the only reason that fidland can afford bike paths. et, Midland's tax base isn't sig-

lcantly larger than Novi's. The difference is that Midland's includes a statement by lland City Council that they re committed to funding the conruction of a priority list of sidelks with money set aside to do

The same is true in Portage their rank. here the city has made a pro-ctive effort to develop a network f bike paths that allow Portage esidents to walk and bike to the city's far-flung collection of parks. In Novl, where the City Council won't make a commitment to blke paths or sidewalks, most resi-

drive if they want to visit a city when all else fails, the Mayor and Council always points to "fis-cal restraints" (the Vistas lawsuit) as an excuse for not funding improvements like bike paths and

sidewalks. But Novi is not unique in facing such financial challenges. Portage and Midland are both facing the prospect of losing millions of dol-being done, but as a community, prospective their work in the section of the section lars from their respective city budgets due to tax appeals by their largest taxpayers. Those budget storm clouds haven. deterred either city from continu-

cities, including sidewalks and bike paths. Plus, Novi's financial "crisis" didn't stop the City Council from giving a, subsidy of \$10.000 of your lax dollars to a private com-pany, Tower Automotive. It also didn't stop the City Council from gout based of the city council from pany, Tower Automotive. It also didn't stop the City Council from gout based of the city council from pany, Tower Automotive. It also didn't stop the City Council from good basics of solving the prob-finding money to fund the blke good basics of solving the prob-finding money to fund the blke arrange the problem in everything. Might be vision where the Mayor lives. At least the Mayor found one blke path project he could support. Andrew Mutch

### **Historical Society Hoedown delights** area dancers By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL

It was a hoedown sensation Friday when people from all over the community stomped their feet to a great bluegrass beat at Walled Lake's historic Stonecrest The dance on April 27 was hosted by the Commerce Township Historical Society as a vay to raise funds for the organi

ation as well as introduce people to Stonecrest and the historical group. It's the first time the group has held a hoedown at the buildng. Larry Halstead, a member of the bluegrass band The Delivery Boys, said this is the kind of place the band likes to play at.

Kovatch said. "We said 'this community that make each comunds like fun ' When we would munity unique." Onderko said go square dancing we'd meet the With the rapid development nicest people. So we thought we communities start to become would come out and meet the clones of one another. The things

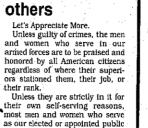
Mike Kovatch added that they Mike Kovatch add thought it was the perfect oppor-tunity to do it since they have only been in the area for three the community, she said. The

We're still learning who's who," Mike Kovatch said. West Bloomfield resident Todd tion of Stonecrest," Leopold said. Coe and wife Ronda also tapped their heels to the country tunes.

Coe said his family was native to Walled Lake and he wanted to check out Stonecrest, which was built as a school in 1860. I like history and old things, the store of Coe said. "I've never been here in

my entire life." Historical Society member Ruth futtle said she thought the hoe own was wonderful.

down was wonderful. "Everybody seems to be having a good time," Tuttle said. "It's something different." Davisburg resident Charlie Rhine said he and his fiancée Rita omkins are looking forward to etting married at Stonecrest in uly. Tomkins son was married ears ago in the old school buildand the couple also thought it



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as our elected or appointed public officials have a desire to improve conditions and benefit the com-munity as a whole. For those of us who don't have the ability to serve dents have to get in their car and or the desire for that level of com mitment, let's appreciate the efforts of those that do. Most of our officials are much

more accessible today than ever before. If you have a concern or complaint re: The actions of one of them, or you have an issue of importance to be addressed, pick up the here come to be addressed.

we need to work loward consen-sus, not to insist on just what we want done. We need to move away from the "me" attitude so many of us have, and adopt more of the "us" spirit. ing to make investments into their and adopt more of the "us" s cities including sidewalks and Let's address issues, not reso

Sharon Larson

"It's something I recommend to anyone who has a chance. I thought

it was great. It's a good way to meet new faces." Dan Newel Commerce Township residen

would be a perfect place to tie the so we came here to listen to

bluegrass music and check it out." Rhine said. "We love blue-grass music. It's my favorite." Commerce Township residen "Peop. the music and have Halstead said. Ti's kind o. ... the flavor because we play a lot or the did time music," Historical Society President January meeting and everyone loved listening to them. "Someone suggested getting a caller and having a dance." Leonhardt said. Walled Lake residents Jeanne "Mike Kovatch made their way " after reading about "" and they " after reading about " and they" " after reading about " and they" " after reading about " and they" " a the restident's said the hoe down is excel-lent for uniting people. " Think activities like this are great for bringing the community together," Onderko said. The had a real good time and I'm glad to " a large turnout." People come here to listen to the music and have a good time," been to a hoe down before but he Halstead said. "It's kind of part of was having the time of his life.

funds from the dance will be pu to good use. We're working in the restora

"We're working toward getting added historical sites marked in Commerce Township and Walled Historical Society member

Charlene Long, one of the plan-ners for the event, said she was thrilled with the sold-out hoedown. "It turned out really well." Long

It turned out really well, Long sald. "This is what we wanted to bring a lot of people to Stonecrest so they will know it's here and to encourage people to become involved in the historical society."

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# City will honor Korean War veterans this summer

### **By STEPHANIE FORDYCE**

Staff Writer In a continuing effort to recog-nize velerans of war, Mayor Richard Clark and the city of Novi have dedicated July 1 as Korean War Veterans Recognition

Day. This year the city will identify, thank and honor those men and women who fought from 1950-1953, for the sacrifices they made to ensure a free and democratic South Korea.

With the overwhelming success of last year's WWI Veteran Recognition Day, Clark is hoping to once again bring acknowledg-ment to veterans and their familles

"The Korean War came just five years after the end of WWII and we lost almost as many American members of the armed forces in Korea as we did in Vielnam," Clark sald. Clark sald because Korea is

commonly referred to as the "for-gotten war," he hopes to provide the community with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the lessons, history, and lega-er of the Kerson Wor. cy of the Korean War. "Korea has alw

"Korea has always been described as the 'Forgotten War' and it was," he said. "Men and women went over there, they did their duty, but people were still getting over WWII and they just wanted to forget about it. In large measure, these veterans were sandwiched into WWII and

Vietnam and they are kind of the forgottien soldiers, satiors, air-men... and they just made some tremendous sacrifices." Clark said because there was a unified effort between the U.S.

and the Republic of Korea to stop Communist aggression on the Korean Peninsula, the recogni-tion ceremony is welcoming not only those who served in the American Armed Forces but veterans of the Korean Army as

"This was a different war in the sense that it was in a very confined area, so we were fight-ing alongside Republic of Korea Ing ablighter Republic of Noreal troops who were fighting to pre-serve their liberty in their own country," he said. "There are a number of Korean-American citizens in the

area now and if we can find some of the veterans who served in the Korean Army along with the American Armed Forces, we want to honor them as well." The Korean War Veterans

Recognition Day will take place this summer at the Novi Civic Center with recognition certificates from Mayor Clark as well as musical entertainment from the Novi Concert Band. War memorabilia tables will be set up as well, similar to those at last

wein similar to those at last year's WWII ceremony. Maureen Malone, community relations manager for the city of Novi, said they are still looking for veterans to honor in addition

to the 25 already registered to be present.

Malone said Korean translators are helping out for the ceremony, for those who may have any lan-guage barriers. Clark said that if elected again

next year, the push for recogniz-ing war veterans will continue with a Vietnam recognition ceremony slated for the summer of 2002.

"WWII was considered the good war, the Korean War was considered the 'forgotten war,' and Vietnam was really the war of the forgotten soldiers," Clark sald, "By and large when the men and women of Vietnam came back, it was the first time in our blstory where they were revited. Some were splt at, screamed at as they got off the plane - they never got their gesture for recog-nition.

nilion." If you are interested in partici-pating in this year's Korean War Veteran Recognition Day, please plek up a registration at the Novi Parks & Recreation Department office located in the civic center or call Maureen Malone at [248] 347-0445. The city is seder to polet out

The city is eager to point out that Korean War veterans from all over the Detroit area are welcome.

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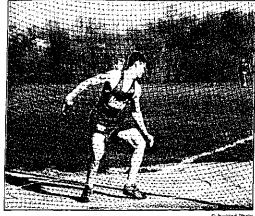
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Wildcat Dan St.Clair broke the school record in the discus with this throw against South Lyon last Thursday.

# Another win, another record

St.Clair sets school discus record as Wildcats win again to move to 4-0

### By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

They keep coming up with new ways to impress ways to impress. Not only has the Novi boys track team not missed a beat after going to the state playoffs last year, but last Thursday in a 78-59 win against South Lyon, Dan St.Clart broke the school discus record with his first place throw of 149'5".

Just a few weeks ago before the season started there was some concern about the field events. It was a given that the Wildcats would dominate in the distance races, and be solid in the relays

and the sprints, but a majority of the atbletes in the field events were less experienced, and therefore there was a concern that the field events might cost the 'Cats In certain meets. Based upon their showing against South Lyon, and in previous weeks, most of those concerns are failing by the wayside like each of

lating by the wayside like each of the teams opponents. Besides for St.Clair's record setting performance, Novi also got a wins from Mike Hendricks in the shot put (417"), and Matt Emmenecker in the high jump [5'8'). A pair of second place fin-ishes hy St.Clair in the long Ishes by St.Clair in the long

Jump, and Adam Noble in the high jump, allowed the 'Cats to have more than enough points in the field events.

Other winners on the day were Tim Moore in the 1600m (4:23.8) and 3200m (10:10.10), Arne Meyer in the 400 dash (53.1), Eric Walle in the 800m run Meyer in the 400 dash (50.1), Eric Walle in the 800m run (2:01.8), the 4x800m relay team of Moore, Mitch Erikson, Tim Kava, and Steven Duda, the 4x100m relay team of Eric Schleuder, Scott Kortlandt, Carl Yiu, and Blake Myers, and the 4x400m relay team of Meyer, Derek BuWalda, Andrew Cossman, and Alan MacDonald.

Earning important second place finishes were Walle in the 1600m run, Schleuder in the 100m dash, Scott LaChance in the high hurdles, Mark Avenius in the 3200m run, and BuWalda in the 300 hurdle. The 4-0 (3-0 in the KVC) 'Cats

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will look to keep their record unblemished when they travel to Milford this afternoon at 4 p.m.

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# Action heats up as tennis team plays four

Wildcats win, lose, tie, and finish fourth in the Saline Invitational Tournament

> in three sets was the first doubles team of Mike McKenna and Ryan Slater, Slater and McKenna beat their Hartland opponents 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 to get Novi's second win. "We had several very close matches with them, so I do feel

they can be beaten the next time we play them," Hanson said.

### NOVI 4 SALINE 4

They didn't come out with a win, but Novi's 4-4 tie against Sailne on April 26 was the best they have

played all season. "Saline has a quality tennis pro-gram. We came out and surprised them with our best match of the year," Hanson said.

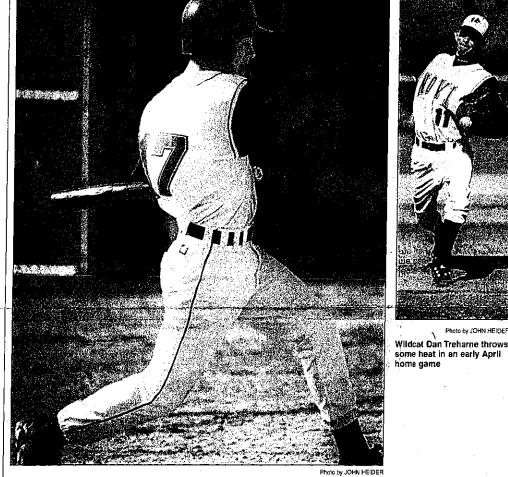
yeat, frankoi sedu. Josh Christopherson prevented a singles sweep when he wori a three-set at fourth singles over Trevor Ferguson. Seniors Mike McKenna and Ryan Slater got a win at first doubles, as did Andrew Lackowskit and All. Andrew Laskowski and AJ Sansom at second doubles. Getting Novi's fourth win of the afternoon was the team of Jon Bateman and Asim Kagzi, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2,

VOVI LAKELAND 0 surprised them [by playing] In their first official KVC match of the seaour best tennis match of the son Wildcats Jim Hanson cruised past head tennis coach Lakeland 8-

0 on April 27

Winners were Matt Peurach (6-2, 6-3) at were Matt Peurach (6-2, 6-3) at first singles, Joe Lynch (6-4, 6-2) at second singles, Suraj Ramachandran (6-0, 6-2) at third singles and Josh Christopherson (6-0, 6-1) at fourth singles. McKenna and Slater (6-2, 6-2) won at first doubles, followed by Laskowski and Sansom (6-0, 6-2) at second doubles. Arora and Eric liao won the closest match of the

Liao won the closest match of the Lao won the closest match of the afternoon by a 6-4, 7-6 score. Bateman and Kagzi made up win number eight with a 6-1, 6-3 victory at fourth doubles. The Mustangs sit at 2-3-1 on the season and will travel to Hartland temotrow at 4 p.m. in hone of another important KVC.



Novi's Mike Crawford takes a swing during a home game earlier in the year. Crawford has been stellar in the field and at the plate for the surging Wildcats

# **Kesurgent Wildcats**

Baseball team loses to Milford, bounces back to down S.Lyon and Pinckney

By COLBY CAVALIERE

stretch last week

gave the Wildcats baseball team the

The five games lour

They hadn't played in 12 days, but their first action since April 11 against Hartland had the Wildcats easily defeating Macomb Area Conference opponent Fraser, 8-4. days

Junlor Brandon Davis had a game-breaking three-run triple and pilched two innings in relief to earn the win. Fellow infielder Adam Haberman was 2-3 with two RBIs

and two runs scored. The win evened record at 3-3. Novi's an early 7-0 deficit only to fall short. 13-9 against the Redskins on April

An inconsistent strike-zone certainly didn't help Novi starter Dan Trehame find much of a rhythm early on, as he walked three and threw a wild pitch. Milford took a 2-0 first inning lead. It got worse for Treharne in the second, as he hit Irename in the second, as he nit the first two batters, committed a walk, and gave up back to back run scoring singles before being pulled without recording an out. After all was said and done, Milford had built coach Rick Green.

There was still plenty of baseball left to play and in the top of the third. Novi showed they weren't going to go quietly. Center fielder Matt Gorman led off with a perfect bunt single. Gorman moved to sec-ond after Brian Swift earned a walk. With men on first and second shortstop Brandon Davis stroked a triple into the huge expanse of cen-ter field. Adam Haberman plated Davis with an RBI ground-out to

Novi's Joe Lynch serves one up against W.L.W.

ennis Tournament. "It's a real good tournament that features lots of talented teams," said head coach Jim

Hanson. I was pleased with how we played, especially with our doubles teams."

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take third.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER By COL8Y J. CAVALIERE Source Writer

The young Wildcats finished fourth out of eight teams with a score of 11 al-Saturday's Saline Invitational the year."

The second doubles team of Andrew Laskowki and A.J. Sansom beat (eams from Woodhaven and Green Hills to earn second place. At third dou-bles, the junior tandem of Vinay Arora and Jon Bateman beat teams from Saline and Jackson to

On the singles side, former dou-bles player Josh Christopherson worked his way to the finals before losing to a player from Saline 6-3, 6-4.

the 7-6,3-6, 6-4 win. Also winning



"Saline has a quality tennis program. We came out and

chance they needed to get back into the thick of things. With KVC wins against Pinekney and South Lyon, combined with non-conference vic-tories against Fraser and Walled Lake Central, Novi took the opportunity and ran with it, improving their record to 6-4 and cli back to within reach of the top of the competitive KVC.

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MILFORD 13 NOVI 9 Comebacks, big innings, great defense -the game had it all.

of a champion as they rallied from

what seemed to be an insurmountbig able 7-0 lead after only two innings. Novi showed the heart

"We were down by seven against a real good pitcher, so it obviously wasn't looking very good," said Novi

bring the 'Cats within 4: 7-3.

Pete Kobylarek, who came into the game in relief of Treharne, sat the Skins down I-2-3 in the bottom of the third and allowed his team-

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HARTLAND 8 NOVI 2 On April 25, the 'Cats dropped a hope of another important KVC 6-2 match against Hartland that victory.

wasn't added to the KVC stand-Colby Cavallere is a sports writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at 349-1700, ext. 104, or At second singles, Joe Lynch fought hard for three sets to earn

at convaliere@ht.homecomm.net.



Central's #2 ranked Adam Brown returns with his forehand.

# 5-1-2 Vikings tennis team gears up for second half push toward playoffs

### By COLBY J. CAVALIERE SPORTS WRITER

If it weren't for a herd of Mustangs, the Central tennis team would be sitting with an undefeated record.

But after losing to Northville on April 25, the Vikings have rebounded

April 25, the Viking's have rebounded and look well prepared for the sec-ond half of the year. We are building real well, and we have gotten some great moment going for the final two weeks of the season, said head coach Clay Tinham Tinham.

After the Northville match, Central Farmington on Monday afternoon. easily disposed of John Glenn 8-0 on April 27. Last Saturday the Vikings took part in the Dakota Invitational, and finished in second, a mere two points away from first place Utlca Elsenhower who scored 21. Adam Brown at third singles, Pat Henzie and Eric Conforti at second doubles. and Matt and Chris King at third doubles all earned medals at the

In their most recent action, the Vikings finished in a 4-4 tie with

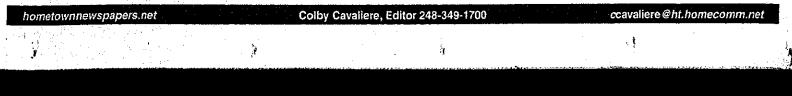
Brown was the only singles winner, while the doubles teams of Dave Riley and Dave Brown. Henzie and Conforti, and the two Kings provided the ather Control networkings provided the other Central wins.

At press time the Vikings record sits at a solid 5-1-2 on the year. Tinham is pleased with how things have developed so far this year, especially with the work ethic his team has shown. Several players spend the weekends practicing on their own at the Farmington Teruis

"We have been working hard and practicing well. I've got a group of guys willing to make the sacrifices, and that gives me plenty of confi-dence," said Tinham.

A road match with Western looms tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m

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Three game win streak

Bethany Kittle churns along in the 1600m run during last Thursday's 69-68 loss to South Lyon. Kittle won the event with time of 6:13.0 Close meet ends in a one point loss to Lions (66") and Jennifer Mehl (66"). Novi run. Erin Reid took second in boll

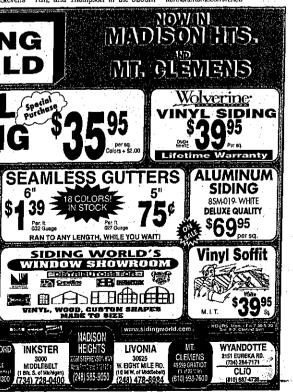
or intruct to excel in the field events with a first place discus throw of 998" by Burke, and a second place Despite the numerous wins, the 99'8" by Burke, and a second place throw of 86'7" by Bailey Schroeder. Coach Tomarek thought sweeping the shot put and taking 1-2 in the discus was a real bright spot. This group of kids set the ione for the shot put and taking the spot our team and have become great With every loss, our team becomes

leaders," Tomanek said. Novi also swept two other events on the afternoon. In the 1600m run, Bethany Kittle took first with a time of 6:13.0. Finishing behind Kittle in second and third were Laine Williams (6:17.3) and Jenny Thompson (6:17.5). The teams fourth sweep was achieved in the 800m run by Kittle (2:44.7), Vidya Mahadevan (2:47.5) and Vanessa

Other Novi winners were the 4 x

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# Lacrosse plays back-toback overtime games

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

mate in the extra period with his goal from senior Brad Zarem with only 30 seconds left. But the 6-5 lead wouldn't hold, as U of D was able to net the equaliz-second straight two-goal game er with 13 seconds left. The two and the 'Cats also got goal con-teams would stay deadlocked for tributions from Zarem and After seven games, the young Wildcats sit at 4-3. Their record

not one, but five overtime periods before U of D finally ended it, winning 7-6. winding 7-6. Witteaus at a 4-5. Then receive of a Zarem had two goals on the isn't as good as some would have ccavaliere@ht.hc day as did Aaron Marion. Shawn liked, but the team's develop-

Girls' Soccer

The focus of the season was to

Instail philosophies and develop the girth of young talent. Apparently both of those things are coming along perfectly, as the

Novi girls' soccer team easily dis-

On April 25, the Wildcats trav-

eled to South Lyon in their first

action after the break and came away with a 5-1 win, We did a much better job this

dame than the previous

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

posed of South Hartland last week. of South Lyon

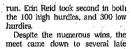
Sports Write

Lots of new gray hairs were popping up on the Novi lacrosse coaching staff in their two games last week.

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On April 26 against U of D Jesuit High School, the Wildcats got a seeningly game winning going to be on May 24 when the playoffs start," Wilson said, Novi will visit East Grand Rapids this evening at 7 p.m. and host Detroit Country Day on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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events that the Lions were able to squeak out. "We fought until the very end more united and that's what makes teams persevere. We are learning with our losses and team unity, determination, and pride is a tough

thing to coach, "Tomane's said. With the loss, the 'Cats remain winless in the KVC with an 0-3 record. They hosted Hartland on Tuesday afternoon and will get an opportunity for another KVC win this afternoon when they travel to Milford for a 4 p.m. contest.

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winning 50-50 balls and possess-Hermann each tallied two goals and Lyndsey Crofoot added the fifth score.

Young Wildcats developing

soccer skills for the future

NOVI 6 HARTLAND 0 ` The six goals against the Eagles last Friday night matched the Wildcats' season high, and moved their record above .500 for the first time this season.

Maureen Pawlak provided most of the offense, as she netted three Soals. Hermann, Kerri Smith, and Meg Grgurich provided the other scores. Goalies Kelli Pheifer and Erin Cupinsky split the shu(out.

Ing the ball, said had coach Brian O'Leary. Maureen Pawlak and Nikki we playted plenty of minutes and we brian O'Leary. Maureen Pawlak and Nikki we play the other three teams in the played plenty of minutes and we played p we play the other three teams in the KVC that we haven't played yet, Milford, Pinckney, and Howeil, All should be similar

games, 'O'Leary said. The 4-3 Cats improved to 3-1 in the KVC going into the their road contest against Pinckney

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"In both games all the players

last night. A home game against the Howell Highlanders looms tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.



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### **On Campus**

University: NORTHVILLE Christine Alane Fankeli, mas-Catherine Kulp has been named an "outstanding senior" by the Michigan State University christine Alane Fankell, mas-ter's degree, curriculum and teaching: James Scott Glammarco, bachelor's, kinesiol-ogy: Ronald James Harkness, Ph.D., rehabilitation counselor Senior Class Council. Awards were presented to a total of 24 seniors in recognition of their academic achievements, strong leadership skills, commitment to the university, and involvement in education: Abby Nicole Harton extraordinary extracurricula activities.

bachelor's with honors, audiology and speech sciences: Kyle Patrick Kearney, bachelor's Kulp is a mathematics major degree with honors, Engine engi-neering: Philip Michael Kozdron, bachelor's, food indus-Her MSU activities and honors Include: Sean Healey Award for Excellence in Writing: Phi Kappa try management; Ezra D. Phi Award; executive board mem-Towerguard Sophomore Kramer, bachelor's, finance and master's, business administra-Honor Society; vice chairwoman Lyman Briggs Student Advisory Council; mathematics teaching bachelor's in hospitality business Catherine Ann Kulp, with high honors, LBS mathematics: Sarah Kathleen Matthews. assistant; and psychology bachelor's degree, supply chain management: Meredith Colleen Rushford, bachelor's, general management; Joyce Ann Sandie, research assistant

Kulp is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and the daughter of Richard and Joan Kuip of Northville.

Anne Sanocki, bachelor's with honors, chemical engineering: Brian Richard Sciberras, bache-Christopher Harrington and Dana Weston graduated in April from Alma College. Smith, bachelor's, criminal jus-lice: Andrew D. Stuart, bache-

Harrington was awarded a chelor's degree in international business administration.

business administration. Weston received a bachelor's applications; Joel Ralph degree in Spanish. ...Boli, argingatouates of Novi, mental biology/microbiology High School. degree in Spanish. Both arongraduates of Novi

The following is a list of local White, bachelor's with honors,

area degree candidates for spring mechanical engineering; and engineering; and **Douglas W.** semester at Michigan State **Melissa Witcher**, bachelor's with **Voigt**, bachelor's, political set-

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Center State Dance Company will present **The King and I**<sup>\*</sup> at the Marquis Theatre on May 12 at 5:30 Northville. For more information, call [734] 455-2466. The Zonta Club of Novi-Farmington will be hosting an evening of private shopping at Parisian, located in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia on May 20. The

event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Michigan Mature Driver Retraining Workshop will be heid May 4 at 9 a.m. at the Northville Senior Center, Certified

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The Foundation is also begin-nearly \$11,000 received by the organization as a result of the stale of Michigan tobacco settle-ment. The drive will begin April 20. For more information on either event, call [248] 374-0200. The Northrop Sassaman Funeral Home is sponsoring a time grief support workshop for adults faced with the death of a leved one. The support meetings

The Daughters of the loved one. The support meetings American Revolution will be will begin April 26 at the hosting a noon sandwich lunch- Northville Senior Center, and will eon on May 21. The topic of the help people who have normal grief

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topic, "Liberty and Equality: Enduring Principles in a Changing Nation." Hillsdale Navy Lt. j. g. Mark S. Stevens Changing Nation." Hillsdale has been assigned to the destroyer College faculty judged each round USS Slump, which has been at sea for three months during a sixand narrowed the field to five for he final round. With his first-place finish, Hoeg Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

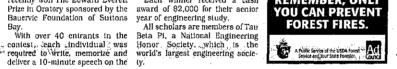
Destrovers like USS Stump have Jessica Cash has been elected vice president of the Michigan Student Assembly (student government) at the University of air, and on and below the sea. Michigan. Cash is a sophomore enrolled in the school of business. A 1999 graduate of Novi High Stev ens is a 1985 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Jeffrey T. School, Cash was also vice presi-Eddington recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, Eric R. Tkaczyk, an electrical S.C. The training period was Ann Jones, bachelor's, nursing: rel; Justin Lee Johnson, bache-chemical engineering: Hans J. Johnson, bachelor's, kinesiology; Phillip Martin Unversity, was the recipient of both physically and mentally. Kronsbein, bachelor's, finance: al music education: and Marie by Tau Beta Pt Feliowship Board. Walled Lake Central High School 

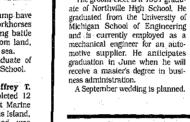
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named for members and corpora **REMEMBER, ONLY** Each winner received a cash



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**Business Briefs** Jeffery M. Brinza has joined the memberships include the State Bar of law firm of Butzel Long as a senior Michigan and the American Bar attorney in the Ann Arbor office.



Engagement

Waineo-Pratt

Eugene and Phyllis Smith of Northville are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, David, to Amy Grondin, daughter of Paul and Susann Grondin of Bloomfield

The bride-clect is a 1991 gradu-

ate of Andover High School and a

graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed as an interior designer for

The groom-elect is a 1991 gradu-

a local architectural firm.

Engagement

Bryan and Debra Waineo of Northville announce the engage-ment of their daughter, Khara Dawn, to Kristopher Michael Pratt,

the son of Charles and Cyndi Pratt

of Lapeer. The bride-elect is a 1996 gradu-ate of Northville High School. She

graduated this year from the

University of Michigan with a bach-elor's degree in mechanical engi-neering, and is currently employed

as a component-applications engi-neer at Yazaki North America.

The groom-elect graduated in 1997 from North Branch High

School. He is employed as a com

puter system administrator at

Rochester College, and is also pur-suing a bachelor's degree in com-

uter science. The couple will wed in June.

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Association, Brinza is a resident of Brizza has extensive background in Novi. Bizza has extensive background in Novi. Cal field having been employed at the former Warner-Lambert Co.'s Parker Award for Home Care at this year's Davis Pharmaceutical Research Nightingale Awards ceremony, hosted Division (now Plizer Inc.); most recent by Oakland University's School of Nursing at the Troy Marriot Hote on Nursing at the T

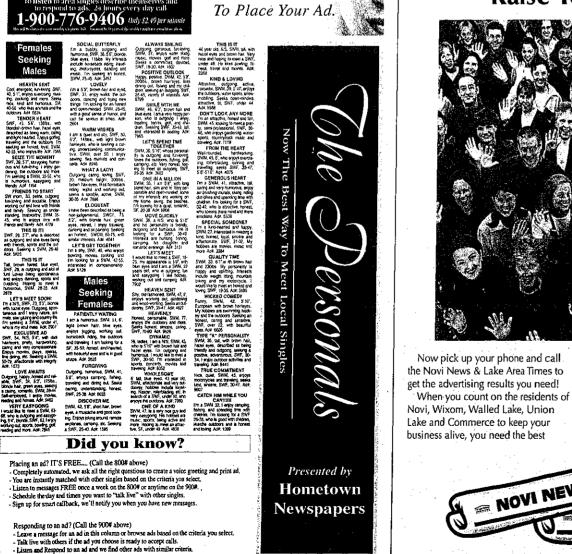
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The Northville Community Foundation is seeking volun-teers to help with the Northville Independence Day Parade. A team of parade coordinators will be meeting on May 3, May 24, June 14 and June 28 at 7 p.m. in

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Andrea L. Garland, bachelor's

degree, human resource manage-ment; Jeffrey C. Pienta, bache-

lor's with high honors, general

business administration-prelaw;

Nicki A. Berndt, bachelor's

degree, civil engineering; Jessica

R. Cavazos, bachelor's, introduc-

tion study social science-human resource sciy; Stacy Lynn Faber, bachelor's, advertising; Daniel Alfred Gawne, bachelor's

with high honors, LBS biological science; Carey Lynn Haller, bachelor's with honors, introduc-

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Hillsdale College senior name Richard Hoeg of Northville tions.

recently won The Edward Everett Prize in Oratory sponsored by the Bauervic Foundation of Suttons vear of engineering study.

clor's, social relations; Megan and Jodi Dee Rupp, bachelor's received a \$5,000 prize.

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For more information, call (248)

# Investing is a curve ball in life's baseball

One thing remains certain when investing: Uncertainty It's what makes investing so difficult emotionally. While the long-term performance of equity markets has historically been a steady up trend, short term direction is always unpre-dictable. Amid all of this mis giving about the market's course, what should investors do? Here are some sugges-

### Stay Balanced Build a well-diversified port-

folio where different sectors will complement each other and may not always move in the same direction at the same time, it should comprise cash equivalents, bonds, equitles, and real estate and tangibles. Your financial advisor will help



### given an individual's time hori zon and risk tolerance.

 Reassess Risk Tolerance Amid market turmoil, investors may realize that they don't quite have the stomach for stock market volatility they thought. Upon discovering risk tolerance is much lower than Imagined, move incrementally determine how much weighting toward a more appropriate to give each category and how investment mix. Not everyone to sub-allocate within each can withstand extreme stock

market volatility, and should-market downturn, but forget n't have to. A well-diversified that they had that same portfolio generally helps to off-thought many other times set instability and can put investors on the path toward achieving financial goals,

• Count Cash - Liquidity Is

Key In the event of a market downturn, investors should determine how long they could o without selling stocks, considering income, pension, Social Security and cash and bond holdings. This exercise can help bring the market's short-term swings back into perspective and help re-focus long-term goals.

• Keep A Diary Consider keeping an invest-ing diary. Investors sometimes suffer from selective memory. They may remember thoughts of selling stocks right before a

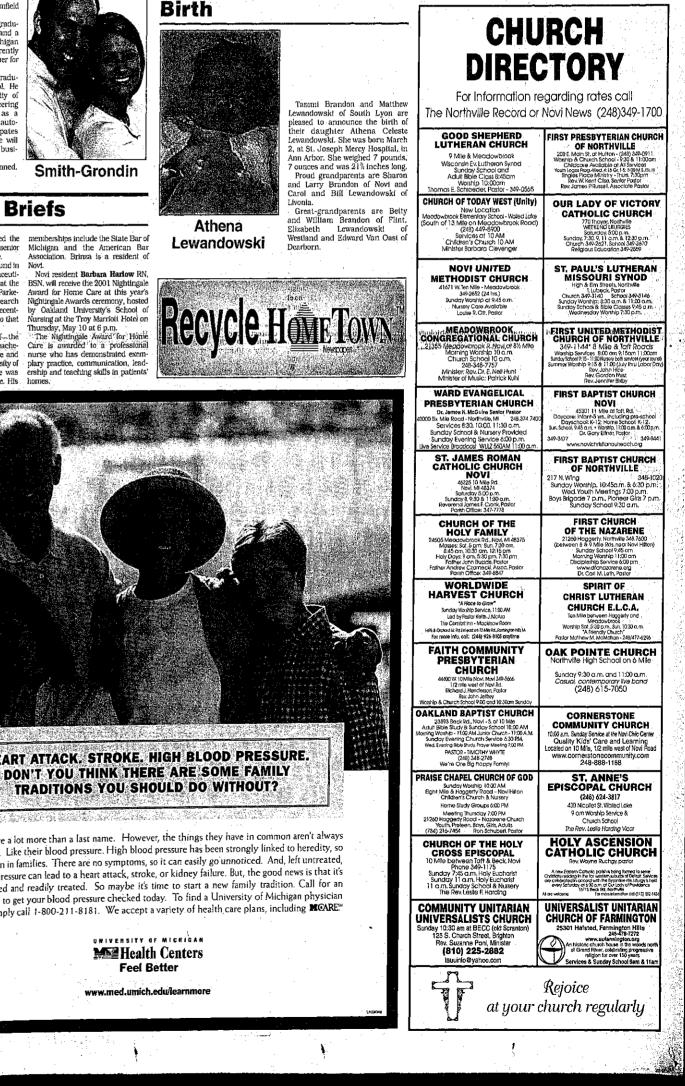
prior to the market's rise. By keeping a diary, investors can see how often their instincts may be wrong.

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• Take Advice From A

Financial Coach People have advisors for var ious aspects of their life whether religion, athletics, tax among others avesting is one o or legal, among others However, investing is one o the most difficult activilies many every undertake. Seek the advice of a qualified linancial advisor for coaching through the ups and downs of the emotional investing roller coaster and remain focused on long-term goals

Douglas Bingham CFP, finan cial advisor, Raymond James & Associates





# **HOMETOWN LIFE**

GINGALING

What's involved when a car gets smashed? Northville Collision knows

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# Recession ???????

Broken glass.

Busted headlamps

If it's something that's smashed up a set of wheels, Bob Ahern has seen it happen. There isn't much that the owner of Northville Collision hasn't

seen, much less can't handle. And even if the damage to a car isn't in the rear (typically the easiest location on a car to be repaired), Ahern said he

welcomes the opportunity to fix what

When a car gets hit, it forces the car's frame and panels to contort into shapes and positions it shouldn't be in. Getting things back in line is the

first step in correcting a smash-up, Ahern said.

That involves hooking a car up to anchors in the bump shop's floor. Using a manufacturer's design hand-

book as a guide, the car is gradually pulled back into shape - much like stretching out a flexible drinking

'We can get the accuracy down to

two millimeters," Ahern sald, stand-ing over a diagram of the underbody of a Chrysler. "With experience, you

can do this pretty effectively. It's a lot easter to make a series of pulls to stretch things out than it is to to over-pull and have to make an adjustment

that way." The importance of re-stretching the

frame of the car can't be overstated. Ahern said a bad stretch job has the

potential to ruln a repair when body panels are put back into place. "It's like they say in carpentry: measure lwice and cut once," Ahern sald. "If you don't do the pulls right

and take accurate measurements

along the way, things won't fit when you put them back in place." After pulling the car back to its original shape, it's time for welding.

Hiding behind a welder's mask and a

pair of heavy gloves, one of Northville Collision's welders begins the task of piecing the car back together through a series of well-placed connections.

all in the hopes of restoring the strength to the car. Brazing — a method of car repair revered 20 years ago — has gone the way of the dodo, Ahern said.

You can't do that these days. With unibody construction, it weakens the steel," he said.

From there, it's time for application

of filler material and sanding. Much like painting a living room, surface preparation will make the difference

between a high-quality finish and a bad one. Masking tape and paper cover the portions of the vehicle that need to be protected from the paint that's walting in the room next door.

(By the way — fiberglass is pretty much extinct. Ahern said the new product that looks like fiberglass and feels like fiberglass isn't fiberglass.

feeis like fiberglass isn't fiberglass. Instead, II's a plastic-like material called sheet mold compound.) "It'll break like fiberglass will, but you can't fix it the way you would with fiberglass. Ahern said. "It sim-ply won't work." Through what looks much like an oversized set of closet doors, the car is driven bit the paint hours, the car fis

driven into the paint bay - one of the last steps in the resurrection of a

Dents. Dings. Scratches.

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straw.

The economic braini acs of the world are waxing philosophic as to whether or not this national financial slow down we're experiencing is an actual recession is an actual recession. (Yeah, right — just like we didn't have "hostages" in China...we had "detainces.") In any event call if what you event, call it what you will, but here are the...

### Xtra's signs that we are in a recession

 The president submits the national budget — but only in paperback edition. • The unemployment office clerk you were working with on Monday is standing in line in front of you on

Wednesday. The "consumer confidence" index is expressed in a negative

inleger. · You decide that

rusted-out 1974 Plymouth Duster you were planning on having hauled away can be salvaged with just a couple webkehds of hard work. • Milk costs \$15.79 a

gallon.

 Those Internet gambling sites suddenly look pretty attractive. • The summary of

your 401(k) has two words -- "You're screwed."

· The Empire State Building has installed safety nets around the observation deck. • The Nethead who

started a "can't-miss" website last year is now holding a sign that reads "Will Work For

Food.com." • You're starting to dig into your Y2K

rations. Teenagers who leave a light on in an unoccu-pied room for a minute or more are sent to the

 stockades.
 B(I) Gates is spotted buying three-for-a-dollar software at Gibraltar Trade Center.

 The dish at the cash The dish at the cash register of your gas sta-tion now says, "Have a penny? Keep it, stupid!"
 Hospitals change their policy to "BYOA" (Bring Your Own Anesthesia).
 ABC launches a new

 ABC launches a new television show -~Who



A damaged car's front end awalts repair at Northville

there, but it's actually very clean," Ahern said.

volume / low pressure. Roughly 70 percent of the paint ejected from the spray gun makes contact with a car's surface. Not too long ago, it was only 30 percent.

lot less paint these days to paint a

painters exit the bay, heating lamps turn on to bake the paint in place. After that, it's just the finishing touches, and the car is done.

car rolling in just as soon as one rolls

out. "It's busiest in the winter months, but we get business in here all year long," he said.

### NIGHTMARE SCENARIO

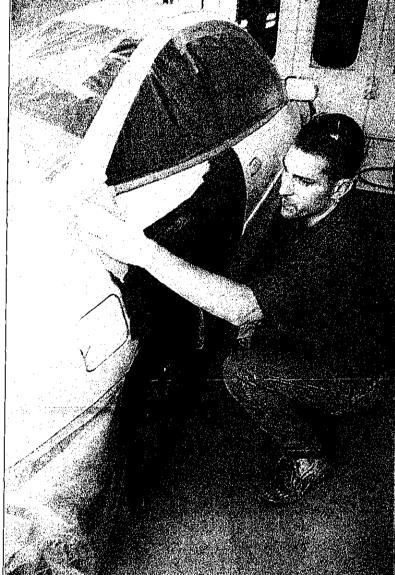
comes along with a story that's just a bit harder to deal with.

bit harder to deal with. In this case, it was a 1969 Chevelle SS. According to Ahern, a man had bought the vehicle for a steal at \$10,000. The car needed to be appraised before an Insurer would underwrite a policy for the car. Murphy's Law: on the way to the appraiser the car way to the

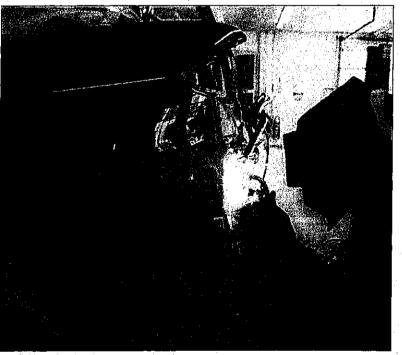
Rolls Royces to Pintos," Ahern said. "Almost every kind of car you can imagine has come in here."

the vehicles. Regardless, though, of the age or the make of a car, Ahern said he

enjoys his work. "Every car is unique in it's own way," he said. "I think we all get a lot out of seeing the finished product."



Northville Collision's Aaron Miynarek works on priming a Cavalier's quarterpanel, waiting to be recoated in the shop's paint booth.



Collision.

Roor or ceiling of the bay. "We still have to wear masks in

The paint is applied using HVLP spray guns, which stands for "high volume / low pressure. Roughly 70

"Technology has made things so much better," Ahern said. "It'll take a

car." Once the paint is applied and the

Of course, there's always another

There's not a lot that can make Ahern cringe anymore. He's dealt with smash-ups of all shapes and

Once in a great while, though, a car

appraiser, the car was hit, causing

ome \$6,000 in damage. "He was a little upset," Ahern said. Ahern said he's seen all kinds of cars pulled into the repair bay at Northville Collision through the years. Not much surprises him any-

more. We've worked on everything from

Ahern said newer cars are slightly easier to repair than older ones, due mostly to the unibody construction of

Wants The Car Wash Coupon In Regis Philbin's Wallet?"

### **Tossing the** bouquet . . . and a killer undercut

Kathryn Marie Patrick of Stuart, Fla. was released on \$5,000 bond after her wedding on St. Patrick's Day. The new bride pelted her husband with wedding cake, punched him in the face and kicked him after ar argument over wedding

Official police reports said the groom was cov-ered with both bruises and icing.

from The Edge / AM News Abuse

In order to keep the airborne paint

to a minimum, some 1.5 million BTUs are used in a glant heat, exchanger, which helps draw fresh air to the inside of the bay and sucks out loose spray. Surprisingly, there is almost no loose paint on the walls,

Doheny in Northville and reached at (248) 349-1090. and can be

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Derrick Osborne works in Northville Collision's 90-degree paint booth and applies a coating to a damaged car's hood.

Rod Rivard re-weids a 1995 Cavalier's rear bumper on after it sustained some damage in a colli-



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