

Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Novi heading to World Championship

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Humanities Council.

Tim Moore made his mark on his conference, region, state and nation this year, and he has finally had the chance to make his mark on the world in Dublin, Ireland. – Page 1B

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By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

After an impressive show at the regional competition in Ypsilanti last weekend, the Novi High School Robotics Team has their sights set on the world championships in Orlando, Fla.

The student robotics team won the Motorola Quality Design Award at the 2002 For Inspiration and Recognition of Science



Photo by Tom Hibbeln Northville H.S. senior Chris Doktorcik uses the control pad to manipulate his school's robot in a game of "Zone Zeal."

and Technology (FIRST) Great Lakes Regional on Mar. 21-23, ensuring themselves a spot in the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championship in April at Walt Disney World.

"This is a huge award because it qualifies them for the nationals," said Novi Robotics Team mentor Jennifer Harvey.

The team is sponsored by Intier and Magna Automotive.

The award recognizes the innovative design of the team's "E-clamp" - a part of their robot that can clamp onto metal, allowing it to maneuver objects.

Furthermore, the Novi Robotics Team was runner-up for the FIRST Chairman's Award last weekend.

"This is for the team who has proven not only competition success, but has an impact on their communities as well," Harvey said. "This is the highest award that can be given to a team."

In part, the runner-up award recognizes the Novi team's efforts in bringing the FIRST Lego League — a junior robotics program for kids from 9-14 years old — to the Novi Middle School. The junior robotics teams build Lego robots that are maneuvered by computers.

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Repaving project raises questions

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Assistant City Manager Clay

Pearson. "We caught it before and

we reissued it as a change order."

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Bononi pulled the check, and offi-

cials were not going to let the pay-

He also stated it is the city's pol-

Pearson said the city caught the

"It was an oversight," said Novi

a standard payment.

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

A Novi subdivision resurfacing project paved the way for problems prompting city officials to provide an explanation of what went wrong.

Questions surrounding the 2001 Village Oaks resurfacing project began when Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi pulled a \$644,298.80 payment to Cadillac Asphalt Paving Company with a questionable description off the March 4 city council warrants list and requested more documentation.

Two weeks later, the payment came before members of the city council in the form of a change order needing approval by council members at their March 18 meeting. How did a payment of a materi-

icy to put any change orders in front of city council members, and the policy will be followed in the

future. "We're concerned with providing advance notice of change orders. Pearson said. "The reality is it

happened."

Pearson said when something al amount that was a project change order almost skip the prolike that does happen, city officedure of being approved by councials look into why and improve cil? It seemed to some that if the the process. payment had skipped Bononi's During the March 18 city coun-

cil meeting, Novi City Manager Richard Helwig mirrored the same sentiments, saying it was an oversight that will not occur again.

"If someone did make errors, 1 need to know," said Novi city council member Craig DeRoche. "I expect a lot more complete, accurate and timely accounting of information than the council received from this project."

DeRoche explained council members need to rely on the information they receive because as a volunteer they have no way to track every project to personally monitor and manage.

"I'm really concerned with the

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Woods begins July 6

Completion of school overhaul targeted for August 2003

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

The hallways of Novi Woods Elementary will soon swap the sounds of kids' scuttling feet for the echoes of workmen's pounding hammers, as students and faculty ready themselves for a "year-long" adventure in a new home.

In June, the school will move into the Novi Technology Center located between the fifth- and sixth-grade houses at Novi Meadows - for the 2002-2003 school year, with the kindergarten students temporarily headed for Parkview Elementary.

The move will facilitate the 13month construction project that will completely renovate Novi Woods, including the additions of a new media center, a new gymnasium and an expanded playground. "(Novi Woods) will be totally

restored into a new environment, said James Koster, Novi Schools assistant superintendent finance.

The building overhaul is expected to be completed in August 2003. when students will move back into their remodeled school for the 2003-2004 school year. Construction bids for the Novia Woods' project are expected to be awarded by the district July 1, with work beginning July 6. The school's overhaul is part of the \$75 million bond issue passed by Novi voters last June.

Novi Woods Elementary principal Pam Quitiquit said the one-year relocation - as opposed to coordinating the construction work around classroom instruction ensures the kids' safety and will help minimize any delays to the project.

"This was the best solution to the problem," she said.

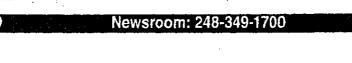
Teachers, administrators, secretaries and custodians will all begin breaking down the school and packing it away into boxes in early April, with the big move planned for June 14-17, which follows the

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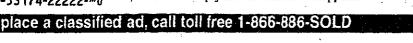


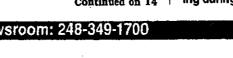
Photo by John Heide

Next year at this time, Novi Woods students Eric Hopton, left, and Jacob Zimmer will be eating their lunches in the ITC building during their school's renovation efforts.



ment go out.





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2A Hour New Joke Area Trees on Transday March 28, 2002

Fatoosh restaurant's Rana Matar wants to let people know that her kitchen is still open despite losing their downstairs neighbor; Vic's World Class Market, Matar displays some of her restaurant's fares: a strawberry fruit smoothie and a shish

kabob combo platter.

Fatoosh is still alive, despite Vic's demise

Mediterranean restaurant's owners frustrated by public's misperception By Victoria Sadlocha

AFF WRITER

Despite the cerily empty market Mediterranean Cuisine is trying to looked and could be entered into thrive and is still alive. Owners of the second floor assumed it was a part of Vic's. restaurant, overlooking the recently closed Vic's World Class to the market was one of the fac-Market, said their business was tors that drew the Matar's to the been tremendous." crippled the day the grocer closed Novi location in the first place. his doors.

said everyone assumed they were of how the restaurant took them level if once exuded. closed too - which couldn't be far- back." Matar said. ther from the truth.

customers quit walking through shoppers. the door.

Fatoosh co-owner and Nabil's experience has disappeared. wife. Rana Matar. "It is so unfairwe have to pay this price." ment auchor Vie's closed its and a lounge area focusing on tra- for the Novi News. She can be

Rana said the campaign to bring tomers may enjoy a pot of Arabic 105 ustomers into the once crowded coffee, Mediterranean music and esadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

eatery has been more difficult than when they first opened in She said because the Middle elow, Main Street's Fatoosh Eastern-themed restaurant over-

Ironically, Fatoosh's adjacency

Matar said along with numer- setting is how restaurants in the on Main Street across from ous phone calls from people ask- Middle East are. They overlook the Quizno's Subs, kiddle-corner from

But just because the market is

The culturally-rich establish-

ment boasts an outside terrace

fresh, made-from-scratch cuising "We offer ancient homemade cooking," Matar said, "things like my grandmother used to make." On Friday and Saturday nights. guests dining in Fatoosh's 250person banquet room may enjoy a fediterranean band and belly

dancing show. The cozy and well-decorated banquet room is also available for through the market, people weddings, showers, confirmations or any other special gathering. "We really love Novi," Matar

said. "The support in the past has Matar hopes spreading the "we "Every middle Eastern person are still open" word will restore Fatoosh co-owner Nabil Matar came in and said Wow, because her second home to the energy

The entrance to Fatoosh She explained the restaurant's Mediterranean Chisine is located ing if they were open for business. In the and busile of markets and BD's Mongolian Barbeoue and is above Globe Furniture Rentals.

For more information or to "It was like silence," said gone doesn't mean the cultural make a weekend dinner show reservation, please call (248) 465-1060. Since the downtown develop- overlooking Main Street shoppers. Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer

doors to the public last month, ditional Arabic seating where cus-reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. or

More than Mediterranean Celebrants are not limited to the eatery's specialty cuisine; any type of cuisine or a combination of both may be ordered from Fatoosh's seasoned chefs.

The sprawling restaurant's daily menu also offers a choice for those who may not prefer Mediterranean cuisine, including a children's section featuring hamburgers and chicken lenders. Traditional menu olferings include

Hommous, Kibble and Falafel appetizers ranging in price from \$4.45 to \$6.95 and dinner entrees including different varieties of Shish, Mashawi, Ghallabah, Lamb Chops, Salmon fillet, fried jumbo shrimp and a charbroiled T-bone steak ranging Ir price from \$10.95 to \$13.95. "It is a lot of food," Matar said. "People

always take something home with them." The co-owner said entrees include soup, salad and Fatoosh's wonderfully flavored rice. The downtown eatery also offers

smoothles, freshly squeezed juices, deserts, sandwiches ranging in price from \$3.25 to \$5.45 and a \$6.95 lunchtime allvou-can-eat-buffet weekly from 11 a.m. to A \$10.95 dinner version of the buffet is

also offered from 4 to 9 p.m



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A WAY WITH WORDS

Author shares her love of writing with Meadowbrook

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

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Children's author Janie Lynn Panagopoulos brought her passion of history and her love for Michigan to Meadowbrook Elementary students Monday.

Panagopoulos' visit ta Meadowbrook was her first stop on a tour of all Walled Lake Elementary schools. It was made possible by elementary PTA memfor children in Walled Lake schools every year.

The children's author, who grew up in Owosso and now resides in Illinois, was chosen as Michigan Author of the Year by the Michlgan Library Association in 2000. Most of her books have chapters. However, her only pic lure book, "A Place Called Home", which takes place on Macinac Island, was selected for the "Must Read Michigan" list by Governor John Engler.

Panagopoulos, who is currently working on her 14th book, prides herself as a historical researcher first and an author second. "I started writing when I was in

third grade," Panagopoulos told the group, who were third grade students themselves. "I was a good student and loved school but I was just too yacky."

Her teacher became her first "editor" by encouraging her to put her chatter down on paper then critiquing what she had written. She found she had a knack for

the written form and began entering and winning writing contests before her middle school days were finished. Panagopoulos, who writes

about children and their families the students that they should 1700 keep a journal of their lives.

"Writing in a journal is for people two, three or four hundred years in the future, Panagopoulos said. "Because

maybe one day people will be writing about you.' Panagopoulos said it's important for her to write about events from vestervear.

"We know history from the eyes of presidents, church leaders and from higher education, but there bers, who sponsor an author visit is little written about the average common person," she said. Carol Trembath, media special

> ist at the school, pointed out that it's important for children to meet published writers. "They need to see firsthand that authors are real people and hear about their personal stories on how and why they became

authors." Trembath said. Nathan Fouratt, third grade. said he plans to purchase her book about the Gold Rush after listening to her speak when it

comes out next year. "It was fun," Fourait said. "She talked a lot about our history in Michigan, the books she's come out with and the historical sites she's been too.'

Rachel Shuman, third grade also got a kick out of meeting Panagopoulos.

"I've always liked history Shuman said, "It was mvself." cool listening to her talk about all the things she has learned and where she has been. It really made me want to read her hooks.

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Children's author Janie Lynn Panagopoulos enthusiastically describes to Meadowbrook Elementary School students how she became a writer. Panagopoulos was at the school Monday morning to celebrate March is Reading Month.

Cathy Metevia joins elite group of clerks

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

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awarded the prominent designa- ences. tion of Certified Municipal Clerk, She attended Michigan State for which only 197 city clerks in one week each Michigan have earned. Metevia had to have the experi-years, which ence, education and service to the earned her 50 community to be awarded the cer- points toward tificate. She obtained the certifica-

tion through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks have to earn 50 approved program at Michigan points in experi-State University with the ence as a city Resource clerk, deputy Department Development.

She took more than 100 hours of administrative in-depth courses in managerial position in a municipality," Metevia and leadership skills, social and said. "They also count experience her to start the certification suggestions. It's a great sharing ext. interpersonal concerns and techni- as going to state conferences and process shortly after she began her opportunity."

By Diane Dempsey Deel

(AEDs) for police cars and munici-

group of residents, business own-

ers, police and fire workers who

purchase of the life-saving equip-

ment. The AEDs will be carried in

one in Wixom's Community

Center. They also plan to replace

the fire department's two current

An AED analyzes the heart

rhythm of a person who may be

medical training, if any. to deliver

from the AED is administered to a

a normal heart rhythm

said

AEDs with the latest technology.

There will be one at city hall and works."

STAFF WRITER

pal buildings.

designation. Metevia has also Walled Lake's Cathy Metevia was numerous seminars and confer-

year for three her certificate. "Then clerk or an Cathy Metevia

cal training to be considered for the - city level conferences."

Paramedics and the Wixom Fire injuries."

Council members acknowledged taken courses through several col- and congratulated Metevia's suc- Cornelius, led me down this path." leges and universities as well as cess at a March council meeting for Metevia said. "I'm just following in "We're all certainly proud of

Cathy," said Philip Vawter, city achieve her goal. manager. Walled Lake City Hall in 1997 as an ences so that I could become certiadministrative secretary after leav- fied," Metevia said. city clerk in 2000. "When Marianne Cornelius left

outside for the position," Vawter Metevia said. "It's a lot of fun. You said. "They knew she was going to would be sitting around with eight be a dedicated employee." career in Walled Lake.

"The previous clerk, Marianne her footsteps.

However, others helped her "I feel fortunate that the council Metevia began her career with allows me to attend these confer-elections, supervises six city

Lansing. "You just go and camp out at to go to Novi, they did not advertise Michigan State University."

or 10 different people in this posi-Metevia has a large job descrip-

tion. She is the clerk to the mayor city council members and mem bers of boards and commissions. and she prepares and distributes meeting agenda information packets to them. She also is in charge of all city

employees, heads up city records advertisements, maintains personing a municipal job in Wixom. She — She said she enjoyed learning – nel files and benefits and performs began the certification process the with fellow clerks from other some financial duties. There are following year. She was appointed Michigan cities while in East also a variety of other duties and tasks too numerous to count. "There's never a dull moment. Metevia said.

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Library's fundraiser will bring more space

Thursday, March 28, 2002

By Diane Dempsey Deel

The Walled Lake City Library needs donations for a largescale garage sale, which will raise money for more library

The white elephant sale is scheduled for June 8 at the city-owned "Bundo" site. The fundraiser is a necessary

one, according to Donna Rickabaugh, library director. The library needs more space for books and for updated ware. Library officials are hoping to build a new library or enlarge the existing one within five vears. However, funds do not come easy to the library.

The library takes in most of its money from Commerce Township residents, who are contracted with the library, but Rickabaugh has previously said that Commerce Township officials could always decide not to renew the contract and build their own library.

The library takes in little money from state funds, which are given to the library through traffic tickets. Therefore, Rickabaugh is counting on residents to help

make the sale a success. "We're asking the public to donate the kinds of things that you would put in your garage sale if you were to have one, Rickabaugh said.

Houseware items, small appliances and some furniture will gladly be accepted, she said. However, there could be a transportation problem with some furniture. Smaller items can be dropped

off at the library. However, residents with larger items are encouraged to call the library to . make arrangements. They also need a large tent so that they can sell their collected

wares, Rickabaugh said. "We're just starting to collect for the sale," she said Rickabaugh hopes residents

will donate to the sale and become involved in future fundraiser for the library. "We have a sign-up sheet at our desk for volunteers to do fundraisers and to take suggestions for fundraisers," Rickabaugh said.

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New method for processing bonds created By Diane Dempsey Deel

STAFF WRITER Walled Lake officials have

found a new way to expedite the processing of interim court bond checks of those who have made unlawful blunders.

"We have contacted city auditors to determine the possibility of setting up a separate city account to be used strictly for court bond processing," said Jerry Walker, director of public safety. "The account would be set up as a separate account at Standard Federal and would be based upon having authorized check signers in the police department or city hall."

Police departments, includ ing the Walled Lake Police Department, accept interim bond money for the Michigan courts as standard practice However, the department needs Mayor William Roberts or Mayor Pro-Tem Diane Cartter to come into the police depart ment to sign it. This will make it easier for city and police staff to handle bond money taken in if they do not have to call the pair

from city council to come in. Walker and Cathy Behrens, administrative assistant, are now authorized check signers. within the police department. Cathy Metevia, city clerk, and Philip Vawter, city manager, are the new check signers at city

hall. The city treasurer, deputy city treasurer or the city man ager will authorize issuance of Continued on 6

Funding is life-or-death matter for Heart Savers Department have been using the Therefore, Goodlein said every come, they would not be alive."

The police department needs Wixom Police Chief Clarence Goodlein demonstrates the \$35.000 to complete their goal. department's newest aquisition: Automatic External

than we are doing now. It's a won-Goodlein said more than derful program." 350,000 people nationwide experience a sudden cardiac arrest that sidered getting state grants to fund makes their heart quiver, beat the AEDs, but there's only so erratically and unable to pump much money to go around and blood throughout their bodies. they could not receive a grant for having a sudden cardiac arrest. It Only five percent of the people who the equipment. However, he is tells the user, who may have little have this malady will survive. Nevertheless, citles that have a shock to the person in trouble if their police officers equipped with

necessary. However, it will not AEDs have a much higher survival ing is to make it a community projdeliver the shock to a person with rate, he said. Seattle, Wash, and cct so that the whole community Rochester, Minn. now have 30 to can share in the good that these George Spencer, Wixom fire 40 percent survival rates for heart devises will make," Goodlein said. chief, said the heart starts working attack victims after utilizing the "I feel real excited about it. I think at a normal pace after a shock equipment. "It's a tremendous difference.

person having a sudden cardiac Goodlein said. "When someone has public health." arrest. Oftentimes the only way a a sudden cardiac arrest, they only person will survive is by the elec- have about four minutes before tric shock from the equipment, he they start suffering from brain damage that can result in fatal

AEDs for years but they were too second counts when getting the Wixom Police are counting on expensive for police to carry them needed life saving equipment to the community to help save lives as well. At that time, people with- victims who are having a sudden by donating to the Wixom Heart out medical training were not cardiac arrest. Police officers can Savers fund, which will buy 10 authorized to use the devices. get to anyone in the city in about automated external defibrillators Soon people started shaking up one or two minutes. Spencer said the AEDs used by legislators to change the law to allow non-medically trained people firefighters have saved lives a The Wixom Heart Savers is a to use the equipment, number of times. "The device is such that if there "If we wouldn't have had it and is something wrong with it, it won't had to wait for an ambulance to

are doing their part to fund the operate," said Clarence Goodlein, Wixom chief of police. "You can't Spencer said. "It's a very essential mess up with these things. It tool. With that out in the commueach of Wixom's six police cars. checks itself to make sure it nity, it will help us save more lives

 Goodlein said they had first conproud of the community for backing the needed equipment.

it's another step for the community to enhance public safety and



However, they are halfway there Defibrilators that can be used to restore normal heart rhythms Continued on 6 and aid people suffering from sudden cardiac arrest.

"The purpose of doing fund rais-

4A Novi News-Lake Area Times - Thursday, March 28, 2002 S&P gives Walled Lake district thumbs up

But administration says it's just one way to evalute schools

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

The Standard and Poor's school evaluation is in, but according to Walled Licke Consolidated School officials, the statistics should be considered with a grain of salt. "We have MEAP. We have the state accreditation system that will be corning out and the Detroit News evaluation," said Bill Hamilton, assistant superintendent of curriculum. "Now we have Standard and Poor's "

This is the second year the company has evaluated Michigan similar demographic characterisschools. The statistics came out tics. earlier this year.

ways," Hamilton said, "It's alsointerpreted and analyzed in many Poor's for all of the answers. different ways. It needs to be viewed with serutiny.

the school district's strengths, challenges and concerns and other key factors. Relative to other K-12 school districts in Michigan, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools achieves well above average student results with comparatively high

spending," according to the Standard and Poor's education summary, "Among the student results considered are the ACT, SAT, PSAT and SP scores and corwell as graduation and dropout he said. rates. The district's spending per student is well above the state average and higher than the aver-

with similar demographic charaeteristics '

They listed strengths such as moderately above average MEAI composite passing rate, particlpation and MEAP grade 11 excelling rate. It also cited the district as having moderately above average ACT test participation and well above average

advanced placement participation. The evaluation also listed sev eral other key factors such as average ACT scores, a moderately above average graduation rate average dropout rate, well above average operating expenditures

per student and operations and maintenance expenditures per student The evaluation based their statistics on other schools in Michigan, including districts with

Hamilton encourages residents "A lot of the information was to look at other indicators of succollected in a lot of different cess in the school district instead of counting on Standard and

Test scores are one indicator and individual school improve-Standard and Poor's evaluated ment plans are another indicator, he said. However, parents should also look at the administrators' willingness to talk to them when choosing a school district to move into

Hamilton noted that adminis trators have their own checks and balances to analyze the success of

the district. "We look at our own growth trends," Hamilton said. Since the district's growth trends have been upward, test responding participation rates, as scores will also continue to rise,

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Easter Week

Bid Category

Site Equipmen

Tennis Court Coatings

Concession Building

Earthwork/Site Utilities

Over \$.5 million allocated for Middle School By Angelo Parlove

The Novi Board of Education paved the way last week for a new oncession building, as well as additional tennis courts and basketball courts, for the Novi Middle School. On March 21, the board unanimously approved (with secretary John Streit absent) the \$577,718 district project, which will be completed by 12 different contractors. neluding Jack Anglin Civil Contractors of Novi who received the earthwork and site utilities bid. Along with the concession build-

new tennis courts and three new basketball courts. "The economic market is such now

that bidders are hungry," said James – Koster, Novi Schools assistant superintendent of finance. "We received a good amount of bids on this." The bids came in well under the estimated project budget of \$892,000, allowing Novi Schools to which will be adopted in June. The extend the middle school plans and school has not yet determined take additional bids for an expanded - whether they will purchase or lease school parking lot and improved the vehicles.

underground drainage around the new courts. "The bids were so good that we the Novi News. He can be reached were able to accept alternate bids at (248) 349-1700. ext. 108 or at and still remain under budget," aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

amount of bids on this.'

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The project will be funded by the \$75 million bond issue passed by Novi voters in June 2001. Furthermore, Novi Schools plans to improve its transportation fleet next school year.

Koster said,

unanimously approved March 21 the purchase of four new school busses for \$241,505 from Hoekstra Truck new vehicles - three 65-seat passenger busses and one special edu

busses The fleet increase was anticipated

ing, the project includes plans for 12 busses is part of an overall plan." Koster said

> make-up as the rest of the current Novi fleet, with a Thomas Built body and a Freightliner chassis.

"This will retain the consistency of our fleet," Koster said. purchases in the 2002-2003 budget.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for

Paving The Novi Board of Education also Concrete Fencing

Equipment Company of Troy. The cation bus - will replace three older busses on the fleet, increasing the Novi bus count by one to 39 school

two years ago for additional routes in the school district, including those west of Novi Road and north of 12 Mile Road.

"Every year the replacement of The new busses will have the same

Novi Schools' will include these

57,520.00 Sterling Image, Royal Oak Carpentry/Finishes 1,700.00 Centrury Painters & Decorators. West Bloomfield Painting 22,000.00 Ritchie Metals, LLC, Walled Lake Standing Seam Roof 21,500.00 J.F.'s Plumbing, Madison Heights Plumbing Mutual Electric Company, Livonia 18,695.00 Electrical \$577,718.00 TOTAL

Contractor

Jack Anglin Civil Contractors, Novi

Albanelli Cement, Farmington Hills

Michigan Fence Company, Utica

Goddard Coatings Co., Auburn Hills

Hicks Construction Co., Shelby Twp.

Nationwide Fence and Supply, Chesterfield

T&M Ashphalt Paving, Milford

Bid Award

108,350.00

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46.300.00

38,257.00

24,596.00

28,700.00

58,200.00







Novi approves summer project plans

DEDICATION AND A DESIRE TO EXCEL

City of Novi Engineer Nancy McClain grabs top honors in her profession

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Nancy McClain, the City of Novi's engineer, received the Outstanding Engineer in Government award from the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers at an excellence awards banquet held Feb. 23 in the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids

"I was very surprised," McClain said. "I certainly didn't expect to win. McClain found out she had

been awarded the distinction less than two weeks before the actual event. She knew she had been nominated by her fellow board members of the society, but did not think she would be chosen as the winner

The Civil Engineer was hired by the city in August, filling a position created to reduce Novi's reliance on outside subcontractors. Having a full-time city engineer

also decreases the response time for site plan reviews and streamlines the entire approval process. "We feel very fortunate to have her as a member of our team," said Novi City Manager Richard Helwig. city "She's been doing a fine job."

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PROFILE NAME: Nancy McClain POSITION: City of Novi engineer since August 2001 HONOR: Outstanding Engineer in Government award from the Michigan Nancy McClain Society of Professional Engineers DEGREE: bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological

Jniversity AGE: 39 RESIDENT: Redford **MEMBERSHIPS:** Michigan Society of Professional Engineers Detroit metro chapter; National Society of Professional

Engineers, American Business sion of our continually growing and federal requirements. As a city engineer. McClain is in

Women's Association; and BEI **Orators Toastmasters Chapter** EXPERIENCE: Prior to working for Novi. McClain worked for BE Associates in Detroit for three years as the assistant director of civil engineering. She has also worked for other city and state agencies. PAST PROJECTS: Actively involved in many prominent City of Detroit projects, McClain worked on the construction of the temporary MotorCity Casino and the reconstruction and realignment of roads and utilitles in the River East district of the Detroit Waterfront in con-

junction with the General Motors renovation of the Renaissance Center. Her responsibilities have included road and utility design, traffic engineering, project management and contract administration, permit acquisition, site plan creation and review and construction inspection.

In order to accomplish the sometimes overwhelming task, she Helwig said he has been very charge of making sure all utilities spends many hours attending impressed with McClain's ability to and roads scheduled for installa- meetings, dealing with various officoordinate tasks and perform in tion in Novi meet the city's stan- cials and reviewing submitted site such a varied and complicated divi- dards while complying with state plans in her newly-developed Plan or at usadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

Review Center On top of her daily responsibilities, she is also trying to pave a brand new path and create a department that will eventually oversee support employees.

ate a department," McClain said. "It's been rewarding getting it moving and watching it flow." McClain said she feels the leadership role she undertook by accepting the job to serve in a position which is a brand new concept to the city, helped earn her the award. She said the only thing that could have made the honor more meaningful would have been if her

The Michigan Society Professional Engineers was founded in 1946 and created the awards program to increase public understanding of how engineering and surveying impacts citizens lives in a positive way, recognize the achievements of teams and individual engineers and surveyors who produce projects and share information on professional techniques which may be used to benefit

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105

"It's exciting because I get to cre-

parents were still alive to share in her accomplishment.

future projects.

month for its cutting-edge build-Fanning/Howey Associates, the award recognizes Deerfield's Inc. of Williamston was awarded superior planning, design and Feb. 14 the Shirley Cooper construction. Fanning/Howey Award by the American Associates, Inc. is the first archi-School tecture and engineering firm to oſ Administrators (AASA) for its win this honor three times, foldesign of the educational facility. Deerfield Elementary - Novi's Shirley Cooper Award for school of choice - was an \$11

million project which brought the essence of the outdoors into the school with a variety nature building opened in 2000.

ing design.

Association

Deerfield Elementary in Novi Co-sponsored by the AASA, earned national recognition last the American Institute of Architects and the Council of Educational Facility Planners, lowing the 1993 and 1999 Williamston High School and the Fishback Creek Public Academy in Indiana, respectively. Fanning/Howey Associates, themes. The 83,000 square-foot Inc. has built more than 800 schools in the past five years.



A few students enjoy some books inside the award-win-

ning Deerfield Elementary School library last Wednesday.

Deerfield earns national recognition



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Bonds: New method for processing

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ciliation on the court bond in time for Tuesday hearings. account. The police department, on the other hand, will be responsible for listing the date, check numbers - writer for the Lake Area Times. She monthly report.

EASTER SERVICES

Church of the Holy Cross Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m Good Friday 7:30 p.m. 7:45 a.m., 11 a.m. Easter

Church of the Holy Family Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Good Friday noon, 1:30 p.m. Saturday Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m. Easter 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.

Faith Presbyterian Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. 7, 9, 10:30 a.m. Easter **First Baptist of Novi**

11 a.m. Easter Good Shepherd Lutheran

Maundy Thursday 7 o.m Good Friday 7 p.m. 7:30, 10 a.m. Faster

Meadowbrook Congregational Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Easter 9,11 å.m.

Novi Methodist Good Friday noon (at Holy Family Catholic Church) Easter 7:30, 9:45 a.m.

Orchard Hills Baptist 11 а.т. Easter Easter Cantata 6:30 p.m.

St. James Catholic Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. Good Friday 1 p.m. Saturday Easter Vigil 8 p.m. 8, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter

Lakes Baptist Church Easter Breakfast, free 10 a.m. 9, 10 a.m.





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keep track of," Walkers said. The department accepts bond approximately three or four times a week. Those arrested make checks out for amounts between \$100 and \$1.000. Oftentimes arrests are made over the weekend. According to state law, some defendants must be assigned the next available court-

date. That court date is 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the 52-1 District each individual check. The trea- Court in Novi for Walled Lake surer's department will be respon- arrests. Therefore, it's tough to get sible for creating a monthly recon- the bond processed and recorded Diane Dempsey Decl is a staff

amounts and payees on their can be reached at (248) 349 1700 110 ext. OF "It will be very easy to finally deetwht.homecomm.net.

Heart Savers: Funding is life-or-death matter continued from 3 see just the sense and spirit of the

have been coming in. Goodlein said 10 people have already donated to the cause since the money to the fund raising project, fundraising began only weeks he said. ago. Some people have donated as "The first time this saves somemuch as \$6,000 and others have one's life, people in the communigiven \$25. Each AED costs ty can feel like they helped make \$3,500 including disposable pads that happen because they particithe victim. The cost also includes said. training for personnel.

"All of the donations have been Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff wonderful," Goodlein said, writer for the Lake Area Times. "Everyone has given what they She can be reached at (248) 349feel they can afford. It's been a 1700 ext. 110

community that people who live in the city or who run businesses because of the donations that in the city have." Residents should feel good about themselves by giving

that deliver the shock and revive pated in the fundraiser," Goodlein

wonderful experience for me to ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

"If we wouldn't have had it (an AED) and had to wait for an ambulance to come, they would not be alive. It's a very essential tool. With that out in the community, it will help us savemore lives than we are doing now. It's a wonderful program.""

> George Spencer Wixom Fire Chief



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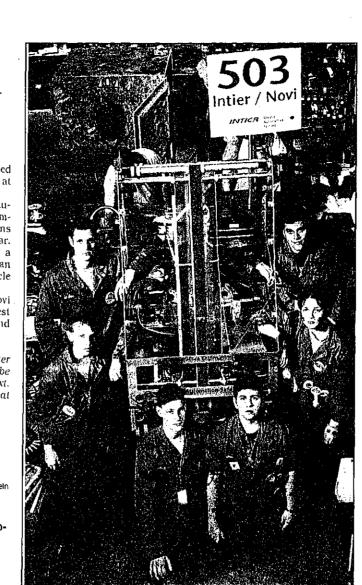
FIRST: Novi Robotics team on to Florida continued from front

"FIRST tries to get kids excited about technology and science at an early age," Harvey said. Over 20,000 high school students and 600 teams will compete in FIRST competitions across the country this year. Each teams attempts to build a fully-functional robot that can out-maneuver and out-muscle rival machines.

The next stop for the Novi Robotics Team is the FIRST West Michigan Regionals in Grand Rapids April 4-6.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

Photo by Tom Hibbelr The "pit crew". From left to right: senior Dan St. Clair, sophomore Joe Belter, sophomore Peter Kalinowski. sophomore A.J. Francho, sophomore Kimberly Koch, and senior Derek Granzow.



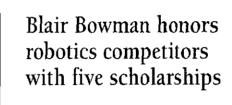
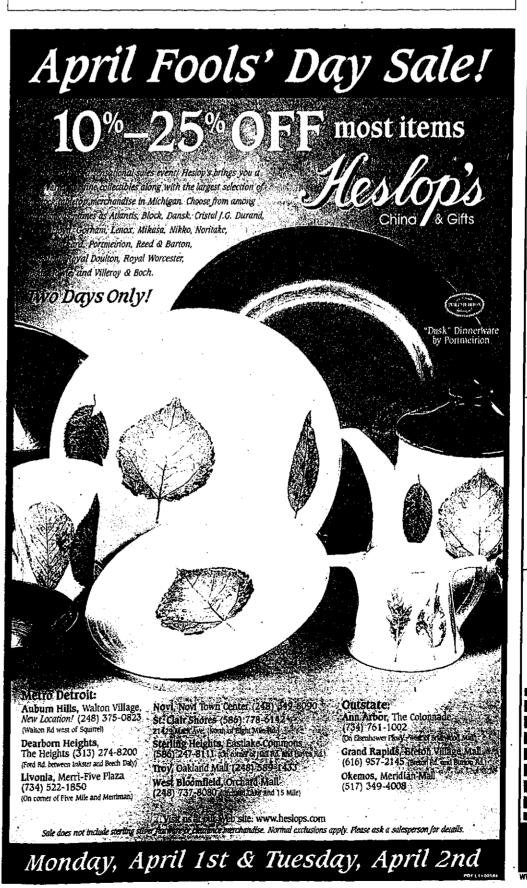


Photo by John Heider FIRST supporter and Novi Expo Center president Blair Bowman received this plaque, designed by Novi artist Nina Cambron, as a thank you for his support of the FIRST Robotics program. Five winners of the Blair Bowman Scholarships, a \$1,400 scholarship given to FIRST Robotics competitors across Michigan, were announced at Saturday's competition. The 2002 winners are Kyle Shipp of Flint, Vanita Srinivasa of Ann Arbor, Ying Zheng of Ann Arbor, Mike Mroch of Warren and Stephen O' Keefe of Novi.

The scholarships were given to robotic's competitors who showed academic excellence and community involvement.





Middle schoolers get a glimpse of different career paths

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

choices

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The day aims to connect the students with the educational back- drums grounds, daily demands and bene-2002 Career Day.

We gladly agreed.

the experience of interviewing interviewing principals, counselors, sources, fumbling over word choic-The Novi Middle School hosted – es and story structure and a fastits 12th annual Career Day last approaching deadline - and make Friday, Each year the event gives - if fun, of course. After all, if doesn't the students an opportunity to seem that long ago when I was in meet, talk and listen to profession- their seat, half-drooling on myself als from nearly 40 different career in mid-sleep before a trivial guest speaker.

We were to hip for those dol-So, Victoria and I thought the fits of a career pathway in the glob- best way to give them a genuine al world of work. The Middle School notion of the job - and make it PTO, which hosted the event, interesting - was to throw them asked Novi News municipal headlong into their first assignreporter Victoria Sadlocha and ment. Thus, the students were inyself to be guest speakers at the - asked to cover the 2002 Career-Day for the Novi News.

We divided each class into four It was now our job as working groups, assigning them a section of journalists to show the middle the story. Then, the students were school students what it was like to - off to get the information they need - at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at

meant we needed to communicate - journalists spread across the school. teachers and other students. They gathered the elements that told the story of Career Day and the human reactions that supported it.

> the gathered news into their own words for the reader, as well as choosing the direct quotes they felt accurately expressed the event. Victoria and I guided them and answered questions, but they did all the work. These are their stories about 2002 Career Day, as written by the eighth-graders at Novi

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached

Next, the students assembled

Middle School. I will stop here and let the student reporters tell you the rest of the story.

Why does a doctor become a doctor? It all starts in middle school. Did you know what career you Novi Middle School hosted a fancied in junior high?

science teacher.

dents.

School

Jones said.

the speakers.

volunteer.

class

students to begin thinking about

what it is that they may want to do

with their lives," said Mrs. Gerecke.

Novi Middle School seventh grade

blow off half-day at school.

Students asked why we needed

Career Day and is it more than just a

Explained Leslie MacDonald, Novi

Middle School seventh grade coun-

selor, "Fifteen years ago, career edu-

cation was a part of the information

MacDonald said the reason the

school does Career Day is because

we feel a lot of students are fixed on

Career Day was started 12 years

There are many people who organ

ize this event, including head organ-

"We relied on our parent volun-

izer Dina Ascenzo and Barb Jones.

teers and volunteers of various

organizations in the community,

Mrs. Mallory, another organizer,

takes care of the gift certificates for

"My favorite speaker is my hus-

of Malow Company," Mallory said.

band, Bill Mallory, the vice president

"This is his second year of being a

written by Greg Durham's Novi

Middle School eighth grade science

Firefighters, pilots, FBI agents,

reporters and more. Imagine all these

people with so many interesting jobs

ago by the PTO of Novi Middle

careers and need to be exposed to

other kinds of careers.

that needed to be relayed to stu-

Career Day March 22 where 40 volunteers from the professional world came in to introduce students to a plethora of different careers. guest speakers. Doctors, lawyers, journalists and a host of others, talked about their jobs and introduced their occupations to the speakers.

eager students in the process of deciding which career to pursue. "I am very excited about this," said Mílan Obrenovích, principal of Novi Middle School. 'The students see new careers and learn about them It's a good experience for the students, as well as the speakers. [think that when we have Career Day

it really hits the adults that the kids have a future." Leslie MacDonald, Novi Middle School seventh grade counselor, said Career Day is significant for many

"It is important for kids to be exposed to a variety of careers." she said. "A lot of people are focused on a few careers, and it is beneficial for

students to hear about others careers)." Career Specialist Bill Schoff said coordinators of Career Day - the PTO and staff - do not try to get a certain type of career, but they try to keep an even balance between females and

males. "It takes a lot of work to get this done," said Dina Ascenzo, chairwoman of the PPO. "Fliers could be picked up at our open house. They needed 40 speakers - two females and two males speaking for each

cam - cach with a different career pathway." Ascenzo said letters were sent out o the various volunteers. "I thought it was a great plan," aid Patrice Pederson, seventh and

eighth grade Novi Middle choir eacher. "It's never too early to think about your career.

written by Kimberly Kelly's Novi Middle School eighth grade social studies and language arts class.

in one place talking and answering questions about their jobs. On Friday, March 22, the students That's what was happening on of Novi Middle School had careers Friday, March 22 as Novi Middle School invited a variety of profession and ideas introduced to them by als to come in and talk about their This event was sponsored by the jobs. Many students thought the diferent careers and jobs were interest-PTO, and a prebreaklast was held for ing. Some were also considering This is a great opportunity for

career options that were presented to "It's neat to learn about different careers because not everyone gets that opportunity," said Adam Bykofsky, Novi Middle School teacher

of industrial technology. Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich said the day was created to stimulate career interests for shidents who have not chosen one yet Obrenovich also hopes that when current students pursue their careers, they will come in and tell the younger students what is out there. "It teaches students about all careers," said Dina Ascenzo, chairwoman of the PTO, "It shows them a little bit about every career, not just what they are interested in." Fifteen years ago, the PTO at Novi Middle School noticed that kids were following in their family and friend's career pathways, so the PTO came up with the idea of Career Day to expose the students to many differ

ent job options. Career Day is when the students dress up and listen to four different speakers who talk about their jobs and how to get there.

When Career Day was first started the speakers were mostly males. Bu lately, they have been trying to get more females and people doing careers not typically associated with their gender - such as a male nurse. "It's a great experience for middle school kids to be exposed to a variety of careers that they might not be familiar with," said Leslie

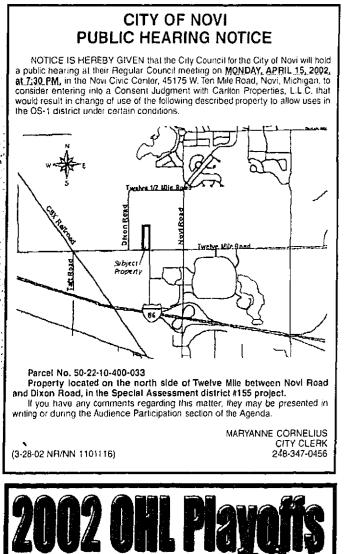
MacDonald, Novi Middle School seventh grade counselor. written by Debra Levy's Novi Middle School/eighth grade enrich ment class

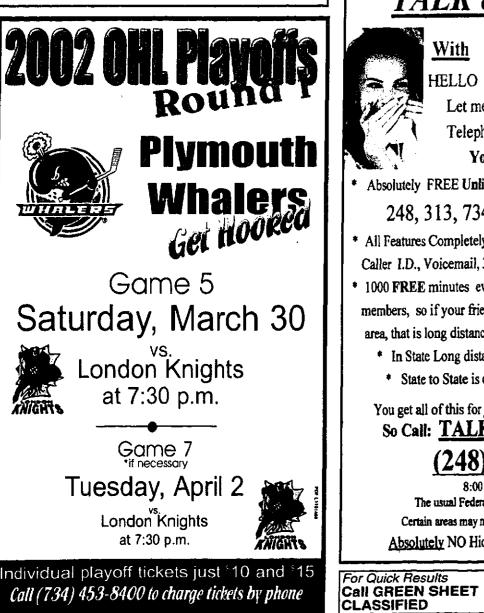
Photo by John Heider Novi Middle School students Kristen Bradford right, and Georgia Katopodis work on completing their journalism story during last Friday's career day. Students crafted a newstory with the assistance of Novi News' reporters Victoria Saldocha and

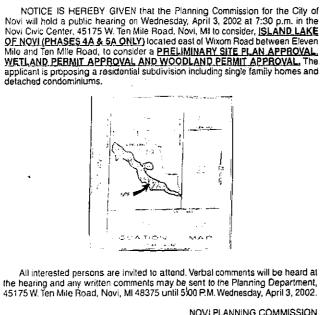
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, <u>VANS SKATE</u> <u>PARK SP01-56</u>, located in the Fountain Walk development west of Novi Road on the south side of Twelve Mile Road for <u>RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL</u> <u>FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND SPECIAL LAND USE PER-</u> MIT

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Life's a beach for students By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

"I just got tattooed!" said Cody Nolbe of the take print placed on his hand, as older children carrying beach blankets and wearing shorts

and swimwear were lining up to eat. No, Nolbe, a second grade student at Walled Lake Elementary, wasn't having a dream of summer fun. Instead, he and other students were living out their summer fanlasies right in their own lunchroom at the school's annual "beach party" March 22.

The students sat on beach blanand nacho chips while listening to tattoo and other small summer gifts. beach." It's the third year that school lead-

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The competition is broken into

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many topics in high school math- said.

students completing a 40-prob- top 100.

have a day for the kids to chill out and have time to experience a picnic-lunch room ready to look like a day style lunch." Walsh said. The event also has a more serious

with their own classmates. This fish," she said, pointing to the paper event helps them widen their social horizons. "I think it helps with their peer he enjoyed the experience because relationships," Walsh said. "It's a he could eat with his best friend, time for everyone to get to know each

other a little better. The kids enjoy it because they can dance and eat on their towels. Rosario Agurto, a parent volunteer agreed.

There's a lot of pressure of studying," Agurto said. "This is different for them because they are relaxing and sharing this fantasy world."

Lynn Dodds, school secretary, said the summer theme is a great kets to eat submarine sandwiches helps student-teacher relationships. "It's nice to see teachers and stuup palm trees. After they were done said, "Usually it's a student-leacher geared up," McConnell said. eating, they were able to get a fake thing. This way they were at the

It took parents and school staff to ers have thrown the beach party get the event off the ground. Student while the snow is still flying, council members raised money for According to Alison Walsh, school the beach party as well as helped councilor, the event is always a suc- with the summer theme decorations. Sara Hockin, fifth grade student "In the middle of winter it's nice to and student council member, said

Novi High duo tackle state's MAA math contest

Novi High School students Eric invited to take the second exam, and Mathematics, Ford Motor

Liao and Sven Nyberg each where students work on five Company, the Matilda R. Wilson

professional mathematicians.

Liao and Nyberg did not win

"It was pretty hard with some

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earned an honorable mention problems, showing their solu-

finish in the annual mathematics tions with full justification and

competition at the Michigan proofs. The final scores were

Section of the Mathematical graded by college professors and

a two-part examination covering pretty tough questions," Liao

dents took the first test, with the scholarships, but placed in the

1,000 highest scorers were then the Michigan Council of Teachers

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me Celebrate Ri

at the beach. "We blew up all of the palm trees

decorations on the wall. Nolbe, while having merriment.

the beach towel)," Coon said. Sharon McCounell, school secre tary, got in on the summer action. She was decked out in summer wear and a hat with a flower on it. "It's great to be able to wear a hat to school and break the dress code

way to welcome spring but it also clothes and Beach Boys music playing in the hallways, she said. summer tunes and gazing at blow- dents interact on that level," Dodds the corner, it's getting everyone

> excitement to end. "It's very cool." Nolbe said. "I wish we could have it every day."

writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

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purpose. The children typically eat and beach balls and we colored the

Joshua Coon, second grade, said "You can get more comfortable (on

for a change," McConnell said.

It seems like summer in the building with everyone wearing summer "With spring break right around Nolbe didn't want the summer

Diane Dempseu Deel is a stafi

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Taylor Coleman, with her clamdiggers and beach chair, enjoys a tropical lunch inside Walled Lake Elementary School last Friday afternoon.

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New DPW building will give workers more room

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

Wixoni officials are beginning Department of Public Works as well as the city's staff." building that will give workers more breathing space than the completed, soil work and obtaincurrent building.

future building, which will lodge department's workers.

residents' tax dollars after voters - limits," approved a bond in the approved a low bid of \$17.650 to - storage and maintenance work of Wixom-based Schonsheck Inc. to equipment. come up with a conceptual and out of the site. The second lowest bid was for also, will be a good size area to \$22,900 and the highest bid was - repair and store equipment.

for \$100.000. Michael Pilarski, director of facility than we already have. public works, said now that the Pilarski said. "Number two, the will soon be sending out requests — is in very poor repair." for proposals (RFPs) for the design and construction of the new DPW building. However, writer for the Lake Area Times. they have not yet determined. She can be reached at (248) 349-

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"It's our intention to break ground this year in the late sum mer or early fall " Pilarski said "The DPW employees are looking preliminary plans to build a new - forward to seeing this completed Once the preliminary stage is

ing a legal description will begin Officials are now doing prelim- as well as decisions on construcinary site work and design for the — tion materials for the facility. "We will take the information most of the city's equipment as and put in an RFP to go out to well as be a workplace for the various companies," Pilarski said. 'It's going to be built next to

The building will cost between the wastewater treatment plant \$1.5 and \$1.7 million to com- and the current DPW off of plete. It is being constructed with - Charms Road in the western city The current DPW building will November 1999 general election, not be torn down, he said. Wixom council members Instead, it will still be utilized for

The need for a new facility is design for the building. The cont great, Pilarski pointed out. The pany's engineers will also look at department's administrative low the building is orientated offices will be located in the new and basic traffic patterns into building. Pilarski's office is now at the city hall complex. There

"Number one, we need a larger site work is underway, officials – condition of the current building

Dianc Dempsey Deel is a staff

ddeel#ht.homecomm.net.

Obituaries

Donna Lou Neff

Donna Neff of Farmington died March 8, She was 66. Ms. Neff was born March 3, 1936 in Farmington Township, Ms, Neff was a lifetime resident of Farmington. She was a 1953 graduate of Farmington High School and

Farmington Hills. Ms. Neff is survived by her children. David Neff of Denver, Tod be made to the Boy Scouts of Mr. Krause workd as an automo-(Lois) Neff of Novi and Leslie (Llovd) America. Johnson of Vail, Colo, She is also surved by her grandchildren, Sara, Christopher, Becky and Carrie.

A funeral for Ms. Neff was held March 10 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home of Farmington. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive. Ste. 212 Southfield Mich. 48075. Funeral arrangements were made by Thaver-Rock Funeral Home.

Frank Chuhran

March 5 at his residence in Novi. He Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. was 89. Mr. Chuhran was born Feb. 17. 1913. He was the husband of Memorial contributions may be

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Juliano, Grandfather of 10, Brother Chuhran was held March 8 at St. Agatha Church of Redford. worked as a clerk for the city of arrangements were made by of the U.S. Army in World War II Ann Felice. Ms. O'Neill lived in the Novi. Memorial contributions may Apostle High School in Detroit. worked as a photo specialist at

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Raymond R. Palmerie

Mr. Palmerie was born June 26, of Loraine Furmanski and Anita A memorial service was held Church of Novi. Funeral arrange-Frank Chuhran of Novi died ments were made by O'Brien /

Cemetery of Southfield. (Michael) Blaszczyk, Janice Association.

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Caulcy and Barbara (Lawrence) A memorial service for Mr. He was 82.

March 1 at Providence Hospital in

Southfield. He was 81. father of Stephen (Colleen), brother grandchildren.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Funeral arrangements were

(Michael) Coraci, Linda (Gerald) George Anthony Krause

George Krause died March 15 Mr. Krause was born Dec. 2, She was 23. 1919 in Detroit. A resident of Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Dearborn Heights for the past 45 1978 in Farmington Hills to Cemetery of Southfield. Funeral years, Mr. Krause was a veteran Kenneth Hugh O'Neill and Cheryl O'Brien / Sullivan Funeral Home of and attended St. Thomas the Novi area all of her life. She

tive painter, from which he retired in 1981. Mr. Krause is survived by his wife of 51 years, Virginia; his Barb O'Neill of Redford; her grand-Raymond Palmerie of Novi ded children, Kenneth (Linda) Krause of Novi, Glenn (Michelle) Krause of Livonia, Janet (John) Michniak Doris O'Neill of Redford; and her of Livonia: his brother, John siblings, Kenneth W. O'Neill. 1920. He was the husband of Mary, Krause of Warren; and eight Jennifer Taylor and Melissa

A funeral for Mr. Krause was held March 18 at St. Sabina was held March 19 at Casterline Catholic Church in Dearborn Funeral Home in Northville, Rev. March 5 at Holy Family Catholic Heights. Fr. Joseph L. Romano Gordon Nusz of First United officiated. Interment was at St. Methodist Chuch of Northville offi-Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn clated the service. Funeral Heights. Memorial contributions arrangements were made by may be made to the charity of the Casterline Funeral Home of donor's choosing.

Lucille, father of Frank E. Carol made to the American Lung made by Thayer-Rock Funeral made to the charity of one's choos-Home of Farmington.

Michelle Marie O'Neill

Michelle Marie O'Neill of Novi of Frances Straker and Betty Roux. at his home in Dearborn Heights. died March 17 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. Ms. O'Neill was born Aug. 7,

Walgreen's. Ms. O'Neill is survived by her

parents, Cheryl and Randy Benefield of Novi and Kenneth and parents, Kathleen and Anthony Felice of Gladwin and William and Taylor.

A funeral service for Ms. O'Neill Northville.

Memorial contributions may be

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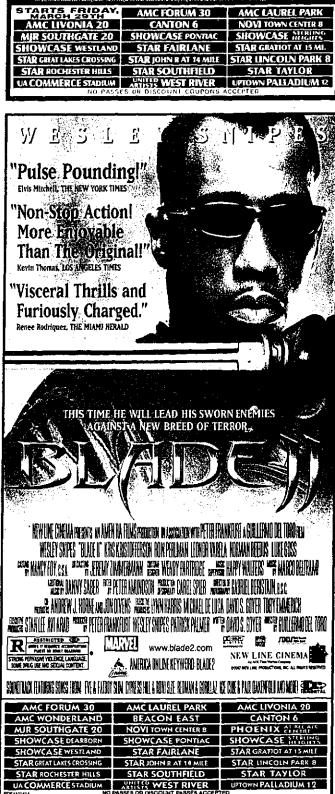
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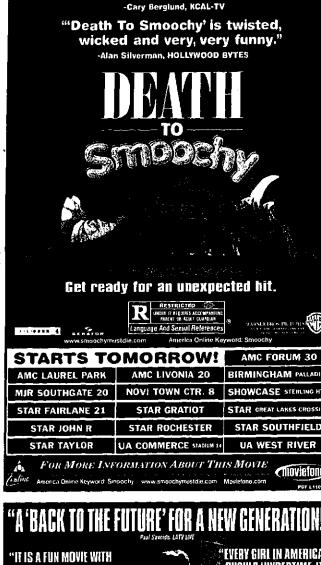
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Novi City Briefs

CITY OFFICES CLOSED Recycling Center will be closed of Good Friday.

EASTER EGG-STREME The City of Novi is proud to Home, Mervyn's, Quinn for present its "Easter Egg-Streme." The annual holiday event, which Deerfield Elementary. promises fun for the entire fami-, includes an Easter egg hunt age group, a petting zoo, SHOW games, a moon walk and many

EASTER BRUNCH

the fun.

with roasted vegetables and rice, younger than 13. outche with crabmeat and asparagus, smoked whitefish. APRIL FOOL LUNCHEON 348-5555

BOWL-A-THON A SUCCESS More than 100 attendees munched on pizza and bowled Grand River Avenue. their afternoon away at the Novi Youth Assistance 20th annual Bowl-a-Thon. The fund-raising event, held March 9 at Novi Bowl, raised \$10,000 for Novi munity groups who would like to

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The Novi City offices, Novi members of teams from the Novi District Library and City Lionesses. City of Novi, Orchard opportunity to design and create Hills Elementary, Novi Middle Friday. March 29 in observance School, Novi Meadows, Parkview ebration extra special for the Elementary, Novi High School, Novi School Transportation Office, O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral District Judge, Holy Cross and

SPRING HOME & GARDEN

will be featured, and expert Too Chez Bistro in Novi Invites advice, ideas and renovations on all families to attend its March home repair, decorating and 31 Easter Sunday brunch. The remodeling will be available. specially menu, created just for Hours for the event are 2 to 10 the occasion, will include an p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 omelet and roast station, roast a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and beel au jus, roast turkey with 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. gravy, baked ham, candied Admission is \$6 for adults: \$5 sweet potatoes, baked salmon for seniors; and free for children

eggs Benedict, waffles, French Area seniors are invited to p.m. brunch is \$21.95 for "April Fool Luncheon." The April adults: \$12.95 for those 6 to 12; 1 event includes lunch, games the fight against cancer. and free for children younger and prizes awarded for the best to make a reservation, call (248) able for \$5 and may be purchased at the center, located in Meadowbrook Commons located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road, between 10 Mile Road and

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE The City of Novi is looking for interested businesses and com- also be interested.

the honor of top fundraiser. parade, which will take place 10 cer.org by April 4.

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Participants will have the

community. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

announced that Sunday, June 30 will be Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day. A 1 p.m. core-The City of Novi welcomes the mony will take place in the Novi more fun activities. The event sixth annual 2002 Spring Home Civic Center and will be open to will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Garden Show April 4-7 at the public. Clark said the Saturday, March 30, at the Novi the Novi Expo Center. The show Vietnam War is the war of the Civic Center. The cost is \$5 per will include more than 200 forgotten and it is now time to child, and those younger than exhibitors featuring the latest set the record straight. Any Novi 13 are invited to participate in technology, products and servic- veteran interested in participates for most areas of one's home ing in the event is asked to call. and garden. A parade of homes (248) 347-0400 for the necessary information.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Middle School will host the third annual American Cancer Society As the signature event of the American Cancer Society, Relay For Life is a celebration of life It's a special time to remember those we've lost to cancer and an toast and more. The 10 a.m. to 3 attend the Novi Senior Center's opportunity to join with the community to make a difference in

than 6. For more information or "foolish" look. Tickets are avail- of this exciting event. The official kick-off party is 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Novi Hilton (21111 Haggerty Road), and it will celebrate past accomplishments and have a brief informational program about this year's Relay For Life. Feel free to bring someone who may

The kick-off is complimentary youth prevention programs with participate in its annual but an RSVP is requested. Please Detective Paul Keisling of the Memorial Day Parade. Now is the call Barb Iovan at (248) 483-Novi Police Department earning time to register for the 2002 4317 or by email to biovan@can-

group of boys and girls. "I liked the first one because the bear was so lazy," said Caitlin Riley. Riley was referring to the first story DeRoche read, titled "Tops and Bottoms," adapted and illustrated by

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By Victoria Sadlocha

With a little help from some furty

storybook characters, Craig DeRoche

entertained a group of second graders

at Meadowbrook Elementary School

About 20 attentive children gath-

ered around the Novi city councilman

March 25 as he spent a half-hour

reading children's stories to the

STAFE WRITER

in Novi.

Janet Stevens. Also enjoying the tale about a lazy bear constantly being outwitted by a smart hare during harvesting time was Blade Brown because "the bear was always being conned." DeRoche, who is currently running for a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives, also read "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble," written by

William Steig. opportunity to read and interact with the students.

DeRoche was invited into the sec- dren. ond grade class after expressing interest in learning more about the education system to his sister-in-law, Jill DeRoche. The Walled Lake School District

On Campus

Novi resident Amy Mitchell was uating class.

Novi resident Suresh Huney was among the members of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's December 2001 graduating class. The following Novi residents were

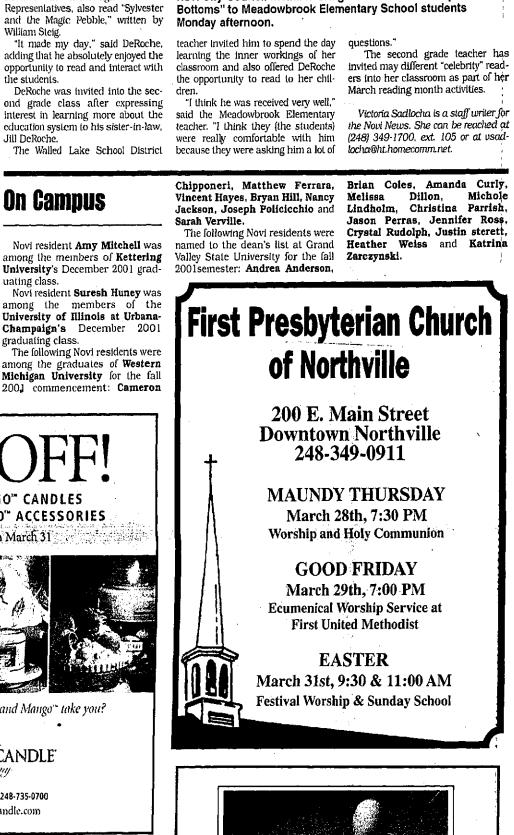
among the graduates of Western Michigan University for the fall 2001 commencement: Cameron

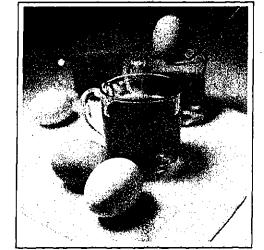
Novi City Council member Craig DeRoche reads "Tops and

DeRoche reads to Meadowbrook students

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Photo by John Heide





Most people know Easter has something to do with dyeing Just a reminder that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, not a cup of food coloring. Experience the joy of his resurrection this Easter.

Maundy Thursday March 28th, 7:30 pm A Traditional Tenebrae Service **Good Friday** March 29th, 12:00 noon Community Worship at Holy Family on Meadowbrook Easter Sunday March 31st, Sunrise Service, 7:00 am Traditional Easter Service, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Faith Community Presbyterian Church Q 44400 West Ten Mile Road between Novi Rd.and Taft Rd. Novi, MI 48375 248-349-2345



Other participants included a.m. Monday, May 27.

their own floats, making the cel-

RECOGNIZING VIETNAM VETS Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark

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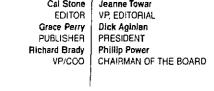
Good Shepard Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS) 41415 W. Nine Mile Road (Meadowbrook & Nine Mile) (248) 349-0565 Thursday, March 28 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service Friday, March 29

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service Sunday, March 31 7:30 am - Sunrise Service 8:45 am - Breakfast 10 am - Easter Festival Worship

Abiding Hope Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS) Meeting at Oak Valley Middle School 4200 White Oak Trail & Duck Lake Road (Between Commerce & Sleeth Road) Sunday, March 31

OPINION

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

Racism allegations border on libelous

alling someone something they are not will usually get you, in trouble. Putting it in print for anyone to read can land you in court.

York-based National that lesson the hard way.

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His civil rights organization cited ing them away. Novi las well as Warren and Flintl as cities African Americans should tile towards blacks.

The Intent is to hurt these areas The travel advisory comes down effort.

Only problem is, the claims that were getting nowhere. Novi is a racist city are clearly

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one to public

unfounded. The numbers don't lie In a three-month written, printed, or , traffic citation **pictorial** statement "analysis, breaking down tickets issued that defames one's by race, there were 139 given to blacks character or

out of 2,773. That's only about •5 percent. . We'd say hardly enough to ridicule. nuin a city's reputa-

tion over. Shaeffer for jumping on those num- order. bers (via a hand count, no less) and We hope Rev. Sheffield's and

with a Detroit News article March 20. Enough damage has already been past several years only one com- pers in southeast Michigan. Don't plaint of racial profiling - and that make it worse by spreading these was later withdrawn after the com- false accusations on the Internet. plaintant reviewed the squad car's We are not suggesting Novi or

video and radio tapes. Police and the Oakland County FBI The thought is to make it clear that office both say they have never the reputation of a city - just like received complaints against Novi. an individual – is worth fighting for.

The Rev. Horace Sheffield III, who Other allegations made by NAN, leads the Michigan chapter of New such as black shoppers being Action unfairly followed, are again without Network, may escape from learning basis. It's pretty hard to get customers coming back if you're chas-

Blacks make up approximately 2 percent of Novi's population, but avoid in their travels. Based on the number of African Americans complaints his group has received, who come here to shop is impossithese three cities are deemed hos- ble to estimate. Nobody keeps track of that. Nobody cares.

economically, and the NAN may to this; Rev. Sheffield was frustratactually be successful in their ed that his requests to meet with city officials to discuss the matter

> If everybody who experienced similar results when dealing with the government started making accusations like NAN's, we'd be in serious trouble. And ambushing somebody, like Blair Brown of the Novi reputation or exposes Expo Center, is equally ill-advised when trying to get answers. Schedule a meeting, have your

questions prepared, Kudos to Novi Police Chief Doug and make sure your facts are in

disproving the NAN's claims so NAN's plans to post the travel adviquickly after this mess all started sory on a Web site will be nixed. Chief Shaeffer also found over the done in print for readers of newspa-

anyone in the city take up a lawsuit Additionally, the Michigan State against NAN. Far from it, in fact.

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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Nancy Dingeldey (R-Wixom) 2220 Euna Road Wixom, MI, 48393 (248)-669-5921 dingeldevn@co.oakland.mi.us

A new job and happy about it!

Instead of torturing and intimidating one of my staff writers by making them interview "the new editor," I'll give you the lowdown myself. My first official day at work was

March 18, but actually I'm no stranger to this area or this company. For nearly four years, I was the editor of the Livingston / West Oakland edition of the Insider Business Journal, a bi-weekly business publication based in Brighton. Our definition of West Oakland County included everything from Northville up to Holly.

The Insider was owned by HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of this newspaper. Like countless other businesses hit by the recession, the Insider (which also included a Washtenaw County edition) was shut down January 18.

Prior to that, I was an editor for another HomeTown community newspaper, The Grand Ledge Independent, and I've done journalism stints in my current homelown of Charlotte, St. Johns and Perry, I have a bachelor's in iournalism from Oakland University.

During my two-month "layoff," I had a lot to think about. My faith in God increased dramatically in those 60 days, although that may be hard for some people to believe. There's not enough room here to explain it, but if you're interested and run in to me sometime, I'll tell you about it. Obviously, I'm a Christian. That said, promise not to force my beliefs on you, but I ask that you return the favor to me - whatever your beliefs may be.

(and yet another story that space does amount of traffic scares her. not permit telling).

Christian, 4. I'll sum it up like this - early '80s. More stories, no room



Library hits a homer with homebound deliverv

I am writing to express how much I appreciate the homebound delivery pro- ence agreed with this stellar performance. gram provided by the Novi Public Library. I am 91 years old and legally blind, and 1 truly enjoy this service. When I called the library to see about getting books on tape, they assigned someone to come out and bring me some audio books. They brought quite a number, about half a dozen to start, and I read them very fast - I just gobbled them up. Even if there had been lots of them. I couldn't have gone over there to the library and chosenthem myself because I can't see. This has

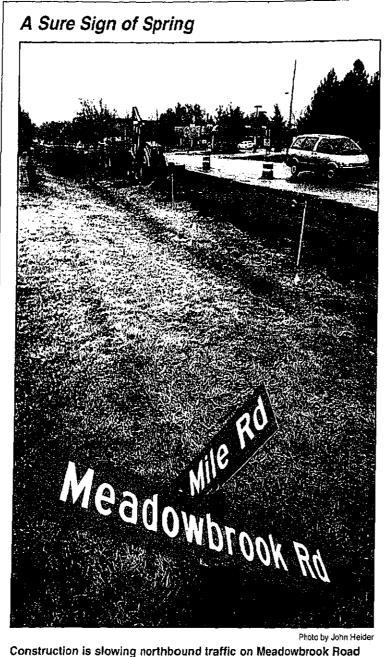
been a boon to me. I've been able to read almost any kind of teries or romances. I can have biographies

bring them to me I have had a lot of enjoyment from what Bank: Nordstrom Samson Assoc.; Novi I could hear and so it hasn't cut off my Community that Cares Coalition: Novi ability to read and enjoy books. That was a Education Association; Novi Expo Center; severe thing to me when I lost my sight Novi High School Athletic Association; because I've been an avid reader all my life. O'Brien Family O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral I had read more books before I finished Home; Seiber, Keast & Associates; Dr. ask that your letters be 400 words or

lifetime, I believe. rience to me to be able to get these books Novi Bowl. and have all this information or entertainment available to me. I'm very appreciative prizes to our cause: Absolute Tan; Gina Mail: and very grateful to the people who thought this up. It's more than I had ever expected to have after I lost by sight.

"Sound of Music" earns praise

Dear Editor. A dozen roses plus to Linda Wickert, her production staff and a fantastic, well-chosen cast. We witnessed an outstanding performance of "Sound of Music" at the Saturday matinee. Never have we witnessed such a profes-



near Ten Mile Road.

The other day my colleague, Chris called The Jump Cats. We hit every-Davis (editor of the Northville Record) where from the Red Doggie, the South Other personal tidbits to note: I've asked me what I do when I'm not Lyon Hotel and the Library Pub to been married 13 years to an amazing working or with my family. I drive! It's clubs in Lansing, Detroit, Rochester woman named Carrie. She's a reading an hour-and-a-half commute from and wherever else they'll tolerate a specialist in the Charlotte school dis- Charlotte to our downtown Northville jumpin' blues band.

We have three children: Caitlyn, who Angeles - that's traffic. I know. I drove Novi community. Tell next time... will turn 8 March 30; Cullen, 6; and a cab there for about six years in the

since their births, but the the experi- - is music. If I'm not listening to it, I'm 349-1700, ext. 113, or by e-mail at ence has far outweighed those strands. playing it. I play upright bass in a band cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

trict. She's from Clarkston; I'm from office. I'm in the process of convincing My livelihood, however, is made as Waterford. I used to date her sister my wife to move this way, although the an editor. I am always accessible to readers, and I hope this is the begin-But this is not traffic, I tell her. Los ning of a long relationship with the

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Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi I've lost (or pulled out) most of my hair My hobby - or better yet, my passion News. He can be reached at 92480



sional civic production. The leads, the Community That Cares Coalition: Novi ensembles and the Nun's chorus were Community Schools; Novi Education wonderful. To learn the spoken, including Latin, as School Athletic Assoc.; Novi Jewelers; Novi well as vocal lines took much time and tal- Parks & Recreation & Forestry; Novi Pizza

Again, kudos to Linda and her Novi Family O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home; Theater production.

BOWL-A-THON success due to many

To the Editor, Thank you to the Novi community and book you could think of. I'm very apprecia- all those that supported our 20th annual tive, because I'm not limited just to mys- BOWL-A-THON. The following lane sponsors helped make the event a success: or scientific books; anything I choose. I Just Bank One; Representative Nancy Cassis; call the library and let them know what I Crain Chiropractic Clinic; Dan's Auto am interested in and they will arrange to Repair; Dr. Samer G. Dirani, D.D.S. Domino's: Mervyn's: Michigan Heritage high school than a lot of people read in a Lawrence Spillane; Target-Commerce Township; Varsity Lincoln Mercury, Inc.; It has been just a really wonderful expe- Bob Steeh; Guinn for District Judge; and and content.

Thanks to the following that donated Agosta Hair Salon; Applebee's; BankOne; BoRics Haircare; Border Cantina; Caribou Coffee Company; Representative Nancy Cal Stone Cassis; Chili's Grill & Bar; City of Novi; Eloise Craig Cooker's Restaurant; Costco Wholesale; Country Epicure: Crain Chiropractic Clinic: Dan's Auto Repair; Dr. Samer G. Northville, MI 48167 Dirani, D.D.S.; Denny's Restaurant; Diamond Castle Jewelers: Domino's Pizza; Farmer Jack Supermarkets; Marty Feldman Chevrolet; First Federal of Michigan: Grady's American Grill; Honey Fax: Tree Restaurant; J.C.K. and Associates; Kern Industries; Leo's Coney Island; Library Sports Pub & Grill; Linda's Hair & More: Dr. Lawrence M. Spillane, D.D.S. Links of Novi; Little Caesar's; Local Color Brewing: Meiler: Mervyn's: Michigan Heritage Bank; Mongolian Barbeque Nordstrom Samson Assoc.; Nov

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Bowl-a-Thon Committee

Share your opinions We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We less. We may edit for clarity, space

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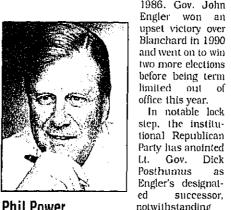


OTHER OPINIONS Thursday, March 28, 2002

Let's look at the next governor

With the August primary election just four a look at what's happened so far in the race limited state Senator from Battle Creek. Bonior is smart, tough and a good camfor the governorship. Politically attuned readers with long mem-

decade without a sitting governor on the ballot. Congressman Jim Blanchard was first



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Phil Power

the fact that his campaign has so far obtained so little traction that he's far behind both Blanchard and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm in head-to-head polls and only runs even with U.S. Rep. David Bonior.

Posthumus is a nice guy and, as Engler's understudy, he certainly knows his way around Lansing. But he pales in the shadow of his giant patron without so far having had much success in carving out any singularity of appeal. Several months ago he spoke for a these newspapers; most were unimpressed, some were bored

months off, now's a pretty good time to take mary is John H. ("Joe") Schwarz, also a term miss the former minority whip in Congress. Schwarz's problem is hardly singularity of paigner. Whether he can find a way to break appeal. A straight-talking, full-blown moder- out of his limited base in Macomb County ories will recall this contest is the first in a ate in a party that has moved steadily to the and his embrace by the UAW leadership right ever since the days of Bill Milliken, Schwarz's strategy is to keep hanging elected Governor in 1982, winning again in around until even dyed-in-the-wool GOP 1986. Gov. John functionaries realize that Posthumus has no Engler won an chance of beating any of the possible upset victory over Democratic nominees.

Most of the sound and fury has been confined to the Democratic primary, where American politics: smart, very widely read, two more elections Blanchard, Bonier and Granholm are so far with an amazingly varied background for a before being term running far ahead of State Sen. Alma Smith, politician — rancher, hunter, soldier, limited out of who is able, experienced and so far has not ornithologist, conservationist. Most imporsucceeded in attracting the attention of a tant, to me at least, was his ability to cut to In notable lock jaded Lansing press corps.

years as Governor (especially among the molds of conventional thinking. Democratic women in Detroit, who make up Lt. Gov. Dick a big bloc among primary voters), Blanchard as jumped into the race with a big lead in the provisional evidence in the campaign so far Engler's designat- early polls. But Granholm has used her suggests Granholm and Schwarz deserve successor, office to get her name into the headlines and close attention. raised a ton of money, notably with the help of Emily's List, a national organization that contributes to woman candidates.

Most Democratic insiders have been torn between their loyalty to Blanchard (who Teddy Roosevelt in her ability to get quickly befriended many and appointed some while to the heart of a problem and to find uncon-Governor) and their conviction that Granholm ventional solutions. Schwarz, on the other would be by far the stronger candidate in hand, reminds me of T.R. in his courage and November. (Even Blanchard is worried about straight talk to a party rigidly locked in an what Republican attack ads on TV would do ideological straight jacket. with his decision to raise the state income tax during a budget crisis in his first term.)

put the two essentially neck and neck. The same poll put Bonior far behind, but ppower@homecomm.net.

Running against Posthumus in the pri- neither Blanchard nor Granholm should dis remains to be seen.

Over the past month, I've been reading with steadily growing admiration two biographies of former President Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris, The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt and Theodore Rex. Roosevelt was an extraordinary figure in the heart of problems and respond with far-With high name ID stemming from his reaching and creative solutions that broke If these are the standards by which the

current crop of candidates should be rated, Undeniably charismatic. Granholm has so

far on the campaign trail been relatively opaque in her approach to public policy. But those who know her well say that she's like

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown A couple of polls last month put Granholm Communications Network Inc., the company ahead of Blanchard, but a new one pub- that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your couple of hours with a group of editors from lished last week in Inside Michigan Politics comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at

Diesel debate will add fuel to the fire A fuel tax increase -- proposed to pay for make it easy for lawmakers to overlook, or line for only \$698, not \$9,000.

contentious issue in Lansing later this year. the money goes. It will pit motorists against truck drivers over who should be paying for those improvements.

Drivers of passenger cars are already paying 19 cents per gallon in gasoline taxes. ncreased as recently as 1997. By contrast, diesekfuel taxes are just 15 cents per gallon ... contest. for diesel fuel, 4.6

plus trucks get a 6 cent discount. Motorists already have trouwhy they're paying

owners of the those big, heavy motor carriers whose vehicles increase

Mike Malott tax should be hiked further still, especially gram." if diesel fuel taxes aren't brought to a com-

parable level at the same time.

already. have to pass their costs along, eventually to \$2,229. Instead of the usual \$122,011, the consumer, if their fuel taxes are Farmington Hills would get only \$9,469.

increased. But if the issue of who should pay more only \$4,001. too much attention in this debate, it will instead of \$11,997. Brighton would be in mail at mmallott@homecomm.net.

southeast Michigan and their communities would get \$8,696 instead of \$112,048. who will be pitted against just about everybody else in the state. If past experience is any indicator, southeastern Michigan suburbanites aren't likely to fare well in this Already pending before the House

Transportation Committee is a four-bill their status as package. House Bills 5733-36, sponsored donors to rest of y Reps. Judson Gilbert, Keith Stallworth, the state would be Doug Hart and Larry Julian, to increase badly exacerbated. ble understanding diesel taxes to 19 cents per gallon. As good a deal'as that may sound for makers and candi-

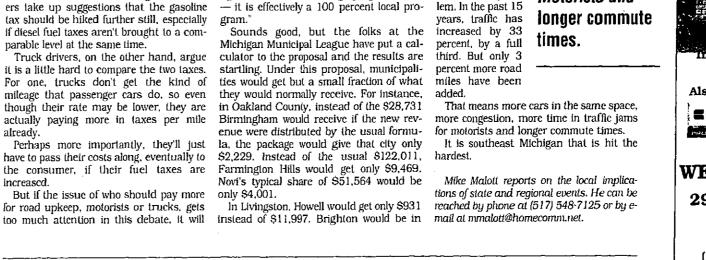
more in taxes than motorists, it's a bad deal for southeast dates for political Michlean communities. The package would toss out the standard the approach that formula for distribution of road funds. the state should Instead, 85 percent of the money would go fix up the roads it put more wear to a new Commercial Highway Fund. The has before buildand tear on the remaining 15 percent goes to local commu- ing any more. But roads. Their anger nities, and analysis in Lansing put the best in will surely only possible spin on that: "The department has Michigan, it is. elected not to compete with local road congestion that is Michigan lawmak- agencies for critical bridge program funds much of the probers take up suggestions that the gasoline — it is effectively a 100 percent local pro- lem. In the past 15

Sounds good, but the folks at the increased by 33 Michigan Municipal League have put a cal- percent, by a full Truck drivers, on the other hand, argue culator to the proposal and the results are third. But only 3 it is a little hard to compare the two taxes, startling. Under this proposal, municipali- percent more road For one, trucks don't get the kind of ties would get but a small fraction of what miles have been mileage that passenger cars do, so even they would normally receive. For instance, added, Novi's typical share of \$51,564 would be

repairs to Michigan roads - is likely to be a ignore, an equally important issue - where In Wayne, Livonia would get \$11,852 instead of \$152,718. Plymouth would In that debate, it will be the residents of receive only \$988, not \$12,733. Westland

Much has been said in recent days of reversing the trend of treating Oakland County as a "donor county." Livingston County these days falls into that same catregory, and has since 1997. But if the new formula is used,

Not addressing congestion Many policy means more cars office like to take in the same space, more congestion, more time in traffic southeast jams for motorists and



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real and it's mean. It will take a life in the next birthday. time it takes to blink an eve.

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Diane Dempsey Deel year by this sense-

nation. However, some victims of sudden cardiac desperately needed to fund the program. arrest can be spared if life-saving equipment I commend all of the people who have 349-1700 is given to them in time. Others who have already given. It doesn't matter how much ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

killer in the nation this week. The killer is ment administered to them may not see their save someone's life.

husband's uncle age occurs. Therefore, every second counts. Pocono That's why I applaud Wixom officials for Construction,

The police don't formed a group of residents, business own- and DOT have have to go looking ers and police and fire workers who are try- already donated to ing to raise money for automated external the cause. defibrillators (AEDs) that shock a person's 1 encourage killer may be in may be in their heart to go back to normal rhythms. The AEDs will be placed in all six Wixom lives or works in the their bodies. It

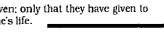
ing to go haywire. is required. The AEDs tell the person using cause. After all, the killer is it what to do and how to use it. It won't even life that residents disease. operate on someone who doesn't need it. may be saving may The equipment will also be placed at city be their own or people hall and the community center, where senior their loved one.

are killed each citizens socialize. They need \$35,000 to purchase the life- killer from taking less monster. More saving equipment. They have already com- more lives in the people die of heart attacks and other heart pleted half their goal. However, that will only city. conditions than any other cause in the pay for five of the 10 needed AEDs since each AED costs \$3,500. Therefore, more money is

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Diane Dempsey Deel is a sta[] writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 110 ext.



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Repaving: questions

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She hoped members of the comof would not find themselves in that situation in the luttire Bonom also questioned who was sponsible for taking the paying project from the original contract. ensum of \$702,713.60 to the finalmount of \$1,442,349.88. The city's mayor pro-tem ques-

fault that the road had to be which may not last 10 years," repayed, resulting in additional - Kapelczak said. change order amounts including a Project raises previously approved order for \$55,413,75. Bononi wants the city to look

into taking some type of action against the firm for not realizing milled the 2 inches, stayed within from the first round of tests that the asphalt overlay would not be sufficient and a reconstruction of the base pavement and a new finish course of asphalt would be needed. Principle owner of JCK &

Associates, Joseph Kapelczak, adamantly states his firm went through the repayement process upon the recommendation of city of our consultants, the pavement officials Tony Nowicki and Haim displayed no visible signs that Schlick

aoned if it was *JCK & Associates* in the budget and had a surface – ed the memo

Kapelezak said it was Schlick's, JCK, saying Bonont had no right to his firm's and Nowicki's decision to attack the firm without members of go in and reconstruct the total subdivision for a 30-year quality. "Believe me, we could have just

budget and got out of there," he said In a memo dated Oct. 23 to Helwig written by Nowicki, Novi's former director of public services

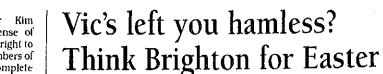
responded to the question of why Novi's Department of Public Services did not question the consultant's recommendations. "In addition to relying on the expertise would have indicated the presence "We could have stayed well with- of a base or subbase failure," statCity council member Kim Capello came to the defense of the council having a complete

analysis of the situation before them. The original paving began in July and was followed up by the corrective process in August.

The city's initial appropriation for the neighborhood rehabilitation program was \$1.58 million, which was comprised of \$1.08 million from the 2002 Road Bond Fund and \$500,000

from the Local Street Fund. The village Oaks project is expected to conclude in June. Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 . or at vsadlocha&ht.homecomm.net.



By CHRISTOPHER NAGY LIVINGSTON COUNTY DAILY PRESS &

ARGUS Taorello's Marketplace in Brighton is hamming it up just in time for Easter. Starting Friday, the gournet

orders for Detroit's famed to come to Livingston Country, he HoneyBaked Hams. Taorello's added. recently became the only authorized distributor in Livingston East Lansing and Ann Arbor. "We're very excited about it and

owner of Taorello's Marketplace. The HoneyBaked Company was founded in Detroit in 1957 and has since been recognized and sought across the country as well as in Mexico for as smoothly as possible for our the company's unique curing and cooking procedure of bone-in

hams and other products. Prior to this year, Vic's Market n Novi was the closest distributor for HoneyBaked, but with the recent closing of Vic's, Taorello's has stepped in to fill the void.

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Taorello's, we approached HoneyBaked Ham to see about bringing a distributor to Brighton, but they really wanted to see how well Taorello's did in the area," Taormina said. Several years later, with busisteadily growing,

grocer began taking Easter HoneyBaked realized it was time To start. Taorello's is only tak-

ing orders for Easter and Mother's County, saving residents a trip to Day. If the holidays prove sucthe closest current distributors in cessful. Taormina said there's a chance that the Brighton business could include a year-round we hope the people in Livingston franchise seller for HoneyBaked Courity will be excited about it. Ham products. Currently, there too," said John Taormina, co- are several hams for purchase in the store, but Taormina encour-Ham aged customers to place advance orders to ensure availability. "We're recommending pre-

orders to make sure things run customers," he said. Taorello's Marketplace is

expecting at least 300 to 400 orders between now and Easter. "We're guessing that might be on the light side," Taormina said. Orders for Easter purchases will be taken up to two days before the March 31 holiday.

Police Reports

ONE UNLUCKY LADY

Diamonds may not be lorever es a Novi jewelry store reported it sold a 1.55 carat diamond plat tamp ring to a person with a sudulent credit card. On March 32 at about 3:30 p.m., the owner t Artisans Jewelers on Novi sold informed a Twelve Oaks scenus officer of the incident. If cas reported to the security offier that the ring, valued at about 6,000, had been purchased Yoy: 25 with a dewelers Express. company saying the account surried over to the Novi Police

ard. On March 21, the store - to the Ramada Inn. The managermager received a phone call told police he did not take his was grandulent. The case was find anything suspicious, Department detective bureau HOT LUNCH PASS and remains open. Workers at Novi High School

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manager of the Haggerty Road let in his right rear pocket in a hotel told police that an secured locker located on the unknown male went to the bar main level of the school. The stuand purchased a \$22 bottle of dent reported to a Novi police. wine. The manger said after he officer that when he returned to paid for it, he began to leave the pis locker after baseball practice property. She told police she advised him the Hilton is notpermitted to sell alcohol to patrons who leave the property The man did hand over the bottle and she watched him walk over patrolled the area and did not

are on the lookout for a stolen.

lunch pass along with other

anartment to find his Chevy missing. The blue 1972 at about 4:30 p.m., the lock was Chevrolet Chevelle SS was missing from his locker. He furapparently stolen from the ther noticed his pants had been Hillside Apartments parking lot moved and his wallet was miss- on March 18. The owner of the

someone fries to use it.

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A Wixom resident left his



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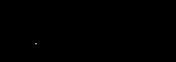
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By Annette Jaworski CONTRIBUTING WAITER

Dr. David Salah believes his patients deserve both an attraclive and a healthy smile. Their name, Progressive Dental Group, reflects their commitment to offering the latest in treatment options. Of course, their primary goal is a healthy smile for their clientele, free of cavities and gum disease. One way they ensure the best of care is to employ state of the art equipment throughout the office

One of those innovative devices s called the intraoral camera. which allows them to project the patient's mouth on the screen. It's a great educational tool, he points

"It gives the patients the ability to see what the staff sees. It's helpful to explain treatment options and reasons," said Salah. Or, the screen can be great entertainment for patients of any age to enjoy a DVD or their

favorite cable TV program. One of the many details they pay attention to is their water supply. Progressive Dental uses their own internal water system. which is sterile and supplied by Absopure, taking extra precautions for the source to be pure. In addition to the state of the art equipment, Salah wanted an attractive, but warm and welcoming environment for his staff and patients. For this he relied on his wife, Angel, who he credits for doing a wonderful job of putting things together in their Novi office, where they've been since

January 2001. "I take a lot of pride in it. It's a reflection of the work we do," said

Progressive Dental Group offers a full range of procedures including minor implant restorations. partial and full dentures, crowns. bridges and most root canal procedures. They treat any age group, including children.

Dentist Dr. David Salah trains the laser light of the Zoom! tooth-whitening system on his assis tant Kimberly Skarjune. The laser system whitens teeth in one two-hour appointment.

Salah recognizes that today so This is an area of interest and "Zoom" whitening system. They're Salah is equally as proud of his many people want more. Some expertise for Salah, who has only the seventh office in staff, which he considers the best aren't quite happy with the shape taken many hands-on courses in Michigan to offer it. The proce- in the business in experience, or size of their teeth, and who the area of cosmetic dentistry to dure uses a laser like light, and in knowledge and capabilities. Many wouldn't want a whiler smile. stay abreast of the latest proce- about one hour teeth can go from of them have been with him since Today's technology actually gives dures. them the ability to change the He is particularly enthusiastic

shape, color or length of teeth. about the latest trend called the satisfaction. all done in-office, in a quiet, decades of combined experience.

relaxing atmosphere. need for home whiteners," he possible," he said. said, "The results have really been phenomenal. As time goes on it patients are part of an unofficial will become the more commonly referral club, where they can be accepted way to whiten teeth." Other options for a more attrac- customers. It might be a dinner at tive smile include porcelain local eateries, or gift certificates veneers and bonding. When a to local businesses and entertainpatient comes in for a consulta- ment as a way to show their tion they first determine the appreciation. patient's desires, concerns and expectations. Expected outcomes, American Dental Association, limitations, cost and time require- Oakland County Dental ments are discussed beforehand. Association and a member of the so they're completely aware of Oakland Oral Implant Surgery what is involved. Working on Study Club, which meets once a models eliminates a lot of the month. guesswork. This way the doctor and patients have a good idea of taking education sources to keep the results before the procedure up with the latest advances in the is even started. Before and after dental field. He and Angel, have photos keep track of their been residents of Novi for the past progress. It's also a source of five years and proud parents of

six to eight shades lighter. This is he opened his practice and have

"In most cases, it eliminates the ing the office run as smoothly as Progressive Dental Groun rewarded for recommending new

Salah is a member of the

He and his staff are continually

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"They're instrumental in mak

International, a membership association comprised of 79 inde-

> ing firms in North America. Investment Committee members provide leadership and guidance, offer recommendations to the Polaris International staff and board of services for all member firms.

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Bracketology works well in the office l began to think. And the more f

By Tim Kissman SBAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

March is the only time of the year when the word bracketology is acceptable. For those who don't have the March Madness dictionary handy, bracketology

No experience necessary



matics, algebra, color coordinating and the ability to read through endless tip sheets while spending countless hours on the couch watching contest after contest. Some guys make a living during those three months of the tournament, providing advice to anyone who will listen to obscure logarithms and whimsical equations guaranteed to predict the office pool winner.

That all being said, anyone caught using the word bracketology outside of March might be laughed at and questioned as some sort of loony. Leave it to sports writers to make up their own language. I mean, c'mon, bracketology? Let's just call it what it is - luck.

At first I was appalled when this word became widespread, and for a minute on the couch, while digging for my remote without spilling the bowl of ultra-spicy cheese squares on my lap, I wanted to shut the world out and crawl back inside my Oxford dictionary, which does a great job, by the way, of leveling out my coffee table Then the caffeine wore off and

thought about it during those boring commercials between first and second round NCAA basketball tournament games, the more I realized how effective the word bracketology actually is. Breaking it down to its Latinesque meaning (I'm no scholar here) but I think it means picking randomly, based on uneducated, obscure guessing.

That describes my entire life! I do that all the time in the office and at home. No matter how many times I organize my Handspring Visor, or prioritize my To-Do-List, I still pick and choose what to do. Should I finish the report and actually finish ahead of a deadline like my organizer says, or should I go get a Diet Coke and peppermint patty? Bracketology proves the caffeine and chocolate would advance. They're seeded higher in my pleasure zone. I pick them and they always march to the next round, facing stricter. deadlines, tighter schedules

and more important people. Why last year I picked my entire 64 to-do-list items perfectly. Taking a nap beat out edit a proposal in a landslide, 140-33, win. I was never so excited. I wanted to hold a parade, but I didn't wake up until it was time to go to bed for the night. Needless to say missed editing the proposal. So now another year is upon us, and I'm facing a tough bracket to fill out. I have "eat a long lunch" versus "listen to my favorite CD." On a normal day I'd eat the long lunch, but ever since that bowl of spicy cheese squares,-I'm trying to cut down on foods that keep me up all night. CD wins in an upset.

Bracketology. Get it?

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Tim Kissman is the Director of Publications for the Small-Business Association of Michigan.

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Business in brief

Curtis tapped for committee

Investment Advisory Committee. Robert Curtis was recently provides me with an opportunity selected to serve as a member of to share valuable industry inforthe Polaris International North mation, such as benchmarking data, best practices and America Network Investment Advisory Committee for 2002. resources, while gaining key The Novi resident is the managinsights from members across the ing director of Capital Advisors, country," said Curtis. LLC. an investment advisory firm Mantooth named president affiliated with Clavion & McKervey, PC, a Southfield-based at Continental Aluminum certified public accounting and business advisory firm. Both Mark Mantooth has joined Continental Aluminum as the firms are members of Polaris

president. Mantooth served as general manager at IMCO pendent accounting and consult-Recycling of Ohio Inc. in Uhrichsville. During his nine-Advisorv year stay at IMCO, Mantooth also held the position of plant manager. Prior to working for

IMCO. Mantooth was with Aluminum Company of America directors, as well as helping with in Alcoa, Tenn., for six years in



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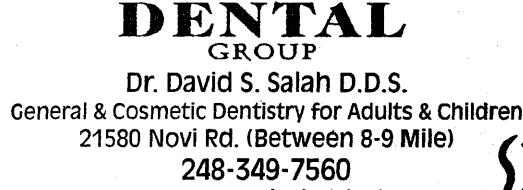
accomplishment for Salah, who two children. Alexander, 5 and takes great pride in his patient's Adriana. 2. Dr. David Salah examines some dental x-rays in his Novi office.

Times, Northville Record, Novi News and South Lyon Herald.

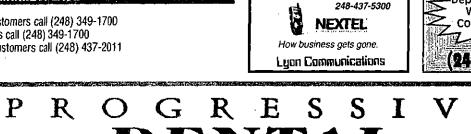
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Novi Woods: Restoration begins July 6

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last day of school June 13.

Students will find their temporary school in 16 classrooms at the Technology Center next year, with the kindergartners moving into two classrooms in Parkview Elementary. The center's forum will be used as the music room, multi-class gathering area and cafeteria.

"We are looking at this as our adventure," Quitiquit said. Although the address is chang-

ing, Quitiquit aims to keep the Novi Woods attitude alive.

"The programming stays the same," she said. "We want to make it seem like the students are still vovi Woods.

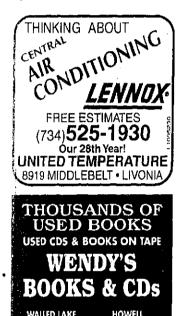
Furthermore, additional bussing coutes will be added next year for he students who live immediately south of the Novi Woods construction zone and currently walk to school.

"We are not going to allow kids to walk across the construction zone," Koster said.

Novi Board of Education President Carol Elfring praised the -chool for approaching the move as an adventure.

"Children are very resilient, and they do like the new and different." -he said.

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Racism: Novi rebutts group's allegations

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additionally contacted other state and county organizations includ-ing the Michigan State Police and the Oakland County FBI office to see If they had ever received any complaints against Novi, and they all responded they had received none.

"If we have a problem, I want to be the person to know about it,"

Shaeffer said.

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Andra V. Richardson, magistrate of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, said she sees a large number of Novi's district court cases and has not seen any signs of discrimination. Richardson, an African American, said she has been in Novi for more than 11 years and has never seen any problems. "Everyone out here is fair,"

Richardson said. The Rev. Horace Sheffield III. leader of the Michigan Chapter of the civil rights group nationally headed by the Rev. Al Sharpton, said publicly he was pleased with the police department's response. However, he said he was not ready to lift the advisory until other allegations were addressed, including statements stating African

Americans are unfairly watched at Novi stores

Although Cathy O'Malley, general manager of Twelve Oaks Mall, said she did not have enough information to give an opinion about the allegation, she did say "Absolutely not" when asked if security guards at the Novi mall unfairly followed black shoppers. Another allegation made by the network was that the city prac-ticed unfair hiring practices. City of Novi Chief Operating

Officer Craig Klaver denied that Novi discriminates against black applicants and said city officials are more than willing to meet with representatives from the network to discuss the matter.

Earlier this month. Sheffield

said he was denied a meeting by Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman to discuss why he did not hire African Americans. Sheffield arrived unannounced and was told by Bowman's secretary that he was in a meeting.

Representatives of the center deny any unfair hiring practices and stand behind the center's policy of being an equal opportunity eniployer.

Shaeffer said he will continue to look at the department's polices and procedures and will continue to dig into the issue.

Other Michigan cities listed under the advisory were Warren and Flint.

Sheffield did not return repeated phone messages from the Novi

"If we have a problem, I want to be the person to know about it."

> Douglas Shaeffer Novi Police Chief

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HomeTown selects All-Area teams



Novi's Robbie Overfield may have fallen on the ice in this photo, but he fell to no one in both the KVC scoring title or in the HomeTown East's Player of the Year race. Congrats to Overfield and the other area athletes.

Robby Overfield named this season's best on ice

By Sam Eggleston, Steve Bell and Tran Longmoore HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

This was a great year for area hockey, and nothing proves that more than the players that we have chosen for the 2002 HomeTown East's All-Area Hockey team. These are the players that best represent the talent, dedication and determination of this area's high school hockey teams:

FIRST TEAM

Robby Overfield Senior Forward Novi Wildcats

Dan Morrison

Sophomore

Goalie

With 36 goals, senior Wildcat Robby Overfield not only led the number two team in the state, but also one of the toughest conferences in the state -- the Kensington Valley Conference. On his way to this scoring title, Overfield collected 31 assists as well in his 27 games. Overfield was named to the All-State First Team this year. Trent Sisson. But, as the year wore on. Morrison made it his home right in front of the net. Morrison was faced with 361 shots this season and stopped all but 41 one of them for an 88.64 save percentage. The sophomore goalie allowed 2.65 goals per game in the 16 games that he guarded the net this season.

Dan Morrison. The name alone

means brick wall in Novi right now.

The beginning of the season found

Morrison sharing much of his time in goal with fellow top-notch goalie

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Brian Francis Senior Forward WLC Vikings

Novi Wildcats

A steady player who led his struggling team in points this season, senior Brian Francis was part of a rebuilding year. Although he will be graduating this year, his efforts will be remembered as the team continues to progress. Francis collected 12 goals and 16 assists and spent 48 minutes in the penalty box. Selected to honorable mention All-WLAA team, Francis was picked as a member of the All-State Academic Team with

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Josh Churella named wrestler of the year

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell SPORTS WRITERS

Talk about talented. This season's Player of the Year, Josh Churella of Novi, hasn't experienced a loss in two years while snatching up two state crowns in the process. Not only Churella, but the rest of the 2002 HomeTown East's All-Area Wrestling Team has plenty of talent to go around.

Wrestler of the Year

Josh Churella 125 pounds Novi junior There was little more that could be

said about Churella this season except "champion." A tough competitor with a willingness to improve and succeed, Churella showed that a mix of incredible talent and outstanding determination is exactly what the doctor ordered when it comes to a winning formula. The Novi junior has stayed undefeated for two seasons and continued that streak through the state championships for the second season in a row. Look for this wrestler to make it three in a row just like his brother, Ryan, and his dad, Mark — come next season.

Craig Hearn 103 pounds Novi senior

Hearn, who took fourth in state individuals this season, is the definition of unstoppable. This guy just never quit. He went into matches looking to be the Best competitor he possibly could be. Did he win every match? No, but he sure gave his opponents a run for their money every time. A player that had the respect of his coaches and his teammates, Hearn was never blown out of any match and always looked to do whatever he could to be a positive

on. mark on a top-shelf Novi squad.

Matt Thome 112 pounds Milford junior

Despite the ubiquitous shoulder brace, Thome's results throughout the season were more like those of a healthy man. He was the runner-up at the Oakland County Meet and finished third at 112 pounds at the KVC Championship. Thome was the lone Redskin to advance to the regional level where he unfortunately had to forfeit in the state-qualifying match after dislocating his shoulder. Thome

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Scott Kortlandt Vince Slovan



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Spring has sprung for Novi athletics

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Well, it is that time again - it's time to start the Spring sports season.

This, I have to say, is one of my favorite seasons of the year. Baseball, softball, track and field, rugby among other sports are beginning to dig down and pull up their dedication and their determination to be one of the last teams standing come the end of the season.

For seniors, this will be the last chance many will get to participate in organized athletics. For the underclassmen, this could mark the beginning of a very, very bright athletic career.

With spring comes the birth of new life — both animal and plant — as well as the birth of many new and enthusiastic sports teams.

For all of the sports teams I covered this school year, save one or two, this has proven to be a very trying athletic year. Some fought just to earn wins while others fought to stay alive in some of the toughest playoffs around. Some found individual champions while others found teams getting so close to a title they could taste it.

So far, this year has proven to be one of great triumphs, such as that for the players named to our All-State teams, as well as a year of great loss, such as some of our players missing much of their season due to injury. Spring offers a chance to repeat the success and change the defeats. For athletes who play multiple sports, as many of them do, this season will mark another chapter in their quest for division, conference and state titles. This will give them a chance to rebound from that injury or that tough season and to build the memories they want and they deserve. For those who have had great seasons for Fall and Winter, this will give you a chance to build on that and continue with



such success.

Yes, I definitely love Spring. Maybe it is the smell of flowers and blooming foliage, or perhaps it is because I too, get to start anew. I really couldn't tell you why I have always enjoyed Spring. I can just tell you that I always have.

For those coaches and athletes who will be participating in this Spring season, I, along with everyone else at our HomeTown newspapers, wish you the best of luck. For those who will be in attendance at these games, I wish you the best of viewing. For the seniors who are looking at this season as their last, I just want to say that there will be plenty of opportunity to play games in the future — just not with these teammates, these coaches and these high schools.

Good luck everyone, I hope you enjoy this Spring season as much as I am planning on enjoying it.

Novi harrier competes against world's best



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Tim Moore competes in a cross-country meet in September 2001.

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Tim Moore made his mark on his conference, region, state and nation this year, and he has finally had the chance to make his mark on the world. Moore, a Novi High School senior, had

feated until his recent run against the best cross country runners on

Earth. The Wildcat harrier took to the challenge with a lot of dedication and determination but came up short as he captured a still-impressive 54th place with a time of 25 minutes, 47 seconds.

Moorc, who competed in a field of 126 runners in Dublin, Ireland, just could not keep up with the hectic pace of the Kenyans and the Ethiopians, who took nine of the top 10 finishes in the race. Kenya's world team took the gold for the event while Ethiopia notched a second-place team finish and Uganda took third.

Novi's top harrier, as well as the state of Michigan's and the United States', won two U.S. national titles as well as a state title this season. Moore signed his intentions of running for the University of Notre Dame during his freshman year.

The Novi harrier had some of the best competition anywhere to run against when he took on the likes of Ethiopia's Gebreegziabher Gebremariam, who took first in 23:18, and Kenya's Abel Cheruiyot, who was second with 23:19. Uganda's Boniface Kiprop was third in 23:38.

Gebremariam won the world title at the Leopardstown racecourse Sunday with just one shoc — which he lost at the beginning of the race. Gebremariam said that it took him a few kilometers to get used to the sensation of running with just one shoe — but it must not have changed the outcome of the race by much. Gebremariam's full name translates to Servant of God, Servant of Mary.

The Éthiopian harrier became the first runner from the southern province of Tigray to win a title on the global stage since 1980.

Kiprop won Uganda's firstever individual world cross country medal with his third place, bronze medal-winning finish. Kiprop and the secondplace finisher, Cheruiyot, both come from the same Kelenjin tribe that inhabits the Rift Valley. Despite representing different countries in the World Championship run, the pair live only a few miles apart and are separated only by a border established in colonial times.

The nearest U.S. finisher to Moore was Yong-Sung Leal, who took 41st with 25:30, while William Nelson lead the Americans with a 33rd-place finish in a time of 25:18.

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his 3.77 grade point average. Tim Hillebrand

Center Northville Mustangs

An amazing offensive player, Tim Hillebrand became known by the Northville fans as "Hat Trick Hillebrand." The aggressive scorer became the first Muslang in the short history of the program to be named All-State First Team while collecting 25 goals and 37 assists. this season, collected 10 goals and Hillebrand was also named to the 22 assists on his way to being All-Conference Western Lakes named All-State Honorable Activities Association First Team.

Adam Haberman Senior Winger

Novi Wildcats

The Novi Wildcats knew they were a third period team this season. One of the things they were going to need was a player who could lead them with as much energy in the third period as in the first period. Adam Haberman was goes to the net and bangs home that player. The Wildcat senior proved his worth hit after hit after guy on an otherwise small team, so hit while collecting 29 goals and 29 he took a lot of abuse from bigger assists. Haberman, who is a team - teams. In return, Kalil delivered captain with the Wildcats, was more hits than Matt Drudge. Kalil named to the All-State First Team - scored five goals and added seven team this year.

Alex Wright Junior Defensemar Lakeland

When Lakeland was successful this year, it was due to a disci plined, sufficiating style of defense Alex Wright is the stalwart of a strong defensive corp. He was the guy Coach Sawchick furned to kill. Offensively, he was unspectacaccurate point shot on the power- a 2-1 margin over the season. play. Wright finished the season with three goals and eight points. He led all Lakeland defenders with a plus/minus of 6.

SECOND TEAM

Kyle Francis Sophomore Defenseman

WLC Vikings Though the Vikings had a tough season this year, one of the signs of offensive threat. Lindsay's great the future was defenseman Kyle speed enables him to rush from Francis, Francis, who played 26 end to end. He could stickhandle games this season, collected seven in a phone booth. He's got a cangoals and 11 assists while notch- non for a slapshot and he's got ing 65 minutes in the penalty box. baby soft hands around the net. Francis was named to the All Lakes Division Defense Team this

Adam Griffin

season.

Sophomore Forward

WLC Vikings made his presence known on both Longmoore can be reached at

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Boys Spring Recreational

of the Mustangs captains, was named to the All-Western Division in the WLAA as well. Mike Kalil Senior Winger Lakeland Kalil doesn't deke out defenders. He bowls through them. He doesn't

the rink. Collecting 16 goals and

nine assists in 26 games for the

WLC Vikings, Griffin only spent six

minutes in the penalty box - mak-

lug his two-year varsity penalty

minute total a whopping eight min-

utes. Griffin was honorable men-

Jason Engelland, one of the

leaders for the Northville Mustangs

Mention, Engelland, who was one

tion for the All-WLAA Team.

Jason Engelland

Northville Mustangs

Senior

Forward

stickhandle through traffic. He rebounds. Kalil was the one big assists. But stats don't measure the impact Kalil makes on the ice

Tom Riley Senior Center Milford

One of just two seniors to complete the season on this year's struggling Milford team, Tom Riley was one of the few bright spots. Riley led Milford with seven goals when the game was on the line. He - and 16 points and played in every protected slim leads in the waning situation for Milford. Not the minutes. He blocked shots and fastest of skaters and lacking a cleared the crease on the penalty sniper's shot, Riley worked hard in the corners and went hard to the ular but productive. Coach net to create scoring opportunities Sawchuk often employed Wright's for a team which was outscored by

Collin Lindsay Sophomore

Center Lakeland When Lindsay touched the puck, good things happened. Lindsay lead the Eagles in goals (12). assists (12), points (24) and plus/minus [18]. The smooth skating, rocket-firing center was Lakeland's one true

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Seniors crucial to Novi's success

Experience could be the difference for lacrosse team this year

By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

team.

Novi's lacrosse team will benefit Doll and Matt Ludwig, along with from the experience of 17 seniors junior long stick midfielder Drew this year. A few of those are returning as starters at the varsity level for their third year. Novi coach Stan Zajdel is confident that they have a solid lineup and aren't lacking at any position.

"We're consistent at all three positions," Zaidel said. At the attack position, seniors Aaron Marion and Kirk Safford will look to lead the offense. Last year Marion was the team's leading scorer, and this year he brings midfielders. more than just offense to the

"He has good leadership," Zaidel said. However, the Wildcats will still look his way when the team needs

a goal.

want to have the ball." Zaidel said. "He goes pretty hard to the cage." As midfielders, seniors Drew Hunt, will lead the way. Hunt is returning to the learn this year after having a very successful season in 2001 and earning second team all-state honors. "He's coming in this year as the

top long stick midflelder in the state," Zajdel said. Zajdel feels that Novi has the premier players in the state at many different positions, but the squad lacks a number of strong

However, Zajdel Is not very worried about that because of the quality of the players that are midfielders.

"The ones we do have play really good defense," he said. As a result of this, the Wildcats ence. "He's one of those guys that we will rely heavily on their attack to

"He's (Drew Hunt) coming in this year as the top long stick midfielder in the state."

Novi Lacrosse Coach produce most of their scoring. Along with the midfielders, startdefensemen Dave Cavan, ing Dave Cianni and Mike Vehlewald will try and keep opponents out of

Stan Zaidel

seniors with a lot of game experi- strong game. Marion led Novi with have an experienced "We

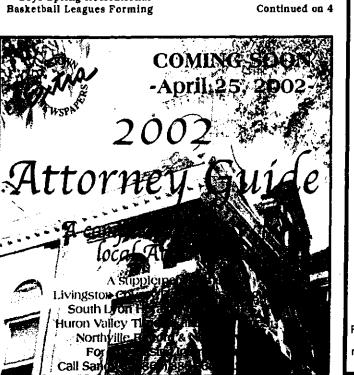
delense, Zajdel said. Behind the defense sits thirdyear goalie, senior Kelley Deneen. Deneen has earned all

> state honors before and looks to another successful season in the "We've got a top-notch goalie, Zajdel said. "He will be a huge factor for us this year." Novi opened their season last Thursday against lacrosse powerhouse Brother Rice. Novi lost the game 14-6, but performed very well against a nationallyranked team. The game was tied at 4 at halftime, and was 10-6 halfway through the fourth quar-

ter. "I was happy with our perform ance in the first half," Doll said, Although the score may not the goalie's sights. All three are have shown it, Novi played a very

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Lacrosse: Experience and seniors crucial to success

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Napier and Junior Shaun Dieken each liad one. "It was probably our best showing against one of the top teams in the country," Zaidel said

Brother Rice had already played a couple of scrimmages and a game before they faced the Wildcats. Some first-game problems plagued the Wildcats. "We had problems with getting onand off the field in a game situation," Zajdel said.

Novi hoped to improve that for their March 26 game Tuesday against another state powerhouse. Catholic Central

To be successful this season the Wildcats feel they have to play

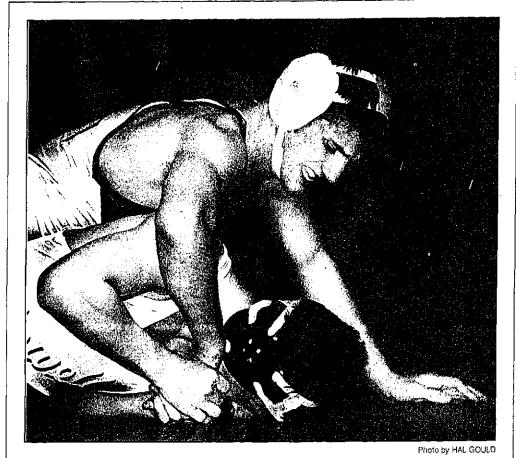
After a tough season opening loss to a very talented Brother Rice team. the Novi Wildcats are going to be looking to get wins with top-notch play from top-notch. experienced players.

strong defense and stay out of the enalty box. Solid offense will also be instrumental to Novi success. They had some problems during the Brother Rice game, but feel they an overcome those "We just need a bit more control on offense," Zaidel said. "We had a

tendency to hurry shots." If Novi's defense gets a longer chance to rest. Zaidel is not as concerned about the offensive aspect of their game and feels that will fall into place. "Our offense will come as the season goes," he said.

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lovi dominated All-Area teams...much like this Wildcat dominates his Howell opponent.

Novi grapplers dominate

finished the season with a 37-6 record.

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Ravi Saran 119 pounds Northville senior A tough competitor with great leverage ability. Saran used his speed and death-grip to punish his opponents throughout the entire son in style. A grueling match was season. Saran came into the state all that was between him and the individual tournament as one of regional tournament and Doyle the underdogs and walked out had one of his toughest matches with a second place notch in his ever. A single - just one - point belt. This wrestler not only led was what decided that Doyle team on mat, but also off of it. would not be heading to the tour-Northville wrestling coach Joel ney as his opponent earned a sin-Smith considers Saran a true gle point in a 1-0 decision by getleader and a top-shelf competitor. ting an escape in the match. This wrestler, who took second in the state in 112-pound division. which is his real weight class. grappled in the 119s and came away with win after win after win. Not only that, he gave Northville

something to stride for next sea

son.

Matt Doyle 130 pounds Northville senior

There is much that can be said about a competitor like Doyle. Doyle, who was one of Northville's team captains, didn't quite make it as far as he would have liked in the post-season individual tourna ments, but he sure ended his sea-

David Edwards 140 pounds South Lyon senior Moving up a weight class every year. for Edwards the results have wait and see. been largely the same as he's been

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Does Josh Churella simply dominate everything? This Novi junior is interesting not just due to his amazing abilities in the world of wrestling, but also because he is only a junior. Will Churella make it three in a row with his senior vear? We'll have to

Baseball promises to be very competitive in KVC this year don't get in the way of baseball Freharne does for us this year."

By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Wildcat baseball team hopes to pick up right where they left of last year, bringing back 14 seniors and coming of two consecutive KVC championships and district championships. "They've all improved over the

year." Novi head coach Rick Green team is Evan Rodriguez. said about the seniors work in the off-season. Three juniors and one sophomore

round out the rest of the roster. This year's head captain will be Mike Crawford, who will be the team's play second base. The assistant cap- speed tains on the team will be Matt Gorman, Jake Ray and Trey

Simpson. "I need to improve on my hitting, I had a problem with striking out last year." said Gorman, who will be playing center field. Simpson will be catching for Novi.

Last year he hit six home runs and knocked in 35 RBI's. Ray will play right field and back up Simpson behind the plate. On the mound the Wildcats number one pitcher will be Brandon

Davis. Last year he went 7.2 with an earned run average of 0.79. "He was key for us winning districts." Green said.

part of the Wildcats' pitching core. Green said. ling to Green. Treharne looks "A big key will be how well Dan senior skip day and senior parties (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Green said. The lone sonhomore on the team. Mike Hart, will attempt to add some depth to Novi's pitching. I really liked his poise and intelligence." Green said. "He's a very mature sophomore and knows what

he's doing on the mound." Another of the few non-senior players that will be a big part of the "He adds more strength," Green said about Rodriguez's presence. The Wildcats will not rely on an extremely fast, overpowering pitch-

ing staff, yet on a quick, sure defense. According to Green, Novi's number two or three pitcher and strength will be their defense and "We just throw strikes and play solid defense," he said.

On the flipside, the aspect of their game that the Wildcats will need to work on the most will be their hit-

"We need to work on being able to "We need to take pitchers deep into the count. Besides the physical aspects of the

"pame. Novi will also need to concentrate on the mental part of the game. Since Novi has 14 seniors, not letting the distractions of the final high school year bog the team down will be verv important.

"We need to focus this year: there Dan Treharne will also be a crucial will be a lot of obstacles in the way,"

season vesterday against Walled Lake Western for their first game of the year. After that the team looks to continue their success and bring home another KVC and district title. "It's a good possibility," Green said of the team's chances. Standing in the way of a KVC championship will be Novi's cochampion from last year, Milford. "I think it's between us and Milford," Green said.

"We just need to stay away from

The team will have opened up the

senioritis," he said.

Like Novi, Milford also has a good number of players returning from the previous year's squad. They have the same situation that we do with most of their juniors coming back as seniors." Gorman said. Novi will also face tough competition from Howell, which Green says

will be the "sleeper" this year. Novi will also face tough competition from Canton who may be in hit a top-notch pitcher." Green said. their district. Looking deeper into the playoffs, Lake Orion will also be a challenge for Novi. Ultimately, Novi hopes their seniors will carry the team deep into the playoffs. "We need to be focused on personal goals and team goals, team goals coming first," Green said. "My ulti-

mate goal is to make it to the state hampionship Brian Doyle is an intern for the

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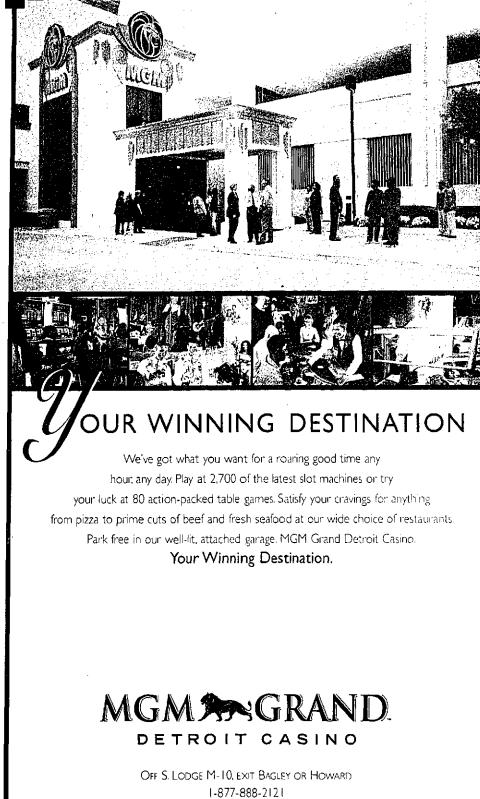
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Volleyball: Simkins earns East All-Area team position

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Carmen Simkins

Novi senior

way to being one of the top play-

ers on the Novi team this season.

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These two players collected

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Jessica Petkus sophomore setter Milford

Milford's KVC championship all started with Petkus. She broke all her school's single-season records, and has two more-

years to better them yet. She had 818 assists on 2.297 sets, an average of 9.74 assists per game. Petkus' service percentage of .957 was the best on the team. and she had 33 aces.

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Leah Kastamo senior

outside hitter South Lyon "I think most coaches would

agree she was the number one outside latter in the league. South Lyon coach Rich Lamb said of Leah Kastamo. She had one of the most prolific seasons in school history, finishing the year with 397 kills. anst 12 off Kellie Kern's school . record: She likely would have broken that record had she not inssed a fournament

Kastamo proved a versatile -player. "We also played her at middle - numerous points with the Walled

hitter and on the right side, so - Lake Central Vikings on their cams couldn't key on her," way to winning their district Lumb said. 'She's just one of cournament before bowing out inthose kids who linds a way to the first round of the regional put the ball down. A lot of times - tourney. Both players are very she'd start with some big hits competitive, and with one graduand get teams on their heefs, along this season, it frees up then hit some nice easy shots. "Leah was our emotional. Watch next season for Cross to leader as well. When she had a - be one of the top players in the

good day we won SECOND TEAM

Angle Schmitt Junior Middle Blocker

Novi Wildcats Junior Angle Schmitt is one of potential, which is a seary

the players on the second-place thought for opponents given the KVC Wildcat team that shows novice's production this season. how competitive this squad will - Fuelling used her wingspan and be next season. Schmitt collected - quick ups to make 202 kills and 133 kills and 65 blocks on her 24 solo blocks (47 total). She

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these youth basketball pro-

Contact: Dave DeMattos at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405. Catholic Youth

Organization Football Meeting The Our Lady of Good Courise) football program is holding an organizational and Informational meeting Thorsday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel's gym, located at 1062 Church

Street in Plymouth, All boys. grades third through eighth for the 2002-03 school year, and Boys who are members of the following parishes are eligible to play at OLGC: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James, St. John Neumann, St. Kenneth and Holy Family of

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digs and the team's highest passing percentage - .788.

Kelly Eastwood junior outside hitter

Milford Though maybe not as versatile as some of her teammates up front. Eastwood proved to be one of the biggest hitlers in the league - the kind of player who could change the momentum of a match with one swing. She was second on the team with 255 kills and a hitting percentage of .330.

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the Milford Times and the South Lyon Herald and he can be reached The junior spiker collected 32 sbell@ht.homecomm.net. or at (248) 685-1507. The All-Area

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Wrestling: All-Area selected UP NEXT FOR ALL-AREA

Continued from 3 one of the area's best the last three

seasons. In 2002 Edwards won his second-straight KVC championship and made his secondfinals.

J. R. Muldoon 145 pounds Novi senior

A third place wrestler in his Michigan, Muldoon used his speed of fail. One of the many Novi play A scrapper with a lot of heart, something like that hinder his sea-Muldoon didn't let his lans nor his son. His performance throughou opponents down -- he gave them a the regular schedule and beyond great match every time. Being a marked his spot on the All-Area senior this season, there is no team. doubt Muldoon came into this season looking to give it his all and left in third-place while making sure to have left everything on the mat.

Vince Slovan 171 pounds

was all that it took to make a name Wildcats this season. for himself this season. The 171pound Slovan entered the state individual wrestling tournament

place finish in his weight class Scott Kortland 189 pound Novi senior

Scott Kortlandt knows what it takes to succeed. A top-shelf foot straight appearance at the stae ball players, wrestler and baseball player, Kortlandt has within him one of the greatest competitive spirits at Novi. This senior just doesn't give up and, while having an impressive grade point average and weight class for the state of intellect doesn't know the meaning and ability to think on the go to ers plague stricken with injuries stun many opponents this season. this season, Kortlandt didn't allow

> Josh Buck 215 pounds Novi senior

Feather weight? No Lightweight? No. Heavyweight? Not quite. Josh Buck, a senior athlete with the Novi Wildcats, proved his worth with his heart and dedica the Novi Wildcats this season, tion. He is respected by his coachshowed that his dedication and tal- es, his teammates and his oppoent in the sport of wrestling com- nents while being a positive and bined with his competitive nature impressive point-scorer for the

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HomeTown East will be presenting the All-Area Boys Basketball team next week, featuring players from Novi, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central, Northville, South Lyon, Lakeland and Milford.

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- Thom Knapp and his. seven-foot frame — are they good enough?
- Is there room enough for a sophomore like Brandon Cassise of the Walled Lake Central Vikings?

What does the All-Area team hold for players from the KVC? Who was the best of the best? Find out. in next week's sports section to see who is who out of the area's top basketball players.

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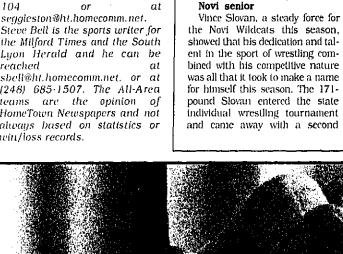
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WLC softball ready to go | Western wants something

By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

For the past 11 of 12 years, Walled Lake Central's softball team both are pitchers that are on the 1s to win their conference. has been on top of their division. This year they hope to do the same. "We will be in the hunt," Walled Lake Central head coach Gordon

Glennie said. The team this year is led by junfor captains Brittany Coram and key to the team's success this year tain Allison Summerhill, Summerhill is one of only three unfamiliar teammates. Only six of seniors on the team, and this will the 14 players on the team are be her fourth year on the team. returning players. Coram will return to her starting position behind the plate, and Glennie said.

Stone will be a returning starter also. "They were selected on past per- in their record, but in the team's formance and leadership abilities,"

Glennie said. been on the varsity team since they were freshmen. The team's 14member roster is made up of three seniors, eight juniors and three

sophomores. Last year, Walled Lake Central managed to go 25-8. Many of the players on that team were lost to graduation, including one very

strong pitcher. "Probably the hardest one to

However, two juniors that are sion," Glennie said, varsity squad for the first time.

be their play in the field. "We have very good defense," Glennie said.

also have to come together with Glennie said. "We must gel together as a unit,"

The team had one of the most successful runs last year not only dynamics.

"Last year's team was the closest they're going to be fine."

March 27 against Novi, after the Novi News went to press. "Novi's always very competitive, Glennie said,

Inside their own conference, the replace will be the pitcher," Glennie The team has three main goals. "Our first goal is to win our divi-

currently on the varsity squad will The team wants to continue their try and step up into that role. streak and win their 12th division Tiffany Jorgensen and Rence Ritz title in 13 years. Their second goal

"Goal number three is to win our The team's strength this year will district and go from there into the playoffs," Glennie said. More important than those goals the team has a commitment to aca-

According to Glennie, another demics which they want to uphold. "Our team has been all-state aca-Sara Stone along with senior cap- will be to work hard. The team will demic for the last nine years, The team hopes to extend that to 10 straight years. Glennie feels that

the team's performance in the classroom is more important than anything that they could do on the field. "Academics are key, more so than the athletics part of it," he said. Glennie recognizes that during

their high school experience what All three of those players have I've ever had," said Glennie, who they take away from their educadoesn't feel it will be a problem this tion will be more important than year. "Once they become cohesive the skills acquired in the game. "You can be the very best ath-The team opened up their season lete," he said, "and if you don't have an education you're going

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VALUABLE COUPON! EXPIRES 4-30-02

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

> The Walled Lake Western Warriors softball team isn't afraid of the elements or what Mother Nature may bring during a practice, and they are definite-Lakes Activities Association.

Ron Ripicky, will be looking to to overcome the losses. come into this season - which was meant to start Monday, but will be able to fill those posi- of experience and some players If their league.

Battle Creek [for the state tour- comes down to experience." nament). We just couldn't step up to play the teams in our

eague Ripicky noted that this season, he and the Warriors are season, the Walled Lake softball going to be looking to change team has five seniors coming

find the newest (softball) league trophy in the school," he said.

even born the last time we won Canton, Walled Lake Central the league title. We are hoping to and Northville are going to be be very competitive in the the teams to watch out for. Western Lakes this season." The Warriors may be able to do

just that. Having graduated only designated hitter - Ripicky is graduates a ton of players The Warriors, led by coach confident his team will be able "We have some players who

was postponed - being compet- tions," he noted. "I am confident, on the defensive end, were freshman, but there is "Last year we did really well in they will be able to play the just one small problem. our tournaments," Ripicky said. positions just fine. The gues-"We did well in all of the tourna- tion is, how well are they going ments we played in and beat to be able to hit? I guess, after some of the teams that went to everything I have said, it all to show how good these girls

Kristen Burgess returning this As for the league and the 104

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"At least two of the girls were not Churchill, North Farmington, "Those are probably the best

teams in the league," he said. "There are not a whole lot of three of his players - a center surprises because a lot of the not afraid of the Western fielder, a second baseman and a teams are really good. Central every year and he still manages to be good over there." The Warriors may have a lot

that have started since they "We don't have anything to

show for it," Ripicky said. "There is nothing at the school are. Our goal is to make it in Experience is something the the league this year and I think Warriors have plenty of, With we have the horses to do it. players like Lauren Talbot and This isn't just a pipe-dream."

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record back this season and four of and the Novi News. He can be "I had the girls go around and those have starting experience. reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. division, Ripicky thinks seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

to show for team's talent



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All-Area spikers chosen

Rademacher, Bongero on HomeTown's first team

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell sports writtens

It is never easy to pick an All-Area team out of a group of schools with so much talent but it has to be done. After weighing the options, the Northwille Record, Novi News, South Lyon Herald and the Milford Times present this year's HomeTown East's All-Area Volleyball Team:

FIRST TEAM

Carmen Simkins Senior Setter Novi Wildcats

Carmen Simkins played a massive role for the Wildcats this season. Not only did she collect 1.424 set attempts, but also 513 set assists, 71 service aces and an 89-percent serving percentage. Simkins helped lead her team to a second-place finish in Kensington Valley the Conference and just one game away from winning the district tournament. Novi coach Julie Fisette said that Simkins would be missed on a Novi program she

greatly helped this season. Katle Rademacher

Junior Setter WLC Vikings

The Walled Lake Central

Vikings were one of the top teams in the area this season and went on to win their district before falling in the first round of the regional this season. Junior Katie Rademacher was a huge part of the success. Rademacher was the only area player named to the All-Western Lakes Activities Association First Team.

Lauren Temple Junior

Northville Mustangs

Lauren Temple made quite a name for herself this season, collecting an All-Western division selection for her hard work. Though the Mustangs had a tough season. Temple is a glimpse of where the future of this team is — in good hands.

Danielle Bongero Senior

WLW Warriors This proved to be a tough rebuilding season for the Walled Lake Western Warriors under the careful and patient guidance of coach Fritz Tallian. Senior Danielle Bongero was a big part of the success the Warriors managed to muster as she led the squad with 134 kills and a 95.5 service percentage. The 5-foot-6 senior collected 144 service points and was named to the All-Western squad in the WLAA.

Erica May senior outside hitter Milford

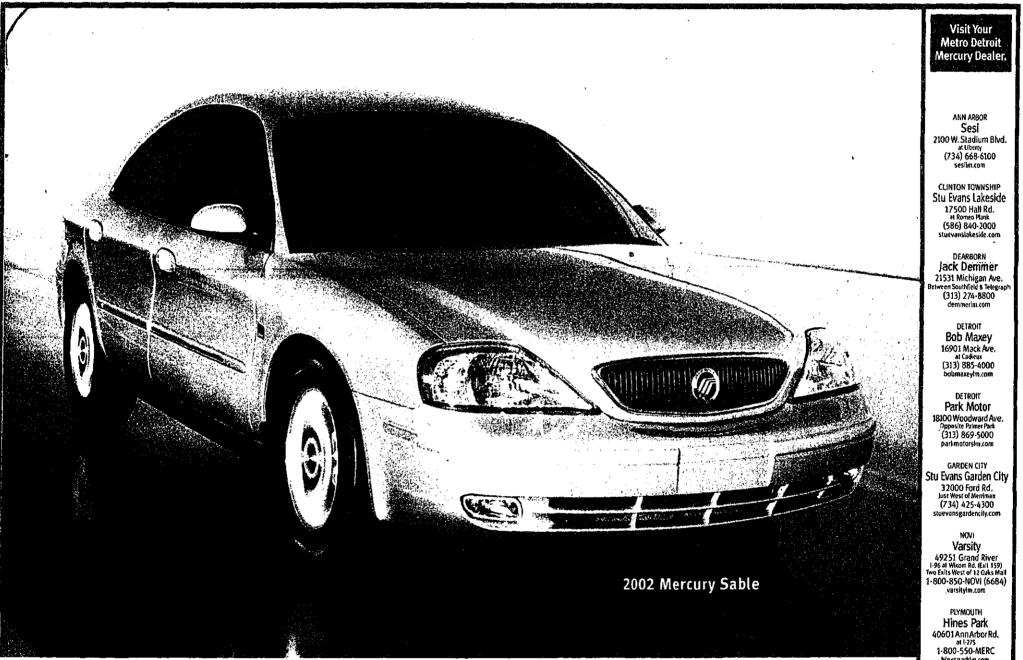
May makes her third appearance on the all-area team, and it's well-carned. After past experiences, teams tried to play away from her. When that happened, her teammates took advantage of the opportunities and Milford had its most successful season ever. And if that approach didn't work, well, May made them pay. The senior led the Redskins in kills with 327 on a hitting percentage of .402. Her 111 blocks - 49 solo - were the most on the team. And it wasn't just at the net that May got the job done. She served for a team-high

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A Central defenseman returns a Northville serve during a January game at Walled Lake Central. The Vikings, as well as the Western Lakes Activities Association, were well represented in this year's All-Area Team.



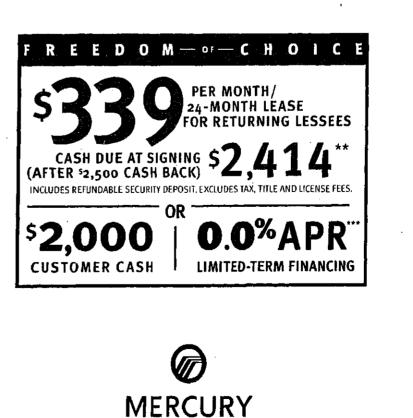
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