

Deal to purchase market dies after two parties unable to agree on price

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By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

After seven months of negotiations, a Canton grocer tabled talks to purchase the now vacant Vic's World Class Market in Novi.

"When we last left it, it was kind of off the table," said John Pardington, owner of Holiday Market in Canton. "We're still open and looking for other opportuni-ties, but at this point I think that one is pretty much done."

Pardington, who announced in February he had been talking with Vic's owner Vic Ventimiglia since August, said agreeing on a price

was pretty much the deal killer. "it is disappointing," Ventimiglia said. "It would have been a good spot for them, but it is their loss not ours

Ventimiglia said the once heavily attended downtown development anchor "is now back on the block" and hopefully will have some bites soon. The market owner said there are no offers on the table at the present time.

The news wasn't something Nabil and Rana Matar were happy to hear. The joint owners of Fatoosh Mediterrancan Cuisine said their business plummeted when Vic's cleared out.

The Matars said because their second-floor catery overlooks the entrance into the restaurant from

we used to, but its vacancy doesn't affect those that have set out to said Keri Hosmeister, buy. Lifestyles Hotspring Spas employ-

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figures have remained solid despite Vic's closing.

Novi developer and Novi Chamber of Commerce member Jonathan Brateman feels although a portion of Novi's downtown destination sits empty, it is more of a glass-half-full scenario than a glass-half-empty one.

"I think there is a great opportunity for a substantive retail to come to our community," Brateman said. The owner of Jonathan Brateman Properties, Inc. also pointed out that business deals of

this magnitude take time.

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By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

After receiving a satisfying response from Novi officials, representatives of a civil rights activist group lifted a previously-issued travel advisory warning blacks to avoid driving or

shopping in the city. Michigan leader of the National Action Network, Rev. Horace Sheffield the III, lifted the ban March 28 during a press conference at the Novi Civic Center, citing a timely, cooperative response by city officials as the primary reason.

Sheffield said he was pleased the police department immediately researched the number of tickets issued to black motorists.

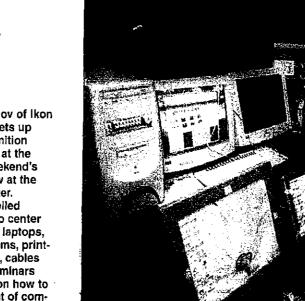
The local leader of the group nationally headed by the Rev. Al Sharpton explained communication difficulties were part of the reason why the advisory was issued in the first place.

"They were placed under advisory because of our inability to meet with them,' Sheffield said.

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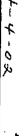
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Novi Expo Center.



Grace Jones

Curves for Women Co-owners Jo Ann Steuwe (pictured below) and Jan Jones have opened a new Walled Lake



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Find out what's happening in

the Novi area, like the Sugarloaf

Art Fair April 19-21. Now in its

Center show features the works

of 350 art, like this two-foot tall

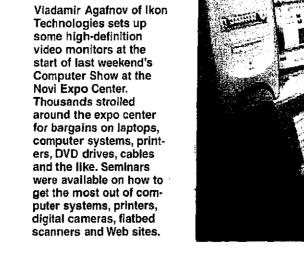
sculpture (above) by Rebecca

eighth year, the Novi Expo

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market, and because there was an Vic's, many people thought they were closed too. The looming vacancy is not a great concern to employees at Lifestyles Hotspring Spas - a store

in the Vic's World Class Market complex.

Hosmeister said the store's sales

"We don't have the browsers like

fitness facility specifically for women.

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SPORTS

Runnin' Wild!

Distance runners are expected to lead the way for the Wildcats boys track and field squad this year. Coach Robert Smith and crew will make a run for the Kensington Valley Conference title and beyond.

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ity of Novi named in million dollar suit

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

clients.

interpretations of Novi's zoning

ordinances and that members of

the city council made an illegal

advisement adversely affecting his

Novi attorney James J. Harrington, III, filed the complaint

March 26 in Oakland County

Circuit Court after an ongoing

debate over a 6-foot berm proved

fruitless for Novi property owners

Karl Wizinsky and Marcia Boynton.

Harrington said in explanation of

Harrington, a former two-time

Novi Zoning Board of Appeals elect-

ed chair said because of zoning

ordinance interpretations, the Wizinsky's are entitled to a 6-foot

berm at the back of their property

what the lawsuit is all about.

"It is really quite simple,"

level of their home, to separate their property from a new develop-A local attorney filed a million ment scheduled to house a Target dollar lawsuit against the City of store at Wixom Road and Grand Novi last month, stating that offi-River Avenue. cials failed to follow their own

And because of interference by members of the Novi City Council, they may never see that berm, he said.

line, measured from the first floor

The Wizinsky's are additionally seeking monetary damages of about \$1.4 million to allow construction of a wall on their property to provide screening they believe the ordinance would have required.

Harrington said the million-dollar price was derived from preliminary estimates and is attributed to the changes in elevation from the first floor level of their house to various portions of the property line

Problems began for Harrington's clients after the commercial development site plan, approved by the Novi Planning Commission, did not provide for a 6-foot berm the entire

Walk scheduled

By Victoria Sadlocha

STAFF WRITER

31-June 2.

for May 31-June 2

Combining friendship and

recreation, two area women are

teaming up and hitting the streets

in an effort to raise money for the

and Wixom resident Michelle

Bovie will be participating in the

Avon Breast Cancer Three-Day

Michigan Breast Cancer Walk May

Both women will walk 20 miles

Walking side-by-side is nothing

new to the friends and coworkers.

The teammates participated in the

a day, beginning in Ann Arbor and

Novi resident Bridgette Collins

battle against breast cancer.

"The directive of city council to the ZBA to rescind its own decision was beyond the power and authority of city council."

> James J. Harrington, III Attorney

length of the common property line, measured from the first floor level of the adjacent Wizinsky home

"The Novi city staff has previously interpreted the zoning ordinance to require this measure from a first

floor of an adjacent residence because varying topography could defeat the purpose of a berm if simply measured from a boundary line," Harrington said.

Photo by John Heider

The Wizinskys filed an appeal of the planning commission site plan with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Their attorney said on Jan. 8 that members of the board of appeals found the couple had "standing" and were "aggrieved persons" before requesting additional information from the Planning Commission because the ordinance was ambiguous.

However, on Jan. 28, the Novi City Council directed the Zoning Board of Appeals to rescind its decision, Harrington said.

The attorney said he feels members of the council may have believed because the original berm decision was part of a previous consent judgment involving the city, their hands were tied and

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Onicer Graig Klaver said repre sentatives from the network had come to Novi's city unannounced, asking to meet with the mayor or city manager.

Klaver explained to the group members that the mayor was not a full-time employee of the city and therefore was not present at the 10 Mile Road location, and that the city manager was out of his office.

Klaver said he spoke to them and arranged for the representatives to meet with Tia Gronlund-Fox, the city's director of human resources.

"Their original concerns were employment." Klaver said as to why they were introduced to Gronlund-Fox.

"They felt because we did not offer the mayor or manager originally, that we were not being cooperative, but it all worked out well." Klaver said.

A March 27 meeting between Sheffield, other network representatives and city officials helped clear the confusion.

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Students will pay fee for driver's ed

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

On the road to meeting its \$800,000 budget deficit for next year, Novi Schools' put the district's summer driver education program on its cutback list. It looked as if Novi's newest drivers would all have to seek private lessons elsewhere.

This year, the district would have to get creative to keep the program alive.

"We have always tried to save (the driver education) program and hold on to it as long as we possibly can," said Novi Board of Friucation president Carol Elfring. it is a good program."

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WALKING FOR A CAUSE

Traverse City Bayshore Marathon Avon Breast Cancer last year, traversing 26.2 miles in five-and-a-half hours. This (the Avon walk) is by no

means a race," Collins said. Bovie originally learned of the

walk in October after seeing an advertisement on TV. Then she made the mistake of

calling me," Collins said. Collins' interest was immediate after experiencing the loss of her 62-year-old grandmother to breast cancer and welcomed the opportunity to walk in her honor. My grandfather thinks it is so great," she said.

The dental hygienists at Sachs Family Dentistry said they are beginning to train for the walk

"It is exercise and we enjoy it, Collins said.

The first day of the walk will begin at 7 a.m. with opening ceremonies. After that, the 35-yearold duo is planning on early morning start times.

"They dld mention if you are not an early morning riser then you better bring an alarm clock," Bovie said. "So I think we'll be bringing and alarm clock.

Both ladies are especially excited because part of the walk goes through Dearborn where they will see friends and patients from their Dearborn dental office line the streets as they walk through

Collins said their boss, Robert Sachs, has been a tremendous source of support.

"At meetings, people have said the walk is a life-changing event."

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Bridgette Collins, right, and friend Michelle Bone will be participating in the Avon Walk in late May for breast cancer awareness and prevention,

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finishing in Detroit.

"We plan on doing back-to-back long walks," Bovie said.

Collins said the training isn't painful though because both women enjoy each other's company.

town.

24 Novi News/Lake Area Times - Thursday, April 4, 2002 Public input needed on rezoning request

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFE WRITER

Members of the Novi City Council and a local property owner. allow about seven acres of land to be - council consideration. rezoned from residential to office-

request Currently, the entire property er-claim. owned by Carlton Properties, LLC, is zoned residential. However, the frontslightly more than half, is masterplanned for office use.

side of 12 Mile Road between Novi – property. and Dixon roads, is vacant. Acreage abutting the front portion of the property to the east is also zoned.

Officials said the property has been the subject of litigation between the owner and Novi since -March 2001. That's when the cityfiled its condemnation complaint to obtain the 12 Mile Road right-of-way and related construction and utility casements for its widening project. The property owner filed a count-

er-claim in connection with the city's condemnation action. According to lawsuit documents, "the counter-claim challenged the *the Novi News. She can be reached a* residential zoning on the property as (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at esad-

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substantive due process and taking provisions of the state and federal constitutions. Novi officials said Carlton has will be holding a public hearing never sought re-zoning or a use vari-Monday, April 15, giving residents a - ance to allow office use of the propchance to sound off on a proposed - crty; rather, the counter-claim was consent judgment between the city - filed in connection with the city's initial condemnation lawsuit in the

If approved, the judgment would hopes of securing immediate city Members of the council met last service use at the land owner's month during a closed session to consider resolving the zoning count-The focus of the meeting was on

whether it would be acceptable to partien of the property, consisting of allow office use of the property consistent with the master plan, with appropriate protection to adjacent The property, located on the north residential uses at the rear of the The draft version of the consent

judgment was written with the intention of accomplishing both the office rezoning and the protection to adjacent residential uses.

of the rear of the property to parking only and contains screening requirements to protect neighboring adjacent residential uses.

sent to the owners of properties within 500 feet of the Carlton prop-

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The judgment also limits the use

A notice of the public hearing was

John P. O'Brien

In conjunction with any development or improvement of the property, a 35foot landscaped buffer along all three sides of the rear portion of the property would be required.

No buildings or structures of any kind

may be placed on the rear portion of

the property that is currently designat-

ed in the city's master plan as single-

family residential.

The lighting in the parking area at the rear of the property would have to comply with all ordinance require

Types of businesses associated with office-service zoning include business and medical offices; banks; facilities for human care such as hospitals, sanitariurns, convalescent homes, hospice care facilities and assisted living facilities; and personal service establishments including barbershops, beauty, shops and health salons and churches

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eastbound on 10 Mile Road when he An 18-year-old Taylor resident reported to the Novi Police flashed his brights twice without driver dumped the contents of her purse onto the floor of her car while ignoring requests to perform field

Sandra Kuhn, has filed a petition to run against the two incumbents Last year incumbent Cynthia Campion did not have competition in the race. "We didn't have a great showing." said Ellen Parrinello, student services and voter registration secre- to see thriving." tary. "But Oakland County had something on the ballot, so we still had a turnout." She pointed out that more people can be reached at (248) 349-1700 come out to vote when there are more ext. people on the ballot to choose from. ddeel@ht.homecomm.net. "People like the

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Wixom tries DNR grant again for Habitat's second phase

New grant request for \$317,000

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

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Wixom officials have applied for phase two of the Wixom Habitat. DNR officials denied the city a pleted in phase one. grant last year for the second

officials hope they will approve the \$317,000 grant this year. The grant will fund 1.5 miles of boardwalk and wood-chip trail. eventually runs into the Huron

a grant through the Department of The boardwalk and wood-chip trail Natural Resources to complete are a continuation of the nature trail and boardwalk that was com-There will also be more land-

The Wixom Habitat, which is part of a 400 acre retention pond, runs along Wixom Road near Potter Road. It is designed to capture the city's runoff water and

Habitat to beautify the area.

Michael McDonald. "The main reason we are spending money on the until mid summer whether their tion and their love phase of the project. However, city scaping surrounding the Wixom habitat is to let everyone know grant application was accepted.

how important it is." The swamp area is also significant to wildlife "It's loaded with features that biologists find unique to this area,"

McDonald said. If officials don't get the full amount for the grant, they will still "It filters the water before it gets spend approximately \$110,000 to phase two completed. into the Huron River," said Mayor get some of the project completed. However, they won't find out been vocal about their apprecia-

"It takes them awhile to decide whether they will give it to us," McDonald said. However, he hopes their application will be accepted so that they else can I walk?" he said. "It's can complete the second part of the project that began last year. Many residents also want to see

"The people who use it have for it, McDonald said.

However, they want a longer boardwalk and path to walk on. "They say, 'I've walked the boardwalk and back; now where another reason we applied for the

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New CVS store one step closer

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

A development agreement for the week despite a few minor setbacks. Company officials have paid approximately \$800,000 for the

will also pay out more money to park. It will be gorgeous." several homeowners for residences they are purchasing to demolish for store and parking space. The CVS, which will be built at the corner of Pontiac Trail and West Maple Road, is being designed

ness owners and the city to become iron fence around the site. flexible by changing the uses for the property and its density. what we did," said Leslie Myers, planning director. "Part of the

cial. We decided it wasn't a bad said. location to put a business since it is in the center of the downtown in the city." City officials told CVS officials that they wanted the new con-

struction to be inviting to people writer for the Lake Area Times. She passing by. We wanted more of a downtown "ext. architecture style,", Meyers said. ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

By Diane Dempsey Deel

With the April 8 deadline loom-

ing, only one candidate has jurned

in a petition to run for the June 10

Walled Lake Consolidated School

Incumbents Michael Karson and

Thomas McConnell are up for re-

in his petition, although he has told

They will have until April 11 to with-

Candidates will have until June

draw from the race if they choose to.

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So far, only Karson has

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election. Karson has already turned to vote on. However, officials have

in his petition to run again. until May 31 to make the public

election officials that he does plan to services, said it's important for

turn it in before the April 8 deadline. people to come out and vote in

However, McConnell has not turned aware of voting issues.

road instead of having a sea of asphalt. City leaders hope that providing new CVS should be finalized next a pocket park by the store will also be attractive to drivers and to residents on foot.

"The building will be closer to the

"We hope people will walk to Lake Downtown CVS," Meyers said. "Maybe people Development Authority land. They would want to walk if there was a A fountain is planned in the park, which will be maintained by the city. However, CVS officials will also be responsible for other routine maintenance.

It will not be an average CVS site, with Planned Unit Development she said. It will be complete with standards. The PUD allows busi- decorative lighting and a wrought "The architecture is a prototype that's never been built anywhere. "You can get creative, and that's Meyers said. "It will have more of a

downtown, urban feel." Meyers is looking forward to property was zoned residential and ground breaking in the summer the other part was zoned commer- and its completion in the fall, she "I'm really excited about how dif-

ferent this building is going to be. Mevers said.

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"It always makes for a more

active election," she said. "You get

more of a turnout if there are more

Residents must register to vote

by May 13, and absentee ballots

must be in by May 31 if they want

their votes to count in the election.

bond or other issues for residents

There probably won't be any

Linda Ayres, director of student

"Our school system exists at the

local level so school districts can

reflect what their attendance area

believes in," Ayres said. "That's the

basis for our educational system --

School officials also want to see

people become involved in the

school district by joining the race,

"It's the basis of our democracy."

Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff

writer for the Lake Area Times. She

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Ayres said. "It something you want

candidates running."

school elections.

local control.

she said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake's Thai restaurant, Old Bangkok Express, co-owners Fue Kue and Lang Chang, right, proudly display some of their kitchens creations. From left: chicken satay, apple salad, pla preaw (red snapper), and drunken noodles. The restaurant has opened in the building formerly occupied by the King of Cream.

Pad Thai partners open new WL restaurant

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFE WRITER

ats' tastebuds will findle with delight when they taste Thai difference is in the berbs and sensations at Old Bangkok spices. Express, which opened last week in Walled Lake. The restaurant, located at 225 E.

Lang Chang, president, and Fue he said. Kue, manager, are pleased to open located in West Bloomfield.

excited about us coming here. They've been very helpful." Patrons have a large selection to

noodles and vegetables. However, diners are sure to which is prepared in wine, he said.

pick it up from the airport. We ext.

Thai because the best seller is the noodle." That food has a different taste "Thai food is not heavy like Chinese." Kue said.

There's one more advantage to "The elders say eating the (herbs

Residents will be able to enjoy eat-

Walled Lake's Old Bangkok Express chef Lang Chang prepares vegetable fried rice for a walk-in customer last Thursday afternoon.

Walled Lake earning reputation as the hot spot for new businesses

STAFF WRITER

area because there is so much opportunity here, It's the location. We are one of the major shopping 2000. districts for the surrounding communi-

Mainstreet Manager

ties, including Novi. Tracy Conlon

By Diane Dempsey Deel

cropping up in town lately. ager, said there doesn't seem to district. be a specific reason for the business growth within the city. Seventeen new businesses have

moved into the city since October wash also may be breaking "At the same time we've lost a for one." Conlon said.

recent months, Framecrafters, Curves for

new business within the city.

downtown district a few months northern Novi." Walled Lake residents may expected to be moving in shortly. Tracy Conlon, Mainstreet man- is also new to the old downtown A new CVS will be breaking ground in the summer at Maple up a business in the city. Road and Pontiac Trail and a car

ground in the near future. few businesses - Clyde Carpet, complex, located off of Pontiac Trail, is almost completely leased out, according to Conlon.

ago, and new doctors offices are She said Walled Lake business recent weeks." have noticed new businesses A new construction business, its central location to their home due to the instability of the coun-Wood Bridge Building Company, and the homes of their clients, try's economic climate. who are also moving into the

Sept. 11 attacks.

changes. It's picked back up in

"At the same time, people seize said.

nesses moving to the city within

and Cellular are a sampling of tion. We are one of the major their jobs they will sit back for and other services that might be 1700

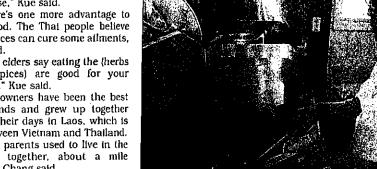
Leslie Mevers, Walled Lake planning director, also agreed that the moderately-priced housing and businesses attracts potential business owners.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Small businesses that would have a hard time surviving in area. They are also attracted to the opportunity and take risks areas where they are surrounded ish in Walled Lake, she said. "I'm very pleased by the diversi-

ty of the businesses here." Meyers said. "For awhile it'

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Walled Lake Dr. is across from the the food. The That people believe lake in the former King of Cream site. the spices can cure some aliments. their second restaurant. Their and spices) are good for your other restaurant, Pad Thai, is health," Kue said.

apart," Chang said.

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health department and the city are choose from on the restaurant's United States when the boys were menu, which ranges from appetiz- in their early teens, and their ers, soups and hearty salads to friendship continued as they grew main entrees with plenty of meat. up in Detroit, he said. "At Pad Thai, our apple salad is ing their meal inside the restaurant the most popular dish," said Kue. or they can eat up on the terrace. enjoy the "Drunken Noodles", lake," Chang said.

The pan-fried noodles are also through Friday 11 a.m. to 9:30 number one with customers and p.m. Saturday from noon to 9:30 they also request the Pad Thai p.m. and Sunday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

called our other restaurant Pad ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

The owners have been the best "Everyone who lives around here of friends and grew up together has been asking us when we we're since their days in Laos, which is going to open," Chang said. "The in between Vietnam and Thailand. "Our parents used to live in the village together, about a mile Both families moved to the

"It will give good views to the The restaurant is open Monday "We use a different noodle than Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff other Thai restaurants," Chang writer for the Lake Area Times. She

said. "We get it from California and can be reached at (248) 349-1700

Two resale shops joined the rounding communities, including are now starting to see some owners choose the city because of Some of the growth also may be

the affordable pricing of starting when they lose their job," Conlon by large anchor stores can flour-

"Office space is leasing well Conlon foresees more busi-

The Eagle Pond Landings office part be due to people wanting to "Anyone who wants to open a seemed there were only pizzerias" get back on their feet after the business should give us a call," and quick oil changes moving she said. "We have records of into town." "It was slow here after Sept. what space is available, who is "People like the area because 11," Conlon said. "Everyone interested in selling, and we Women, Old Bangkok Express, there is so much opportunity seemed to put their lives on hold. might be able to put them in writer for the Lake Area Times. Fancy Nails and Global Tanning here," Conlon said. "It's the loca- If people are worried about losing touch with financial institutions She can be reached at (248) 349-

shopping districts for the sur- awhile and see how things go. We available to them."

here." Conlon said. However, the growth may in the next year.

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Calendar of Events

Container Gardening with Roses DATE: Friday, April 5 LOCATION: Novi Community Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m DETAILS: Seminar with Joe Rarus, an American Rose Society consulting

rosarian; a silent auction

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Parent DATE: Tuesday, April 9 10CATION: Farmingtor Hills William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd. Farmington Hills TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Class series to help one manage life as a caregiver; held every Tuesday throughout April; open to public for charge

of \$10 per family PHONE: (248) 473-1830 Rummage Sale DATE: Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi

TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. DETAILS: Offered by the church's Women's

p.m. Details: Now in its eighth year, this show fea tures over 350 nationally recognized craft designers and fine artists from 39 states and Canada. Includes demonstrations and

> glass -- has been made by hand in America. 'That's what we do at Sugarloaf," said Deann Verdier, president of Sugarloaf Mountain Works, "We give artists a chance to sell what they make to people who understand and appreciate what goes into it. These are American artists living the American dream "Each of our artists has a special story to tell, and in my experience, they don't mind sharing it,

market venue for fine artists and craft designers. Their art fairs now attract more than 350,000 people each year -- people who annually purchase over \$20 million worth of fine art and contemporary crafts directly from the artists

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George Verdier, founders

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Walk Thru the Bible DATE: Saturday, April 20 LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Decker Rd., Walled Lake TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; reg istration begins at 8:30 a.m.

nar that will assist one in seeing how the pieces of the Bible fit together. PHONE: Please call Cindy Hammond at (248) 624-3048 to reserve materials. Women's Retreat DATE: Saturday, April 27

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville TIME: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the chapel DETAILS: An opportunity for women to gather for a day of making choices, discovery, and learning

ner at 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: The Nov Chamber of Commerce's premier event of the year, "A Night to Remember sponsored by Time Warner Cable and Providence Hospital & Medical Center, Tickets are \$65 per person.

PHONE: (248) 349-3743 or visit the Web at www.novichamber.com Growing Up Gracefully DATE: Saturday, April 27 DETAILS: A unique semi-LOCATION: St. Johns Golf

and Conference Center in Plymouth TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 DETAILS: Margit Erickson, of Margit Erickson & Co., will again be presenting her popular children's etiquette seminar. Class

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is limited to 12 children; fee is \$110. PHONE: Margit Ericksor & Co., PO Box 841, Northville, MI 48167 or call (248) 471-6170

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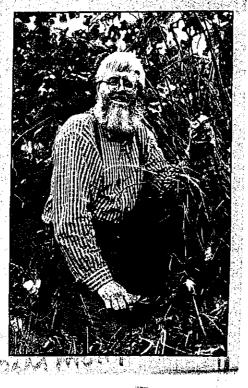
Spring Home and Garden Show

DATE: April 4-7 LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, Novi Rd. & 1-96 TIME: Thursday & Friday, 2-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10-10;

Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. DETAILS: Sixth annual show featuring products and services for the home and garden, presented by the non-profit Building Industry Association o Southeastern Michigan. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors; free for children 12 and under. PHONE: (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org

Roger B. Swain (pictured below), host of PBS-TV's popular horticulture show "The Victory Garden," will share his gardening insights at the Spring Home & Garden Show April 4-7 at the Novi Expo Center. "The man with the red suspenders," as he is know to millions of viewers who have watched him on the PBS show for 16 years, can be seen at the show Thursday and Friday at 3, 5 and 7 p.m.; Saturday at noon, 2, 5 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday at noon, 2 and 4

Biologist, gardener, writer and storyteller, Swain was born and raised outside of Boston. He received his doctorate on the natural history of ants in tropical forests. from Harvard University. Shortly thereafter, he became the science editor of Horticulture nagazine, a position he has held ever since. Swain, a resident of New Hampshire, is the author of five books: "Earthly Pleasures," "Field Days," "The Practical Gardener," "Saving Graces," and "Groundwork," he received the 1992 American Horticultural Society Award for writing and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Gold Medal in 1996 for "his power to inspire others."



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Finally, more space for Commerce church

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

Church members at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in mately seven classrooms, yet it can more limited." Commerce Township have more be made open for church weddings room to move around as a result of and other programs. a new Fellowship Hall that will be dedicated April 14.

leaders and members lour years to plan the needed expansion. a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:15 \$500,000 to construct the addition, a.m. after the 10 a.m. service. Once he said.

the ribbon is cut, members will head off to enjoy their new space by dining in the new addition. The addition includes meeting space as well as separate movable rooms for Sunday school worship. A fully equipped stainless steel

kitchen was included in the design plans. According to Linda Reiche, a Fellowship Committee member involved in the expansion process, all meals were previously warmed

Now meals can be prepared from and a youth choir," said Cheryl ddeel@ht.homecomm.net

scratch in the kitchen. vickie Willston, also a member of have a room large enough to the committee, the "disappearing accommodate our rehearsal schedwalls" are ideal for the approxi-

The Rev. Roy Langset said the new space was greatly needed. "We It took nine months for the needed program space for the 6.000-square-foot building to be church. We never had program completed. However, it took church space for Sunday school, youth groups and our senior programs." The project was made possible by The congregation will celebrate the hard work and donations of the long anticipated expansion with church members, who raised

Committee members contributed their ideas to make the addition become a reality. "There was so much input as to

make it the most fully functional, Willston said. "There's a lot more storage space," she said.

Church choir members also have more room to harmonize. up but never cooked in the church. children's chime choir, adult choir ext.

Bubolz, music director, "Now we ules. Before the room was much Willston hopes more people will visit the church now that there is

more space for them. "We think more people will be encouraged to come with the new construction," Willston said. "It will lend us more programs and things to offer to attract the community. The Rev. Ruth Overdier is delighted the construction is completed, However, she understands that it look a lot of people to make

it happen. "Our new extended space has come from the vision and commitment of our people," Overdier said. "Many minds and hearts have been what would go into the building to involved in this venture. Now our expanded facility will provide us with greater opportunity to reach Their ideas have come to fruition. out to the community around us. We want to share our joy."

Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She "We have two hand bell choirs, a can be reached at (248) 349-1700

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Pastor Roy Langset, right, and Vicky Williston, Fellowship Committee member, will soon officially welcome people to the new addition to their church, this large meeting room and Sunday School building at Shepherds of the Lakes Lutheran Church.



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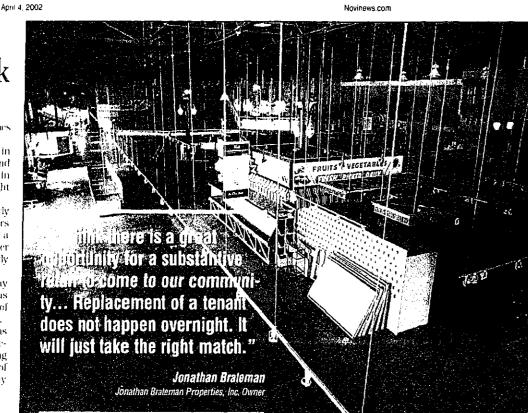
Vic's: Back on the block continued from front

"Replacement of a tenant does not happen overnight," he said. Brateman said he has been in the community for 17 years and knows many opportunities exist in Novi. It will just take the right match," he said. Vie's closed its doors in early

February, leaving many customers. perplexed as they stood staring at a sign asking them to visit other locations in Bloomfield and Beverly The market underwent may

changes in the near decade it was open, including the scaling back of services and specialty attractions. Vic's World Class Market was known for its nontraditional selection of merchandise, including exotle produce, an assortment of Iresh fish and seafood and quality baked goods.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer fo the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349 1700, ext, 105 or at vsadlocha#ht.homecomm.net.



Vic's World Class Market, empty of its goods and shoppers in March of 2002.

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS The Novi Public Library is

open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 fiction books about Canada for a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 their April meeting. The group p.m. We are located at 45245 W. meets in the library meeting 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft, room Thursday, April 11, at For more information, call 349- noon. 0720.

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

MEDICAL INFORMATION ON

THE NET The Internet is a fantastic READY, SET, PAINT resource for finding health and Tuesday, April 9, from 7-8:30 the library with Ready, Set, Paint p.m. as we define the different Wednesday. April 17, from 7-8 types of health and medical Web p.m. Participants may select one skills, and discover how to con- sponge, stencil, or splash on a nect electronically with others design. The fee is \$7. The seswho have similar health/medical sion has a limit of 60 children: concerns. Please register in advance registration is required, advance by calling the library. Please call the library to register.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Senior booklovers are reading

THE CHAPTER CLUB The Chapter Club, our book

discussion group for grades 4-6. Directors meets Monday, April 8, meets Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m.-noon. We'll be discussing "Regarding the Fountain" by Kate Klise, snacking on goodies, and playing games. Drop-ins are welcome.

Children in grades 5 and up medical information! Join us can exercise their creativity at sites, learn critical evaluation unfinished pottery item to paint,



Novi City Briefs

ERNIE HARWELL DAY Detroit baseball broadcasting legend Ernie Harwell will be sign- the Novi Senior Center Monday, ing copies of his new book, "Ernie April 15 for an afternoon tea begin-Harwell: My 60 Years in Baseball," ning at 2:30 p.m. Hosts of the one-Monday, April 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. hour festivity will provide tea, and renovations on home repair. Center store has named the occa- for the fun-filled event. The center to 10 p.m. today and Friday: 10 sion "Ernie Harwell Day" and is located at 25075 Meadowbrook a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 favorite Tigers gear. For more infor- Grand River Avenue. ination or to reserve a copy of his book. call (248) 347-0780.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

than 350 Lakeshore campers and camp staff. The winner chosen from all drawings submitted by boys and girls ages 6 through 12 will receive one free \$90 camp session and a free shirt. All entries must be submitted to the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on 8.5-inch-by-11inch paper with the child's name, address and phone number on the back of the entry. Officials ask that a black marker or ink pen is used and that designers stay away from thin lines. The deadline for the contest is 5 p.m. May 3.

Novi Bistro jumps one more hurdle

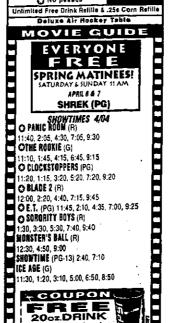
A Novi Bistro personal property owner pald an outstanding debt allowing county officials to unlock the doors after placing a seizure notice on the property early this year.

Christopher M. VanMill, Oakland County treasury agent of personal property. said the past due personal property tax delinquency was paid hours before the end-ofthe-month March deadline. VanMill said if the taxes had not been paid, auction proceedings would have begun.

The outstanding debt was the last block in place preventing members of the Novi City Council from issuing a liquor license to the Grand River Avenue bistro.

Now that the property taxes have been paid to Oakland County, the city is expected to give its final approval to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.





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SENIOR TEA

Invites all attendees to wear their Road between 10 Mile Road and a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Admission SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW The City of Novi welcomes the MEMORIAL DAY PARADE sixth annual 2002 Spring Home

The city of Novi Is looking for and Garden Show today through interested businesses and commudesigning a camp T-shirt for more The show will include more than ticipate in its annual Memorial Day the forgotten and it is now time to make a difference in the fight

200 exhibitors featuring the latest Parade. Now is the time to register set the record straight. Any Novi featured, and expert advice, ideas is \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors; and

The City of Novi is looking for

free for children younger than 13.

opportunity to design and create mation. their own floats, making the celeat Borders in Novi. In honor of cookies, polite conversation and decorating and remodeling will be bration extra special for the com- RELAY FOR LIFE Harwell's appearance, the Town dignified music. There is no charge available. Hours for the event are 2 munity. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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RECOGNIZING VIETNAM VETS announced Sunday, June 30 will American Cancer Society. Relay be Vietnam Veterans Recognition For Life is a celebration of life that will be open to the public. Clark lost to cancer and an opportunity by April 4. creative youngsters interested in April 7 at the Novi Expo Center. nity groups who would like to par-said the Vietnam War is the war of to join with the community to

All area residents are invited to technology, products and services for the 2002 parade, which will veteran interested in participating for most areas of one's home and take place 10 a.m. Monday, May in the event is asked to call (248) garden. A parade of homes will be 27. Participants will have the 347-0400 for the necessary infor- kick-off party is 6:30-8 p.m.

June 22 and 23, 2002, Novi

Middle School will host the third annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Novi-Northville. Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark As the signature event of the ed.

against cancer. Everyone is invited to be a part of this exciting event. The official 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 also be interest-

The kick-off is complimentary but an RSVP is requested. Please Day. A 1 p.m. ceremony will take honors cancer survivors. It's a spe- call Barb lovan at (248) 483-4317 place in the Novi Civic Center and cial time to remember those we've or by email to biovan@cancer.org



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Obituary

Daniel Robert Velthoven Daniel Velthoven, 59, Plnckney, died Mar. 25 in Ann-

Arbor, Mich. He was born Aug. 23, 1942 in Detroit, to William Velthoven and Eugenia (Jabionski) Velthoven. Mr. Velthoven lived in Novi for grandchildren. 23 years prior to moving to the of VEL Systems for 10 years and his stepchildren, Robert and later worked for Commerce Michelle Stevens. Controls. He was a member of SU Mary's Catholic Church in Monday, April I beginning with Pinckney, loyed boating, cruising prayers at Bell-Borek Funeral Lake St. Clair, the Great Lakes Home, Hamburg Chapel and and inland lakes. He served with Mass at St. Mary's Catholic the Air Force.

wife, Janice Wisniewski; mother, Eugenia Velthoven of Plymouth; Pinckney, Victoria (Dan) Tencza guestof Rochester Hills, William www.bellborek.com.

Anthony (Francine) Velthoven of South Lyon, and Jennifer Velthoven of Lennon, brother, Frederick (Marsha) Velthoven of Fenton; former wife, Marie Velthoven of White Lake; and six He was preceded in death by Pinckney area. He was an owner his father, William, in 1957, and

(Adrienne) Velthoven of Belleville

A Celebration of Life was held Church in Pinckney with Rev. Fr. Mr. Velthoven is survived by his – Kenneth Coughlin as celebrant. Memorial contributions are

suggested to the family for future children, Danielle Velthoven of designation. Please sign Daniel's book

Students stay up all night for cancer victims

ond annual "lock-in" last week. with students raising money for TACC, a local organization found- from the high school." Michigan children with cancer. sponsored "Wake-A-Thon 2002," Sarah Holt, where students staved overnight. in their school March 22, enter- council voted TACC as this year's wanted to swim. Also, over 20 Novi taining themselves until the crack — charity recipient for the event. of dawn the following morning. time," said Novi High School senior - money and see how it would affect

Hendricks. "There was something for everyone to do." games, watched movies, played medical centers, including aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

basketball and volleyball in the gym and danced all night long. raising over \$5,500 for a non-prol-

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student council member Mike local people," Hendricks said, The students played video with cancer at nine metro-Detroit 108

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it organization, Teens Alding the Providence Hospital in Novi. "The evening went well," To participate in "Wake-A-Thon Harsha-Strong said. "It was nice to Novi High School hosted its see 2002", the Novi students had to do this with the high school raise at least \$40 in donations for because a lot of our volunteers are Furthermore, the long evening The high school student council iors. Matt Harsha-Strong and hosted a funhouse for students with a Velero wall, as well as an The Novi High School student open school pool for those who businesses donated food, prizes "We chose TACC because the and gift certificates for students to

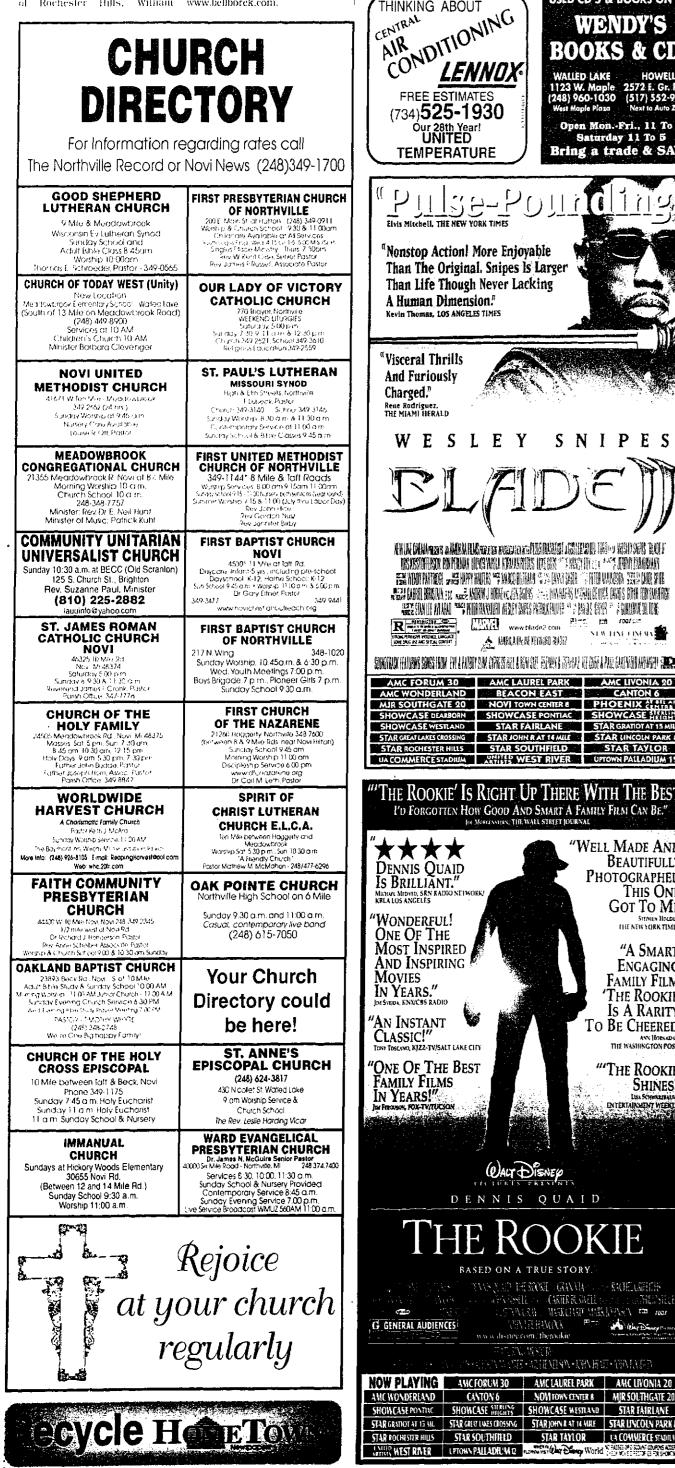
> Angelo Parlove is a staff writer TACC delivers backpacks filled for the Novi News, He can be with books and toys to children reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. ٥٢

"We chose TACC because the students would be closer to the money and see how it would affect local people."

> Mike Hendricks Novi High School Student Council Member



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By Angelo Parlove

Area seniors fool around at City's holiday luncheon

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Mismatched shoes, inside-out pants and backwards tops were the clothing items of choice at Monday's Novi Senior Center luncheon. No, the more 60 attendees did not get dressed in the dark, but rather were in the mood to celebrate April Fools' Day.

"You have to act up once in awhile," said participant Marie Cross. The 82-year-old Meadowbrook Commons resident was dressed as a Crawford, Novi's special recreation ballerina, complete with a pink tool

tulu. The kicker was a sign around her neck stating, "April Fools. 1 can't dance. "I had been thinking about it for

awhile," Cross said of her costume idea. "I was thinking what could I

Cross created the popular costume and her daughter made the sign. Other fun costumes included pants with the pockets hanging out, shirts the Novi News. She can be reached at with shoulder pads sticking up like (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at usadwings and funny hats and T-shirts.

In addition to silly stories and prizes, all the nonsensical partiers enjoyed a noon lunch of chicken. potato salad, baked beans, rolls,

apple pie and beverages. After their meals, everyone played a word-mixer game where each participant had to find the other person in the room matching the word they

were given. Some of the matching couples were tea and crumpets, milk and cookles, hide and seek, and bits and pieces. "It is a lot of fun," said Kathy

coordinato Crawford said attendance was a litthe lower than usual events because of the Easter holiday, but overall the

one-hour luncheon was a success. Crawford, also known as the "hostess with the mostess," ran the event at the Novi Senior Center, attached to

Meadowbrook Commons.

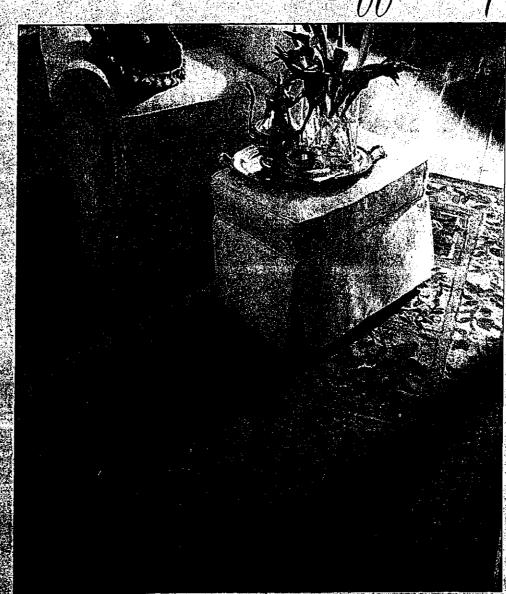
Victoria Sadiocha is a staff writer for locha@ht.homecomm.net.



Proudly displaying their mis-matched and inside-out fashions for Monday's April Fool's Luncheon at the Novi Senior Center are: Dixie Cushell, Maryann Weber, Lorene Wahoski, and Edward and Loretta Heaphy.







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Photo by JOHN HEIDER "Civil War Bob" Zaetta addresses a group of Novi Woods Elementary School students last Thursday morning about life in the Union Army during the Civil War. Zaetta came equipped most of the gear a typical soldier would carry, explained them all, and even related how the bayonet he's attaching to his

musket, was used more as a candle holder than for combat by infantrymen.

Bringing the past to life

By Angelo Parlove RJE WRITER

third-grader Patrick Revolutionary War grew from mere - molds and ink quills. words on paper to a living and breathing piece of American history - frame of history," said Patrick's moth-March 22

his parents, Revolutionary War accuracy. enthusiasts, dressed in anthentic colonial garb and brought a taste of the iron cannonball from desk to the Continental 10th Victinia desk Regiment to Lori Gibo's third-grade class at Village Oaks Elementary in a about history in a more tangible way

Revolutionary War farmer's boy. recounted the early American history to his fellow classmates "The Revolutionary War is where

said. "We won our rights. The 10th Virginia Regiment was a settlement of legendary early American militia men and soldiers who traveled across the eastern portions of the U.S. with their families, battling the British armies for their country's freedom.

The historical reenactment introwear and weaponry, including a aparlore@ht.homecomm.net.

musket and bayonet and an authentic six-pound iron cannonball, Furthermore, students got to see common, late 18th-century house-Budesky's report on the hold items, such as bee's wax candle "We try to adhere to that time

er. Elizabeth Bodesky, who research-To cap his class research project - es the clothing and other items in on the American revolt, Budesky and - documented historical writings for The third-graders ragerly passed

"We want to show the students other than books," said Elizabeth, The third-graders sat wide-eyed in - wearing the simple wardrobe of a soltheir desks as Budesky, dressed as a - dier's wife in the Revolutionary War "We want them to understand how our freedom was on." The Budesky family has traveled across the U.S and Canada to reen-

we won-our independence," Budesky - act the wartime scenes from America' past, including a trip to Trenton, N.J., last December for a real-life crossing of the Delaware River. "We want to inspire curiosity to explore deeper into our pasts." said Budesky's father, Kenneth Budesky.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at duced students to traditional colonial (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at

CAROL J. KALINOVIK

(248) 347-0446

PURCHASING DIRECTOR

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Kawasaki Mule Model 2520 according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available a the Olfice of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Thursday

April 11, 2002, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be ddressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Bd. Novi, MI 48375-302-

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Kawasaki Mule 2520" BID

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and ward the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities o nformalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to e in the best interest of the City of Novi.

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for 2002 Street Tree Planting according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at he Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, April 11, 2002, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be

ddressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd Novi. MI 48375-3024

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Magazine gives middle schoolers

By Angelo Parlove

Eighth-grader Amanda Rov's poem "I Am the Author" opens the pages of her school's new literary magazine.

"I try to move at a fast, fast pace. I hope, I want, I cry, someday I can say I am the author." Roy wrote on the magazine's first page, capturing in words the creative ambitions behind her classmate's literary pursuits. In March, the Novi Middle School published "Musings," a 34-

page literary magazine filled with the poems, short stories and artwork of Novi's seventh- and eightli-grade students. This offers kids an opportunity

themselves as real and accomplished writers," said Beth Little Novi Middle School teacher and literary magazine faculty advisor. "And some have significant things to sav.'

LOCAL STUDENT COMPLETES

requirement for the education pro-

Andrea is a post graduate

majoring in music with a concen-

tration in K-12 education pro-

gram. She is the daughter of

Kenneth Burger and Margaret

Burger of Novi and a graduate of

Albion College specializes in

programs in the liberal arts tradi-

NOVI COLLEGIAN JOINS BETA

Paul Matter, son of Charles and

Joanne Matter of Novi, has been

invitiated into Beta Theta Pi by the

chapter at Central Michigan

THETA PI FRATERNITY

Novi High School.

gram by teaching at Hanover-

Albion College student Andrea

M. Burger returns to K-12 studies ship, brotherbood and community

pleting the student teaching pases in Canada and the United

States

On Campus

STUDENT TEACHING

Horton High School.

Novi High School.

magazines to be published by the assembled over 60 pieces of writschool this year, with the second one expected to hit the press at the publication. She also designed the end of May. The magazine is the look of the magazine and editpartly funded through a grant ed submissions.

Foundation. The publication tackles issues at the heart of middle school life. such as nature, sports and the

young writers. "They represent the thoughts social experiences. going on in a middle school kid's head," Little said. It attempts to depict the diversi- share literary pursuits," said Kim ty of activities and thoughts in the Clark, Novi Middle School

to be published and start to view the classroom and from special that."

Novi Middle School Literary Chib, for the Novi News. He can be which aims to help young people reached at (248) 349-1700. ext. tap into their creative ambitions. 108

Beta Theta Pi, which was found-

MICHIGAN TECH STUDENTS

Scott A. Schaffer of Novi

PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCE-

and Brandon Maurice Charnesky

monies at Michigan Tech

AND TOPCODER COLLEGIATE

of Walled Lake earned a bachelor

MENT CEREMONIES

University in December.

CHALLENGE

creative and made a strong first The second literary magazine in May will be devoted to raising meaning of life as seen by these social awareness through poems,

"The goal is to bring kids all across the school together to kids, as well as represent the teacher and literary magazine

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer

Collegiate TopCoder and University, is dedicated to scholar. April 19-20 at the University Park finals. Hotel @MIT in Cambridge, Mass. this semester, this time as a service. The fraternity has more The lournament has a total prize teacher rather than a student. than 118,000 members, including purse of \$150,000, with the win-Burger is in the process of com- over 7,200 collegians on 135 cam- ner receiving \$100,000.

Sirgedas, a Novi resident and graduate student in Computer 19. Regional Champions had the Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Regional Finals, held on March Arbor, entered the tournament as 13, and earned \$5,000. The "wildthe top-seed in the MidWest, and card" advancers finished with the won the MidWest Region next 12 highest point totals, received a hachelor of science Championship during the degree in mechanical engineering Regional Finals March 13. Sirgedas has been a member of TopCoder since September 2001, Intensity, or the ability to use a par-

innovativew and interdisciplinary the midyear commencement cere- the company's weekly singleround matches. have Tom residents among the rately. Scores are calculated using TOM SIRGEDAS ADVANCES TO final 16 of our second Collegiate TopCoder's objective rating system, \$150,000 SUN MICROSYSTEMS Challenge." said TopCoder founder and Chairman Jack Hughes, "It should be noted that Tom Sirgedas is one of 16 final- he has scaled steep odds to get to ists who has advanced to the this point. Out of over 500 of the

uncoming 2002 Sun Microsystems made it to the final 16. The com-

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Sirgedas advanced to the cham-

regardless of region

University. He is a graduate of championship rounds of the country's best developers, he has other contestants, as well as TopCoder's system test.

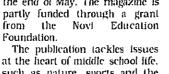
The Man

By Jacob Huntley, Novi

Smiling, Always there. I am the man smilling for the camera Old, but not weak Earning and living, Always living Enjoying life to the fullest

spending his last days In peace and harmony. Helping not hurting, Conquering himself. Ready to be accepted. Loving everything. Old and strong.

an opportunity for their Musings "Musings" is the first of two project's student editor and



breadth of the student body, faculty advisor. "They don't including writings in and out of always have an opportunity to do education students.

"Musings" is published by the

ings and artwork that compose

"We wanted to make sure it was impression," Davies said.

stories and artwork related to

Eighth-grader Kim Davies is the aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

petition has been fierce, and we ed in 1839 at Miani (Ohio) Challenge tournament, being held wish Tom the best of luck in the

> pionship rounds based on his scoring in a series of online climination rounds, which began with a field of 512 competitors on Feb. highest point totals during the

Scoring in TopCoder competitions is based on two factors: of science in computer science at and has won a total of \$4.725 in ticular coding language well under the pressure of peer-to-peer competition, and velocity, the ability to "Obviously, we're very excited to write good code quickly and accudesigned to fairly and accurately gauge a contestant's performance. Winners are the fastest among their peers to solve the problems with code that with stands the scrutiny of

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Novi grad Joe Meyer crosses borders and cultures

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

When Joe Meyer left for East Africa over a year ago, the 1995 Corps volunteers currently teach Novi High School graduate had and reside in Tanzania, a country three goals driving his two-year with a severe shortage of math and departure from his family and science teachers due to inadequate American lifestyle,

Meyer wanted to help the young women of Tanzania - where less American volunteers aim to prosecondary schools - to be inde- ness through clubs, workshops and white on the playing field. pendent and self-confident, bring awareness to the escalating AIDS epidemic in the African region and

body and spirit to lead a healthy The Novi graduate had his work cut out for hlm. In September 2000, Meyer - the son of Novi residents Michael and Margaret Meyer — traveled to East

Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer to leach trigonometry and calculus at the Msalato Secondary School in Dodoma, Tanzania.

f the world," said Joe's father. Like Meyer, more than 80 Peace

financial and human resources. When out of the classroom, these and extra-curricular activities.

player in his day at Novi High teach others to develop the mind, School, started Msalato Secondary School's first soccer team. "Joe wants to teach them to thrive, not merely survive," said Michael Mever. Meyer believed the soccer team

could be an important component for encouraging a healthy lifestyle. his father said. However, the newly-formed Tanzanian soccer team didn't have layered painting created by the any uniforms and were without the people of Dodoma that celebrates

high school in April 2001. And the Novi High School soccer program rallied around the call last media center.

spring. The Novi students, who received new varsity uniforms in 2001, sent their old team jerseys to their fellow soccer players an ocean away. The Msalato Secondary School soccer than 5 percent of women attend mote health knowledge and aware- team now dons the Wildcat green Novi High School principal Thus Meyer, once an avid soccer Jennifer Cheal praised her school's soccer players

"These uniforms were truly given from students to students in another country," she said. Overall, the Novi athletes donated over 40 Jerseys and eight soccer balls. As a thank you for the new gear

the students at Msalato Secondary School sent Novi High School a batik, a multi-colored and multi-

"Joe wants to teach them to thrive, not merely survive."

Michael Meyer Joe's Father



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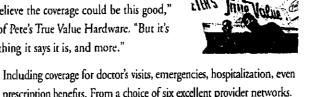
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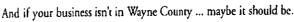
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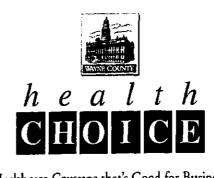




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"My son is committed to diversi-ty, understanding and appreciation out a call for help to his former images of dancers. The African Meyer, a batik arrived last week and now hangs in the Novi High School "Joe is very proud to have gradu-

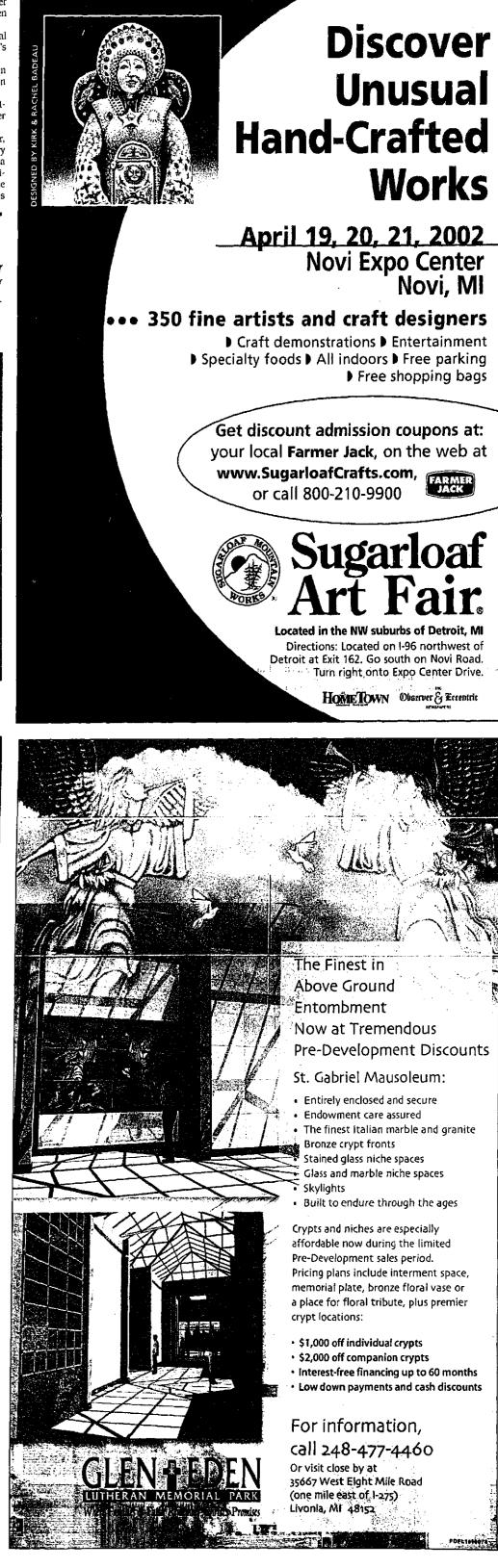
ated from Novi and represent his

high school in Dodoma," Michael Meyer's father. "My son's hope is to

University in Flint, will end his two-year duty as a volunteer in the Peace Corps in December 2003. "There is so only so much you can do to change the world," said at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at

encourage other high school stu Meyer, a graduate of Kettering dents to consider giving two years to this experience. Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

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Engagements



Pelletier-Bohm

John and Cathy Pelletier of Novimounce the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to Chris Bohm, son of Chris and Mary Lou Bohin of

South Lyon. The bride elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State Novi-High School in 1998 and is University with a degree in mechanical engineering. She is working for corrently DamlerChrysler as a product engi-

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in history and education. The is currently working for the Lake Orion Community School as an elementary school teacher. A June wedding is planned.

Chorba-Smith

Carl Chorba of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Carol Chorba of Scranton, Pa. announce the engagement of their laughter, Amanda, to Joshua smith, son of Stephen and Sandra Smith

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School and a 1999 gradute of the University of Michigan. She is the manager of a Mervyn's Store.

The groom-clect is a 1991 graduite of Utica High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is currently in med- date of Detroit Mercy. She is the girls ical school at the University of and boys assistant swim coach at Michigan.

A June 22 wedding is planned.

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Calandro-Tyll

John and Peggy Calandro of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin to Paul Tyll, son of Ed and Joyce Chmel of Novi and Arthur and Colleen Tyll of Saratoga

Spring, N.Y. The bride-elect graduated from currently attending University of Michigan. The groom-elect also graduated from Novi High School in 1998 and is also currently attending University of Michigan.

A June wedding is planned.

Lee and Marie Bjerke of Novi

announce the engagement of their

daughter Erin to Shawn Kucera,

son of Robert and Judy Kucera of

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate

of Novi High School and a 1999 grau-

Lov Norrix High School in Kalamazoo

and is a computer technician for R.

A June wedding is plarmed.

Bjerke-Kucera

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Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barrons of Novi announce the engagement of their children, Amy Michelle Colgrove and Jesse Ray

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and 1998 and 2002. A former copy editeacher for the Walled Lake Schools

schools.

he held at the First Presbyterian Church in Brighton.

Graham and Jimeane Astley of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Christina to Brad Wright, son of Susan Wright of Wyandotte

ate of Novi High School. She The groom-elect is a 1996 gradu-

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ate of Novi High School and Eastern Michigan University in 1998 and 2002. A former vice president of Alpha Phi Omega service traternity. Jesse has been a manager for Papa Romano's for 12 years and is a licensed Realtor with Red Carpet Keim Reliable Real Estate in Novi. Jesse is currently student teaching with the Berkley

An August 3, 2002, wedding will

Astley-Wright

The bride-elect is a 1997 gradu-

attended Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Rock Financial as a mortgage banker. and is a subsitute teacher in the - ate of Roosevelt High School. He attended Washtenaw Community

The groom-elect is a 1989 gradu- College and is employed by ate of Portage Central High School Sheehan Painting in Plymouth.



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Town Center. Owner Bruce an emphasis on customer serv-Weiner says he moved his busi- ice is what sets him apart. "Ours ing customers with choosing toys ness from Rochester Hills when a is a family-owned business new location in Novi Town Center which caters to customers, par and interesting to children," became available offering him ents and children," Weiner explained. "If we don't have what is that toys are fun and the people you are looking for, we will either who sell them should be tool" cialty toy store in the Novi area try to get it for you or help you locate it.

Specialty toy retailer opens in Town Center

said Weiner. "It was difficult to leave my loval customers behind, but he hopes to serve Novi with through adults. The store is an even larger selection of the designed to make toy shopping Center in the space previously easy and enjoyable. Merchandise In an era of large toy mega- is divided into categories such as For more information, call 248chains, Weiner's store is a suc- manipulative toys, arts, crafts. 449-6000.

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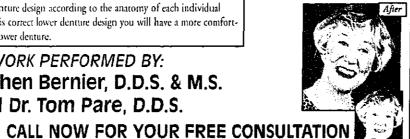
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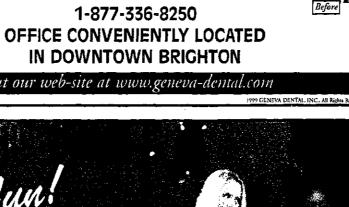
An area specialty toy retailer, cess due to its creative and science, dolls, games and puz-Your Toybox, is now open in Novi unusual selection. He also feels zles. "Our staff specializes in assistwhich are age appropriate, fun Weiner explained. "Our philosophy Your Toybox is open Monday

through Saturday from 10 a.m. The new Your Toybox offers to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon toys for babies and children. to 5 p.m. It is located in the northwest corner of the Town occupied by White Rabbit Toys

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Go straight into summer with Curves for Women

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

Curves for Women is about to open up in Walled Lake, just in time to get area residents looking good for summer. The fitness facility franchise.

located in the Maple Plaza, will open April 8. It is designed with women's fitness and health in mind. The equipment offers a full workout, complete with warm-up, aerobic exercise, strength training, cool down and stretching.

Clients will experience a 30minute workout without getting bored by changing exercise equipment every 30 seconds. They also listen to upbeat music while getting toned.

Owners Jan Jones and JoAnn Steuwe, who are also area real estate agents, decided to buy the franchise after they experienced Curves for Women themselves. They joined numerous fitness centers over the years but they never felt they were getting adequate treatment until they joined

Curves. It was there they learned how to exercise appropriately. The eight different machines are designed to tone and firm specific areas of the body stones said it also creates aerobic exercise for better cardiovascular health and it

increases blood flow and heart rate. "When you're done with your 30 said. "For the rest of the day, you will have energy.

Jones said the program works well for women. "The program was designed specifically for women and our specific muscle groups," Jones said. There's no weights involved, so it

won't build hydraulic muscle mass. It will just firm and tone." They also felt more comfortable exercising with mostly women. "When I was working out with

men. I felt I had to make myself presentable to work out," Jones said. A CONTRACTOR Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake's Curves for Women owners Jo Ann Steuwe, right, and Jan Jones, start some aerobic activities on the betweenstation platforms at their West Maple location last week.

time but you really feel it." Jones much more of a comfortable atmos- ments." Jones said, phere. Steuwe said the best part about said.

joining the fitness center was taking control of her weight. Plymouth-Canton. The first month 1 lost six inches," she said. "I couldn't helieve it. I was so impressed."

Jones said fitness is made easy until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday since clients are weighed and measured once a month so they can see their success.

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minutes, it doesn't seem like a lot of "But working out with women is so like their weight and measure-The franchise is growing, she "There is one Curves for every

four McDonald's, and Curves has "I started a year and a half ago in only been around for seven years," Jones said. The fitness center will be open from 8 a.m. until noon and 3 p.m.

and 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Saturday Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She

of everyone's attendance, statistics ext. 110 or ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

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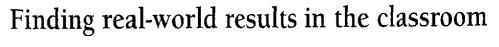
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"When you're done with your 30 minutes, it doesn't seem like a lot of time but you really feel it. For the rest of the day, you will have energy.

Jan Jones Curves for Women Co-Owner



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"DECA brings a real-world per-

Over three dozen Novi High School students competed in the Distributive Education Club of learn in the marketing class-America (DECA) Competition at the Dearborn High school DECA faculty advi-Hyatt March 8-10, with the top competitors headed for a national square-off in April. marketing and business knowledge to compete in role-playing situations, DECA Quiz Bowl and written contests that focus on

existing Novi businesses.

spective to what the students State room," said Jodi Forster, Novi DECA is an association of marketing students that alms to The 38 Novi students used their develop future leaders in marketing and management. Eleven Novi High School students qualified for the DECA National Competition in Salt Lake improving customer service for City, Utah, April 19-24.

The following students are bers.

headed to the nationals: Matt Haggerty, Jeff Wallen, Derek Cole, Mike Vehlewald, Sara Goodman, Ed Santos, Amy Auletto, Jake Piper, Neil Rao, Judy Lai and Meghan Vadula. "This is largest team yet to advance, and we hope to continue the growth of the program.

Forster said. Over 180,000 students and faculty advisors in secondary and post-secondary schools across the U.S. and Canada are DECA mem-



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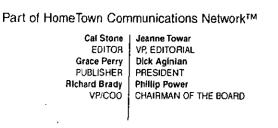
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OPINION

Novi News



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

Enough is enough!

Haven't we had enough?

Haven't we had enough of the long nights and short days?

Haven't we had enough wool hats and gloves? Haven't we had enough of having to run out to the store to buy a new pair of gloves in the middle of the season because at some point in time, we lost one of the gloves?

Don't foraet to

Spring Forward

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Haven't we had enough salt trucks and sand? Haven't we had enough frost-cov-

ered windows? careening into ditches, or worse tional time we'll need to drive from vet, cars that refuse to start in cold weather?

Haven't we had enough slushy boots traipsing across the carpet-

Haven't we had enough heavy Christmas decorations? (Haven't winter coats weighing us down we had enough being forced to look when we get in the

car? Haven't we had enough fingers and noses going numb? Haven't we had this Sunday and enough rumbling furset your clocks naces gasping their last - always on the coldest day of the

vear? Haven't we had enough aching backs and legs from shoveling snow? Haven't we had enough hot chocolate for a long, long time? Haven't we had enough grilled

cheese and tomato soup? Haven't we had enough trips to warmer months of the year is

Haven't we had enough weather us Sunday morning. forecasts where the words "four to Put away the gloves, shovels, hot six inches possible" are part of the cocoa and rock salt. Spring is here! equation?

Haven't we had enough fogged up glasses when we step inside from the outdoors? Haven't we had enough advanced Haven't we had enough cars math trying to compute the addi-

home to the office on account of slick roads? Haven't we had enough snowstorm-delayed flights? Haven't we had enough

at our neighbors homes, some of

> which still have their Christmas decorations up?) Haven't we had enough sore tailbones from slipping

on a slick sidewalk? one hour ahead. Haven't we had enough being pelted from an errant snow Haven't we had enough winter? Yes — we have. And with the first official day of

spring and Easter now behind us. all that's left to celebrate the the sledding hill or the ski lodges? Daylight Savings Time, which hits

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 volce 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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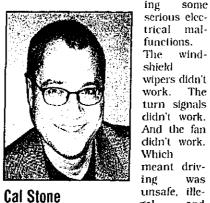


Novi Woods students cover their ears and grimace in anticipation of the bang from "Civil War Bob"'s musket. Bob Zaetta, far left, pointed his musket toward the ceiling and ignited a percussion cap with the musket for the assembly. See the story on page 10.

A day, or two, in the life of an editor

"It's been one of those days." We all have them every once in awhile And it becomes apparent early on that wanted to eat his lunch, too. the only thing you can do is just ride it out and wait for the clock to strike midnight to put your out of your misery. For me, last Thursday was one.

So was this Monday. March 28 started off normal enough, but I soon learned that my car was hav-



I called the dealer on my cell phone on the way in to work, and the service manager said to bring it by and he'd squeeze it in without an appointment. Fair enough. That was at 9 a.m. At 11:30, 1 was told the problem was my ignition switch had "arced." That means it fried -- to the tune of 300 bucks.

While the car was being repaired, the

Jackson. After a nice meal, we parted championship game. That should cure and I waited for the shuttle to come get the stress, eh? - a day where nothing seems to go right. me. It didn't. Apparently the driver

So I walked about three miles back, just about 200 yards from the dealercar that gets more than twice my car's water in the pool. miles per gallon, I inquired about tradabout half what I paid for it one year ly float, if you know what I'm sayin'. aro, Nice

past the 60,000 mile check-up point. That brings us to this Monday, when 1

was going to cost me). My wife decided to back. come to visit with our children, and they Guess what? My car is readyl Not only gave me a lift back to the dealership. We sort of got lost on the way because I She's mad, the kids are irritable and I

pull away, two more of those little buggers running. Till next week ... light up to make a complete hat trick!

I leave the car overnight and, with MacKenzie and former editor Bob a swim, and then watch the NCAA estone@ht.homecomm.net.

At the restaurant, the kids won't even LOOK at anything that resembles Mexican food. At the hotel, we head down to the pool to find it totally empty ship when the shuttle came by. My car and closed for repairs. We pack it up still wasn't done, so I checked out a new and head to another hotel, this one with Yes, it had water, but it also had one

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ing mine in, and found out it was worth of those brown "floaties" that don't real-Back to the room, where my kids want The devaluation was due in part to an to play Nintendo on one TV and on the engine light that glowed from the dash, other TV my wife wants to watch The and the fact that I was about 10,000 miles Bachelor -- which is what I'm thinking about becoming again at this point. By the time her show is over and the The decided to drop my car off and have the kids are FINALLY asleep, I pass out with

didn't work. guys check that dash light, too, and find In the morning, I go back to the dealership. Naturally, my car is not ready Our ad rep. Jen Walker, gave me a ride yet, so the shuttle (same driver, but he's back to the office where I waited for the already eaten this time) takes me to "news" (i.e. how much more this car was work. He returns around 5 to take me

that, but the dealership has replaced the sensor -- no charge -- for all the trouble.

Yes, a happy ending, but it was a miserable route to get there. My mom used And that tiny dash light? That's con- to say, "All good things come to those nected to a \$385 sensor, which I had to who wait." I always hated when she said hold off on. But, as I hop into the car and that, but I am loving the way my car is

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi dealer's shuttle service took me to a family, head to a nearby hotel. Now, the News. He can be reached at (248) 349luncheon appointment with Judge Brian plan is to catch dinner, take the kids for 1700, ext. 113, or by e-mail at



Cassis earns vote

I feel compelled, not only as an elected official but as a private citizen, to write this letter on behalf of Nancy Cassis, State Representative. As you know, Nancy is currently our State Representative and has thrown in her hat to run for State Senator. Hearing this news made me jump for joy because we the people need somebody with Nancy's abilities, quality, integrity, experience, and dedication to

represent us at the state level. It's not easy to break through all the red tape in government. I found that out fast after I was elected in 2000 as treasurer. It is important for the voice of the people to be heard at all levels of government, and Nancy Cassis not only responds to the calls of her constituents, but also takes action on your behalf.

I have had several occasions to call on Nancy for assistance with property tax problems in our community. Since the inception of Proposal A in 1994, there are many inequilies in the law. It has been Nancy Cassis who has answered the call. and helped fight for our community to get resolutions to these problems that otherwise would have gone unheard. She has fought diligently to reduce

taxes, as well as make them easier by heading up a "Tax Simplification" commit-

tee. In my quest to make the needed changes to Proposal A for fairness to those residents who have overpaid taxes for nonhomestead status (when in fact they should have enjoyed the "homestead" sta- editor. tus), it has been Nancy Cassis who has Please include your name, address worked the many hours it takes to get through the system to be heard. We are and phone number for verification. currently working together on a bill that We ask that your letters be 400 will benefit all the taxpavers in our comprocess is long and tedious, but she never space and content. tires, and her door is always open.

that her first concern is the people who elected her to office.

would encourage you to cast your vote for Nancy Cassis for State Senator.

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Milford Township Treasurer

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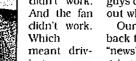
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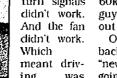
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turn signals 60k tune-up performed. "And can you four minutes left in the game. And the fan out what that's all about?" I asked.

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thought I knew a shortcut.

now owe \$600 for the tune-up.

As State Representative Nancy Cassis has done an outstanding job for my com- Mail: munity the entire state and me. As our State Senator, I know that our community will continue to get the best kind of representation there is. Nancy Cassis has proven through her years in government

In these times when we all look for trust and integrity in the people we elect, it is a E-mail: great feeling to know that Nancy Cassis is out there working for us. She has my vote in the upcoming election in August. I

Cynthia Dagenhardt

OTHER OPINIONS

E-MAIL 'SPAM'

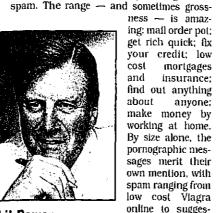
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Taking action against a growing problem

Lots of people begin their workday by turning on their computer and picking up their e-mail. If they're anything like me, they then spend a fair amount of time pawing through and deleting all the span that infests their actual e-mail messages. I took a census of my own e-mail over the last week, and fully half my messages were

mortgages

anyone;



Phil Power

want it set at 55.

Mike Malott

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tive pictures of (always female) celebrities to outright bestiality. Spam is turning out to be a big - and

growing nuisance. According to Jupiter Media Metrix, an Internet research firm, the 700 messages per year the average computer user now has to delete will increase to done. His bill has attracted 16 cosponsors so 1,400 by 2006, when the worldwide volume far, from both parties. It should get its first of spam will rise to more than 200 billion hearing from the House Commerce

messages. It's expensive, too. An employee who gets only five spam messages a day and spends Dave Morin, about the bill. "It can't hurt," 2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at 30 seconds dealing with each one will, over a responded Morin, "but it's not likely to solve prover@homecomm.net.

islative liaison for the Michigan State Police.

The governor's veto, by the way, killed a bill

the Senate. And it would have increased

ly makes the decision, which includes the

state police and county road commissions.

I've noticed the phenomenon myself.

year's time, waste 15 hours on junk mail. the whole problem." in part, says Morin, Another estimate is that dealing with spam messages costs employers \$1 each. And spam — especially the raunchler stuff - can be very nasty, especially for kids who Morin, much of the spam now being genercan open up what looks like an innocent aled is coming from overseas, where the message from a friend and find it's hard core pornography. That's why Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield), outraged that his young kids were exposed to pornographic spam on

the family computer, has introduced legislaget rich quick; fix tion that would outlaw commercial e-mail that is deceptive or misleading. His bill. HB 5777, defines deceptive e-mails even though he gets a minuscule response in insurance; as those containing "false or misleading infor- percentage terms, it's enough to make a find out anything mation on the subject line," use an Internet domain name without the owner's permission make money by or that obscure or misrepresent the point of Morin, is "don't reply to the spam message, origin of the message. Shulman patterned his even though the reply line says you'll be bill on a Washington state law that bars unsopornographic mes- licited deceptive commercial e-mail.

Smart, thoughtful and one of the few leg-islators actually comfortable in the world of I found ZDNet:Tech Update a wor high tech, Shulman is the same guy who pushed a "cybercourt" system through the legislature last year. Cybercourts will allow testimony to be taken and legal briefs to be can always try suing. A guy in Washington filed electronically and help settle business state recently won \$2,000 by suing under disputes faster and cheaper than regular courtroom procedures. Shulman says spam has reached such

calling up and demanding something be

I asked this newspaper's technology whiz,

I had to chuckle when I heard this commean that the state police wanted veto speed limits by studying how they actually

Nonetheless, I too have noticed that people herself pointed

ment from Matt Boiger, who serves as leg- power over any proposals to change speed drive on a particular portion of roadway.

Committee next month.

limits.

setting of in front of his or her own home.

speed limits. They

further argued

those governments to the group that current- the consistency in that?

make Michigan's process for setting speed speed limit is set 20 miles an hour faster.

township say in speed limit setting by adding lage board and the city council. So where is

An interesting aspect of the history of this done to determine what people feel safe driv-

bill, Jamnick said, is that originally it would ing on a given road. The formula determines

have required unanimous agreement that the speed limit should be set at the 85th

ROM, which gives complete instructions on how to get into the spam business, far beyond the reach of U.S. law or regulation, says Morin. "He buys e-mail addresses and sends spam messages by the millions, and profitable business."

practice is unregulated.

spam is a national problem and passing a

law in one state like Michigan isn't going to

be a total solution. Worse, according to

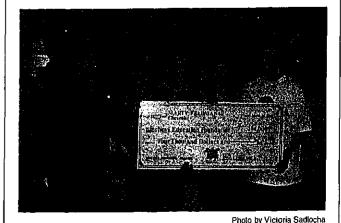
"A guy in China can spend \$150 for a CD

What can one person do? First thing, says taken off the list. All replying does is validate that your e-mail address is a real one, there-

I found ZDNet:Tech Update a worthwhile site for up to date information, especially a helpful article by Lee Schlesinger on "IT antidotes to spam." And, if all else fails, you the state's anti-spam law. In the meantime, I'd suggest you get in

touch with Rep. Shulman and offer support proportions that outraged constituents are for his bill. He can be reached at (888) 496-4968

> Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-



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A group of former Challenge Day students from Novi Middle School gladly accept a donation from Marla Feldman to fund another Challenge Day event in April.

Car dealer challenges Novi middle schoolers

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Thanks to a sizable donation highly-respected and life-changing event will return to Nov

Middle School. Maria Feldman, executive manager of the Novi car dealership, presented middle school officials with a \$4.000 check during a March 26 assembly at

the school for the sole purpose of funding its upcoming Challenge Day program. In addition to Feldman's contribution. Chevrolet will be matching the donation as part of

reach Chevy Rock program, Day, bringing the grand total to The Chevy Rock program was

"These kids are our future and our business," Feldman said.

form a Challenge Day Club.

"We want to sustain this thing

Obrenovich said. "It still has an impact on the kids afterward. and we have to follow up on by Marty Feldman Chevrolet, a that. Some of these dollars will do that." Obrenovich estimates the two

so it is not a one-day event."

Challenge Days will cost \$6,000, and the additional \$2,000 left over will sustain the club. "The only reason we are doing

this is because of the money we have received." Obrenovich said. He feels the donation will have a great impact on many students' lives. "it was really wonderful," said

eighth-grade student Chelsea Thorpe, who participated in the its community and kids out- original December Challenge

"You didn't know what you were getting yourself into, but at the end it was very emotional," said Jason Gauruder, another eighth-grader who also participated in the original program. Obrenovich said Challenge Day is a powerful, high-energy program.

"It really puts the students through a lot," he said. "It is a transformation day. I think when our kids come back, other kids have seen a change in them. It is a wake-up call.' The principal said students will leave the day with enough of pressure into positive peer support to eliminate teasing and coppression in the school system

He said he has already larly pleased because after the received a tremendous amount be enough money left over to school about the changes they

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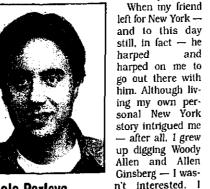
Is laziness rampant in Novi Schools? I have this friend. Mike, who got a nose job. As a local newspaper reporter, my job Novi Schools' employees know that there is a changed his last name to something more requires a certain flow of information time-tested system in place here, and that if

Bolger agreed, rests completely with the vil-

Bolger said the state sets speed limits

according to a formula. Traffic studies are

in Brooklyn.



Angelo Parlove

lown New York stories. a modern day hero. Last week, I saw him as no response. I didn't get these two.

catchy and moved to New York City to be an between parties. I need to ask good ques- you're not interested in talking to me, there actor. Mike and I used to make movies togeth- tions and, in return, get responses which fill is a time-tested er before he bolted the Michigan independent the pages of the Novi News. Believe me, this response. Simply film scene for Broadway dreams. He now lives system has been in place across our country pick up the phone, for generations and generations. I didn't When my friend hatch this scheme myself. Honest, it goes "No comment." left for New York - back to the days of old Ben Franklin.

However, recently some at Novi Schools can't respect lazistill, in fact - he have taken the system into their own hands ness and blowing and — those daredevils — and are making my job me off. harped on me to more difficult. For some reason, there are go out there with people there who don't believe in the com- my friend Mike, I him. Although liv- mon courtesy of returning an interested might actually get ing my own per- reporter's phone call, even after all the pleas- stirred up over Can't respect sonal New York ant things I've written about them in the this. Without peostory intrigued me past six months. Can you believe that? Here's how it broke down: I tried to reach up digging Woody driver education director John Osborne sever-Allen and Allen al times regarding the new fee for the district's Ginsberg - I was- driver education program. He must have felt hood fantasies and n't interested. I that the topic was unworthy of public dis-

thought the whole course, because I heard nothing from him. idea was a bit self- Also, Novi soccer coach Brian O'Leary absorbed, unrealistic and childish. I mean, thought it unnecessary to return either the the guy wanted to be the next Robert DeNiro. e-mail or phone messages regarding a happy I wanted to experience working at a news- story about some soccer jerseys donated to a paper. I was a few years too old for running school in Africa. Then, I called Novi High School teacher and Robotics Team faculty However, no matter how uninterested I am advisor Duke Kelly about his team's compein starring in Taxi Driver 2 - unlike Mike - tition that qualified them for the world some days I see my friend as inspiring, even championships in April. And, of course, I got

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call me and say: can respect that. I

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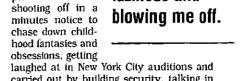
carried out by building security, talking in fake eastern U.S. accents for the fun of it and scraping to get by in life, I might actually be duped into thinking this nonsense mattered.

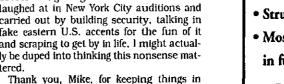
perspective and being my friend.

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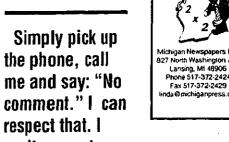
Simply pick up the phone, call

comment." I can respect that. I ple like Mike laziness and





the living incarnation of Superman himself. Now. I'm writing this column to let these ext. 108 or at aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.





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between the three governments to make a percentile of what people drive. Bolger explained that most of us drive at change in speed limits. The compromise was "safe and reasonable" speeds. About 15 perthat two of the three must be in agreement.

Bolger was explaining to me why his have a tendency to think their own roads out, if that was ... if consistency department opposed, and convinced Gov. should have the lowest possible speed limits. really going to be John Engler to veto last month, a bill that Squabbles over speed limits come up all the the determining would have given township governments time in individual communities. As a factor, there are increased say in reporter, I've covered more than a few. There portions of 1-96 the setting of are sometimes good reasons for lowering a and 1-94 that speed limits on limit. Other times, they seem intended just should have 80 roads that run to deter traffic. Residents tend to like a lot of mile per hour through their bor- stop signs in their own neighborhoods too. speed limits. You can argue over what the appropriate It was good news State police, and speed limit is. There is room for debate on that to hear that the governor, con- on most roads, but I have to say, in agreement Jamnick and the cluded the bill with Bolger, I have not heard a single resident Michigan would "politicize" contend that the speed limit should be higher Townships Association do not

Well, as Jamnick

At the same time, if the governor and the intend to let this state police are going to contend that the set- issue rest, fully that approval of ting of speed limits in Michigan is consis- intending to bring the House Bill tent, I just can't agree. I can name a few the issue back 4022, sponsored long, straight flat roads with no buildings next year. by Rep. Ruth Ann nearby that are marked at 35 miles per hour. Because If con-Jamnick (D- And there are other narrower roads, windier, sistency in the set-Ypsilanti), would with limited sight distances for which the ting of speed limits is the goal not In fact, state law allows city and villages to only should townunilaterally change their speed limits. The ships get more

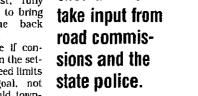
that passed 101-4 in the House and 33-1 in decision in those cases, both Jamnick and say, cities and villages should have

to take input from road commissions and the state police. Otherwise, it is just political. In this case, the state police were just protecting their turf.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (517) 548-7125 or by email at mmalott@homeromm.net

in the setting of speed limits is the goal, not only should townships get more say, cities and villages should have to take input from road commis-

state police.





Speed limit determination needs reworking "People want the speed limit in front of State Police and the governor rejected it cent of us get a little lead-footed from time to their house set to 25. Everywhere else, they because they wanted the bill require a unan- time. So he contends it is appropriate to let imous decision. I can only interpret this to the drivers themselves determine those

\$8.000.

created after the April 20, 1999, Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colo. to educate children about not succumbing to peer pressure, teasing and bullying by other students, Feldman said.

When she learned of Novi Middle's experiential program,

she knew it was a perfect match. "My dad is a real mush-pot

when it comes to kids, and we want to make sure there is no an increase in personal power violence -- especially since Sept. and self esteem to turn peer 11. We were all kids at one time. and kids can be mean." Milan Obrenovich 43: Novi Middle School principal, is more and the community

than appreciative. He is particu-April 15 and 16 event, there will of feedback from others in the 16A Novi News/Lake Area Times - Thursday, April 4, 2002

Wixom area company signs up for China trade mission

Showtech Presentation Systems has signed up or a May trade mission to China, Participants will be traveling to Beijing, Shanghal and Suzhou May-

Small Business Export Initiative, a partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce Showtech is an audio/visual sysmission. tems integrator providing audio, video and IT based presentation and China trade mission are Butzel partner of Automation Alley in the cialists. These visits are designed to area companies develop growth communications systems to compa- Long. Comerica Bank and Moore China trade mission. Gary D. Russi, introduce participating businesses opportunities through global partnies worldwide. Companies rely on Stephens Doeren Mayhew. Butzel president of Oakland University, to pre-qualified foreign companies to nering. The program includes four Showtech for expert installation and Long is one of the state's leading law says one of the trip's main objectives support of video walls, L-E-D display firms, with seven offices in Michigan is to encourage partnerships in edu- joint venture opportunities. systems and sound reinforcement and Florida. Comerica Bank is cation with China, Currently,

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rental and staging company that and 22 other states. Moore Stephens New Zealand,

5-17 as part of Automation Alley's provides presentation equipment. Doeren Mayhew is a Troy-based and technicians for meetings and accounting firm that is an independ-Redner will participate in the trade of Moore Stephens North America,

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systems, just to name a few, among the 20 largest banking com- Oakland University has educational Showtech is also an audio/visual panies in the U.S., serving Michigan partners in Austria, Jamaica and

Business Export Initiative is utilizing events. President and CEO Kirk ently owned and operated member a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to initiate a series of trade missions for area gram in partnership with the U.S. firms, led by international trade spehelp establish strategic alliances or trade missions to foreign markets

Germany resulted in approximately value.

Automation Alley's Small \$2 million in business for 11 local companies. The Automation Alley Small Business Export Initiative is a pro-Department of Commerce to help through 2003 and is focused on Trips to Germany and Mexico are small and medium sized firms which planned in 2003. A September 2001 produce or distribute items with at trade mission to Dusseldorf least 51 percent U.S. content or



Making pizza the old-fashioned way

By Annette Jaworski CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you're tired of the 'usual chain food, Dan Sheehan welcomes you to pull up a chair and enjoy some of the best pizza in the Northville area at Mother's Pizzeria. Get your taste buds ready,

because Dan Sheehan has spent a lifetime making pizza, starting when he was 8-years-old with his father in downtown Northville. "My dad made sure we

working his way up from dishwashing to managing and finally owning his own restaurant.

restaurant. "Our pizza is made the old

ouch. It definitely has flavor,"

MOTHER'S PIZZERIA

Mother's Pizzeria is located at 44675 Five Mile Road, west of Sheldon and east of Beck, call (734) 207-8925 or fax (734) 207-8927. They're open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Buffet served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

learned," said Sheehan after said Dan Sheehan.

The deep dish is a true deep dish, not just a round baked in a square pan. It's so thick, he tells place to stop after practice or the And through nearly 30 years in customers that it will take from game. the business, he considers him- 20-30 minutes to bake. Some of self a pizza connoisseur; it's a their classic signature pizzas fashioned kind of pizza parlor." favorite food of his to this day. include the special, with cheese, And it's the pride and joy of his pepperoni, ham, mushroom, green pepper and onions, and the works with eight delicious items. ashioned way. Like the sauce, Several others offer great flavor t's from my dad's and my broth- and a vegetarian approach. The er's sauce and I added my own popular Margarita has cheese, fresh tomato, baked garlic, olive

They're not out to compete with chains. Their main goal is to serve exceptional food with consistency in product.

"We give you the quality you're looking for," he said, And if you're not in the mood for pizza, there's pasta, salads, Calzones, sub sandwiches, Panini's, wrapped sandwiches, chicken fingers or Buffalo wings. Along with serving quality pizza. Sheehan realized there was a need in the area for a sit down and eat nizza parlor where families could relax. With the nearby sports complex and Northville High School it makes a perfect

"We decided to make an old said Sheehan This way mom and dad can find

something they enjoy eating as well as the kids. Teams can enjoy the atmosphere, since there's room for about 75 people. And when it comes to the restaurant, Mother's Pizzeria is a amily tradition with input from nany members of the Sheehan family, from the training he received from his dad to recipes from brother, Tom, who still stops by once a week. There's business advice and direction from brother, Tim. Brother Terry traveled from Florida to help get the business off the ground.

man. He's the one that helped me put it together," said Sheehan. And there's his wife. Tina, who the restaurant is named after. There's even a sandwich named after her, the Mama Christina wrap, with chicken, onion, green pepper cheese and pizza sauce. They'll soon be introducing a new menu including their new barbecue rib dinners by the full or half slab. They'll olfer daily specials, like Monday is buy one. get one free pizza for personal or nedium size pizza.

Calzone and get three items free and Wednesday is \$5 pizza day for a medium pepperoni only. Thursday get your taste buds ready for Buffalo wings, served order, with any medium or large

dining in on pizzas, soup and salad at lunch and dinner. Saturday is party day, dine in or take out with \$1 off buffet, pizzas and subs. Sundays enjoy the ribs with \$2 off a half slab and \$3 off a full slab. Beer and wine will Mother's is happy to lend a helping hand with your next event by catering, with rolled

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Dan Sheehan shows off the fare at his Mother's Pizza location on Five Mile Road including pizza, submarine sandwiches, and antipasto salad.

Consider all other options before receiving a debt consolidating loan

By Lori Z. Bahnmueller

Five Mile Road.

Debt consolidation can be a powerful tool toward personal fiscal recovery-assuming the loan interest rate and terms hasten the path to finan-

Dan Sheehan tosses a pizza pie in the air at Mother's Pizza on

wallet.

cial health. Unfortunately, what many don't realize are the true costs that go into that "one low monthly payment." Along with higher interest rates, many debt consolidators roll monthly fees into the cost of the loan-usually about 10 percent. Several such finance companies have also earned a

reputation with creditors as "the lender of the last resort," and as such. title insurance. can leave an unsightly blemish on a consumer credit report.

The authors of MSN Money offer the following smart money alternatives to debt consolidation loans: Take out a home equity loan. If this as one-time only option. Refinance your car. Most people you own a home, a home equity loan

low interest rate and the interest you loan and you can borrow against the do pay is tax-deductible. Most fixed- equity. rate loans carry a 15-year term and tion fee of \$75 to several hundred dol-

• Do a "cash-out" refinancing. Another option for those with home do this for yourself easily. Just call You can even consult with them

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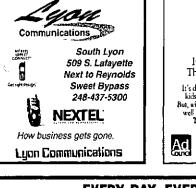
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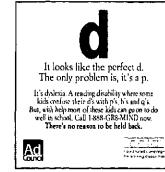


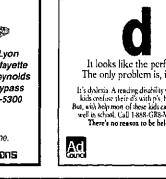
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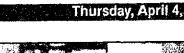
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Ban: Civil rights group lifts Novi advisory

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"We've made an agreement for them to work with us," Sheffield said.

Shelfield said the agreement includes sitting down on a regular basis with Klaver to address all issues that may come up.

"We've made them a commitment to make them aware of any Job opportunities," Klaver said.

Sheffield also stated he is pleased Novi officials agreed to facilitate further talks with Twelve Oaks Mall and the Novi Expo Center.

Along with his original complaints that the Novi Police Department racially profiled black motorists and the city did not hire black employees, Sheffleld maintained black shoppers were unfairly monitored at Novi malls and accused the Novi Expo Center for unfair hiring practices.

Both the president of the Novi Expo Center and the general manager of Twelve Oaks Mall have denied any wrongdoing.

The first accusation removed by the network was against the Novi Police Department after Novi

Police Chief Douglas Schaeffer turned results from a 60-day traffic analysis over to the network only days after the advisory was announced.

The analysis showed only 5 percent of tickets issued this year have been to African Americans. City officials were exonerated a week later.

Overall, Klaver said the city is very satisfied with the relationship which has now developed between officials and network members.

"We are very proud they are going to use our response time as a model," Klaver said.

Klaver explained Sheffield told city officials he plans to hold future cities accused of racial injustices to the response time standards set by Novi.

The initial advisory was issued two weeks ago and also listed Flint and Warren as ellies to avold.

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What is NAN?

The National Action Network (NAN), founded in 1991 by Rev. Al Sharpton, is a civil rights organization whose mission is to be the voice of empowerment for the disenfranchised throughout America. NAN offers a committed national advocacy network of activists, volunteers and religious leaders guided by the non-violent civil protestdoctrines of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that speak against racism, bigotry and bias, NAN encompasses the vision of Rev. Sharpton by networking in action with Individuals, groups and organizations throughout the nation.

Source: The National Action Network

Fee: Driver's ed will now cost

"It's great that we

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what a few area companies charge:

ABC Driving School, Farmington,

\$289; A & A Driving School,

Plymouth, \$289; Sears Authorized

"It's great that we can provide the

service and still be fiscally responsi-

ble," said Ann Newton, Novi Board

of Education trustee. "We have the

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Driving School, Novi, \$299.

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Ann Newton

Novi Board of Education Trustee

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James Koster, Novi Schools assistant superintendent, offered a solution to the problem.

To have a neutral effect on the budget, we can charge a fee," Koster told the Novi Board of Education at their regular meeting March 21. "Driver education could continue on, and a fee would recoup the losses. The board of education immedi-

ately rallied around the idea, discussing appropriate fees for the program.

"I am very glad that we are discussing to continue the driver education program in Novi," said Novi Board of Education Treasurer Julie Abrams. The board wasted no time and

snapped into official action that same evening, unanimously approving (secretary John Streit was absent) to charge \$279 per student for the 2002 summer driver education program.

The school board believes the \$279 price will meet all program costs and still be competitive with other private companies in Oakland County. By comparison, here's

Challenge: Car dealer donates

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have seen.

Some reports from leachers include stories about not only a reduction in teasing, but also students who have taken the initiative to stop other kids from teasing someone.

There will be about 400 kids attending the April dates. Parents, clergy and other adults will also be involved.

Nationwide, the Challange Day program has touched more than three-quarters of a million teens and adults since 1987.

The program has recieved numerous awards from the juvenile justice system, government officials and many school districts and cities.

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"It really puts the students through a lot. It is a transformation day. I think when our kids come back, other kids have seen a change in them. It is a wake-up call."

> Milan Obrenovich Novi Middle School Principal

Lawsuit: Two property owners file million dollar suit against City of Novi

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members of the zoning board had no authority to consider the matter.

"While the members of the ZBA are appointed by council, under state law their decisions can only be reviewed in Circuit Court," Harrington said. "The directive of city council to the ZBA to rescind Its own decision was beyond the power and authority of city coun-

"We have not met with the ZBA," said Louis Csordas, member of the Novi City Council.

Csordas said he really can speak only for himself, but he does not believe any member of the city council instructed the zoning board of appeals to do anything in that matter.

The council member also said he believed the Wizinsky's has asked for a 6-foot wall on top of the 6-foot berm which took the blockade to a prohibited height. Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark

said he respects the right of the Wizinsky's to file a lawsuit and believes "this is a difficult one because they (Circuit Court judges) will have to review their own judgment."

The already-agreed-upon consent judgment that this all stems from involved the City of Novi and developers who charged the city with violating the law by refusing to rezone the future Target site property from light industrial to retail uses. The consent judgment was the result of the out-of-court settlement and was entered before commission the planning approved the site plan.

We were totally ignored throughout the other lawsuit," the couple said. "The city settled this case without ever picking up the telephone and calling us, much less asking how we felt about semi-trailer trucks 50 feet from our property line."

Harrington said the Wizinskys are extremely concerned the actual top of the berm at the trucking entrance off Wixom Road will be

exactly level with the first floor of their home.

The Wizinsky's feel they need the berm built from the first level of their home to shield them from noise, dust and other inconveniences.

The Novi family moved into their home on the 11-acre Wixom Road in 1986.

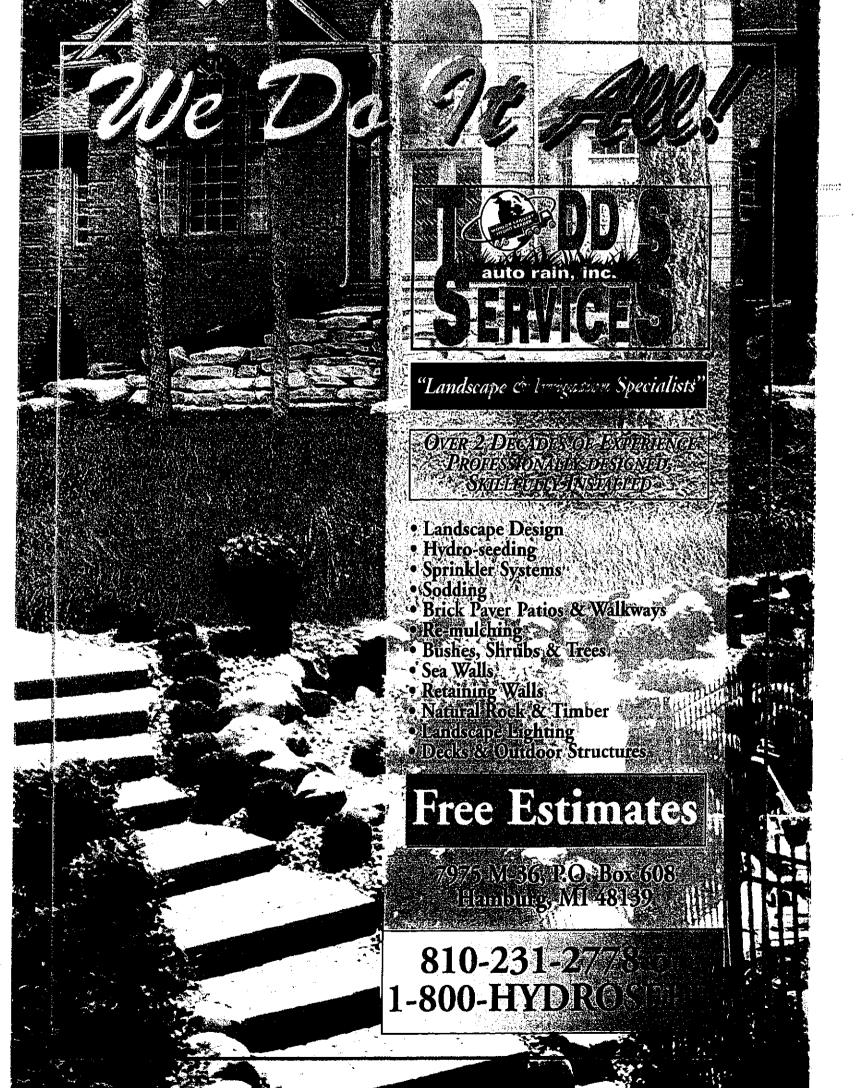
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Walk: Friends join forces in fight against breast cancer

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Collins said. In order to participate, both women need to reach \$1,900 in sponsorships, even though the average raised by each participant is usually around \$3,000.

Both walkers have received some sponsorships, but still need more to reach the participant level.



Bovie thanks her contributors, including Craigie Paint Smart Studio, Carbide's Motoworld, The Bagel Station, Papa Romanos of Wixom, Beresh Jewelers and Made in the U.S.A. residential cleaning service.

Collins has secured sponsorships from Novi attorney David Kramer, realtor Jamey Kramer, Dr. Diedre Wickham and Dr. James Ross.

Ross said he has known Collins for many years through friends, family and the dental community. "She always seems to have some-

thing going," he said. The Novi dentist said he is very impressed with her endeavor and whether it be little league or some type of other event, he always like to do nice things and for the community.

The Avon Breast Cancer Three-Day Walk fundraiser was launched in 1998. All of the net proceeds from the event support breast cancer organizations nationwide.

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Wildcat boys track looking very strong



Before they began their one-week spring break, members of Novi High's boys track team hits oval for some laps last Thursday afternoon. Many local teams had their first competitions cancelled last week due to cold weather.

Distance runners may lead way to victories

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Even with the loss of their top four point scorers last season, the Novi Wildcats boy's track and field team will be looking strong in the Kensington Valley Conference and beyond.

Following the lead of stellar athletes like Tim Moore, Scott Kortlandt, Matt Emmenecker, Jamle Schram and Dan St. Clair, the Wildcats will be looking to score just as many points as they did last season - just in a wider variety of events.

"Last year we were a little spotty scoring points in skilled events," Novi Coach Robert Smith said. "This year I think events like discuss, high jump, long jump and hurdles are going to score points for us on a regular basis.

The Wildcats will look to athletes like St. Clair, who broke the school discuss record last season and is already throwing into the 140-feet mark in preseason while senior Schram, coming off a great basketball season, has shown marked improvement over last season already. Schram, along with Mike Hendricks, is part of a one-two punch in the shot put as well.

"That is sort of our plan of attack." Smith said. "We want to get a couple events where we are scoring second and third as well as first. That is really critical in high school track.

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Robert Smith Boy's Track Coach

Enimenecker will be leading the way for the Wildcats as a 6-foot-3 high jumper along with Adam Noble and Eric Van Tassel. St. Clair and Eric Schleuder will be leading the pack in the long jump - both are 20-foot jumpers.

"Twenty feet is really a benchmark of quality," Smith said. "If you get into the 20s, you starting getting the

points racking up." Kortlandt will be strutting his stuff in the hurdles as one of the top

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Girls soccer returns everyone from last year's team

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls soccer team will be config back this sea-son sporting every single player from last year — that's right, every single one

The 'Cats, led by soccer helmsman Brian O'Leary, started two juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen last season.

"Needless to say, our expectations e higher tha

The Wildcats fell to Northville 5-1, Canton 6-0, and Brighton 7-1 and 5-1. This year, the Wildcats hope to that situation

the others.

"In other words, we didn't even compete with the top-ranking teams In the state," O'Leary said. "That is our main goal this year, to compete with Brighton for first place in the KVC and to compete with the teams on our non-league schedule (Canton, Northville, Churchill and Ann Arbor Huron) av not be able to beat these teams yet, but when these games are over we want

them all they could handle." Returning to the Wildcat lineup

will be Maureen Pawlak, who scored 33 goals and collected 16 assists as a freshman, and Nikki Hermann, who notched 27 goals and 19 assists as a freshman. Seniors Tina Fennelly and Karrie Smith are the team captains and, according to O'Leary, provide great leadership in the midfield. Junior Kerri Timar, who was injured most of last season with a bad back, is healthy

said. "They are Nina Schmitt, Katle Ales and Lisa Checcobelli. Junior Kellie Pheiffer returns as the starting goalie and has shown lots of improvement since the beginning of last season.

O'Leary noted that the Wildcats also picked up four freshmen who will be capable of contributing to the team this season - forward Kristi Timar, midfielders Chelsea and Sarah Schmitt and Ativeh defender Kelly Hebert. Rounding out the remainder of the team is junior midfielders Kelly McMann

By Sara-Beth O'Connor

Senior Fred Napier moved to

Michigan three years ago during

his sophomore year. In his short

time at Novi High School he has

managed to obtain varsity status

in three sports (football, hockey

and lacrosse), gotten a job and has

made an impression on his peers.

lacrosse team. Napier will be play-

ing midfield. He won't get many

stats, but being a midfielder is

very important for the team. He'll

be on the field for two minutes,

running back and forth offensively

and defensively, take a break, and

successful this year due to many

returning seniors. Being fairly new

to the sport of lacrosse, Napelr

mainly joined the team to keep in

shape for hockey and to be with

friends. These friends are the

ones he played football with.

Napier said the team will be

going back on the field again.

As one of the 14 seniors on the

SPECIAL WRITER

started every game last year on and Lindsey Crofoot, senior mid-defense as sophomores," O'Leary fielder Meg Grgurich and sophomore midfielder Jaimie Harden. Senior defender Christie Jewell will be a valuable asset to the feam this season as will sophomore goalie Amanda Church.

"Overall we are a lot deeper than we were last year," O'Leary said. "This can be good and this can be bad. It allows us to play more aggressive all over the field and not worry about wearing down, but who playe all the time last year may now have to share some minutes. O'Leary noted that the girls who

Napier is good fit at Novi

This past fall Napier was a running back for the Wildcats football

team. An injury to his knee kept

him from having the season he

"I blew out my knee and never

With the support of his father,

Russell Napler, he was able to run

again after four weeks of physical

"He told me never to give up or

This standard will follow Napier

between Central.

to college, where he plans on play-

ing football. Right now Napier is

Western, University of Georgia or

Georgia Tech. He will be majoring

"My great uncle was in it [engl-

Before graduation Napier will

neeringl," said Napier, "He worked

continue to work at the Novi lce

Arena and pro shop and hang out

lower my standards," said Napier

thought I could run again," said

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have the most experience, especially in the big games, will be very valuable once they realize the importance of being very, very aggressive and substituting. "I feel these girls are the key," he

said. "If they realize that we are a better team by playing more aggressive and subbing more, I believe we can improve on last year's 12-5-1 record.

Sam Eggleston is the sports • the Northutlle Re witer for

beginning of last year." O'Leary said. "Last year we basically beat everyone we should have beat, and lost to the other team to feel that we gave

she can will give a boost to the Wildcat defensive midfield. "I also have three juniors that

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Boys track loaded with athletes

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Out of all of the Novi teams that will be taking to the field of play this spring, I am pretty sure that the boys track and field team will be bringing with it the most athletes.

Not that they have the most superior numbers, which they probably do, but it seems to me that they have the most athletes. Novi track and field coach Robert Smith and I had a nice chat about what the Wildcats had to offer, and the pure number of athletes was staggering.

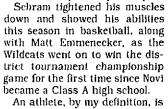
Yeah, the track team lost four Ail-Americans - yes, four of them - but I don't think that is going to have as devastating results as it would seem. With the loss of such athletes, many teams would just fold down and whimper about a rebuilding year. Not Smith and his Wildcats. Instead, he turned to athletes like Tim Moore, Scott Kortlandt, Schram, Matt Jamie Emmenecker and many others to

set the example this season and continue the tradition of topnotch Novi sports. These guys are tremendously

good at sports, which is saying a lot considering the sheer number of students who play sports at Novi High School

Kortlandt played football and wrestled this season, and was very, very good at both before signing on with the baseball and track teams for this spring.

Moore, if you didn't already know, dominated the cross country circuit in the United States this season, staying undefeated until his run with the best of the best in Ireland for the World Cross Country Championships.



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Novi gymnasts headed for Junior Olympics

By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

Within the Sports Club of Novi. a group of five girls has made big news by accomplishing a very impressive feat.

Kristian Brooks, Katie Green, Rachelle Hadley, Renee Hadley and Katheryn Schalek all qualified for the Junior Olympics in rhythmic gymnastics next month in Houston, Texas. The gymnasts had to make their way through a series of invitational and state competitions while receiving a qualifying score to move on.

Finally, each girl had to place within the top six in their region.

"They are a very, very talented gymnast must fulfill requiregroup of girls," said coach Jennifer Buckley. The Sports Club of Novi will

bring five girls to the Junior Olympics to form a team with seven other gymnasts from Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Rhythmic gymnastics differs summer for the competition seafrom traditional gymnastics greatly.

"It's dance based," Buckley said. The competitors must complete a routine in hoop, ribbon, clubs and on the floor with no props. The scores from all the events are added up to determine their place. In every routine, the

ments. The athlete must manage to cover all of the floor, complete leaps and turns, demonstrate flexibility and, according to Buckley, do this all while they're looking like they are having a good time.

The girls started training last son which began in January. The team practices for three hours 'Tuesday and Thursday and four hours Saturday and Sunday. All of the girls must make sacrifices of their time and energy to come to practice. Brooks travels over an hour to come to Novi for each practice.

"I like performing," said Brooks, 12, about her favorite part of gymnastics.

All of her Novi teammates echoed her remarks.

Hadley said, "I love it, it's my

Her sister, Rachelle Hadley, 11, recognized what it took for all the girls to make it so far. "It took a lot of hard work and

staying really focused on doing your best," she said. Most of the girls started gym-

nastics when they were very



with friends. His favorite high school memory is a Valentine's Day party he went to his sophomore year. That was the most he would elaborate on the subject, saying he had a good time.

Another memory Napier will have of Novi High School is the Prom Fashion show. Napier was the first out on the runway to model his white tux and the crowd loved it.

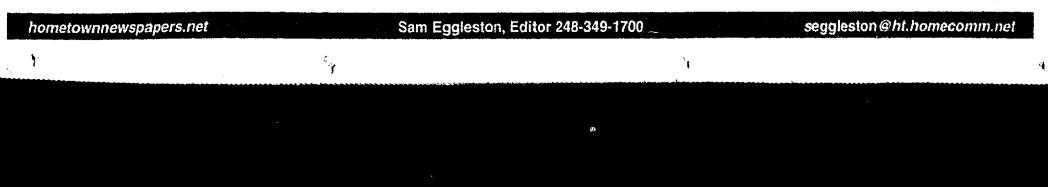
Napier has learned many lessons from moving to different cities and meeting many people.

"I've become more outgoing and I have a more open mind," said Napier. "I realized what's important in life is what you think about yourself, not what others think of vou.

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Fourteen-year-old Renee

Continued on 4 This area looks to be well represented at the Junior Olympics.



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Next Level Athletes

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

glate careers, it is here that we are 14 faceoffs. able to salute them for their determination, their dedication and their abilities in the sports they

Sarah Pipas, sophomore, Alma College — Sarah Pipas, a Novi High School graduate, notched a 6-6-3 win over Spring Arbor College's Angela Kishpaugh March 28 in a meet that the Almawomen's tennis team won 8-1. Pipas was also a member of the foubles team, along with Emily -Brookhouse, that defeated **Wishpaugh and Julie Maier 8-2.**

Pat Muston, sophomore, UMBC Northeille, MI, 48167. Pat Muston, a graduate of Novi

High School, scored three goals and notched an assist to lead EMBC 12-3, 1-2 ECAC) to a 9-8 vic-The Next Level Athletes portion - tory over Penn State in men's of the sports section is dedicated to hacrosse March 23. Muston scored the men and women who have his first three goals of the year in taken the next step in their colle- the contest and also captured 9 of high hurdlers in the KVC. Two years

Next Level Athletes includes former athletes from the readership area of the Northwille Record, Novi The Next Level Athletes are individnext level -- including college, semi- that last little step this year professional, minor league and pro-

mail to seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or the Wildcats in the cross country mail information to The Northville season will also be leading the nack

Boy's track and field looking to score in skilled events, distance

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straight, Kortlandt has been just one place away from making the trip to the state finals.

"I think this year he is going to make his dream." Smith said of the News and the Lakes Area Times. athletic senior. "He is really a technician. He finished third in the regionuals who have taken the next step al the last two years and he can sure beyond high school athletics to the taste it. I think he is going to make

Schleuder will be leading the way fessional athletics. Anyone who in sprints this season - at least if he would like to submit information can stay ahead of teammates Chase about an athlete can do so via an e- Chandler and Emmenecker. The same crew of runners that led Smith said, referencing the great

> by the best cross country runner in the state - Moore, of course. "The cross country guys are often the backbone of the track team,"

"If thev make it. it is a dream they will have reached and it will stay with them long after high school is over."

Robert Smith Track Coach

running of distance guys like Mark Avenius, Chris Toloff, Eric Walle and Record, 104 W. Main Street, for the track team this year in the Dan Stevens last year - all who distance events. They will be headed were named All-Americans by the in KVC track." Associated Press. "This year I don't think it is going to be any different. Though last year it was distance ones. guys who scored the majority of the

points, this year we didn't graduate but we would also like a shot at the The Wildcats will have plenty of talent to carry them through the season this year, from shot put to ble."

pole vault they seem to be a complete team for 2002. "There is the potential on this team to qualify athletes in many different disciplines, but there are no guarantees," Smith said, "No guaritees except for maybe Tim (Moore).

Smith said he is expecting to have a tough schedule in the KVC, but the teams that really seem to stick out are Milford and Howell. "Although you can't discount

Lakeland or Brighton either," Smith them long after high school is over." said. "There is no clear-cut favorite The goals for the team, though difficult to achieve, are fairly simple

"We would like to win the league

many skilled event guys and I think . regional championship as well." the entire track team has improved." Smith said. "And then there is our perennial goal of sending as many athletes to the state finals as possi-

> Smith said he could understand that many athletes hope to make it to the states, but only a few can. "It is every athletes dream to play in the state finals." he said. "In many sports you have to make it as a team and that dream just doesn't materialize. The beauty of track is that if you work hard and stay with the program, there are opportunities for individuals to make the finals meet. If they make it, it is a dream they will have reached and it will stay with

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Boys track: loaded with strong athletes

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multiple athletics. Yes, some may mark on the season and, hopeargue that an athlete is a person who plays a sport, but that just doesn't fly with me. Taking a step - be seeing quite a few members of back and looking to the athletes - this team taking the trip to face who will be leading the Novi the best track and field high Wildcats track and field team schoolers in the Lower this season, I wonder what kind - Peninsula. of team it is going to take to beat them. I guess I could answer that question fairly simply. The team writer for the Northville Record that is going to beat the Wildcats and the Novi News. He can be this season is going to be a very.

very good one. Even if the 'Cats do lose a cou- seggleston#ht.homecomm.net.

ple along the way, I have a feeling it isn't going to hinder the numa person who participates in ber of athletes who make their fully, the state finals. I have confidence that we will

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the program; and John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. Harsha-Strong will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Farm Bureau insurance to be used at the institution of higher learning he attends this fall. Farm Bureau Insurance awarded 24 scholarships, one in each sport where post-season competition is sponsored by the MHSAA.

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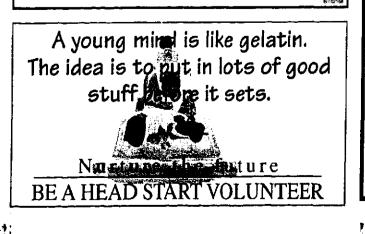
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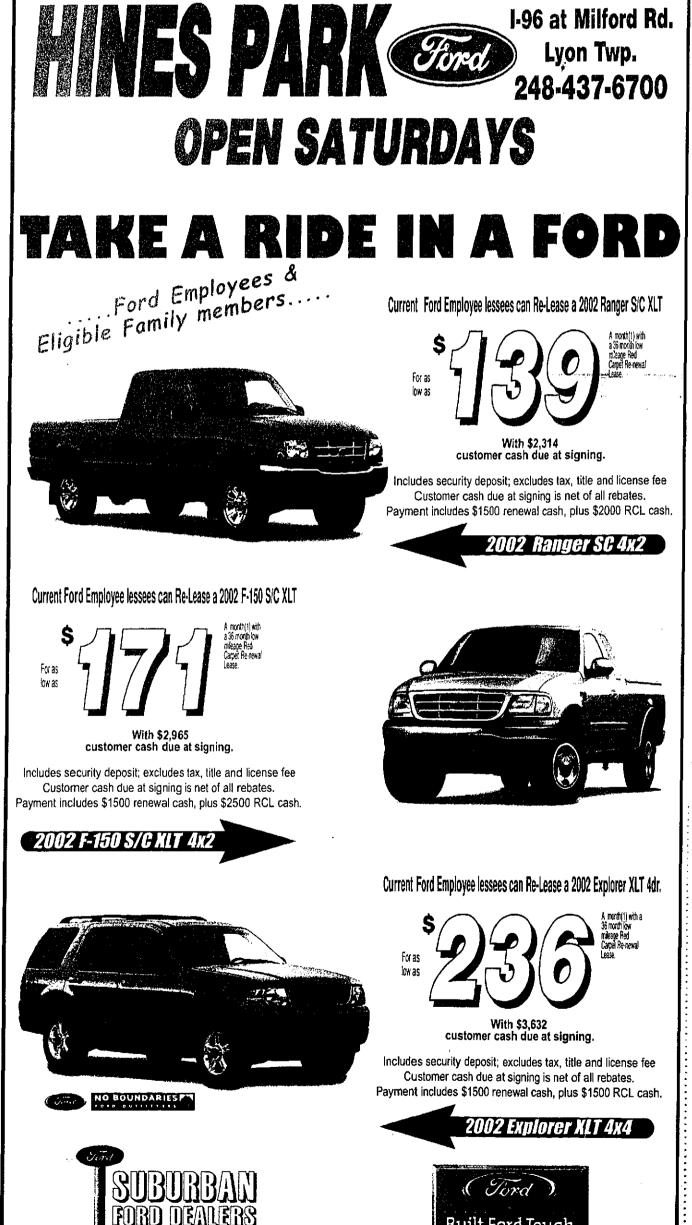
18075-5708. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection luring regular business hours at the offices of the Authority. This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority ursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session)

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Jamie Schram, Zeitlin named to All-Area Cassise, Emmenecker find home on second-team HomeTown squad

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell

SPORTS WRITERS.

When speaking of the "major sports, the KVC is generally considered a football conference. But upon further review. the case ference standings. Which leads us slowing him down. more impressive when combined sons. Knapp was able to do what

FIRST TEAM Jamie Schran

Senior, Novi When it came to the Novi Wildcats winning their first Class

All-Area basketball team.

A district title in the school's history and their first district title verall since 1978, Jamie Schram played a very, very important role His size, determination and skill made him a player that everyone. was aware of and respected.

tracks when they tried to score inside

Thomas Knapp Senior, Northville

This 7-foot player for the Western and Novi - won Class A district he was also the center of attention. titles in March. That speaks to the – Not a game went by that Knapp diddepth of the league, as it was n't find himself double-teamed his opponents as the best shooter Brighton and South Lyon-which down low with a slew of defenders in the WLAA was. finished one-two in the final con- nipping at his knees in hops of to the depth of local talent, all the ... Much improved from past sea-

with players from the Western first-year head coach Darrel akes, which make up the 2002 Schunacher asked him to do while going above and beyond to - Friel the Lions' "pillar of strength" game. Knapp, who staved (nitry he's coached. He averaged a douhoping his size and dedication are rebounds per game. Friel was level — in the U.S. Naval Academy.

David Zeitlin Senior, WLW

When one thinks of a point don't think of a player who pulls per game. A determined shooter with a lot up at the three-point line to bury sion and was one of the main rea- the court. Zeitlin was exactly that ebounds as they did. A fearsome him the respect and the admira- Clayton said.

defender. Schram was capable of tion of his opponents, but also a stopping most big men in their full ride to Lake Superior State University to play the game he loves. Zeitlin was quick to buy into which needed a point-guard who

wasn't looking to score as much hall made Zeitlin as dangerous to and 3.7 assists per game.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Matt Friel

Senior, South Lyon Coach Daren Clayton called

7 percent of his two-point shots. He could also hurt teams with his three-point shooting from the corners. And it wasn't just on the offensive end that Friel excelled guard as they were back in the as he also led the team with avergolden days of basketball, they ages of 1.3 blocks and 1.6 steals

Friel finished second 10 f heart, Schram led the Wildcats the jumper. Instead, they think of Brighton's Chris Grimm in the Pontiac Northern, the furthest the for the Novi Wildcats on their way in scoring on more than one occa- the team's leader — the coach on - KVC player of the year voting. "Matt was one of the best playsons they pulled down as many this season and it not only carned ers in the greater Detroit area,"

Jamie Gasparella Senior, South Lyon

Gasparella is just plain fast. As a result, why his hoop game may not be the prettiest, at times it Coach Rex Stanczak's program was nevertheless nearly unstoppable as he was able to get past most any defender. Gasparella - honorable mention All-KVC seleccould be made that there's a little Lakes Activities Association as the shooters on the team, but a first-team All-KVC selection basketball playing going on, as Northville Mustangs was more than rather gain the assists needed to was South Lyon's number two well. Two KVC teams -- Lakeland the center for his basketball team, let them score. His court aware- scorer, rebounder and passer ness and his ability to pass the averaging 11.8 points, 6.3 boards

SECOND TEAM

Chad Libby Senior, Milford

David Gross

mention All-KVC pick.

Senior, Lakeland Gross was the catalyst of the Eagles' post-season run, as they won their first district title since 1987 and reached a regional final - and make plays for himself and for against eventual state champ his learning proved to be key school has ever gone in the state to winning the District tournament. Lakeland's modus Championships. Emmenecker, operandi was to slow the game who led the team in scoring most down. That puts the point guard of the season, is a true competitor

is every smart decision. Gross responded to the pressure and came up golden, averaging a team-high 16 points per game during the tournament. He was an

Brandon Cassise Sophomore, WLC

There was little that team's could do to shut down sophomore Brandon Cassise this season, A shooting ability proved too much quick player with the ability to score in nearly every scenario, Cassise made a lot of noise and drew plenty of attention to himself prise of Konst was quickly recov-With its season on the brink on this season as he went through a couple of occasions, the the Walled Lake Central Viking's they were going to be able to come Redskins turned it around and schedule and only failed to score out and shut him down by meetscore in double digits nearly every inside and the best post player finished with a respectable 11-9 in double digits once - and that ing him at the three-point line record. On a team not known for was when he was sick and injured free throughout this season, is ble-double -21.3 points and 11.4 big scoring outbursts Libby was and still being double teamed. A Millord's top outside threat. He sign of the future, Cassise will no shots from three feet past the arc wanted and needed at the next extraordinarily efficient when he the Redskins by scoring 11 points doubt continue being a very and did so consistently and withgot the ball on the blocks, making per game. Libby was an honorable aggressive and very talented player for the next two seasons.

Matt Emmenecker Junior, Novi

At times it was hard to believ Matt Enunenecker was only a junior. His ability to shoot the ball

in a tenuous position because who was always looking to find every mistake is amplified. But so ways to make himself and his team better

Adam Konst Junior, Northville

This guy was quite a surprise Adam Konst came out for the Northville Mustangs opening game against a very experienced and very feared South Lyon Lions squad and slew them like they were a crew of inexperienced freshman. Konst's long range for many teams to contend with as he helped the Mustangs to morethan a couple of wins. The surered from and many learns hoped it really didn't matter.

Konst was able to knock down out much trouble as he helped bring down some of the best teams in the WLAA as well as set a visiting player record in the John Glenn gym with 35 points.

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NOVI JV LACROSSE

Overall Record: 1-1

The Novi Junior Varsity boys'

last week by splitting two games

Jeff Policicchio scored the game-

against non-league opponents.

Catholic Central last Tuesday. Policiechio scored three goals in the game. Five days earlier. Novi JV acrosse team opened its season opened the season with a 9-4 loss to Birmingham Brother Rice. Against DCC, Bobby Clemens, Kirill Shalagin and Sean Costello

Wildcats a 6-5 win over Detroit

Keven Gee added two assists. Josh Buck, Jason Erickson and Joey Dominick each added one assist. Against Rice, Kevin Barry led the Wildcats with one goal and one assist. Andrew Summerville, Dominick and Buck also scored goals. Gee added one assist.





Second-place isn't bad....wait until next season

Congratulations to the Novi-Northville gymnastics team, which took second place in this years Michigan High School Athletic Associations Lower Peninsula Division I state championship meet, held at Rockford High School.

Front Row (L to R): Erin Yankovich, Caitlin Miller, Coach Lindsay Schultz, Marcie Fink, Amanda Crawford, Nika Frimenko, Jessica Glancy, Whitney Paul, Tricia Brownfield. Second Row: Janna Ramsey, Cortney Paul, Amy Wild, Sara Wilchowski, Andrea Ledbetter (captain), Lindsey Carlson (captain), Jenn Sturgis, Jenn Mehl, Laura Motz,. Standing at left rear: Coach Jeff Pergament.



By Sam Eggleston

This season may prove to be a tough, yet fulfilling season for the Northville Mustangs baseball team. The Mustangs, led by coach Mickey Newman, will have to make - the 2002 team. up for the loss of six starting senof which were the squad's toppitchers. Even with such a loss Newman is confident his team will come out strong and looking to Matt Sebastian returns to his postwin.

"Comme into this season we knew we had to get better pitch me," he said. "Pitching is the auestion mark on this team. These kids, spending a lot of time on the NABF Leagues, but not on the high offense in the lineup this year." mound trying to get even better."

looked at as one of the leaders for "He caught quite a bit for us last fors from last seasons from - two - year as a sophomore on the varsityteam "Newman said. at first base. Another returning player who was a sophomore on the varsity

plate this season and is being

this season.

sound last season will be Tyler Carter --- a player that has proven school mound. Newman said that

and basketball for the Mustangs in order to become such. Junior catcher Scott McNetsh dent," Newman said. "He hasn't starting job at one of them. will be securing his spot behind the - experienced a lot of baseball at this level. He is an outstanding kid and Mustangs will be Mike Donovan, will become better pitchers for us South Lyon. actually eaught some for us last who is the type of player who as the season goes on."

develop this season." Jim Wolbers will be returning to will be Ben Abbott, who plays in frame into the picture at both first Ben Sherman and Jeff Huguelet. number one goal, to improve, the lineup in the outfield while the outfield. Abbott is expected to base and as a pitcher. Another jun- Junior Alex Richard, who looks to There are not easy wins on our be one of the top batters for the jor who may be a big factor in be the team's third baseman this schedule and every game is going, Mustangs this season.

stick," Newman said of Abbott's in as one of the underclassmen detensively while utilizing his going to be tough to stay in ball hitting ability. "Always real good at pitchers that will be taking reps on offensive skills. bat and he tremendously improved the mound. have been working hard this off himself on the mound for the his defense in the outfield. We are season, but they are going to be Northville Broncos in the summer counting on him to give us a lot of handed hurler with nice control have to try to limit our pitchers to in hopes of winning a contest. Taking up some of the pitching Carter's abilities and talents will Adamson, who is a utility infielder and possibly late innings." duties for the Mustangs will be make him one of the top Mustang for the Stangs. According to his Rounding out the junior pitchers putting too much pressure on our the plate and spank the ball pretty

third base with no problems and the mound.

Junior Jimmy Richl is a left and a player that Newman said four, five or six batters an inning.

senior three sport athlete Robbie pitchers this season - but he had coach, Adamson has the ability to is Bret Malkowski, a 6-foot-4

Harmer - who also played soccer to believe in himself and his talent play second base, shortstop and hurler that brings 180 pounds to The Mustangs will have a lot of "We have to get him real confi- will probably find a permanent "We have a lot of tall, lanky some that stand out on this seapitchers to develop." Newman said. son's schedule include West, Playing a key role for the "If they can gain confidence they Bloomfield, Novi, Brighton and

year. He is just a great kid and I am makes his teammates better with Other players on the team this Newman said. "The kids are just looking forward to watching him his good will and support of the season include junior. Joe going to have to stay focused and squad, while Dan Abaud will be Zumstien, a top-notch hitter and continue to improve as the season A senior returning this season stepping his 6-foot-5, 210 pound an outfielder, as well as juniors goes on. Right now, that is our pitching for the Mustangs will be season, is going to be expected to to be tough. Unless we get some "He has always had a good Roger Garlield. Garlield is penciled step up and become more fluid experience in our pitching, it is

We are looking great defensive-

pftchers.

tough games this season, but

"They are all great programs." games

But Newman also noted that a ly," Newman said, "We are going to team has to be able to score runs ? "I love our offense," he said. "I Another senior this season is Joe will be very valuable in middle. That is going to take us playing think we are going to have plenty, defense, making the plays and not of guys that are going to step up to good.

Mustang golf returns all of their players from '01

By Sam Eggleston

The Northville Mustangs gats golf team will be looking to take their. experience - being that they have been a very young team the past lew years and turn it into victories. The Mustangs, led by coach Trish Murray, still have plenty of youth onthe squad, but what is most imporsant is that all of the youth has plen-WOLENDORENCE.

golf team, which is comprised of 16 fors this season. Sophomores be looking to greatly improve on last team for team she believed was one began coaching golf at Northville players only four of those are sen-include. Andrea: Fillipps, Layne-

are still pretty young." The Mustangs will look to the leadership of senior captains Lauren Juthage. Farris and Kate MacDonald while

2002 scason. senior year while Katie Abbo, Andrea — counts. "We still have a pretty young Gorecki, Kelly Harrison and

Grant, Lauren Grisgby and Theresa everyone on the team plays in three in 1991. The Mustangs include Farris and tournaments in the off season. They

O'Netil and Lauren Longton in their but the tournaments is when it better showing in the Western Lakes well as the Regional Tournament. team," Morray saci of the Mustangs Shannon Lewicki are the Stang Jun- ation of no seniors, the Mustangs will Tournament - which Murray said is much different that when she classmen

Christopher, Marie Defer, Allison (seventh in 2001).

As far as goals go this season, the meet.

year's record of 8-3 while increasing of the toughest in Michigan.

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the state meet," Murray said, "We did "Now if you shoot 200 you lose," "I think we are going to do OK," it when the seniors were freshman

MacDonald as well as Stephanie can play golf with their dats all year. Mustangs will be looking to have a Murray said that in the WLAA as with the boys team

turning to a slew of talented players have a lot of experience," Murray we had the strongest freshman that I the top-three in the regionals. I don't Salem and Livonia Churchill, along to support the team throughout the said. "I have a requirement that have seen since the program started care which one [of the top-three with perennial powerhouse Livonia, places), as long as we go to the state. Stevenson, were going to be the teams to beat. Even with the experience leading,

"We have a lot of underclassment,

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the way this season. Murray said Activities Association as well as a the difference between first and fifth that there is plenty of youthful, Murray noted that with the gradu-better meet in the Regional is usually only a few strokes - which excitement boiling up in the under-

chomping at the bit," she said.

Gymnastics: Novi heads for Junior Olympics

Continued from 1

Club of Novi has been together for two years with their coach. and believes that the team's success comes from the girls' hard work.

said. "That's why they are so successful," she said. On top of the four days of practice a week, the girls are also

involved in private lessons, ballet and other training. All of the gynmasts are very competition won't be all about each of the five voung girls. competing, as the girls recognize. the opportunity to have fun and - whole program," said Buckley. meet new people

the different cirls in different strides regions," said Katie Green, 13. The team will have the opportu-

teams that are travelling to the the Lake Area Times. Comments event. Katheryn Schalek, 14, said that department at (248) 349-1700, she is looking forward to seeing - cxt. 104.

other people at the competition. She has been competing in gym-The current team at the Sports - nastics for eight years, the last two in rhythmic The team did not expect to do Buckley has been coaching them - as well in the regional competition as they did.

"I thought maybe two (or) three girls would qualify.' said "They are very committed," she - Buckley, adding that the team

stepped up their routines and performed very well. "They had to hit their routines almost perfectly. It was amazing." The Sports Club of Novi is building a very strong gymnastie program. Qualifying for the excited to travel to Texas and Junior Olympics took a lot of compete in the competition. The hard work, time and effort from "We are trying to build the After two years in their current

"It's going to be fun seeing all - location the team has made great Brian Doyle is an intern for the nity to get to know all the other Northville Record, Novi News and

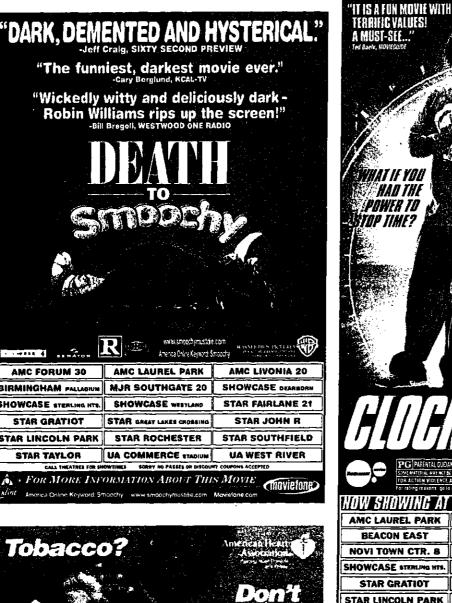
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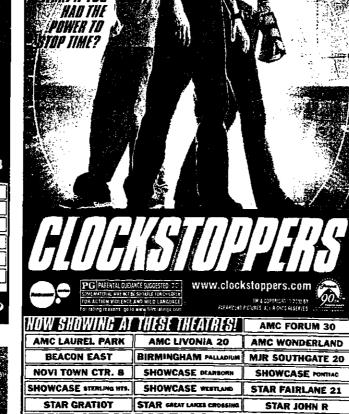
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The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting player registrations for its spring 2002 Boys Youth Basketball Programs (eighth and ninth grade boys in one league, 10th through 12th grade boys in another).

Registration will be processed through March 22nd or until the leagues fill (a 10 dollar late fee will be assessed for all registrations after March 22). Each league will participate in

ar eight game schedule, April 13-June 1. The team practices will begin April 8 for two hours per week through May 30. Adult coaches are needed for these youth basketball programs. If interested or for more nformation, contact Dave DeMattos at (248) 349-0203, exi. 1405.

Catholic Youth Organization Football Meeting The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program is holding an organizational and informationa meeting. All boys, grades third through eighth for the 2002-03 school year, and their parents

The meeting will be held Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Our Lady of Good Counsel gvin located at 1062 Church Street in Piymouth, Boys who are members of the following parishes are eligible to play at OLGC: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victory,

should attend.

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By Sam Eggleston

win last season for the first time in the school's history and is hoping to be able to repeat that accomplish-

ment. The Vikings, coached by Mark Kwiatkowski, lost six seniors to

son "We are incredibly deep in talent," meet this season. Kwiatkowski said. "We basically have no holes in our lineup."

and field team notched a conference conference shot put champion. this season," Kwiatkowski said, season,

"This should be a very good season for us." graduation last year. Out of the 130 enth-place pole vaulter last season and Breanna Turcsanyi will be back points the Vikings scored in the con- in the state finals, as is Laren Folks, after taking second in the mile and

those points are back for this sea- meter relay's state finals and was conference last season. the top triple-jumper in the indoor Coming back for the Vikings will Amanda Hnot as well as Breann of our other goals is to shoot for Lake Central girls will have to conbe Erica Elliot, the conference cham- Klug, one of the conference's top 100 Oakland County."

dash and the four by 400 the leadoff in the 200 meter relay said that winning the Oakland

relay. Meltssa Bartley, the Western team as well as a member of the top- County meet would be very, very going," Kwiatkowski said. "We will Lakes Activities Association runner- notch four by 400 relay. Ashley tempting - it was still a long way open up April 11 against (Walled up in the 100 hurdles, is back as is Prince is one of the top returners for away. Walled Lake Central's girls track Jackie Becker - the regional and the Vikings, bringing back her stellar two-mile running after breaking Kwiatkowski said of the future meet. "We have a lot of talent back for us the school record in the event last

WLC girls track is tough WLAA foe

Bridget Sheridan will be returning over there. this season to defend her conference Also coming back for the Vikings title in the high jump while Whitney will be Sarah Chrzanowski, the sev- Simbeck returns for the pole vault ference meet last season, 120 of who qualified for the four by 200 third in the 800 meter run in the

"We should be able to win the conplon in the 400 meter dash, the 200 meter sprinters, Latna Nicolaides is . And even though Kwiatkowski

"That is going to be tough for us,"

Rochester Adams is absolutely loaded. They have a complete team

The Vikings are going to have their hands full if they hope to recapture the WLAA this season. Standing in their way will be teams like Northville, Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem. In this year's regional, the Vikings will have to try to get by teams like the Millord ference again," Kwiatkowski said. Redskins and the Brighton The Vikings also return the WLAA "Not only that, we should have a Bulldogs. Once they make it to the 800 meter run second-place finisher shot to win the regional as well. One Oakland County meet, the Walled tend with teams like Rochester Adams and Lake Orion. "We're excited and ready to ge

Pat Abraham

Lake) Western. Right now there are just two schools, but next year we will have a real city meet with us, Western and Northern," Kwłatkowski sald another mee

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people may be interested in seeing will be when the Vikings take or Salem April 18 at Salem. "They are going to be gunning for

us," he said. "Last year we beat them by 51, but the meet was closer than the score. Every even that was close we ended up winning. We are not traditionally an early season team and Salem is always strong early on."

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IVISION TEAM

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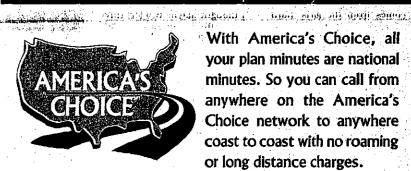
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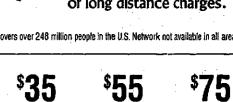
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Eyes to the sky ...

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A Central Viking prepares to serve to visiting Northville during a February volleyball game. The Vikings had a very successful season under the leadership of the late Mike Lindstrom, who will be missed by all at Walled Lake Central as well as the schools that played them. Under the guidance of Lindstrom, the Vikings enjoyed tremendous success -- traveling to the Final Four two times and winning 12 consecutive district titles. This year, Central finished 18-9 overall, placed fourth in the WLAA and again won a district title. Lindstrom is survived by his wife, Pat, and sons Bryan, a sophomore at Central Michigan University, and Eric, a senior at Walled Lake Central. Donations can be made to the WLC Scholarship fund in Lindstrom's name or to the American **Dlabetes Association. A memori**al fund for Lindstrom's family has also been set up by the Central volleyball coaches and families --- donations may be sent to 3320 Edgewood Park Drive, Commerce, Michigan, 48382.



WLC baseball ready to go

By Sam Eggleston SPOATS WAITER

The Walled Lake Central Vikings basebalt team, coming off a 5-21 record last season, is hoping to see marked improvement for the 2002 season.

The Vikings, coached by Mark Kowiczyk, lost a lot of seniors two seasons ago and not only had trouble making up for the loss, but trouble keeping the team afloat as well. "There were just too many

errors in too many games," Kowiczyk said. "There were a lot of games that we were in but lost because of the number of errors we committed."

Coming back this season will be Ryan Trailer, a three-year varsity letter winner on the bascball team, as well as 6-foot-2. 200 pound Steve Rabish.

"Both pitchers can throw in the low to mid-80s," Kowiczyk said. He added that the Vikings also

have another ace up their sleeve this season, "We have four left-handed

pitchers to use this season," Kowiczyk said. "As far as pitchers go, we are a lot more solid that we were last year." The Vikings will also have a

solid outfield, but will be looking

to rebuild their infield. "We lost practically the whole infield from last year," Kowiczyk said.

As far as the outfield goes, returning stars are Matt Piectanto and Chris Rambow

-- both senfors. The game plan for the Vikings at this point in the season is to be competitive

through a balance of top-shelf pltching and solid sticks on the offensive end. "For us, we should be compet-

itive in the league with our pitching staff," Kowiczyk said. "All we have top do is develop our middle field and I think we will have a chance at beating just about anyone in the league." The main goal for the Vikings is to cut down on their errors this season.

"Errors devastated a lot of our games," Kowiczyk said, "We are going to have to do that and stay focused to be competitive in the league. It is going to be tough (to win the league), Harrison and Stevenson are going to be tough, but who knows." teams like the Kensington Valley Conference's Novi to contend with this season.

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"They are just so solid," Kowiczyk said. "They are coached extremely well and their hitting is just phenomenal."

Besides the Novi Wildcats, Farmington Hills Harrison will be a team to compete with in their last year in the WLAA as will Westland John Glenn.

"The WLAA is just so tough," Kowiczyk said. "There are so many talented individuals in the league and just because of that we will have to maintain our focus through the end of the season. We have to take out goals and remain focused."

Kowiczyk said that he doesn't count his team out of the league running — but he also noted he doesn't count anyone out.

"I think any team in this league can beat any other team on any given day," he said. "This league is full of incredible talent from (Harrison's) Drew Stanton down. We are going to have to be ready to play every day.

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