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It's that time of year!

NABF catcher Matt Williams takes a final look over his gear to make sure everything is connected correctly before taking the field in a NABF Broncos baseball game earlier this year. Williams is just one of many players that will be taking part in the upcoming NABF World Series July 25-28.

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Lawsuit-related insurance proceeds anticipated

■ Novi officials will use nearly \$7.75 million for payment to Sandstone

By Victoria Sadlocha

The city is very close to finalizing paper-work which would help prevent the sale of an additional 20 acres of North Novi Park.

The referenced paperwork authorizes the receipt of less than \$7.75 million from the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool and the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for payment to Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership pursuant to the recent settlement agreement. Once signed on the dotted line, the agreement to pay by the insurance carriers would take care of the major monetary portion of

take care of the major monetary portion of the settlement agreement.

If the previously disputed insurance pro-ceeds are not received, the city would be obligated to transfer the additional acreage

obligated to transfer the adomional accenge to Sandstone.
"It is a major step to save the land," said Gerald Fisher, City of Novi attorney. The \$7.75 million insurance-carrier-pro-vided amount would be less \$105,000 which the city will pay to Sandstone from money saved by a lower-than-expected bid relating to the arsenic clean-up of the settle-ment-mandated transferred acreage closed

to Novi residents on July 3.

Other details of the settlement could potentially lead to the transfer of the additional 20 acres, but the monetary payment

was the largest, Fisher said.

Officials said they will provide full details of the transaction when it is final-

One Novi resident at the July 15 Novi City Council meeting, where the prelimi-nary insurance-proceeds announcement was made, was not as positive about the settlement deal.

Robert Reay stood before council want-ing to know who was responsible for getting the city into the lawsuit mess.

"There is blame to place on someone," Reay said. "I think the people of the City of Novi have the right to know who is respon-

sible for \$72 million. For \$72 million some

one should go to jail."

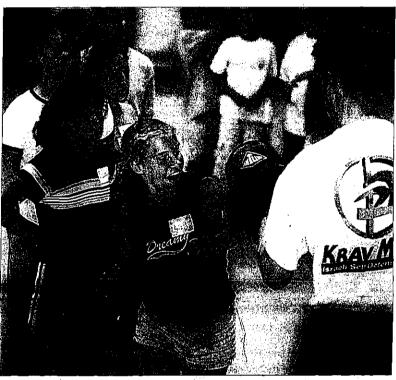
The Novi speaker demanded to know when the residents will find out whose fault

"I'm sure that will be addressed," said Richard J. Clark, City of Novi mayor.

Clark said before accountability was discussed, first the settlement agreement would be finalized so no resident would feel an

impact.
The residents of Novi, said Reay, have already felt an impact when they lost their

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Krav Maga Academy of Martial Arts instructor Nick Colling , right, works with Novi Teen Center participant Liz Parsell, 14, on using her elbows to defend herself. The martial arts instructor visited the teen center last Wednesday afternoon and is one of the many visiting programs for the center

Bored Not!

■ Teen center keeps youths busy, happy

By John Heider

It is summer 2002.

You are a Novi young person between the ages of 11-14. You're tired of hearing your parents' daily inquisition: "What are you going to

You're bored silly of the same old thing:

You're bored stily of the same old thing: Re-organzing your sock drawer, making your bed, walking the dog, watching traf-fic, or catching up on those (yawn) soaps. You're finally going to do something today other than stare at those four walls or

log onto the internet for the um-teenth time in the last hour.

You, my friend, are going to the Novi Teen Center.

The center, located at the Novi High

School Cafeteria and open Mon-Thurs, noon-4 p.m., is operated by Novi Youth Assistance and open to all Novi residents ages 11-14. For a nominal \$35 fee for its entire ses-

sion (June 25 to August 1), the center offers Novi youngsters a ton of activities to get involved in including:

- movies
- · arcade video games billiards
- swimming in the Novi High pool
- bowling crafts

- Detroit Science Center
- · Novi's Lakeshore Park
- Howell Rope Course
 Lansing Lugauts baseball game
 a stable for horseback riding
 Metro-Detroit Holocaust Memorial

• Waterford Oaks water-park.

Whew! If that weren't enough the center also gives its teets opprodunities to enjoy many different visitors who bring their skills to the teen center. There are selfdefense workshops and a number of visits by "Kids Empowered," a local group that teaches youngsters the importance of self-esteem, self-defense and team-building

The teen center is administered by Novi

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City's ash trees on the decline

■ Impact to local community serious, city officials say

By Victoria Sadiocha STAFF WRITER

The faint, distinctive echo of leaves rusiling in the wind is a sound many Novi residents appreciate, but that simple pleasure risks being hushed as the city faces a serious ash tree decline. "The trees are in a declining state," said Novi City Forester Steve Printz. "They're dying actually."

Printz compared the current ash decline to the Dutch elm The faint distinctive echo of leaves

The culprit

identified.

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disease epidemic in the 1950s and '60s.
"It is a very serious problem," he said.
Printz said the impact

on the city will be signif-icant for a number of

Economically, the city will bear the cost of removing and replacing flagged ash trees on city

property.
About 20 trees have already been removed, and Printz anticipates possibly having to remove about 100 more

by the end of the year. His count does not include private property. "I have already talked

to homeowners who have removed their own," he said. Other impacts stated by Printz include decline in real estate value and the reduc-

tion of wildlife habitations. "The impact is everyone is going to feel it," he said. Contributing to the outbreak is the fact

so many ash trees were planted in Novi, including many on neighborhood streets. Printz, who has been with the city for a little more than a year, said that by not diversifying tree species magnifies the

problem in two ways.

Since so many ash trees were planted, ti is easier for the bores to jump from tree to tree to tree, and it makes the loss more significant. Printz said the decline would

be a lot less noticeable if there had not

been so many ash trees planted years continued on 8

Northville woman dies in car crash

By Pauline Campos and Victoria Sadiocha

A car accident in the city of Novi took the life of a Northville woman last week after the sedan she was driving crossed into oncoming traffic and crashed into a garbage truck, police said. Sandra Jean Marzen, 41, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detective Sgt. David Molloy of the Novi police Department said alcohol did not appear to be a factor, although the department is still waiting on toxicology results from the Oakland County Medical Examiners Office for verification. Office for verification.

"She was swerving a little bit and then she hit the ruck," said Michael Gibbs, an employee of Pyramid Sprinklers, who was working near the scene of the accident. "There was nothing we could do. We tried talking to the rand keeping her awake, but she had a very faint pulse and too many puncture wounds."

Gibbs and fellow employee Paul Beach said the woman tried to speak to them, but was unable to get authing our

anything out.

"We tried telling her that help was on they way and that everything was going to be okay," Gibbs said. "I

hope she believed in God."
Dispatchers from the Novi Police Department received a call at about 9:10 a.m. on July 11 from a man saying he saw a blue Saturn driving erratically south on Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads.

Novi dispatchers said while they were talking to the man, another call came in stating a car matching the same description had just hit a garbage truck on Novi Road south of Ten Mile. Novi investigators at the scene determined Marzen was traveling southbound on Novi Road when she crossed the centerline, striking the front left side of the

garbage truck, which was traveling north on the same Witnesses said neither vehicles contained passengers, the airbags in the Saturn did deploy and the Northville woman was wearing her seat belt.

According to information in Marzen's driving record,

the woman had eight automobile accidents in the past

Police said the 39-year-old Carleton male driving the Republic Waste Services truck reported no injuries. Novi Road was closed for more than three hours dur-

A car crash occurred July 11, south of Ten Mile Road on Novi Road, and claimed the life of a 41-year-old Northville woman.

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Walled Lake captain to attend FBI National Academy

By Diane Dempsey Dee!

Walled Lake Police Captain John Woychowski will be bringing back the Federal Bureau c Investigation's practices to Walled Lake after attending their academy in Quantico, Va Woychowski will be attending from Sept. 29 through Dec. 13

to teach him to be the best in his According to Jerry Walker, lirector of public safety, the FBI National Academy is an important program to improve law enforcement standards, educa-

ion and international coopera-"This is the most prestigious

police academy in the world," Walker said, "We feel very for-

Walled Lake Police

to be select-ed to attend famed school. Walker said he believes

one of the items Woychowski "It will be very valuable for Captain Woychowski, the police whole," Walker said,

Woychowski agreed.

higher education from our employees with new ideas and programs," Woychowski said. "Director Walker has brought our department a long way. Woychowski will be taking 16

credit hours of academic FBI courses, including law and man-agement. He will also be taking physical training where he will have to run 12 miles and complete a two-and-a-half mile obstacle course while there. He will be taking classes with 250 other law enforcement pro-

He will be taking classe.

250 other law enforcement professionals throughout the countries.

Woychowski feels honored to be selected for the academy that so many other law enforcement of to attend each year.

"I know has "The biggest challenge is going to be the 12-mile run," he said. "I've already started walking four miles a day and I do points, pushups and department and Walled Lake as a many other law enforcement

"I think the citizens of our community always benefit from years," Woychowski said.

He is looking forward to the continued education and to net-work with others in his field. He also wants to utilize the myriad of resources available at the FBI National Academy.

"Their library is actually open However, he will miss his family. He will probably only go

home once for Thanksgiving while in West Virginia.
"I'm a homebody. I'll miss my

wind sprints, pushups and to attend the FBI academy

"This is the most prestigious police academy in the world. We feel very fortunate that Capt. Woychowski was

> Jerry Walker WL director of public safety

situps."

Monica Lesnau, city council member, said she is pleased that Woychowski will have the chance to attend the academy.

"Congratulations to Captain Woychowski for his opportunity

good for our city in the future. Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or

Police Report

Hot fun

On July 9 at about 7:30 p.m., a resident called the Novi police Department reporting someone had broken into his house. The man living in the 1300 block of East Lake Drive, told police sometime between midnight July 3 and noon on July 5 his home was broken into and his Xbox, three controllers, six games and two cases of Bud Light were stolen. The total value taken was estimated at \$780. The 37-year-old male said he believes he left his basement sliding door noid male said he believes he left his basement sliding door unlocked by initiake while he was away. Other expensive items including a stereo, television and computer were left untouched in the residence, police said. The next day the man called the mext day the man called the driver had sturred speech. The 24
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Just about home A 24-year-old male made it to the entry of his subdivision after drinking at Fifth Avenue Bar in Novi, but was arrested by Novi police for drinking and driving before he could reach his driveway. On July 10 at about 2 a.m., street just received the same game drinking, but said he only had a mined it was consistent with :

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"few beers." After demonstrating

intoxicated behavior, the man was given a preliminary breath test. He blew a .179 and was arrested by the police.

Fourth of July surprise

After returning home from a business trip, a resident in the 39000 block of Ronayton Street found a booming surprise. According to a report filed with the Novi police on the evening of July 8, the 51-year-old mate said someone had exploded a firework in his Mazda Miata. The resident the Novi man was spotted by an July 8, the 51-year-old male said officer driving 58 mpli in a 40 someone had exploded a firework mpli zone on Novi Road near in his Mazda Miata. The resident Citation Drive. The officer explained to police sometime

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ed numerous times last week Police advised the families

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near the railroad tracks The officer asked the boy why he was lying in the middle of the road. The boy told the

youth and asked him if he had him he had consumed alcohol but he had not done drugs.

he didn't feel like blowing int.



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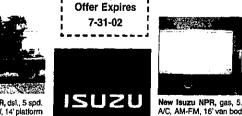
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to neighbors living in Tivol Apartments on W. Maple Road when one neighbor called the other neighbor's daughter a foul, derogatory name. The next day police were called again when the two neighbor ladies got into a physical con-

The case is still open pending warrant review

officer that's where he officer could smell a

Walled Lake firefighters wer

became uncooperative when they arrived. He was placed under arrest for Minor in Possession (MIP). The first breath-a-lyzer test was a weak sample because he told police



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Board rethinks transportation change

■ Some members want to overturn a decision that "I'm encouraging you parents to stay involved." made walking distances longer for WL students

Walled Lake Consolidates School Board members surprised outraged parents last week by saving they made a mistake when they approved longer walking dis-tances for students.

meeting spoke against a previous mile to a one-mile trek to school. Bus routes were made longer last month to save approximately

Several school board members - have it formally on next month's agreed with parents views after they spoke out on the transporta-tion issue. Amy Peterman, school he also didn't like the last vote. board secretary, said she wants to overturn the vote that was made at

Tve had issues with this porances for students.

Parents at the July 11 heard innocting spoke against a previous rote that changed student transported that changed student transports. would like to make a motion to change transportation back to ther. seven tenths of a mile."

budget was approved

Mare Siegler, school board president, said he wanted to table Peterman's motion in order to walking distance." Onder said, board members overturn their Mare Siegler, school board

e also didn't like the last vote.
"I agree that it shouldn't have

mistake. Alp Onder, school board vice president, said he wants to exam-ine the transportation issue fur-

worked out and school board members need to look at all aspects of the transportation "Come to our next meeting,"

out. We as school board members been in the budget." Karson said. represent each and everyone of "I don't think we should have you."
Thomas McConnell, trustee, said saving money for the school district isn't as important as ensuring students safety. He also

Nothing is set in stone, he said. in the Dublin Elementary atten-

Braine's HOSA speech makes top 10

Annie Braine, a student at akland Schools Technical

Campus Southwest in Wixom and Northville High School, has some-thing to talk about. As a matter of fact, her words

have made her a winner, Braine, who will be a senior this year, won ninth place in the Health Occupations Students of America

(HOSA) national competition June 24-30 in Anaheim, Calif. Approximately 5,000 health care

students competed in every

from designing the best health care

display to writing on a specific health care topic. However, Braine's 'From Aspiration to

Inspiration" speech won over

judges.
"It was a lot of pressure, but I like

piessure," Braine said of the speech which inspired her to do what she

She had to memorize facts about

memorized her speech every

The entire trip was a remarkable experience for everyone who attended the competition, she said.

"Just being there was awesome," Braine said, "Even for the people

who didn't win anything, it was just an honor to be there."

thing to her, since she plans on

There's two new faces in WL Schools

Her speech also meant some-

chance she had.

TH SCIENCES

knowledge to the district.

"She understands marketing and she will be putting plans in place for the outdoor

center and other things that will become revenue sources. Geisler said. "We know

with her experience, she has hit the deck

running."
Evola, who left her job as director of

and the public relations fields.

She has completed graduate work at Michigan State University. Eastern Michigan University and the University of

"I am very pleased to be a member of the

She will be working with the media to enlighten the public about positive trends in the district. She will also be marketing

Northern High School for its schools of

with start and support stati. "He is excellent at selecting the very best people, which is important for a director of personnel. We know he will make great contributions."

Choice program. Evola will be responsible for writing the school's internal and external newsletter and all press releases. She will work with all press releases. She will work with the shappy to be heading up the per-

community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools, has 20 years of experience working marketing, strategic communications, reputation management and public relations in the property of the pro

A. Braine

Northville High School senior Annie Braine won 9th

■ Little will lead per-

sonnel; Evola directs

community relations

Two new school leaders were introduced

at the July 11 Walled Lake Consolidated School Board meeting. Scott Little, former principal of Sarah

Banks Middle School, is replacing Lois Lange, who retired last month, as the new

trict. Judy Evola, who also is replacing

ent strengths to their new positions

Lange, is the new director of community relations.

"Mr. Little has demonstrated a rapport

with staff and support staff," Geisler said.

department

By Diane Dempsey Deel

place in a national competition for Health Occupations students for her speaking skills. Braine also attends

PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE memorize her entire speech without note cards. Braine studied and

Oakland

Each student's case needs to be "I've had numerous discussions

with the Oakland County Road Commission, and they said children shouldn't be in the streets Simon said, "The streets are not made for children. But the Walled Lake School district is telling me that my children will walk in the

He has been fighting the hoard's decision and been trying to raise awareness of pitfalls of ureed other school members to go school and back.

> She can be reached at (248) 349-1700

Oakland Technical and co-advisor

for HOSA, "I was scared, but she

brought me up, It felt so good.

Stewart said she was pleased that
Braine did so well nationally. Three

other students from the school also

competed nationally in different

competitions, Flowever, Braine wa the only one who achieved top 10

and their voices would shake.

Stewart said, "Some of them started

"Just being there

Even for the people

just an honor to be

new I will probably go into occu-pational therapy or therapeutic recreation? she said. "But I've

what I have to do to get there. She has already overcome odds

"I just figured out a way to prov them wrong and myself," she said

However, a teacher at HOSA

inspired and encouraged her to sucseed academically and in competi-

the school's Web site

Evola said she is looking forward to working with the peo-

ple she will encounter

"I enjoy working with people and I

enjoy helping people,"

standards that made her choose the posi-

am willing to assist wherever I am needed."

Little, who has been working in educa-

J. Evola

in the school district.

and cable channel.

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graduates. However, she still isn't quite sure what she will do in the able," Braine said of Dawn Stewart,

was awesome.

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there."

By Diane Dempsey Deel

Pastor

celebrates

50 years

ministry

in the

The Reverend Lawrence



ministry. Church members Rev. L. Kinne

dimer for Kinne July 14 after morning services. The Sunday services were also special for the longtime minister. Kinne's son The Reverend Timothy Kinne, a pastor in Wisconsin, gave the ser-

Kinne is not only celebrating

50 years in the ministry, he is also celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary this year to his wife, Dolores. They have four adult children.

"Lam very proud of her." Stewart ordained minister. said. "I am proud of all of them. It takes a for of courage to get in front Kinne grew up in lowa, where he was called at an early age to serve God. However, his formal ministry began with his vicanige As a matter of fact, some adult students had a difficult time giving at Trinity Lutheran Church in speeches, she said.
"Many of the adults broke down Lockport, NY. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, III.

He said he had great inspira tions who encouraged him to

to cry. I was thinking, if this is hard for adults, what must this be like for enter into the ministry,
"My inspiration has always
been my mother," Kinne said, "I her. And she did a good, good job It's very hard to public speak Stewart said she believes part of Braine's national success stemmed was 5, 6 or 7 years old when she said, 'If you want to become a minister, you should continue to think about doing that," from keeping the same speech sh

Later, a young pastor, Ann Gottberg, also encooraged him to pursue his calling to serve God in

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Stewar knows Braine will do as well in the health field as she did in competition. dual parish in New York, where "She's a wonderful girl." Stewart he stayed five years. When he said. "It's that kind of person we need in health care. She just cares." oined St. Matthew's in 1998, he

the church. He served the church in Walled Lake from 1960 to tion. The had other teachers believe "The had other teachers believe" "The had other teachers believe "The had other teachers believe" "The had other teachers believe "The had other believe "The had other teachers believe "The had other believe "T During his early St. Matthew days, he was involved as a coun-selor of the Pontiac Circuit and a ddeel@ht.homccomm.net

pastoral counselor at Camp In 1974 Kinne left Walled Lake to serve a congregation in Southgate, where Kinne began the first of eight years of service

He also served as a counselor of the Downriver Circuit. Kinne was given the opportu nity to be a pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville,

He returned to St. Matthew' in 1998 to assist Pastor Paul Moldenhauer and congregation as a visitation pastor. He currently ministers to the sick and shut ins of the congregation. He also is an advisor to the Grief Seminar Committee and leads the Prime Timers group. Kinne noted that he is sup-

She has completed graduate work at Michigan State University. Eastern Michigan University and the University of Detroit. She received her bachelor's degree to work. However, it was the district's high associations and will lead labor issues. tion.
"The pleased to be here," Evola said. "I the district to see employees, teachers and willing to assist wherever I am needed." students. He will be working indirectly to make the school district the best it can be

tion for the past 27 years, is well honed for his new role. He received his bachelor's degree in education, his master's degree in Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or ddeel@hi.homeconum.net.

decided it would be good to utilize the skills have in a different way," Little said.

He is pleased with his career change, although he valued his time at Sarah reputation management and public rela-tions. She has worked in both the media and the public relations fields.

make information available to individuals and generally let the community know what a quality school district Walled Lake

nity came about, I decided it would be

posed to be semi-retired but i doesn't work out that way. Nor does he want it to.

He loves to spread the word about God's love to everyone enjoys visiting people from losing family members. "When you leave shut-ins the

visit them," he said.

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

WL school mothers are trying to create a peanut-free zone

By Diane Dempsey Deel

Some mothers in the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools are try-ing to make the district a peanut free zone in order to notentially save

Jeanne Townsend told school ing that her son, who attends Keith Elementary, would have a dangerous allergic reaction if he ingested peanuts or peanut of peanut or p

He also had good things to say about Eric Handorf, the school's videographer, sonnel department.

University.

Framer Geisler, superintendent, pointed out that Evola and Little both bring differ-

"My son is not unusual."
Townsend said. "Walled Lake Townsend said. "Walled Lake Consolidated Schools is behind the times and needs to take a proactive protect children, who may have not or peanut allergies.

"We often a streng all IETA most."

"The sak now is to sort through its and find something that works."

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Roame Lott, a Commerce Township bard to raise awareness, "Townsend said.

Ann Arbor, Rochester and other districts have already made their schools free of peanut products, said.

"This is the wave of the future."

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Roame Lott, a Commerce Township registered nurse, explained that children with allergic into a coma and, in some cases, die. "Deanth will follow without cardinate treatment." Lott said.

Strict avoidance of all peanuts and nusteen go into anaphylactic shock.

According to the Allergy and schools free of peanut products, shock experience a sense of fore-shock experience as experie on a class trip, Lott said. The district ext. 110 has now banned peanuts from their ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

Diane Demosey Deel is a staff can be reached at (248) 349-1700

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system stolen from the East Lake Drive home. The new game owner's mother was going to be contacted for verification.

Minor in Possession

when an 18-year-old West Bloomfield boy was lying face-up in the middle of the northbound lane of Decker Road

a.m. He was processed, issued a









Friday, 7.19.02 @ 7:30 p.m.

Commission delays projects

Several major Road Commission for Oukland County road projects which were slated to start Monday, July 15 have been delayed slightly, including the widening of the inter-section of Hickory Ridge and Commerce Roads in Millford Twp tadding center left-turn lanes to all four approaches in anticipation of the installation of a traffic signal).

The project is now expected to start next Monday, July 22.

All the projects were temporarily delayed because final paperwork had not been signed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Though these and RCOC projects paid for with feder al road dollars, the money must pass through MDOT before it reaches RCOC (federal road funds cannot se given directly to a local agency but most first filter through the

state).
The projects are still expected to be completed by their previously mounced commetton dates - Oct 26 for Hickory Ridge/Commerce.
Once the Hickory
Ridge/Commerce project starts,
Commerce Road will be closed to rough traffic between Hickory Ridge and Stoneridge until approxi-mately Aug. 4. During the closure of Commerce Road, the detour route will be hickory Ridge, Honeywell

Lake and Stoneridge.

For approximately the entire month of September, Hickory Ridge will be closed at the north side of the dersection, also as part of the same project. The detour route for that closure will be Honeywell Lake. Stoneridge and Commerce.



A day in the sun David Straub, a Toll Brothers project manager, helps a young Novi resident display his catch at the Island Lake of Novi Backvard Adventure.

Novi residents of all ages gathered on Sunday to take part in the activities at the Island Lake Backyard Adventure, sponsored by Toll Brothers, the nation's leading luxury home builder, and Galyan's Sports and Outdoor Adventure Store in Novi

Guests were invited to fish at Island Lake of Novi, a Toll Brothers luxury home community, with lessons and demonstrations for kids, or enjoy the take in a canoe, kayak, paddleboat or pontoon. Executive Chef Nina Scott from Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham was on hand to demonstrate and offer tips on how to prepare, grill and serve fresh fish. Guests were also treated to an All-American barbecue and ice cream.



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Master Spas

Master Spas of Novi cele-brated its grand opening Saturday. The new retail store to the area offers a full line of spas, gazebos and supplies. The recent member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce is located at 25875 Novi Road in suite 130. For more informa tion, call (248) 735-spas.

Fountain Walk

Schostak Brothers & Company was recently awarded the exclusive leasing contract for Novi's Fountain Wall development. The Southfield-based real estate development and management firm is one of the largest, most diversified full-service commercial real estate companies in Michigan. Other commercial retail centers operated by Schostak include Laurel Park Place Mail n Livonia and Macomb Mall

Novi Theatres

The Novi Theatres' Summer series concludes with the orig-inal production of "Snow White, and other maidens you meet in the forest!" The

play by Novi Theatres' Director Linda Wickert is not your usual Snow White fairy tale. The end-of-the-season event will be performed on the Novi Civic Center stage located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road In the Center. Novi Clvic Center. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2 through 3 and 3 p.m. Aug. 4. Tickets are on sale now for \$8 at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and will be \$10 at the door. For more information, call [248] 347-

Teens' Aiding the Cancer

Community Members of Teens' Aiding Center. The 12:30 to 3 p.m. benefit brunch is being held so members may reach their goal of delivering 400 backpacks to children and adoles-

profit organization run by high-school students created and encouragement through the organization's backpack program. Backpacks, valued at about \$60, full of toys, gifts and certificates are delivered to children at area hospitals and other groups including Angela Hospice and Gilda's Club.

Parks and rec meeting

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is holding a public input meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 at the Novi Civic Center. The purpose of the meeting is to hear inpu the Cancer Community are hosting a fund-raising event Aug. 4 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in the Novi Town For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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cents affected by caracer by the end of the year. Tickets for the event are \$50 and include brunch, entertainment and speakers. Teens' Aiding the Cancer Community is a nonwithout penalty on or before

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On Campus

The following Novi residents graduated at the spring com-mencement at Miami at Miami Oxford, Ohio: University, Carole Anne Wineman, William James Galloway, Daniel J. Lynch, Benjamin Thomas Cunningham, and Adam Bradley Putvin.

The following students were on the spring dean's list at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio: Elizabeth Ann Kurtti, Breanne Etaine Heppner, Kyle Geoffry Day, John David Kohl.

Pranidhi Varshney of Novi has been awarded a Northwestern University Anneliese Woolford was

named to the academic honors list for the fall 2002 semester a Saint Mary's College, Notro Sara K. Elfring graduated

from the University of Notro Dame with a degree in mechan-ical engineering. She was also named to the dean's list for the





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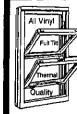
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Obituaries

MAJORIE LUNETTE HOWELL Majorie Howelt of Farmington Hills died July 10, 2002, in Farmington Hills.

(Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship. The cadet was selected on the basis of com Mrs. Howell is survived by her prehensive tests scores, high school scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and husband, Alexander Flowell; sons Joseph (Patricia) Howell of Portland, Or, James (Donna) Howell of Jonesville, and Jeffrey community involvement. The scholarship is designed to cover (Laurie) Howell of Novi; grandthe cost of tuition, textbooks, lab-oratory and incidental fees, and a children Stephanie, Kimberly, Gregory (Laura), Jeremy (Erin), Amy, Mary, and Carol; and great grandchild Matisyn Howell. non-taxable monthly stipend during the school year. Upon graduating from college and completing the ROTC pro-gram, the endets are commis-sioned as second lieutenants in Mrs. Howell was a homemaker

In the Service

Derek R. Botero has been

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Botero is the son of Dena L. and Fred W. Botero of Wixon. He is a 2002 graduate of Walled Memorial contributions may be Lake Western High School, Plymouth 48170; Angela Rev. Jennifer Bixby of the First Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., United Methodist Church of

National Kidney Foundation of Ml, Inc., 2350 South Huron Pkwy, Ann Arbor, MI 48l04. FRED C. WEIKE

Livonia 48154-5010; or to the

Fred Weihe of Spring Hill, Fla. died July 6, 2002. He was 67. Mr. Weihe was born June 11, 1935 in Detroit to the late Fred and Virginia (Rhodes) Weihe. He is survived by siblings Margaret Kirkpatrick of Nebraska and Marie Bammer of Jerome, Mich., aunts Margaret Nash of Northville, Agnus Weihe of California and Iris Kent of and had been married for 59 Florida, and many cousins, nieces

and nephews. Mr. Weihe served in the U.S. Army in World War II. In 1955 he was involved in a military vehicle incident which left him a quadriplegic.

A graveside service was held made to First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Tr.,

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Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home in Father John Budde officiating.

Interment will be at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, made to the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, 40550 Arrangements were made by Charles R. Step Funeral Home. Grand River Ave., Novi, MI

MICHAEL W. CAMERON Michael Cameron, of Novi died July 8, 2002, in Livonia. He was born August 16, 1938 in Detroit.

Mr. Cameron was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi and was employed as a tool-maker (Tool & Die). He lived many years in Novi. Survivors include three sisters,

O'Brien; one brother, Gary (Mary Lou); and many nieces and

Redford Twp.

Audrey (Edward) Veith, Marilynn Murray, and Colleen (Robert)

HELEN E. SOUTHARD Helen Southard died June 11 at her retirement 10 years ago. She was proprietor of Helen's Hideaway at the corner of 13 Mile

and Old Novi Road.

Survivors include her son.

Greggory (Elizabeth) Southard of Oxford, MI and grandchildren Dawn, Christopher, Terry, Michael, and Michelle. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southwest 5955 Rand Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34238.

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Engagement



Daniel and Julianne Tardella of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter. Christina to Andrew McGrine, son of Daniel and Audrea McGuire of Otsego,

The binde-clost is a 1996 gradu are of Novi High School and 2000. graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. She is currently comployed with Ford

Motor Company as a buyer.
The groom elect is a 1996
Otsego High School and 2000
graduate of Kalanjazoo College with a bachelors of arts degree in economics. He is currently employed with Ford Motor

Company in Logistics. A September 2002 wedding is

Teen center keeps youths busy, happy

Youth Assistance and has been providing summer fun for teens for the last 20 years. It's funded by the United Way and various fundraisers held by NYA over the year. No kids are excluded from activities at the teen center for financial reasons and cholarships are available.

Martin says his highlight of the Novi High School graduate Mart Topper, who has been running the program for the last four years and involved as a staff member for the ast five, notes that this year's teen nter had more than 90 kids signed

"The kids say it beats sitting around doing nothing," said Topper, "Often they're stuck with an older sibling. Here they have freedom to be with who they want - to play games, Scrabble, go swimming or watch movies with us."

Topper notes that teen center visitors want to be there; it's not mandated by a school or court system.

"It's fun and successful," he said. "It's all by their own choice," he

Some kids are at the teen center for the first time this summer. Like Suzy Anderson,11, whose family just moved to Novi from Texas and is new to the area. "It's really good fun here. You can make friends easily," said Anderson.

Anderson likes the field trips to the water park and horseback riding and notes how easy-going the staff is, adding that they don't get angry with the kids unless they bring food games are also a plus according to Anderson: "It's cool that the games are free. We don't have to bring any money with us." Corey Martin,13, has been visit

ing the Novi Teen Center for the past three years. "The staff is always so nice and nice to be with," he said. Martin says his highlight of the night-time "lock-in" where the kids are dropped off for an evening of movies, pizza, swimming and

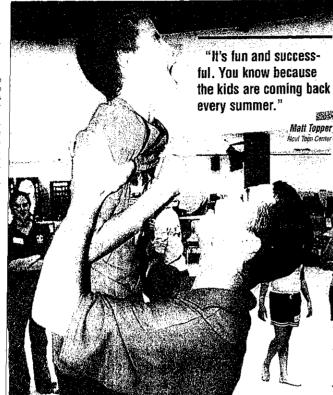
games.
When asked what he'd do if there were no teen center. Martin said, "I'd probably be sitting at home, bored out of my mind."

As dozens of kids swarm around the teen center's cafeteria on a recent Wednesday afternoon playing pool and areade games, listening to music and fresh from a self-

"You know because the kids are

ing sessions at the 2002 Novi Teen Center call the Novi Youth Assistance office at (248) 347-0410. Or contact teen center director Matt Topper at (248) 872-3726.

John Heider is staff photographer for the Novi News and Northville Record . He can be wached at (248)



Novi Teen Center Director Matt Topper playfully picks up Dylan Parsell during an 349-17(x) out 10h, or by c-mail at afternoon session last week. Topper has been working at the teen center for the

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Now will high a public hearing on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at 7,30 PM. in the Now Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Now, Mile Consider SITE PLAN NUMBER 02-33 ISLAND LAKE OF NOV! (PHASE AB ONLY) LOCATED WEST OF WIXOM ROAD BETWEEN ELEVEN MILE AND TEN MILE ROAD, TO CONSIDER A WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL, The applicant is proposing to fill a non-essential approximately 1.26 acres



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning Department. 45175 W. Tori Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for Lemporary use permit.

ture located within 300 leet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on July 24, 2002 at the Novi Chric Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to July 24, 2002.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 18.609 -

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 609

CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance to the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 609, attached

hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this

or parts of any Ordinance in committee and any ordinance are hereby reposaled.

Part III: WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary or the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect lifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within lifteen (15) days of adoptions of the published within lifteen (15) days of adoptions.

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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for One (1) Four Wheel Drive Extended Cab Pick Up Truck according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at which time proposals will be opened and read Bits shall be arthressed as follows:

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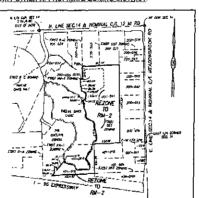
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way are all activities associated with summer. Unfortunately, these hotweather pastimes paca strain on customers with odd-numbered the city's water source.

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they would have water available."

Jerome said most irrigation

"In theory," said Jerome, "what helpful, officials said. addressees on odd-numbered it (the additional restriction)

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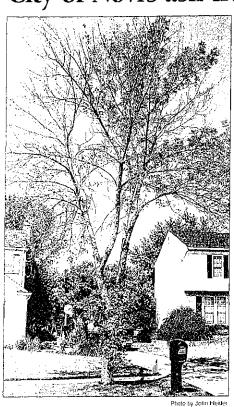
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City of Novi's ash trees on the decline, impact could be severe



This ash tree along Novi's Christina Lane along with many others nearby is decaying from drought-induced stresses. The ash tree's branches lack leaves in most

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"It is recommended not more total on one mile of street ranging from 10 Mile to 11 Mile roads from Christina Lane to than 10 percent of one tree be from a given species and 15 per-Buckminster. Out of the 179, 130 were green

ash, she said.

ash, she saul.
"They are still in relatively
good condition, but there are
some that are pretty bad,"
Greenberg said, "It's just a matter

She explained most of the trees

that have already been cut down

weren't completely dead, but

were taken for preliminary inves-

far is what Printz calls a metallic

flat-headed Borer believed to be

from Asia, but the forester is still

waiting on confirmation.
Entomologists from Michigan

State University were unable to

identify and sent the sample to

the Smithsonian, he said.
"Until you know what it is (the

"It is not just the horers, bu

Printz explained borers typi-

already under stress and by nature are a secondary condition. But the majority of all street trees

Printz said.

cent from one genius," he said. As the city forester, Printz said he will continue the goal of diver-sifying tree species to minimize the chances of something like this happening in the future. Not all residents are as forgiv-

idea to plant a larger variety of trees," said Novi resident Barbara Waggy.
Waggy lives on Christina Lane, north of 10 Mile Road between

Novi and Taff roads, one of the neighborhood streets hit the hard-

terrible," she said, "We didn't know what was going on. I hate to loose trees. There are not enough of them around." Waggy said she has lost sever-

al in back of her property where a borer), it is hard to tell why," new development is going in.
"We are already upset that the developers were going to cutdown the trees, but now they might as well go ahead."

Christina Lane resident
Barbara Greenberg has also been

Barbara Greenberg has also been this is a major reason why the keeping a close eye on the trees are declining, he said. Greenberg is a master eardener cally attack when trees are ized survey team being assembled to assess the situation. "I'm part of the group that is are already in a stressed condi-Jooking at what can be done. I've been walking, and I've been the decline.

counting how many trees are green ash," she said.

Greenberg counted 179 trees

T really started noticing this green define) in the spring."

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The forester said it hit other cities like Plymouth, Livonia and Dearborn last year so he estimates it probably was occurring "My guess is it has been here

for awhile " he said. Declining ash trees are preva-lent in the southeastern region of Michigan. Printz has been assembling a team of volunteers (and is still looking for more) to start per-

of the situation. Through the efforts of the group and with the gain of more knowledge. Printz hopes future decline may be controlled with the use of fertilization, adequate watering or possibly insecticides, but stresses caution should be used when self-treating.

For now, Novi's forester rec ommends not taking any ash and the planting of ash trees

The insect bores through the cambium layer of the tree, but may be seen by the human eye when above the bark.

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TIME: mornings DETAILS: Free well-care service for pre-enrolled children to 3 1/2 years who do PHONE: (248) 926-3341

Summer Concert Series

DATE: Mondays LOCATION: Walled Lake Villa is located at the intersection of Ladd Road and Pontiac Trail. The Gazebo is located at Riley Park on Common Street pear the intersection of W Walled Lake Drive and Pontiac Trail. The Boathouse (formerly Bogey's) is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive.

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m Valled Lake: July 22 - Southern Knights Walled Lake Villa

July 29 - George Millsap, Motown, R&B - Gazebo August 5 - Dixie Ramblers Walled Lake Villa August 25 - Ramos Rock -The Boathouse (Market Days, 3 to 5 p.m.)

Novi Toastmasters DATE: First and third

Tuesdays of the month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile,

The issue of turning down

money came up twice during the Commerce Township Board of

Trustee's monthly meeting July 9.

The first time, several trustees questioned why Planning Director Connie Guest and

Township Supervisor Tom Zoner could with the money.

turned down a \$1,000 grant.

Guest told the board she had applied for a \$5,000 grant for a river clean-up project in the area

Trustee Robert Long said turn-

of the Huron River and Byers Homestead. The money would have been used to rent Dumpsters and equipment to be used in the grants. He also suggested looking

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Sounds of Summer

DATE: every Thursday: July 18 - Cadillac Cowboys (country) Aug. 1 - Randy Volin & The Sonic Blues (blues) Aug. 8 - The Millionaires

Aug. 15 - Novi Concert Band (classics, marches and show tunes) LOCATION: north lawn of the Novi Civic Center, Ten Mile Road between Novi and

Taft roads TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: free concerts hosted by the City of Novi, sponsored by Providence Hospital and the Novi

PHONE: (248) 347-0400

Guest said due to the number of

grants, Commerce was only given

Trustee Cheryl Magalski felt the township should have accept-ed the grant and done what they

clean-up they had planned.

Annual Charlty Golf Outing

DATE: Tuesday, July 30

LOCATION: Links of Novi TIME: 9 a.m. regisgration:

turn; dinner following 18

tribute to the growth of Novi

school children PHONE: (248) 449-1203 Blood Drive DATE: Wed., July 31 (swing) LOCATION: Huron Valley

nai Hospital Conference TIME: 6:30 а.т.-5 р.т. DETAILS: Blood denors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good gener-al health. The donation

process takes a little more PHONE: (248) 937-3314 Historical Commission (Aug. 8 Novi Class of '72 30-Year Reunion show); concerts will be held in

DATE: Dinner/Dance Friday - August 2nd - 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Baker's of the center if inclement weath-

Millord \$60 per person; DJ Novi Educational Foundation 7th and photographer will be there. Picnie - Saturday -August 3rd - 2 p.m. to whenever at MultiLakes Recreation Club in Commerce Twp. \$12

Commerce sorts through grant issues

writer to ensure funds come the

Guest said she feels the fact the

grant was accepted is a positive thing and lets it be known that Commerce is interested in apply-ing for grants. She also said she feels it would be more worth-

while to go after larger grants.
"I don't think we've won or lost

by not taking the grant," Zoner said.

Zoner said the rationale for

turning down the grant was that, in addition to not being enough for the project, the grant isn't

enough to justify the man hours

township's way.

\$1,000, which she and Zoner "We've got to start bringing decided to decline because it would not cover the cost of the Commerce," Long said.

DETAILS: The Novi nonprofit organization devoted opportunities for the Novi to expanding educational community. The NEF sup-ports student enrichment programs, staff development, classroom eequipment and teacher mini-grants. All golf

> at (517) 545-2784 or Steve & Laura Pelchat at (704) 552-

Quick Date DATE: Audust 6

LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, TIME: 7 p.m

PHONE: Call 517-552-0673

Exposition Management 8th Annual Golf Outing DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 7

LOCATION: Links of Novi TIME: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.-registration, 10:00 a.m. shotgun start, four person and awards reception immediately afterward.
DETAILS:Whether you are a

The board eventually voted to

accept the grant and apply the money to another Byers clean-up

against the motion.

Turning down money was again brought up when the board discussed the final report from the West Oakland Corridor Study.

The study looked at different

options for creating a north-south

corridor from I-96 to M-59. The steering committee governing the study consisted of officials from

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Sandy Woloszyn. PHONE: Natalie (Hare) Hill

DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for five minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting!

invite you to join in the fan! Proceeds to benefit IAEM and The Dwarf Athletic Association of America. PHONE: For additional information, please contact Terri Freytag at 248/348-5600 ext. 205 Tycom Tee-Off Golf Outing

veteran golfer, or just begin-

ning to learn the game, we

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 15 LOCATION: Links of Novi,

50395 10 Mile Road, Novi TIME: 9 a.m. check-in, put-ting contest; 10 a.m. shotgun DETAILS: 15th annual Novi

Chamber of Commerce outing; scramble format and rules; lunch at the turn; contest editor Cal Stone at (248) 349holes, games and prizes; 50/50 raffle; steak dinner; 1700, ext. 113 or e-mail him at

DATE: August 22 LOCATION: Wyndham Gardens, 42100 Crescent

Boulevard, Novi TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for five minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting!

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While the study was funded by MDOT, it isn't clear where the money to create the corridor would have come from. However, since the corridor option was voted down, communities will have to pay for the road improve-ments themselves if they choose

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resolution.

"They (the steering committee)

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Thursday, July 18, 2002

our own ordinances. Numerous new ordinances

were enacted to protect and enhance the growth of the city during the many years with Quinn as mayor. Since attorney Quinn is no longer mayor, he has represented many, many developers and fought

to tear down and tear apart the very ordinances by

had enacted! It appears to be anything goes for the

almighty buck! Muny of these developers went to Quinn. I think, because of some presumed "clout" with the city. I think both Planning and ZBA have

proven that there is no "clout," perceived or real, when representing the petitioners.

If elected as judge, on whose side will Quinn be?
All of the developers that he has tried to force the city into granting favor? Is he going to find for John

Q. Public, and of course that is the group that has

paid him little or nothing? When the assistant attorneys appear before him and they are former law

partners for years, how is he going to handle that

without a grave conflict of Interest? In all the years he was mayor, many of us felt there was a major conflict of interest with his firm representing the

PD. Might I presume that if elected. Phillip Seymour

his partner - will be asked to step-down from his

osition as prosecutor? For these reasons, and others which I know the

editor would not print, Quinn will not be receiving my support for 52-1 Circuit Court Judge. I would

hope that many others would consider the ramifica-tions and vote for the most qualified person - not the party or the name! If, for some reason, Quinn

is elected, I will not appear in his Court. He has

proven that he cannot be, and has not been, fair

My family and I would like to express our appre

ciation and gratitude to Mayor Richard Clark and the City of Novi staff who put together the Vietnam

Veterans Appreciation Day. It was great! The atten

dance by the Vietnam veterans and others were

remarkable. It was interesting to see the memora bilia which myself and the other veterans brough

for the public display portion of the day. The pro

grain as orchestrated by the mayor was interesting

nd well conceived. It is truly my honor to be

Vietnam veteran, a resident of the City of Novi and citizen of the United States of America.

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Late breaking news. It turns the editor's hair gray, but it also is what keeps

this a "news" paper. When staff writer Victoria Sadlocha penned the Novi News' front page arti-ele on the decline of the city's ash trees, Novi City Forester Steve Printz was still iting to hear confirmation of the olficial cause of the problem.

Now we know It's a new exotic pest from Asia called by loss of ash trees for the last few

the Emerald Ash Borer. It is wreaking havor, so much that Michigan officials have issued a and control the quarantine on all ash spread of this pest, trees and timber prod-, ners in the affected ash trees, branchounties of Oakland. Livingston. Wayne, es, logs and fire-Washtenay wood may not be

To help prevent am control the spread of moved ouside the this pest, ash trees, branches, logs and fire wood may not be moved unless certified for

area unless certified for movement by the by the Michigan Department Michigan of Agriculture (MDA). This is serious stuff. Department of tolks, and we implore everyone to abide by Agriculture (MDA).

these restrictions.

In fact, the state's director of MDA's Division, Ken Rauscher, has initiated and you know to be responsible and an Invasive Species Emergency keep this pest contained to this area so an Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan, which includes the creation of an Emerald Ash Borer Task

counties in white, green or black ash

This pest is not native to our state or anywhere else in this country. With the assistance of Asian entomologists, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture officially identified the culprit as the Emerald Ash Borer, which belongs to a group of insects known as metallic wood-boring

Homeowners and landscapers in Southeast Michigan have been plagued

> years. Specialists initialy looked at a combina tion of disease, drought and poor soil as causes of the problem. This hover is a likely reason

Emerald Ash Borer, look for a dark metallic green approximately 1/2 inch long and about 1/16 inch wide. The lar

The borer usually goes undetected until the trees starts showing symptoms of being infected. Usually the upper third of a tree will think and then die back. This is followed by a large number of shoots or branches arising below the dead portion

vae are creamy white

and found under the

of the trunk. Pesticide and Plant Pest Management So now you know what to look for the impact on our state's ash trees and nursery and landscape industries is

kept to a minimum. The group conducted detection surveys over the past two weeks to determine the borer's range and extent of holine at [866] 325-0023. More infordamage, and found it in the above five mation can be found online at www.michigan.gov/mda using the key word 'ash borer.

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Cassis for senator

Nancy Cussis has been an effective state representative who will do great things for out district as our state senator.

As a resident of Novi where Nancy Cassis also resides. I have greatly benefited from the many improvements made to our city thanks to the kept promises of Nancy Cassis. She promised to ge noney for the improvement of our mads and has over \$40 million in road improvements. She has also upgraded the Beck Rd./96 interchange, widened Grand River to five lanes from Novi Rd. to Wixom and facilitated improvements to the widen-

ing of 12 Mile.

Nancy Cassis represents the needs of the residents of her district and keeps the promises she makes. As a resident who has benefited from the experience and leadership of Nancy Cassis, I am wholeheartedly endorsing Nancy Cassis for state senate for the 15th district. I would like to invite my fellow residents to join me in voting for a represer ative who gets results August 6 and November 5,

We need a representative like Nancy Cassis to light for the needs of her constituents to continue to represent Oakland County in the State Senate.

Supports Cassis

Vote for Cassis

Backing Kowall

State representative Nancy Cassis has worked to cut tuxes and keep Michigan's economy rolling. As chair of the House Tax Policy Committee, Nancy guided the Income Tax Package of 1999 through the

House.
This bill cuts Michigan's income tax rate onetenth of one percent per year until it falls to 3.9% in 2004. She also guided the Income Tax Package of 2000) that accelerated the rate cut for one year and doubled the exemption for seniors and the disable. It also expanded the children's deduction so taxpagers receive a \$600 deduction for all kids under

Nancy Cassis is an effective Republican tax-cutter with a commitment to cutting wasteful government spending. As our state senator, she will continue the fight to strengthen our economy

Nancy Cassis, a resident of Novi, has done great

market. Vote Nancy Cassis for state senate.

knows how to be responsible and accountable for

every dollar spent on a budget. Mike also makes it

a point to be accessible to all of us whether in per-son by phone fax or mail. Mike will answer all ques-

I do speak from experience, as I have been a con-

stituent for four years. We all need a person like

Comic relief is always greatly appreciated in our

busy and stress-filled lives. The recent article claim-

ing the Novi Police Department was endorsing Matt

Quinn for judge was the best joke of the month! For some of your new readers, let me explain the

humor: Quinn's law firm and partners are the City

of Novi's prosecuting attorneys for the Police Department! What would you expect the Police Union to say? No. we don't want you? No, you're not good enough? We'd like you ALL out of our lives?

[And I am referring to the "Old Boy Network" in the

Please understand: the department had no choice but to endorse Quinn. If you were an officer in

court, as we are so many times, don't you want the

prosecuting attorney on YOUR side or do you think they would prefer they be hung out to dry because of lack of endorsement? The endorsement, in this

have if Matt Quinn is elected to the 52-1 District

A little more history: as mayor, Quinn took an oath (and I am paraphrasing) to uphold the laws of the state and this city. Within that, we are speaking

tions straight to the point with nothing added.

Why Quinn has PD's

endorsement

Trevor Wisniewski

Call on Kowall

Thanks, Novi

things for the economy in the past and will continue to bring job opportunities to the City of Novi and the entire senate district in the future.

The future of the job market and our state econ-One candidate really stands out in my opinion, Representative Michael Kowali believes his obliga-tion is to assist all citizens of Oakland County not omy is of great importance to State Representative just the people is his district. I had a problem with Nancy Cassis and she will continue the fight to a natural gas supplier over charging consumers. No other agency would even consider the subject except Mike Kowall. Although I don't live in his disexpand job opportunities as a member of our state Join me in voting for the woman who will make a trict he did champion my cause and help bring this difference in our economy and the future of our job rogue company into line. Representative Kowall has also sponsored a bill to avoid other citizens being switched by deceit (HB6039) which will provide

We can now have Representative Michael Kowali as our State Senator so that he can continue his great work for Oakland County, Join me in voting for Republican Mike Kowall, State Senator 15 I am writing to the people of the 15th Senate District. Mike Kowall has the most experience to be our senator in Lunsing, Mike Kowall, as a represen-tative of Waterford and White Lake, has been

Larry Wesson Oakland County Fire Marshal (retired), Novi

responsible for bringing more money back to our district for education, ecology and funding of other projects necessary for the people of Michigan. As a business owner and family man Mike Kowali Nuclear no more

The purpose of this letter is to encourage Michigan residents and others to communicate to the leaders of India and Pakistan to settle their 50 year dispute without the use of nuclear weapons.

The decision for the United States to drop the atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki was made to end the war, thus saving millions of lives

Fortunately, we were the only nation that had the bomb. If Japan possessed nuclear capabilities, retaliation could have taken place.

Now we are informed that India has 100 nuclear bombs and Pakistan 50 nuclear bombs. The leaders of these countries have stated they would not be the first to use this horrible weaponry. But desperate men do desperate things. We are told that unleash-ing these bombs could kill about 10 million people immediately and millions more afterward, by radia

tion poisoning.

Will you join me in this effort by sending the following e-mail

"In behalf of all humanity and all other living settle vour dispute."
TO: 1. General Pervez Musharraf - President and

Chief Executive office - Pakistan ce@pak.gov.pk 2. India Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee agov.org

but if thousands of Michigan residents participate -if the concept will spread throughout all our states -if the concept will spread beyond our states so that the leaders of these two nations at war receive hundreds of thousands of e-mails, will this expression of world wide fear and concern influence their de sion? Perhaps.

Please share this letter will all on your e-mail list,

so they can lend their voice to this world-wide crisis

Marrill Lundoren

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OTHER OPINIONS

Now it is Republican party in need of reform

We're rapidly approaching the Aug 6 together in Michigan last Monday to primary election. Here's a timely quiz for politically attuned readers, followed by a GOP nomination for governor. For three about 20 years ago: That their party had short essay based on the answers

Who said which of the following What do the American people want

> dates? erate the steady drift to the right of the Straight unvarabout it. tainly not harsh primary elections, but who do not repre-

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with every-thing good

candidates

Phil Power

say, but should place a high premium on candidates with high moral and ethical stan-dards, the kind of people you can take

b) "This is a contest for the soul of the publican Party. The party has moved further and further to the right, while the electorate has moved closer and closer to the center. ... If we continue to be moral absolutists, we'll be toast in

Tve never seen a candidate who to Michigan and couples that with undoubted honesty, integrity and commitment to principle.

AcCain for (a), gubernatorial candidate

easingly rare breed, gathered the century, as their hero.

remarkably distinguished, able and respected politicians, they got remarkably little ink or airtime from the media. That's too bad, because what they're really working on is an attempt to mod-

Republican Party, nationally and in Michigan. Schwarz makes no bones "My party is increasingly in the control of single issue groups like Right to Life and the pro-gun folks who may pro-vide active and motivated foot soldiers in

sent the increasingly independent main-stream voters in America," he said. I spent some time with Schwarz and McCain as their campaign bus careened from Detroit Metro Airport to Pleasant Ridge and then to Ann Arbor. We talked about political reform in general and the

Both seemed hopeful in their reform mission, if only because they both believe that Republican candidates who come across as moral absolutists may win primaries but are likely to lose in "What's the best way to get across your message of reform?" responded McCain at one point, "Pointing out that hardline ideologues lose general elections. That wakes folks up right quick.

They cited polling data indicating that stands for the things that are important voters registering as Independent now make up a larger group then either Democrats or Republicans, especially in Michigan, a famous ticket-splitting If you picked U.S. Senator John state. They argued the best way to ccain for (a), gubernatorial candidate State Sen. John J.H. ("Joe") Schwarz for dates to be "centrist." to downplay idealogy and to demonstrate character and (b) and former governor William G. ogy and to demonstrate character and Milliken (endorsing Schwarz for governor) for (c) you'd go to the top of the own skin." And they both referred to forwith small together? which is the cought them all together? which is the cought them all together? They're all moderate Republicans, and the Republican Party after the turn of

ideas to pull Thankfully, the center. Eventually political reform goes in

to mainstream Americans, that abso

butist liberal ideologues had taken over

Leadership cycles. One think-and-act generation group, took up deals with one

the spadeworl welfare party, the next generation training as an investment in with the other. trade, on protecting

environment and providing ways for sustainable economic growth. Eventually, these ideas found a voice in Bill Clinton, who pulled his party to the center and, in so doing, got himself elected and re-elected resident.

Thankfully, political reform goes in cycles. One generation deals with one party, the next generation with the other. These days, it's the Republican Party that's in need of reform. And the combination of John McCain, Bill Milliken and Joe Schwarz struck me as an awfully compelling lineup to make the case.

Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to ge (734) 953-2206 or at prou

Don't assume the worse of officials

Consolidated School board meeting began with angry parents expressing their views on longer walking distances for their children.

members approved the school district's budget that mandat-ed that transportation would only be available to students who lived more than a mile from school. Therefore, stu-dents who lived a mile would have to walk the distance that could potentially lead them

into danger.

My heart cried out for these

hurting him.

School administers had to worst of their elected officials. find a way to make the state money go where it's needed to pay bills, pay teachers and administrators salaries and to pay for student programs. They've had to rack their brains to come up with the

cally.

Starting with this edition, the
Novi News and all other HomeTown Newspapers have converted from a 27.5-inch web size to a 25-inch web size at its Howell Township printing plant. The paper will remain the same from the top of the page to the bottom, but it's 2.5 inches narrower across a two-page Cal Stone But don't worry - readers will not notice any change in what we call the "news hole." There will not be fewer stories or artistudy found that 25 percent o newspapers surveyed had already made the switch to the eles, and we're still using a six-

Novi News debuts

new paper width

that you're holding in your hands, but it has changed physi-

column format. In fact, you probably won't realize the

change, except the paper might

feel a bit slimmer in your hands

This change is not an inven-tion of HomeTown Newspapers,

tion of HomeTown Newspapers our parent subsidiary. It's actual

ly part of a growing trend for

newspapers all across the country, and we're just keeping up with the changing advertising standards.

The move will, however,

allow us to save on our overall

printing costs.

Those of you who are into

graphic design, etc. may notice

that we have also changed our

new 50-inch web. Also, 25 per cent had set a date to make the change, and 25 percent were planning on changing within the next five years. "Basically three out of four papers had made the change of were planning to," Perlberg said

"This is going to bring us in line with the new standards. The thing that drove it home for me was that we went down to Florida on Easter break ... and nearly every paper I picked up had gone to the new standards."
As many of you know, in addition to Novi News, HomeTown Newspapers also publishes The County Daily Press & Argus The Milford Times, Northvill Record and South Lyon Herald For our company, this was the right time to make the change

typeface. We've gone from Bookman to Times, which allows more words per line, according to HomeTown Newspaper graphic design artist Diana Wells. because we are in the process of installing a new classified adver-The new typeface also has given us the opportunity to bump the type size up a half-point from 9 to 9.5. If that's tising system. Instead of estab lishing the new classified system more copy in less space tem at the new standards and because the new type is more make all the changes at one

Our general manager for Bottom line - these are not HomeTown Newspapers, Rich drastic changes and they will not Periberg, said he noticed the have a huge impact on readers or trend in web size changes a couple of years ago. He says that a to be aware of them.



Last month school board

about their children walking return back for students livalong busy roads. I'm a mother, too I would be furning if smail son to walk a mile to school. The thought of elementary students walking a mile is complete lunacy.

le is complete lunacy.
I would go to the meeting, just as these parents did, and tell the school board that I did not agree with their decision. I would fight their decision. I would petition and write to school officials.

After all. I've taken a look at the sex offenders list (before a court ruling took the list away for all to see] and discovered there are a few registered sex assumed school board n Therefore, not only would I be stormed out the doo worried about my child being Peterman, school board secre hit by a car, I would also worry about some welrdo

I agree with the parents wholeheartedly. However, I understand the dilemma school administers have to save money for the school district. The state has not been granting the district as much money as needed to run a school district its size.

right way to save money for ple to stand up for what they Unfortunately, I don't think

utting bus services was the right way to save money. Saving extra dough isn't worth putting children in

jeopardy. My heart that cried out for



Diane Deel

though transportation will ing more than seven-tenths of if it's overturned at the Aug. 1

meeting. Unfortunately, one mother who was upset that her child tance did not stay to listen to the school board members comments. She screamed at showing them a picture of her son. Of course I believed in what that mother was trying to say. It's just hard to totally believe in someone who seems kind of crazy. This mother acted out of turn and just

tary, agreed with the parents and wanted to go back to last year's transportation plan. However, that mother didn't

busy being angry.
I believe it's great to express your views and fight for what you believe in. That's what makes our country great. Nevertheless, people should not be so ready to assume the They're just trying to do their make mistakes. However, in this case school board members seem to be willing to admit and correct their error. While it's important for peo-

say. After all, what they have to say may be worth listening

staff writer for the Lake Area those parents jumped for joy Times. She can be reached at when I heard school board (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or

Granholm gets our Democratic selection ing a political advantage."

ENDORSEMENTS

Democratic voters in the August gubernatorial primary should select Attorney General Jennifer Granholm who is the most thoughtful and articulate candidate, and the one most willing to talk about the issues and their specifics in depth.

After a decade of one-party domination in state government, Michigan also needs a moderate in the governor's office, a need Granholm both fills and "I have been just floored in Lansing

with the partisan acrimony that exists, she said in an interview with our editorial board, "People spend their waking hours trying to figure out how to get the other guy instead of trying to figure out how to serve. What a ridiculous situation that is. I would hope that I could come in and appeal to people who are fresh and who are coming in with great ideas and great hopes for changing the world, rather than gain-

In fact, "inclusion/diversity" is one of campaign revolves.

born of a diverse exchange of views.
everyone around the table looks and sounds and thinks the same, the resulting ideas will be the 'same old thing," she said. The other values include

Her stance as a moderate is also She opposes the recent tax hikes intended to solve the state's budget crunch, and further argues that the Single Business Tax should be elimi nated. While understanding of the coning for changes to Proposal A.

the "five core values" around which her "In my opinion, the best ideas are

"creativity/outside-the-box thinking." integrity, engagement and excellence.

Grapholm "would not return to a mill-

schools to have more options for mak-ing capital improvements and allow for the creation of foundations to which residents could contribute to support

school district programs.

She has laid out intricate plans for addressing issues such as economic development, urban sprawl and con-trolling the cost of health care.

Unlike many politicians, Granholm allows her views to evolve as more information becomes available. Very visible as an opponent of concealed weapons legislation, Granholm now says the problems she feared and predicted have not come true. She says she is now taking a "wait and see" approach to the reformed CCW laws.

Granholm will serve the Democratic party best in the coming general election. Furthermore, she's best suited to serve the state as a whole, should she

Schwarz represents moderate GOP view

honesty, a candidate willing to tell votwhat they want to hear. When Republican voters head to the polls ug. 6 to choose their nomince to run for the post of Michigan's governor they should be looking for that quality.

This election year, the candidate who is shooting the straightest, best laying on the line for them. is John J.H. Schwarz. He's the one telling GOP voters the

depth of the state's budget problems, and how the party has drifted too far sheer act of holding office is not the be all and the end all in this world," he said, "The sheer act of telling the truth is - let the chips fall

where they may. I'm perfectly happy to stay in Battle Creek, practice medicine, ow roses, attend University of Michigan football games and have the occasional cold beer. It will be just fine. In the interim, I'm going to tell it the way I beljeve it is.

Schwarz believes Michigan's GOP has moved too far to the right. His opponent, he believes, represents a cor ued slide in that direction, and therefore would be "unelectable" in the general election runoff in the fall. We agree. After 10 years of domination by the Republican party in the

What voters need this year is plain onesty, a candidate willing to tell votonesty, a candidate willing to tell votcannot count on such complete control

One of the uncomfortable truths of the legislative process. And even if the GOP keeps its edge in Lansing after the next election, the movement should he toward inclusion.

erate view of the Republican agenda, a nove toward the center. working with the legislature and the

post of President Pro Tem of the Senate ery year since 1993. Commissioner and Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, so he understands local

government as well. Schwarz' resume also includes a great deal of time serving as a physician at a variety of Battle Creek area hospitals. In fact, the doctor retains his ate practice to this day. Although he says he'll have to give up his practice if elected governor. Schwarz has an intimate knowledge of what is needed to address the looming problems of Medicaid, health care and health care Federally Qualified Health Centers to provide treatment to the uninsured, so they will not have to use costly emer gency room services that put so many

Schwarz is talking about is his belief out of balance. Despite recent action in the legislature to increase tobacco the budget will still fall short some 8970 million.

tively painless solution of delaying legislative process; he has served in the state senate since 1986, elected to the scheduled rollbacks in Income tax and Single Business Tax rates for just a couple of years. Schwarz ranks as a fiscal conserva-

is careful with the taxpayer's dollar.

On the issue of abortion, Schwarz

that abortions should be available, safe Polls clearly indicate that Schwarz is the dark horse in this race. But a nomination for his opponent would continue the slide to the right for the GOP, a

trend that needs to be moderated. Naming Schwarz as the nominee toward the center, and would bring the party back to a position of represe Our endorsement goes to Joe

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School overhaul bids awarded

■ Novi Schools awards state companies over \$3.9 million in construction work

By Angelo Parlove

Novi Schools set the wheels in otion for the overhaul of Novi Woods Elementary, awarding a first round of construction bids at the July 8 board of education

approved an initial 11 construction bids, valued at about
\$3,929,501. James Koster, Novi
Schools assistant superintendent

1y. The total amount of construction work awarded to these three
companies is over \$1,720,000.
In June, the school moved into
the Novi Technology Center —

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10N or at
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of finance, estimates these initials bids to be about \$530,000 under the project budget for this work.

Mendows — where the students of the st In all, the district will award construction work estimated to be

about \$7,847,636. The remaining bids for the Novi Woods overhaul are expected to be awarded at a

Sprinkler, Inc. of Wixom and Long Mechanical in Northville received bid awards from Novi utilities, fire protection and 2003, plumbing and HVAC, respectively. The total amount of construc-

sixth-grade houses at Novi Meadows — where the sudents will attend classes for the 2002-2003 school year, with the kinder-

garten students temporarily head-ed for Parkview Elementary.

This move facilitated the 13are expected to be awarded at a special Novi Schools board meeting on July 25.

The initial bids are part of the 2001 Capital Projects Fund.
Lucal companies Merlyn Contractors of Novi, Professional Sprinkler, Law of Missen and a sequence of the companies of the contractors of Novi, Professional Sprinkler, Law of Missen and a sequence of the companies of the contractors of Novi, Professional Sprinkler, Law of Missen and a sequence of the contractors of Novi, Professional Sprinkler, Law of Missen and a sequence of the contractors of Novi Professional Sprinkler (Novi Professional Sprinkler). playground. The Novi Woods overhaul is expected to be com-pleted in the late summer of 2003. Students will return for classes Schools for earthwork and site in the new Novi Woods in August

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At the end of one business day this past May, only a few days after brother and sister tandem Tamar Aguilar and Jacques Chopjian had first moved their family-run jewelry store to Milford, Aguilar waited patiently behind the jewelry counter for the day's final sale.

The gentleman who had been in the store about an hour prior had already looked at carrings which 'perfect' for the woman who held

nied him into the store, "She'll love those earrings. I want that pair. How late are you open?" Seven o'clock, he was told by

Aguilar, We close in 30 minutes. But I'll wait for you, if you'd like," she told him "I promise to be right back," he said before disappearing from

sight for a time which quickly surpassed 30 minutes. Soon an hou urned into 90 minutes.
Still, Aguilar waited. She pre-

pared a gift box for wrapping, along with a suitable bow and a He'll be back, she told he self. That was true love in his And 90 minutes later she was

right. Aguilar watched as his vehi-cle rolled up to the curb outside her Main Street store, a chrome front wheel sparkling amid the fading evening sun. He and his friend had driven separately back to the store. They were late, but determined nonetheless to culmi-

empty all of my change at home and count it. Then I still had to ask my morn if I could borrow some money. But I think I have enough money. But I think I have enough money in the world to have an installment from the processor of the boys, then wrapped each gift as though the retail value were many times more. Aguilar said that single purence of the boys, then wrapped each gift as though the retail value were many times more. Aguilar said that single purence of the boys that returned on minutes after first value were many times more can be sufficient.

single dollars began to fall onto the cherry wood showcases of Milford Jewelers. The war chest single dollars began to fall onto heart.

"That's who we are as a family," Aguilar said, "We are not here silver earnings, for which one of a 10-year-old son who had the conscious choice to Their suddenly slumped shoulments. Their simply not us.

"That's who we are as a family," Aguilar said, "We are not here to impress anyone with expensive brand names and high-priced inventors, That's simply not us.



Jacques Chopjian pays close attention to the fine details of a diamond.

mate a pivotal jewelry purchase.

"Sorry," he told Aguilar upon re-entering the store. "I had to be a continuous to be a contin

"That's who we are as a fami-

Tamar Aguilar waits on a customer at Milford Jewelers

inventory. That's simply not us. We'd rather just help people find jewelry they love at prices they can afford."

can afford."

That friendly, comfortable approach is Milford Jewelers' specialty, she said, And customers have found it to be a perfect fit for a Main Street store whose building for 26 years (1949-75) was

once the Milford Library.
"We simply try to be ourselves," Aguilar said. "That's

of four brothers and one sister. The family also owns and operates its own 4,000 square foot jewelry manufacturing center novelty amongst Michigan a noverty amongst entengan premises that is why in jewelly jewelers. At that facility fine icreles the Chopjian Family jewelry and cast for family is valued by fellow jewelriadividual clients alike for its meticulous craftsmanship

What are the advantages to



really our only secret."

Milford Jewelers is one of four

Jacques Chopilan prepares a diamond for a customer.

such unique professional resource? More customer con-

trol, better quality jewelry and more affordable prices, Aguilar said. Perhaps that is why in jewelry - and best admired for its pure

run jewelry store where charac-ter and family tradition is 30

Milford Jewelers. Not the biggest jeweler you will ever visit, Aguilar concedes. Not the flashiest. Not the fanciest. Not the gaudiest. And certainly not the most expensive.

"We love people," Aguilar "Bangad all the unique"

the most expensive.

"We just want to be the frienditest and most affordable jeweler you've ever visited," Aguilar said. "Beyond all the unique things we offer as jewelers, I'd say our friendliness, honesty and dedication are the three real reasons why people enjoy visiting

Business in brief

Lynch & Sons expands

Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, one of the largest family-owned and operated firms in Michigan, announces the purchase of Bossardet Funeral Home in Oxford by Timothy J. and Jennifer M. Lynch of Walled Lake. This is and Sons, which operates Jennifer has worked closely funeral homes in Walled Lake.

1,000 bereaved families every

year.
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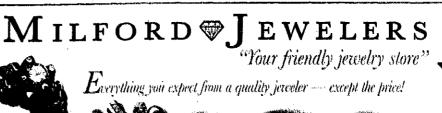
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roads ourselves," Zoner said. The board was asked by the steering committee to either approve or reject the final findings of the study. Several board members expressed displeasure with the study.

Treasurer Sue Gross felt the board shouldn't accept the study since the committee didn't care that when M-5 opens Commerce will have increased traffic a north-south corridor would have

helped alleviate.

Trustee Daniel Munro said no one wanted to put the corridor

where it should go or wanted it in their area. "But they don't really care if

it's in Commerce," he said.

The board eventually voted to

accept a copy of the report and make it available for the public to view. They made no action to approve or reject the report. The board of trustee's next meeting will be Aug. 13.

Erin Johnson is a reporter for the Milford Times. She can be reached at (24)-685-1507, ext. 21 ejohnson@homecomm.net.

Other items addressed by the Commerce Township Board of Trustees at their July 9 meeting include:

- · Approved the establishment of Special Projects No. 18
- Approved an International Fire Code ordinance
 Approved the awarding of the township's auditing contract to Layton and Richardson

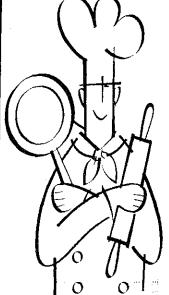
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Great times with family

year I wasn't even sure that I was going to be getting out and catching a Detroit Tigers' baseball game — but I did.



wasn't aware that if I did go that it would be a win — it was. And, I sure as heek didn't know that if I went, I would be sitting three rows behind the Tigers' dugout, eating Cracker Jacks with my wife, little sister and grandpa while Jose Lima three baseballs and hatting gloves and even his hat up to fans in the stands — that's just the way

it went.

Just like every older brother
on the planet. I have a tendency
to pick on my little sister,
Jennifer. Be it over her
boyfriend, Nick, or her grades
or her choice in music, I do.
But now, I have even more

But now, I have even more things to pick on her about, and my wife and my grandpa, thanks to the Tigers.

You see, Jennifer had never been to a basebalf game before, so this was a new experience for her. The best way to cap off a new experience, in my opinion, is with memorable moments. Here we are, sitting moments. Here we are, sitting in our seats when my wife, Christie, starts laughing. I look up to the jumbo-tron out in left field, and here is Jennifer's face. I am talking close-up here. Her nose alone had to have been 10 feet tall, I think, and I know that I heard a baby start crying somewhere to my right (no doubt a direct effect of Jennifer's face on the screen). The nicture slowly in our seats when my wife of Jennifer's face on the screen). The picture stowly draws back to show my grand-father, Ronald, munching on a handful of peanuts and watch-ing the action as Robert Fick stepped up to the plate. If her mug being telecast for all of Detroit to run from was-n't enough, lognifer was also

n't enough, Jennifer was also n't enough, Jennifer was also the victim of almost being smacked by a baseball whizzing through the stands at 100 miles per hour — or so-she thought. Here we are, watching as the White Sox bring out a new pitcher to warm up, when a little girl two rows ahead of us tosses a ball into the air. Jennifer freaks out dodging to tosses a ball into the air. Jennifer freaks out, dodging to her left to avoid the ball that she thought was flying at her head. Only my family would do something like that. There were other memorable things as well. Christie snagged an autograph from Robert Fick and Damion Estley for

an autograph from Robert Fick and Damion Eastey for Jennifer. We ate hot dogs and peanuts and Cracker Jacks and the Tigers won. All and all it wasn't a bad game for Jennifer to call her first. Even if the Tigers would have lost, or we wouldn't have got on the jumbo-tron (1 was on there too, but that's another story for another time) or if the game

too, but that's another story for another time) or if the game would have been rained out, it would have been worth it. Why? Because I was with family. Family has become something that is more than just a little important to me. I guess I can

easily say that it began around September 14, 2001 when my September 14, 2001 When my daughter, Shaylyn, was born. Now, whenever it comes to doing something fun or going somewhere, I consider if I can take my family and if it is going to be a good time for all or not. Laws come to realize that now I have come to realize that now is the time for me to make is the time for me to make memories, before my grandfa-ther can't go out or my little sis-ter becomes too busy for a base-ball game. You should enjoy your family too.

I yould just like to add as a final note: Thanks to Dave Brandau and Frinn O'Connor

Brandau and Erinn O Connor for setting me up with the great seats. We had a great time and made great memories!

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NABF catcher Matt Williams takes a final look over his gear to make sure every thing is connected correctly before taking the field in a NABF Broncos baseball game earlier this year. Williams is just one of many players that will be taking part in the upcoming NABF World Series July 25-28.

2002 NABF World Series ready to roll

By Sam Eggleston

it's that time of year again
you guessed it, NABF
World Series time!

It's right about now that many people may notice all of the work being done on the Hillside baseball field and in just a short time, they will also start seeing those also start seeing those stands filled with fans as the best of the best roll into town for the World Series July 25-

28.
"We don't really know who is coming until they qualify." Northville Broncos coach Jim Cicala said. "All teams have to play in a regional tournament and that will probably be happening this week. We might not know who is competed." might not know who is com-

might not know who is com-ing until (Sunday)."

According to Cicala, as well as shown by World Series from years past, teams will be flocking in from around the country. They will possi-bly coming from as close as Ohio to as far away as Texas, New York and beyond New York and beyond.

"Every year you see some one new," Cicala said. Some of the teams you see are the same from year to year, but even their strengths change from year to year. All I am sure of is that we are going to see some really good teams." The teams that Northville

will be facing will be some of the best in the country, but Cicala says that if his team plays to their fullest poten-tial, it should be a pretty

tial, it should be a pretty even fournament. "It's going to have to be a team effort," he said, "if we play to our potential, we will have the possibility of stacking up well against the other teams. We will have to play strong defensively and we will need to have individuals step up for us too."
Even if Northville isn't able

to make it to the final, cham-pionship game on Sunday, Cicala says that he knows that the Broncos will have taken on some very talented players and teams. "We are looking forward to

"We are looking forward to playing against everyone," he said. "We would like to see how we measure up, but we know that they are going to be pretty tough. Overall, I think all of us are looking forward to it."

Most of the teams that come into the Series will be coming in on a full head of steam, which is exactly what Cicala hopes to do with his squad.

squad.

"Things are starting to come together for us," he said. "Our pitching has improved as we have gone through the season and we through the season and we are playing strong defense behind it. In the tournament, we are hoping to come out strong and keep it going that way. We feel good with what our position is both offensively and defensively. That's why we play the regular season and that's what it's all about." about.

The Broncos are not sure when they will take the field. The schedules for the NABF World Series is decided by its governing body at the national level, so look for a schedule of events in next week's paper.

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These seniors are harder than most to replace

By Sam Eggleston

Everyone knows that senlors become the hardest athletes to replace on a sports team. Coaches put four years into teaching them how to play at the high school level and many of them spend their own personal time to hone their skills to become the best athlete they can be.

Suddenly, they are playing to their fullest potential. Running, gunning, scoring and leading and then — BAMI May comes and so does graduation and coaches, fans and family see them walking out the door with their eyes locked on the horizon and everything that the future - a future away from their high school and the sports they played their — holds for them. It's much the same for a sports writer. I watch them play, report it, and repeat. Each week I report what happened in our high school sports naming the senior athletes

gain and again and again. hen they are gone. Here, as I did last week, I have named the seniors I will miss the most from their respective sports. The series, broken into three parts of fall. winter and spring, has now come to the chilly days of win-

No coaches, parents, friends or fellow writers had anything to do with these picks. They are purely my opinion and reflect little or no statistical data from the athletes' senior season.

Jamie Schram, Basketball — Schrithe imm Novi. Schram is quite the impressive player that is going to be sorely missed on the Wildcat squad this coming Winter. His height and his basketball ability made his a valuable asset to the Novi program, but it was his leader-

ship skills on and off the court that made his such and easy senior to get along with. A multi-talented athlete, multi-talented athlete, Schram helped lead the Wildcats to the promised land of a District Title, their first since becoming a Class A competitor. I have a feeling that he is going to be all but replaceable this year.

Tim Ferng, Northville, Backetball — When I think of Tim Ferng, I think of the Little Engine that Could. Here he comes, chugging down the court, reading the defense and court, reading the detense and developing a plan in his head. No matter the odds or the predictions of the contest, Perng came out looking to win. An injury found the valuable Mustang sidelined during the ever-crucial second half of the season in 2001-02, but no one can draw his immach before can deny his impact before that. Expect the Mustangs to have to do some work before they come up with a guard Ferng in the near

David Zeitlin. Basketball — I was intro-duced to David Zeitlin in a rather rude manner at a Walled Lake Western girls' basketball game. Just before the contest started and everyone was in the locker rooms, a bunch of Warrior guys were out shooting and p missing every shot they took, for one guard, who wouldn't even shoot unless he was outside of the three-point arch. Suddenly, one of the was outside of the three-point arch. Suddenly, one of the guys runs up, jabs a finger in my chest and practically yells "That's Dave Zeitlin. He's the point guard in Oakland nty." I did the eye-roil and County." I did the eye-roil and ignored the group as I waited for the game to start, but sure enough, he was one of (if not the) best points in Oakland County, and one that the Warriors are probably going to wish they had next year.

Everyone knows that seniors become the hardest athletes to replace on a sports team. Coaches put four years into teaching them how to play at the high school level and many of them spend their own personal time to hone their skills to become the best athlete they can be.

Eric Wilcox, WLC. Basketball — It's tough being one of two seniors on a pro-gram, especially when nearly everyone else on your Varsity team is either freshmen or sophomores. Wilcox not only dealt with having to be a much leader than most seniors, he dealt with it well. Though he wasn't the top scorer in each contest, the blg man Inside was a valuable asset to the Vikings this past winter as he helped usher in a team that is going to be one of the toughest in the WLAA this coming year the only thing they going to be missing is that bigand reliable leadership Wilcox always brought to the hardwood.

Jordan Mobolo, Novi.

Swimming — Splish, splash. This Novi senior sure seemed at home in the water and one would probably wonder where he was hiding his gills with the way he swam at times. The Wildcats, who will umes, The Wildcats, who will be filled with a pretty darn good squad next year, are still going to miss Mobolo due to his ability and his determi-nation to always succeed and get better at his events.

Rob Cameron, Northville.

Rob Cameron, Northville, Swimming — If you ever get the chance to meet Cameron, the first thing you may notice is that he is a pretty furny guy. The second thing you might notice is that he is pretty lanky and has a good athletic build. And then, if you shoved him into a pool and waited for him to quit splashing around, you would notice that he is a pretty good swimmer too. Cameron, who was a mainstay with the Mustangs this last season. continued to grow and improve throughout the season and was a well-oiled machine in all aspects of being a leader in and out of the pool. Expect the Northville tankers to have a beck of a time even imagining finding a replace-ment for Cameron, especially one that is so focused when he has to be, yet so fun to be around when he doesn't.

Tim Hillebrand Engelland, Northville, Hockey - Talk about a tough choice on who to pick for the senior I would miss the most off the Northville hockey team. I think the reason I decided to with the tie was both of and, oh yeah, they are going be practically impossible to replace. Hillebrand started to be known as a player who couldn't help but get a nattrick in a contest, and

Engelland was a pure hockey player in nearly every aspect of his game. I think that the Mustangs will be brining back plenty of talent for next year, but I also think they will be wincing at the loss of these

Robby Overfield, Novi, Hockey — I couldn't even imagine why I picked Robby Overfield out of the seniors on the Novi squad. Let's see — could it be because he led the Wildcats in scoring? Nah. Because he was a captain on the second-ranked program in the state? Nah. Wat!! Could it be because he led one of the most up-and-coming confer-ences in the state of Michigan in scoring and was a first-team selection for the All-State team? Heek yeah! Overfield is one of those players that come by once a decade or so. They have all the talent to play the game they love, they just need an arena to release the beast in — Overfield had that and it showed.

Cymbre Jaskot Northville, Volleyball solid player and all-around top-notch performer, Jaskot proved to be a strong guiding force for the struggling Mustangs last winter. Her abilities and her dedication to the sport make her one of the irreplaceable athletes in winter athletics. I expect Mustangs will have tro finding a volleyball player like her any time in the near

Jamie Jo Sabol, Novi, Volleyball — A good leader and a tough competitor, Sabol was a fan-favorite as well as a team captain. Though the Wildcats will have a promising start next season, it is still

Continued on 2

Brendan

Buckley

Series thoughts: I think it is real-

exciting to compete against such igh caliber teams from around the

Goals for Series: I want to make

Advice for team: Play hard and your hard work should pay off.

What possible college to attend: Notre Dame, if accepted

Comments on coach Cicala: His dedication has helped all of us

High School: Northville

2002-03 Class: Junior

Meet the NABF Broncos

Alex Wojcik

High School: Detroit Catholic Central

2002-03 Class; Junior Series thoughts: Honored and, at the same time, excited. Goals for Series: To have a winning record and to play our best base-

Comments on coach Cicala: Very good coach and knows the game

Best haseball memory: Grand Slam last year at Royal Oak that won

Who he looks up to: My father

Career hopes: To become an engineer or lawyer. What possible college to attend: Notre Dame or Princeton,

Richard Hammer

High School: U of D Jesus

2002-03 Class: Junior Series thoughts: I am really excited to play in the world series and play ainst some of the better teams out there

Goals for Series: To have a winning record and to play our best base-Advice for team; I hope we all play our best possible baseball and rep-

esent Northville well.

Comments on coach Cleala: Coach Cleala has did a nice job getting ready for the World Series, he has helped me become a better ball play

Best baseball memory: Grand Slam last year at Royal Oak that won

ie game 4-3. Who he looks up to: My Grandpa

Editors Note: The above NABF Northville Broncos players did not have a photo.

Career hopes: To play well and be successful in life.

What possible college to attent: I'm still not sure where I will attend

Brian Alpert

Positions: CF - Pitcher High School: Livonia Stevensor 2002-03 Class: Junior Series thoughts: The good competition. Goals for Series: Make it to finals an win.

Advice for team: Play as a team and don't worry about stats.

Comments on couch Cicala: Knows the game and makes it fun. Best baseball memory: Threw two no-hitters exactly one year ap

Who he looks up to: My parents and Drew Hensen. Career hopes: Engineer or go on in baseball. What possible college to attend: No comment.

Jake Dumbleton

Positions: 2B - Pitcher - Outfield

2002-03 Class: Junior Series thoughts: Excited to face the best team. Goals for Series: Have a winning record.

Advice for team: Play for the team not for individual stats Comments on coach Cicala: Very good and knowledgeable coach. Best baseball memory: Hitting a home run then getting thrown out Who be looks up to: My parents and Ichiro Suzuki

Career hopes: To be an engineer and make a lot of money What possible college to attend: Unknown

Chris Scott

High School: Novi 2002-03 Class: Junior

Series thoughts: Excited. It

Goals for Series: Win It! Play

lways be thining. Have fon and

Comments on coach Cicala: Knows a lot about baseball

Best baseball memory: Hitting a Grand Slav

Who he looks up to: Jesus

Career Impes: Always succeed

What possible college to attend: Not sure



Back (L to R): Coach Jim Cicala, Matt Williams, Brian Alpert, Chris Scott, Brett Asher, Rich Hammer, Brian Tellis, Coach Doug Scott. Front: Nick Posa, Brendan Buckley, Alex Wojcik, Jake Dumbieton and Jimmy Cicala.

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coaches and college players and will be highlighted by nightly scrimmages.

Enrollment is limited to the first 100 to sign up. Cost of the clinic its \$100 for residents and \$103 for those in the Northville school district. The cost for non-residents is \$107. For more information, call (248)

Seniors: Hard to replace

him in the fluals. I expect that

the Musiangs, though coming off a rebuilding year, won't have another Saran. In fact, I think it

will be a few years in the mak-

ing before they have a wrestler with the heart that Saran

Andrea Ledbetter, Wild

Stangs. Gymnastics — Though she was only one of two seniors on the Novi-Northville Wild Stang team, Ledbetter

brought to the mat.

going to prove tough to replace the experience and the leader-ship skills that Sabol brought

J.R. Muldoon, Novi, Wrestling — Quick as light-ning and as slippery as a fish, Muldoon was next of impossible to carn a pin against on the wrestling mat his senior year as he helped himself to one of the top spots in the state. His performance in each and every meet was only outdone by Josh Churella, who was undefeated. Expert the Wildcats to have a tough time replacing many of their wrestling seniors, but Muldoon the most.

Ravi Saran, Northville, sure, many others. His ability

season and his inability to give again next year. up made him one beck of an opponent — even for those who were thought to be able to beat

Lindsay Carlson, Wild Stangs, Gymnastics — The second of two seniors on the Novi-Northville combined gymnastic team, Carlson showed that it can mean the difference between being a well-rounder gymnast or a struggling one with just a few points - though she never had to worry about struggling. A good leader on and off the competitive floor Carlson helped lead her team to a very exciting and fulfilling state-championship-defending season that found more than one team bowing to the superi or skills of the Wild Stangs.

never let it get her down. She continued to be a steady per-former and a reliable point-scorer for the under-rated writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

squad as they came through from a tough loss with gradua-tion and surprised a lot of other teams. Expect her skills to be tough to replace, though the

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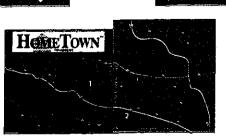
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The Northville Tigers t-balls squad ended the season with three exciting contests. Against the Yankees. John Steffes made four outs, including an unassisted double play. First baseman Nicholas Smith contributed three hits along with timely defense. In a very competitive game against the Red Sox, the excellent Tigers team defense got 11 outs, while Ryan Donnely led the offense with four hits. In the season finale against the Royals. Colin Warner returned to pace the Tigers with four hits, while the whole team contributed to the defensive play. All teams played well and

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Best baseball memory: Working as a team and winning our leag Career hopes: If sports don't work out, then to be a business man.

Posa Positions: Catcher - 3E

Nick

Best baseball memory: Hitting a home run-

Who he looks up to: Walter Paytor

What possible college to attend: Any that will accept me

Comments on coach Cicala: Knows a lot about the game

Career hopes: Doing something with my life

What possible college to attend: Cal State Fullerton Brett

Brian

Tellish

Series thoughts: I feel it will be a

at opportunity to play against the

teams in the country to see

Goals for Series: I want to just have a good time and accomplish

Comments on coach Cicala: Coach Cicala has been my coach since

s 12 years old. He has taught me as much about the game as anyone.

Best baseball memory: Scoring on a teamates first suicide

Who he looks up to: I look up to my sister.

Career hopes: I would like to be a physical therapist

High School: Northville

2002-03 Class: Junior

our teams goals,

Asher

2002-03 Class: Junior

Series thoughts: Excited Goals for Series: Make it t

Comments on coach Cicala: Coach is always there to help us Best baseball memory: Winning a game in extra innings on a suitide squeeze this year after not bunting since 5th grade.

Who he looks up to: My parents

Career hopes: Sports Agent.

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Matt

Williams

2002-03 Class: Sophomore

reamed of playing in it.

Series thoughts: I'm really

then I was younger, I always

Who he looks up to: My parents

Jimmy

Cicala

Series thoughts: Excited to face

as his father is the coach.)

Who he looks up to: Nicholas A. Posa

Career hopes: Own my own business.

inday. Don't boot any balls Advice for team: Play hard.

High School: Northville 2002-03 Class: Junior

Career hopes: Baseball player or coach.

What possible college to attend: No Comment.

Advice for team: Play hard all the time.

Comments on coach Cicala: He's a great coach.

Best baseball memory: Winning AAU National Invitation

Comments on coach Cicala: None printable (Editor's note: The

ords "none printable" were exactly what Civala wrote on the qu

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Indiana, Florida or even Texas, getting ready to charge, right? These teams fight their way. This year, that may not be the through their regular seasons to case. The NABF volunteers get

that was witness to more walks than stakes?

What was it that was going to go see? I can tell you now that went to my liest NABF series not knowing what to expect, but this going to the series expecting some of the best youth baseland ground. I can talking about ground. I am falking about these guys dig their feet in and 404 one New York. Ohio, dig their feet in - just like a built seggleston@ht.homeconun.net.

head into the Regionals with hopes of catching a win and a ride to Northville for the World Series.

down on their hands and knees and duga hole themselves before tilling the batter's boxes with clay and leveling them out before Another thine I can tell you is recovering them with the infield that you will never see the Hillside baseball field look as good as it does during that tour-digging and scratching of cleats nament either. Countless hours in the batters box won't end up

to det and mouse trum, I had more the defined more the fournament. Was it going to be larne? Was it going to be a buried of barely fieldable to a buried of barely fieldable to be it only in any the best of the state of the sta Series in Northville should be a sight to see if one is looking for quality baseball. Now that I know what to expert, anything less than top notch baseball would be a disappointment — and I know I won't be disappointed.

writer for the Northville Record and the Nort News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.



NABF volunteers Carl Galietti (left), Cathy Galietti and Ron Angove work at getting clay put down as a base under the batters' boxes at Hillside field.

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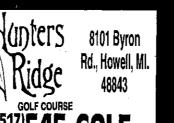


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The Novi Expos Travel bas won the Mayor's Invitational nament in Battle Creek June 20-23. Damarii Saunderson drove Ryan Knight with the winning run i extra innings as the Expos defeate the Cleveland Coyotes 7-6 in the champlonship game. Earlier that week, the Coyotes handed the 13-2, but the Expos came ready to play with the championship on the

Saunderson led or fied for the tournament team in hits, extra base hits RBIs and batting average, while also winning three games as pitcher. Michael Allen tied the team lead in

save in the championship tilt. Greg Hasse led the team in runs scored while Matt Hartman tied for the team lead in RBIs. Max Weberman was on base an astounding 19 times in the seven games played while Andy Lieberman gave the Expos a lot of quality innings on the mound, as did Kevin Uetz, who led the team in saves as the closer. t was a great team effort by the 13 Expos players, with each providing numerous contributions to bring the champi-

Pictured (left to right, back) are Rick Knight, Ken Hasse, Coach Bruce Hartman, John Uetz, Jay Hansen, John Allen; (second row) Matt Hartman, Alex Tollis, Case Moerman, Jacob Hansen, Greg Hasse; (first row) Nate Robinson, Kevin Uetz, Michael Allen, Damarii Saunderson, Ryan Knight, Mike McCann; (lying down) Max Weberman; (not pictured) Andy

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By Brian Renner

Lights, Camera, Action! Welcome to The Screen Beat! Each week we'll take a look at what's playing at your local the-ater and perhaps review the new dvd/video releases for your home

To give you a little background info, I'm Brian Renner and I attend Novi High School. I am a movie fan and have combined my computer knowledge with my constant quest for the latest news in the entertainment industry. For several years, I have owned and operated a Web site, THEMOVIEINSIDER.COM, which contains a comprehensive array of reviews and information about new releases in film. The includes message forums where visitors can express their opinions on hot movie related topics and features interviews with industry professionals, actors and actresses, as well as up-and-coming filmmakers.

On your favorite local movie screens this week you'll find giant mutant spiders, a nuclear submarine on its maiden voyage and the further adventures of a lovable pint-size hero.

What do you get when you cross toxic waste with a bunch of exotic spiders? An over-the-top horror/comedy movie "Eight Legged Freaks"! The residents of a rural mining town in Nevada discover that an unfortunate chemical spill has caused hunchemical spill has caused hun-dreds of little spiders to mutate into the size of SUV's . . . and they're hungry. With state-of-the-art visual effects, "Eight Legged Freaks" is sure to be a jant-packed thrill ride. Five dif-ferent types of spiders, each with its distinct look and hunting method are featured in the film method, are featured in the film. Extensive hours were spent by animators reviewing how real spiders move and behave to give spicers move and octave to great each eight-legged freak some major personality and attitude! Featured among the east are David Arquette, Scarlett Johansson, and Leon Rippy. Kari Wuhrer, of Beverly Hills 90210 fame, plays the local sher-iff who must help save the town from the spiders. "Eight Legged Freaks" is a Warner Bros, release and is rated PG-13 for "sci-fi violence, brief sexuality and lan-

guage".
"K-19: The Widowmaker "K-19: The Widowmaker", featuring Academy Award/E-nominee Harrison Ford, is inspired by a true event that took place in 1961 during the Cold War. It profiles a Soviet Navy captain played by Ford whose maiden voyage on a new nuclear submarine turns into a nightmare when he's caught between a military standoff and a ship riddled with potentially catastrophic technical problems. Featured also in the cast are Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard, and Joss Ackland. "Our film examines heroism, courage and wess of the Soviet submarine force in ways never seen before," stated director/producer Kathryn Bigelow, who went to Russia prior to making the film to talk with K-19's survivors and their families. "It is a fascinating tale of ordinary people who became heroes when faced with a tragic situation. Capturing the nobility of their sacrifice has been the primary motivation for everyone involved in making this film." Harrison Fords adds, "Our goal was to have audiences come to an appreciation of those who served on K-19." "K-19: The Widowmaker" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated PG-13

The pint-size hero Stuart Little again returns to the screen in the sequel to the original popular kids' film. "Stuart Little 2" follows the further adventures of Stuart and his reluctant pal, Snowbell, as they jour through the city to rescue a nev friend, a bird named Margalo, villainous Falcon Featured among the vocal talent are Michael J. Fox, Nathan Lane, x, Nathan Lane, and Melanie Griffith, Davis, Hugh Laurie and Jonathan Lipnicki reprise their roles as the Little family. John Sylva, writer for The Movie Insider, caught a screening of "Stuart Little 2" and w was positive, with a rating of three out of four stars.

As he states, "A sequel whose most interesting characteristic could have been how little Jonathan Lipnicki has grown since "Jerry Maguire", "Stuart Little 2" is the rare follow-up that ditches commercians beart." "Stuart Little 2" is a So Pictures release and is rated PG for "brief mild language".

In theaters next week, "Austin

for "disturbing images"

Powers in Goldmember" (PG-13), "The Country Bears" (G) and exclusively at the Landmark Main Cinema, "Pumpkin" (R).

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Tough to Compare

'Perdition' can't compete with Coppola's 'Godfather,' but should have good run against summer releases

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

Despite its effort to stand next to the classics of American cinema "Road to Perdition" is on

the inevitable road to oblivion.

The film revs high on all eight eylinders under its director. Sam Mendes, and its legendary cine-matographer, Conrad Hall, but sputters like an old beat-up Ford vith its strained tries to be memorable.

In epic style, "Road to Perdition" ponders the eternal theme of good versus evil living side by side, with a cinematic journey that puts the fragility of innocence up against the overwhelming powers of violence, envy and greed. Up to its culminating and cli-

mactic scene, Mendes uses juxtaposed moving pictures of 1930's mob life to present a visual essay on which the gentle side of the human soul prevails over its malicious counterparts. as depicted by a band of ruth-less, gun-toting gangsters.

A notorious hit man, played

by Tom Hanks, is forced to redraw his priorities when his 12-year-old son witnesses a mob hit in a smuggler's warehouse Father and son take to the road to save their lives and the remnants of their family from the villains in felt hats hot on their

Mendes is undoubtedly one of the premiere directors working today. His ability to tell a story by stringing moving images together and letting the viewers piece its meaning together in their minds is unparalleled since, maybe, Stanley Kubrick's prime. Mendes understands film's visual nature; he never lets the temptation to tell the audience through dialog trump his ability to show them through pictures. A storytelling skill that is sadly dying away in Hollywood movies. However, the film's emotion

is self-indulgent and too worked out on paper beforehand; it lacks the rawness to lift it from its ROAD TO PERDITION

Starring: Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law, Alfred Molina, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Daniel Craig, Stanley Tucci, Tyler Hoechlin and Liam Aikem.

Director: Sam Mendes

Distributed by: DreamWorks

Based on: Graphic Novel by Max Allan Collins

> Final Rating 4 (out of 10)

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wide-screen format and slam it

in your heart and brain. Don't go to the theater expecting the sec-ond coming of the "Godfather." The violence, the religious over-tones and the messages of loyalty to family are not wheeled with the same cinematic com-mand as Francis Coppola's mobster masterniece. But in all fairness, what other movies do?

Part of the shortcomings in

"Road to Perdition" is due to Tom Hanks. Hey, I enjoyed "Forrest Gump," too, but the guy stunk up the screen in this one. For the entire movie, it seemed Hanks recently ate a huge turkey dinner and hasn't been able to relieve himself since. It's call Ex-Lax, Tom. Either that, or leave the pretentiousness at home. It takes more than acting next to Paul Newman to make me forget the guy once wore nylons and a bad wig on "Bosom Buddies." Yet, even with Hank's stom-

ach discomforts, he is accompanied by a fine supporting cast that includes Jude Law, Stanley Tucci and Paul Newman, who is still, well, Paul Newman. Cool Hand Luke lives on, even if he's in his 70s. These actors swiftly pick up Hanks' slack.

Jennifer Jason Leigh, who plays the mother, will always be that snot-nosed kid from "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." The only good thing about her in this movie was she played in a bit

Despite the presence of an aging cinematic icon like Newman, the real star of this film was its photography, under the craftsmanship of veteran cinematographer Conrad Hall, who also shot such classics as "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid' cassing and the Sulpanee Kild and "Cool Hand Luke," as well as the eye candy in the recent movies "Sleepy Hollow" and Mendes' first film, "American Hall takes the viewer on a tour

de force through gritty back alleys and gangster warehouses to the rolling shores, countryside and diners of 1930's America. I am going to see this movie again for one reason only: to study Hall's work. If you're not a con noisseur of movie photography, here is a guy to start with

Now, I give this movie a "4" because I'm comparing it along the lines of such unforgetable classics as the "Godfather" and "Cool Hand Luke," a place where this movie strives to be and deserves to be compared with, but falls way short of. The film shouldn't make any upcomng Greatest 100 lists

However, if you put it next to the other current summer releases, i.e. "Men in Black 2" and "Bourne Identity," it is an "8," even with all its effort to be

Getting to the point: it's worth the ticket price, considering what else there is to choose from these days. Where have you gone, Francis Ford Coppola?

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Though the movie "Road to Perdition" matches most of the summer releases hitting the theatres, it just didn't seem to have what it takes to fall into the category of a "classic mob movie." Above: Tom Hanks, playing a wellknown hitman, walks with his son in the town of

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