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Schman Chrysler-Jeep deal-ership's owner Bob Shuman, center, Joe Zeigler, left, and General Sales Manager Chris Brough take a look at expansion plans for their Commerce Township auto dealership.

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Volunteers lead to success

When visiting a hospital, most of us think mainly of doctors and nurses. But, just like a busy hive of bees, there's a huge group of volunteers behind the scenes that help Huron Valley Sinai Hospital run smoothly and efficiently. On any given week there's a core of approximately 100 active volunteers that contribute hundreds of hours a veck. In fact, 24,000 hours last

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SPORTS

A major force

The Novi girls' soccer team brushed by the Hartland Eagles
4-2 in Kensington Valley
Conference play Monday night
after shelling South Lyon 7-0
three days prior.

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Information

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Police suspect murder

■ Novi police continue to learn more about the shooting of a Novi man found dead earlier this week near Twelve Oaks Mall

By Victoria Sadlocha

After discovering the corpse of a Novi man in the wooded area between Twelve Oaks Mall and Interstate 96, police announced they are investigating a murder. Cameron Wade Sanders, 26, was

found on Monday among the trees, fully clothed and laying on his back with a gunshot wound to the head. The Novi man's body was found

about 2 p.m. by a shaken citizen looking for scrap metal near a Detroit Edison transformer site south of the rear parking area near JC Penney. Novi Police Chief Douglas

Shaeffer said on Sunday the depart-ment received a call from a female friend asking they check on Sanders at his home

"Officers went to the home and

talked to a man who shares the house," Shaeffer said. "The victim had not been home for a couple of

Police said a search of the trailerlocated in the city's west end was conducted, but no signs of foul play or a struggle were found. Police additionally said no obvi-

ous evidence was obtained from the "No suspect has been identified,"

Shaeffer said. "It is a mystery."

The chief said officers have conducted several interviews and are compiling evidence, although no motive has surfaced yet.

in the parking lot of Denny's Restaurant near where the remains were found.
"The vehicle was towed and is

being processed for possible evi-dence," Shaeffer said.

The chief said a gate is normally closed on the dirt road leading to the woods where the body was, but does not know if it was closed at the time the body was found.

Novi Police combed the area for root Police combet the area for clues in the hot sun after the call was received and accepted assis-tance from the Michigan State Crime Lab at about 5:30 p.m. the

Shaeffer said preliminary investi-gations revealed there was no attempt to cover the body, but said the investigation is still in the pre-liminary phase.

He did not known exactly how

The victim's vehicle was located long the body was at the site, but estimated no longer than three days. Shaefter declined comment on whether a weapon was found at the

Sanders has two prior convic-tions for breaking and entering out-

side of Oakland County.

Shaeffer said he does not believe the victim grew up in Novi and a search of Novi Public Scool records did not show enrollment.

Sanders is survived by his father, a Florida resident.

This is the second Novi homicide investigation in the past six months, On Nov. 21, ValleyCrest Landscape Management employee Michael Henley walked into a Novi office and shot 24-year-old Bryan Bowden of Madison Heights before killing himself with a single gun-shot to the head,

The murder-suicide took place on Trans X Drive, east of Novi Road near Fifth Avenue Ballroom.

Months prior, three unrelated bodies were found dead in Novi public places.

All were ruled suicides by Novi police

Novi Homicide



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Photo by John Heider

Something's fishy

Village Oaks Elementary students Meghan Wheat, Cameron Misko, Niamh Tattersall and Zoe Psiakig, far right, all take a look at the school's fish tank located in the media center. Kids can also check out the tank from their homes via the Web by checking it out on a Web cam.

Online sex scandal bust at Novi Mall

■ 55-year-old man set up a meeting for sex with who he believed was a 14-year-old girl

By Victoria Sadlocha

A Novi mall was the scene of every parents' nightmares last week as a 55-year-old Flint man was arrested for allegedly setting up a date for sex at Twelve Oaks Mall with who he believed was a 14-year-old girl.

Flint resident Michael Perkins Flint resident Michael Perkins, 55, was arraigned on Friday in 52-1 District Court by Judge Robert Bondy and was charged with one felony count each of child sexual-ity abusive activity and using a computer to communicate with another over the Internet to com-pute the country of the child country of the particle of the country of the child country of the trickild executed when the child country of the country of the country of the child country of the trickild executed when the child country of the child country of the child country of the trickild executed when the child country of the trickild executed when the child country of the child country of the trickild executed trickild executed the trickild executed the trickild executed trickild exe mit child sexually abusive activi-

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Luna Entertainment leases to entertaining tenants

been part of the 1972 Novi High

School graduate's lexicon or that

of his company, Luna Entertainment. Celani gave up the

Miller Brewing distributorship his family had held in Wayne County

since the early '60s in 1998 in order to become a part-owner in Motor City Casino. Since then Luna has taken over

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

It's been more than a year since Novi's Main Street development has generated much more than hot air from lawyers, but in recent days the shrill sound of drywall guns has been echoing off the walls of what was once Vic's World Class Market.

Detroit area entrepreneur Tom Celani, who bought the building in 2000 and renamed it the Luna Building, announced April 10 that his company has leased 8,400 square feet of the space, once occupied by Fatoosh occupied by Mediterranean Cuisine, O'Connors and another 10,000 of what was Vic's to the owners of a group of Metro Detroit nightspots know as The Post Bar. w as The Post Bar.

A year ago February Vic Ventimiglia closed the doors on Vic's World Class Market eight years after opening as the anchor of Phase One of Main Street. Four months later, Nabil and Rana Matar gave up on Fatoosh, citing loss of business a the result of

Vic's closing. That left

Tom Stratten's Lifestyles Hot Springs Spas, which had been a tenant since 1995 and the building's owner, Luna Entertainment, the only occupants, ive... Main Street's 20 300 occupants. Next door at

and 30 Buildings, nine tenants have embroiled suit against the origi-nal devel-Evergreen III. filed for bankruptcy protec-tion earlier this

year. "The bad press has got to stop," Celani exhorted a group of more than 100 local business people and public officials gathered for his leasing announcement. "Failure is not an option." Failure appears not to have

management of another Michigan Casino for the Little River Band of the Ottawa Indians as well as several other Indian gaming operations in Calfornia. Celani's attorney, Jim Oegema, said the company has branched out from gaming to development, with projects in

business siness development, Farmington Hills'. including Farmington Hills'. Motor City Harley-Davidson. Conceding that Main Street has

been a "struggling development," Celani oredicted that The Post and Gus O'Connors will "jump start'

the entire project.
Peter Paisley, whose nearby
Local Color Brewing Company
will essentially be a competitor
to the two new businesses, said s is great. I think they should cut the place up into four, five, six

more bars." Pointing **ENTERTA: NMENT** to places like down-

Oak and Birmingham, he explained there is a certain synergy to creating a entertain-ment district.

That creation is already under way with Steve Wheeler shooting for a June opening for The Post Bar. While Wheeler's father, a one-time stock broker, made a

hole-in-the-wall on Congress near Cobo Hall in Detroit. Wheeler and his sister expanded the com-pany to include six upscale sports bars across Metro Detroit, including one across the street from The

Palace in Auburn Hills.

He said the Novi edition of The Post Bar will be more similar to the Auburn Hills location than the original, It will also include some-thing Auburn Hills' doesn't — an retaining about two-thirds of the old Vic's greenhouse. The center of that space will feature an oval back and huge doors will open in the warm months onto a patio that was once the balance of the green-

Waterford resident Ed Smith said he has joined forces with the venerable Irish brewer Guiness to do something never done in Michigan before – open an authentic Irish pub, designed, built and staffed by Irishmen.

Earlier this year Smith met with continued on page 6

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Police Report

A Novi resident called police after a golf ball soared into his back porch. The 29-year-old male living in the 41000 block of Cherryhill called police on Thursday, April 10.
The man told police at about 3 p.m., an unknown person hit a golf ball through the screen of his backblack twice on the ball. The resident's back yard backs up to the Fountain Park Apartments and is separated by several large trees. Damage was estimated at \$15.

Picky robber

Some time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on April 8, a Novi man said ameone broke into his home in the 1400 block of Nardeer and took nothing. The 45-year-old male told police the same thing had happened shout one month before. While a the man's home, an officer notices window in the back of the trailer had been broken and the storm window had been removed. A metal shovel was on the ground below the window. The Novi officer found the window, with about a nine-anda-half-inch shoe impression

New plate

A Novi woman came into the Novi Police Department last week and reported someone had stolen her license plate. The 21-year-old woman told officers the plate was taken off of her 1999 Hyundai on April 8 between midnight and noon. The car was parked on Malott near Meadowbrook Road. The woman said she has no idea who would have done such a thing-

Novi Police received a call from Mervyn's Department Stores on April 9 at about 4 p.m. to assist with an absent-minded shoplifter When police arrived, they were me by one of the store's team leaders and a 20-year-old Farmington male accused of stealing a \$14 Nike hat. The leader told police she wa doing routine surveillance when she noticed the suspect pick up the blue hat, place it on his head and continue shopping. She told police the suspect then selected a pair of shorts and a shirt which he paid for. As the man walked out of the store into the reading. into the parking lot, he was detained by security for stealing the hat. The Farmington resident told police he forgot to pay for the cap.

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HASMAT

Members of the Novi Fire Department and the Western Wayne County HSMAT team respond to a call received at 8:50 a.m. on April, 1 regarding a chemical spill at Michigan Milk Producers 41310 Bridge Street, east of Meadowbrook and north of 11 Mile Road. Novi Fire Chief Arthu Lenaghan said the lab spill was of an ammonia variety. Lenaghan nraised the quick reac tion time of the lab employees. Workers were evacuated during clean up for about four

Million dollar fire remains under investigation

By Victoria Sadlocha

The reason for a fire causing more than \$2 million worth of damage to a Novi senior citizen

damage to a Novi senior citizen complex last week rentains under investigation, officials said.

"That is the higgest loss we have had in years," said Novi Fire a Chief Arthur Lenaghan.

Lenaghan said the department, the Oakland County Sheriff Arson team and the retirement citilization incurrence of the control of the c

village's insurance company are wrapping up investigations lead-ing to what caused the fire at Fox

The chief said although the cause is still officially undetermined, preliminary findings have led the investigation toward a possible electrical fire.

No injuries resulted from the early morning Wednesday, April 9 blaze. The fire department received

the call at about 1:45 a.m. and said it took fire fighters about 7 hours to secure the scene.

The fire was under control in about an hour, however all com-panies remained on the scene for overhaul and to assist the county investigator with determining the cause and origin," Lenaghan said.

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Officials said the fire to the development under constaction was confined to the attic and roof area belonging to one section of the complex focated at 41000 13 Mile Road.

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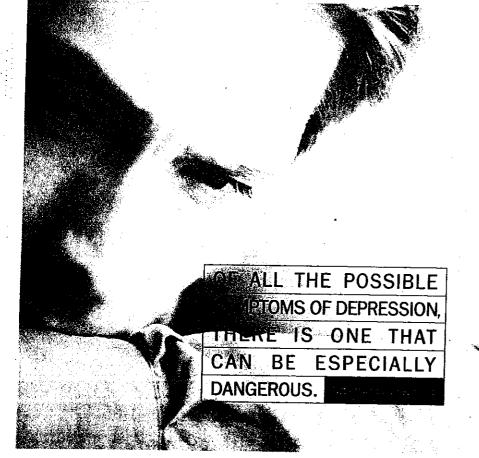
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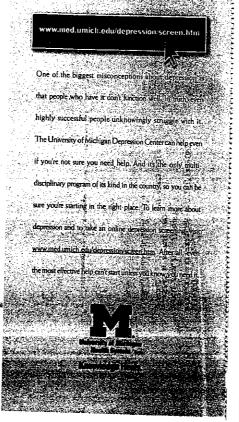
"The section of the fire and said they would release their findings later this week.

For Run Village, an Erickson Retirement Community, is a \$350 million development near the city's north end.

For Run Village representatives were still gathering infor
The senior complex was sched-







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SEX BUST: 55-year-old man arrested

A representative from the Attorney General's Office said

years in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine. Using a computer to commu-nicate with another over the Internet to commit child sexually abusive activity is also punishable by 20 years in prison and/or a \$20,000 fine. "These are despicable crimes

ness are despicable crimes that will not go unpunished," said Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox. "The Internet should be a place where children can learn and play free from home." not a place parents have to fear. law enforcement agencies, our

learn and play free from harm,

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force will con-

the Michigan State Police and the Department of Attorney General.

Other agencies participating in building the felony case against Perkins included the Detroit Police Department,

tinue to track these criminals down and put them behind bars where they belong." Novi Police Chief Douglas Ingham County Sheriff's Department, Ann Arbor Police Novi Police Chief Douglas
Shaeffer said Perkins was held
in a Novi jail cell after arrest,
but the department played no
other role in the investigation.

The complaint issued by the

other role in the investigation nor the arrest, A representative from the Alternor (General) of General and the Presentative from the Perkins began corresponding with an undercover Detroit

the case was investigated and filed through the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The force is a joint effort by the Michigan State of the Company of the Company of the Michigan State of the Company of the believed was a 14-year-old girl from Novi.

According to a press release issued by the Attorney General's office, "in their on-line conversations, Perkins indi-cated that he was a school administrator and was a band teacher in middle school and

high school,"
The complaint stated Perkins

engage in sexual activity and arranged to meet the girl at the Novi shopping center. Law enforcement officials

said when the Flint man arrived at Twelve Oaks Mall on April the district's Fine Arts Program at the time of arrest and kept an office in the Bryant Elementary School of Fine Arts, a school

spokesman said. The spokesman said Perkins was supended without pay.

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Hot off the press

Charismatic chef Tyler Florence will sign copies of his latest book and discuss topics from his hit show "Food 911" in Novi this week

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hosting the event with Chef Tyler Florence," said Laurie Smith, Borders Books & Music area everyday that one of the stars of the Food Network is in the Detroit area, and we are happy Tyler has chosen Novi for a signing of his first poshbox in the star of the star o

first cookbook.

'Anyone planning an Easter or holding mean may ask Tyler for some last minute advice and those.

Some of Florence's perspectives highlighted in book include, real food is full thavored, but not over thought; cal food is nice to fook at, but not

and easy, fresh solutions to meal-time obligations.

With his usual witty banter, Florence will also skim through his 61, River Cafe and Cafelecia - where

Network and now you may meet tips and more than 150 receipes while chef Tyler Florence at Borders Books & Music in Novi. The popular, charismatic host f "Food 911" will visit Novi on of culinary sensibility refined in some of

makes the world go round," Florence "Borders is very excited to be writes in his book, "Behind every culture, there is a real kitchen."

Smith said all of Florence's fans

and those who may not be familiar marketing manager. "It's not with the chef, will at the minimum

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He has been recognized as a leading chef by "Food & Wine." "GQ,"
"Wall Street Journal," "USA Weekend," and "People."
Florence graduated with honors in 1991 from the College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University

under some of New York's premier chefs.

The fun-loving chef is also a frequent guest on the "Today" show, has appeared on "The View," "E!," and "Access Hollywood" and is the host of a new show on the Food Network titled "Tyler's Ultimate."

The new show debuting last month Borders Books & Music is located in the Novi Town Center at 43075 Crescent Boulevard,

writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at

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Winslow Homer's America

University of Windsor Professor Michael Farrell discusses how the events of the Civil War transformed Winslow Homer from a magazine illustrator to a renowned painter on Tuesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Please call the library to register for this free pro-gram, which is sponsored by the Friends of Novi Public Library.



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BUSINESS

Shuman Chrysler-Jeep begins major expansion

While Chrysler Group sales nationally have been soft for the first two months of the year and and March sales figures were stat-ed to be released on April Fool's Day, Bob Shuman said the biggest problem facing his family's 4e problem facing his family's 48-year-old Chrysler-leep dealership is physically getting people to its

is physically getting people to its focation.

"Yeah, people know where Walled Lake is, but then they drive here and get twisted around," he laughed, Still, enough people have found their way to Shuman Chrysler-Jeep since his grandfather and father opened the doors for the first time in 1955 that the dealership had to move from its original location on the shores of Walled Lake in 1967 to its current home near the corner of Pontiac Trail and South Commerce Road and go through

three significant expansions.

Shuman recently added four acres across the street from the six he already has to create room for

cess to maintaining a small town atmosphere while offering big city services. Shuman noted his family's dealership was one of the first in the country to qualify for Chrysler Group's new Five Star

The new used car area will have The new used car area will have a 2,800 square foot showroom. The sales area facing Pontiac Trail and the entire project is expected to cost about \$2.2 mil-

Moving the used car location across Pontiac Trail from the dealership, he said, will also allow him to expand his add current payroll of 40 full and part-time employees by seven or eight peo-ple. "We'll definitely be looking to hire used car people and detail-ors" he said.

stage he's a big dealer. While declining to discuss specifics, Shuman said his sales figures consistently put him among the top 200 of Chrysler Group's 4,000 dealerships.

"We're finding the economy is not that bad," he said optimistical-

every square inch we can," he said.

He attributed his family's suc
Shuman said he expects the recent

designed and will be built by Wixom's Schonsheck Inc. "They helped us with two earlier expan-sions," said Shuman "They're

"We see an opportunity to increase sales," he said.

area for detailers to do prep work on used cars. Shuman said the new space will feature a garage new space win feature a garage area to house his family's col-lectible cars, including his father's 1909 Maxwell, which is currently on display at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills. That building, he said, will be open to the public. be open to the public.

Another unusual feature of the Shuman said that although he's a medium-sized dealer by Metro Detroit standards, on the national the special of the week. He added he also plans on reviving the clas-sic car show he was forced to abandon three years ago when they ran out of space at the current

The new spaces have been great guys. They do a great job three old rental homes to make way for his dealership expansion.

Schman Chrysler-Jeep dealership's owner Bob Shuman, center, Joe Zeigler, left, and General Sales Manager Chris Brough take a look at expansion plans for their

and you can trust them." He added
Walled Lake city officials "have
been really good and fair."

Beside the said he hopes to be open for
business by August 23.

Bainbridge broker opens third office

They've been selling homes for nearly three weeks, but the folks at Bainbridge Inc. are planning the grand opening of their newest loca-tion for May 3.

office April 1 at 825 North Pontiac Trail in Suite Four of the Farmer's Insurance Building in Walled Lake.

It is something of a family affair.

Owner Charlene Otley's son,
Christopher Bergman, is an associate broker, as is her daughter-in-law,
Catherine. Otley's daughter. Julie
Bergman, is her assistant in the company's first istorefront location; and
Kimberly Morgan as office manager.

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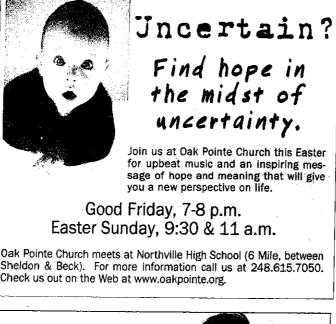
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JULIE LOVIE FARENCE



Thursday, April 17, 2003-NOVI NEWS 7A

LUNA: Entertaining clients lease space

aid it will take an Irish crew between four and six weeks to install the interiors being fabricated in Ireland and he hopes to be open for business in September. However, his application for

the project only reached Novi Building and Zoning officials

idea for an Irish during a trip to Dooley in 1998. He said after foretenance 1998. He said after first stepping foot in a har there called Gus O Connors, he knew Celani said he believes what he wanted to do.

best his 35-year-old company has had in more than a decade. "Novi has been wonderful to increase name recognition and foot traffic for his business

ord 8.

Smith said he first got the Street, said they believe the two Celani said he believes the what he wanted to do.

In addition to Irish beer, immediate area needs more housing to help Main Street's commercial section thrive. The

Bloomfield's Singh Development, which built the In addition to Irish beer, Smith said his place will feature traditional Irish music and food.

Also on hand for the leasing amountement was Tom Stratton, whose Lifestyles has stuck with the project since to see more entertainment vensus the constructions. The cold last year was the construction of space yet to lease in the Luna Building.

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Tom Celani's plans for the former Vic's Market space on Novi's Main Street include Er ANGOND PLOORFLAN.

BUSINESS SHORTS Novi resident Jennifer Zhao, an



mony recently. the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1992. Her research interest has been on numerical methods for solving partial differential equations. One nominator said, Ther vita lists 16 papers published in highly regarded, peer-reviewed professional journals, three articles submitted for publication enters are the many control of the peer reviewed professional journals, three articles submitted for publication enters are financial institutions after the peer review of professional powers. tial differential equations. One tion, seven external grants suppor-ing and recognizing her research, including the prestigious and hard-to-get NSF grant, and 16 professional presentations in national and international meetings. It is an impressive achievement for any activity compiled monthly by the international meetings. It is an impressive achievement for any researcher during a penod of 10 years or so." According to nominations, Zhao has been passionate about her research and made it a

high priority, yet she also has been an outstanding teacher and has 100. The MBAI series has been cal-made major service contributions to culated monthly since 1957 and at the the department and to the university, depicts state economic activity over University of For her efforts Zhoo takes home a seven full swings of the U.S. busiplaque and a check for \$3,000,

A little business trip The Michigan Business Activity

Research Award in a Bank, lost 6 points in February, to campus cere close at 111, compared with 117 in January. A year earlier the index Zhao joined also stood at 111. Tebruary was faculty in 1992, set has been on month, considering weather and war-psychology obstacles to con-

Hang tough

Westland resident Patricia she successfully attained a job at Asset Acceptance in Wixon

Lanigan was one of 11 people hon-ored by Congressman John D. bingell (D-MI) along with other local leaders and legislators during the Celebration of Success hosted by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) April 14 at the Michigan Works! Wayne Service Center, Lanigan loved her career until she was downsized from her company. After a year of not being employed, Lanigan exhausted her 401K to pay household expenses and health depoist volumes at financial institu-tions, again reflecting February's overwhelming caution among households and businesses." The Michigan Business Activity Index or assistance. FIA referred her to for assistance. FIA referred her to Livonia's Work First program where

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Area businesses wary of governor's loophole attack

By Phil Foley STAFF WENTER

of state services needed to wipe away the state's \$1.7 billion defleit.

Governor Jennifer Granholm calls it closing tax loopholes. While Granholm calls the exemptions "loopholes." Lesnau and other contend at least 11 of them were intentionally written to give small business. The state senate took testimony April 2 on proposed changes to the state's tax code that would eliminate to exemptions to the Single Business Tax (SBT).

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In the economy is small cities and small business. Any time you do something that has a negative effect on the economy," and State Senate Nancy Cassis, who is an exposite offer on the economy, and other contend at least 11 of them were intentionally written to give small businesses tax relief and eliminating them will business owners from Walled Lake and surrounding communities are being invited to the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority's amounts to an increase in the SBT for single businesses. "Eightmounts to an increase in the SBT for single businesses." Eightmounts to an increase in the SBT for single businesses. "Eightmounts to an increase in the SBT for single businesses." Eightmounts to an increase in the SBT for single businesses. "Eightmounts to an increase in the SBT for single businesses." Eightmounts and the state star code that would eliminate to exemptions to the state's \$1.7 billion and element will business. Any time you do something that has a negative effect on the economy, and state Senator Nancy Cassis, who is the texemptions of the State Senate Finance Committee, is bolding a hearing on the proposed tax changes April 30 in Lansing. "It's going to hit everybody differently," she said, adding, and lot of people in Walled Lake is made up rel

largest employer, said Lesnau. He's expected to be at the meeting

to discuss how the proposed tax changes will affect his company.

"This should be a very good

Phil Foley is a reporter for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 108 or

Safety event planned

little Tommy Wheeler took a turn on his bicycle that led to a life of might-have-beens for his parents, and

May 17, Brandon, who owns the Brandon Agency in Walled Lake, will join forces again with Mike Gabriel, another State Farm Insurance agent from Novi, to hold a bike safety roden at Novi's Meadowbrook Elementary.

The rodeo will be held at the school on Meadowbrook Road

between 12 and 13 Mile Road from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Brandon said while the event usu-

ally draws about 50 kids, "last year's was a disaster," with only 25 kids showing up. This year he and Gabriel are contacting area elemen-tary schools early. Brandon added he's also trying other things like contacting the youth group at his

Recalling the death of his child-hood friend, Brandon said, "It was all Tom's fault. He was riding in heavy traffic and he pulled out in front of a car. He was 11." He said that's why, "When State Farm made [the bike safety] program available, iumped on it.

with the help of local law enforce-smokehouse to help people learn ment and volunteers about a dozen

separate programs, but a few years ago they decided to join forces to continued from page 6 create something bigger. Their best year drew 225 kids and this year they hope to see 250. Brandon said there will be a prize Crank up the volume

drawing every 15 minutes for things

the end, said Brandon, they'll each receive a laminated "drivers license" with their photo on it.

He said police officers from Novi and Walled Lake will be on hand with patrol cars so kids can "see all the neat stuff? Brandon said they will also have

the State Farm 911 simulator to help kids learn how to make emergency phone calls. And police from Walled Lake and Novi will help put together identity booklets, including photos and fingerprints, for every parent who wants one for their children. "You hate to have to do it," said Brandon, "but in today's world..." the bike safety] program available, jumped on it."

He's been running the program

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prize drawing for a bicycle:

The event, which is open to kids up through the sixth grade, will feature a skills course where young bicyclists will learn to mount and offices in Novi for more than a distinguit properly, the correct way to brake and other safety lessons. At the end, said Brandon, they'll each The Novi office employs 25 people in sales, marketing and engineering in support of Clarion's Metro Detroit customers.

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Bloomfield Hills-based TriMas Corporation announced April 11 that it has promoted two area residents to group presidents at the spe er. Edward L. Schwartz of Wolverine Lake will head up the Industrial Specialties Group, while Novi's Terry J. Campbell, has been tapped to lead the newly created Fastening Systems Group. As president of the Industria Specialties Group, Schwartz is responsible for the growth and development of the business seg-ment. The group is comprised of six

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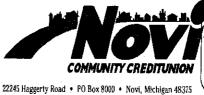
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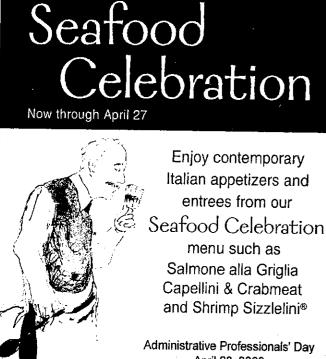


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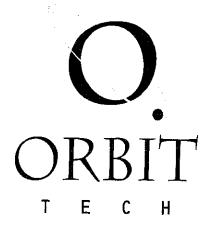
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OBITUARIES

Edward E. Henderson

Edward Henderson of Novi died April 11, 2003 at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington. He was 82, Mr. Henderson was born June 20, 1920 to William Henderson and Pearl State at Fairview, Michigan.

He was currently a resident of Novi, previously of South Lyon and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Mio, Mich.

Survivors include his children; James E. Henderson of Novi, Gearld (Valerie) Henderson of Florida, and Karl (Margaret) Henderson of South Lyon; six

grandchildren and 9 great-grand-

children.

Preceding him in death were

his parents, brothers and sisters, A memorial service for Mr.

Henderson will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Mio, Mich. at a later date.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to a char-

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.,

Michael Pogarch of South Lyon died April 8, 2003 at home. He was 86, Mr. Pogarch was born June 30, 1916 in Newark, New

Jersey to Michael Pogarch and He lived in South Lyon for 5

years, formerly of Wolverine Luke. He was employed in Technical Engineering where he worked in Acousties and Vibration Lub for Ford Motor

Company. He was a member of

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon, and a former mem-ber of St. Matthews in Walled

Lake, where he was very active.

Michael Pogarch

his whole life.

Mr. Pogarch was a Staff Sergeant with the Army's Reconnaissance Company 629 Tank Detroyer Battalion. He

served 1941-1945, during WWII, where he was part of the following battles and campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and

Central Europe. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Theatre

Medal, American Theatre
Service Medal, European African
Middle Eastern Sercie Medal
with 5 Bronze Stars.
Survivors include his wife,
Mary E. (MeNames) Pogarch;
his children, Kathleen (Bernard)

Sulisz of Novi, Kenneth (Susan) Pogarch of Walled Lake, Dennis (Emma) Pogarch of Monroe, Patricia (James) Wadkins of

South Lyon, Mary Ellen (Wayne) Stoops of Brighton, Keith (Valerie) Pogarch of Walled

Lake, Barbara (Timothy) Sarkesian of Walled Lake, and Michael D. (Kathleen) Pogarch of Commerce Township, his sis-ter, Mildred (Walter) Poppe of

Nebraska; sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his parents, six brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held April II at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church with Pastor Terry Nelson officiating.

Interment will be at Glen Eden

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CLASS NOTES

Ben Franklin steps out of history books to set record straight

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

After learning about the many accomplishments of Ben Franklin in the classroom, students at Novi Meadows received a bit of a sur-

"We appreciate the opportunity to visit schools about the country-side to correct some of the mis-takes in history books," Franklin said. "The trouble with history is that the books were all written by people who weren't there, so we have to make some corrections and to remind them of some of the

and to remind them of some of the sacrifices of some of the people of our time and to make them aware of the beginnings of our nation."

Franklin said that a main potte he wanted to get across was that he wanted to get across was that he wants the kids to read. "I talk about reading to everybody," he said. "That's very impurtant, minding your mannors, listening to your elders, look before you leap, simple things like that as well. Oh, and don't fly kites in thunderstorms! That's a danger-

fices he and others went through a long time ago to make this nation what it is today.

"I want them to understand that George I, many the George I.

After a complishments or a complishments or a manufacture of the classroom, students at Nov. Meadows received a bit of a surprise when he actually came to visit them last week. Well, it was really an impersonater named Robert Bray, but he was pretty convincing.

Franklin spoke of "his" life and the compromised to reach results. The compromised to reach results. The world today, I don't think."

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flink."
Franklin and Bache visit Novi schools unnually. In fact, this is their 15th year doing it. "We are from Philedalphia of course, but we do have another home in Wisconsiin, but we're slowing down now," Franklin said. "I'm 297 years old and we used to do 150 schools a year, but now we do about 30 to 40 I think. It's hard work but we enjoy the young people very much."

Bache is actually a retired

well. Oh, and don't Hy kites in thunderstorms! That's a danger-ous thing."

Another point he made was that he wanted the children to understand and know of all of the sacri-stand and know of all of the sacri-relating the s



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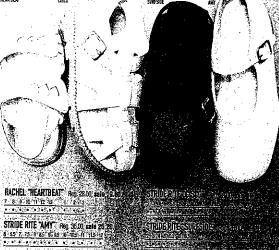
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Food for thought

On Campus

Novi resident Megan Parker

received the Merck/Tanaka Award in Veterinary Anatomical Sciences, March,

2003. She is a student in the

College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University.

Megan is the daughter of Craig

Novi resident Bryan Bernys

was named to the Dean's List

and Linda Parker of Novi and a 1999 graduate of Novi High

Village Oaks Elementary School students Nikolas Provost, bottom, Rena Hertrich, and Heiko Sijan take a look last Thursday afternoon at some of the food and toiletries their school has gathered for U.S. per-

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Internet camera allows students to monitor fish activity while at home

■ Village Oaks goes high tech with live video feed of aquarium

By Ramez Khuri

Using the wonders of modern technology, students at Village Oaks can now view the activity of the school's fish tank from home. By clicking on to www.novi.k12.mi.us/vo/novi-vo.hml, kids along with their with live video feed.
"Students and parents can

share the excitement of the throughout the country. We're even hoping to be contacted by children at schools throughout the US and abroad who have come upon our fish cam. Also,

semester at were named to the Dean's University, Honor List for fall 2002 term at

Paul Demotte, graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, has been initiated into Beta Theta Pi by the Epsilon Theta chapter at Middle Tennessee State University. He is the son of Teri and Berry Friedman, Novi.

Chapter I by the Epsilon Derek Granzow, Matthew Heinowski, Jason Holden, Michael Hur, Chang Liu, Pangien Liu, Lauren Parkins, David Presion, Nicholas Slovan, Brian Swift, Joseph Tilchen, and Alexander Wong.

The following Novi residents
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Tilchen, and Alexander Wong

decorative post

upgrade.

University of Michigan College of Engineering: Karen Andrews, Michael Burns,

since we have a couple of fami-lies who have moved back to Japan after being in our school for a few years, the fish cam can

Germany and Mexico and a lot of people said, it's a wonderful about the renovation process at Village Oaks, it involved a lot of teachers because it was thought that they could provide much input on what could be good educational tools for the children. That's when the idea of an apparatum came up.

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"Of course we talked about two-thous, tiks along with their families can watch the many fish and the small albino frog that and also what goes into it," semination the tank as well with live video feed.

"On course we talked about connection." That way was found when someone suggested to put a web and also what goes into it," seminate on the aquarium. "We'the provides the monthly mainterprovides the monthly mainterprov ing environment for the kids that go to it as a resource. Ruddy they are comfortable in and someone brought up the idea to have an aquarium because it's calming, it's educational, it's extended to the district, but about their extended to the calming of the calming in the calming it's educational, it's

throughout the world about put-ting an aquarium in the media

The fish aquarium was puraccess the fish cam soon at most evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.,

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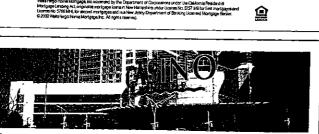
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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Event "nets" \$25,000 for leukemia fight

Wailed Lake Western High School students had a ball raising money for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) during the school's 22nd Annual Volleyball Marathon, which took place April 4-5.

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Planned and implemented by
the school's Student Activities class, the event was a huge suc-cess. 250 students took part in the 20-hour marathon raising an incredible \$25,000 for the families of CLF.

lies of CLF.

Although the night was centered on playing volleyball, the students also enjoyed dancing and swimming. Twister, giant inflatables, a limbo contest and a live band. There was also plenty of food and beverages to help keep energy levels up throughout the night. it's a great learning experience for kids."

Pictured (I to r) below are Lauren Talbot. Kristy Bates and Whitney Tobel, all of Novi, smile for a picture before returning to



Hand visited Novi Meadows last week to play for the students and also to get them excited about band when they move on

Tuesday and Thursday mornings," Director of the Middle School Band Gordon Seiler said. 'Jt's just another extension of our band program that we do. All of the kids who are in jazz band are in a regular program during the day and we come over as a recruitment type thing to play for the sixth graders dur-

ing their lunch."
Seiler explained that the purpose of the band's visit is to try o get the interest of the jazz program built up so the sixth graders who are at Meadows will understand what it's all will understand what it's all about air pollution, land pollution. It also gives them a sense of community service.

excellent time together and it's just an absolute fun bunch of kids to be with," Seiler said, "It's a great program. There are quite a few kids here at Meadows who are in the band program and we just want to retain them when they come to the Middle School. This is just one way of performing for the kids so that they get a taste of what's available for them. We want as many kids in our band program as we can handle because we know that music has a great day of settled. a great deal of satisfaction and

He's inside out

Slim Goodbody visited Village Oaks on April 2 to guide students and staff on a musical tour of the human body. In a ses-sion of approximately one hour, Goodbody performed various songs and dances and children were taught the fundamentals of anatomy, nutrition, fitness and Designed to promote self-respect, the performance motivated children to be the best they

Clean up your act

Doug Scheer of Scheer Genius Productions brought the Pollution Solution Ecology Show to Novi Meadows last Wednesday to teach students of the importance of keeping the environment clean.

"This show is about the envi-

ronment," Scheer said, "It's about the little things that kids and parents can do every day that make a big difference. We to Middle School.

("The Jazz Band is a group of kids who volunteer their time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings." Director of the Middle ference over time."

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Topics of the show included:
• Causes of air, land and water

 Resource conservation
 Endangered species
 The three R's: Reduce, reuse, recycle

• Environmental facts and

Environmental races and issues
 What students can do to help
 "It is the tiny little things we do that make a difference and that's what the show is all about," Scheer said, "We talk ahout air pollution, land polla-

Middle School Jazz Band love to perform and we have an what the kids can do to turn it all around. It's a motivational show to get the kids thinking about trash and what it is and where i comes from and the little thin

Ann Arbor District Library staffer Laura Pershin visited Novi Woods Elementary School last week to tell stories, entertain and teach students. "Most educators and librari-

www.assemblyshows.com.

ans see story listening as an incredibly important activity to build not only listening skills, but reading skills and communication skills and it's just plain fun," Pershin said. "The kids are learning and absorbing while they're being entertained, which is of course why it's probably the oldest art form that exists."

During her presentation,
Pershin told stories called "Bear Head, "Lazy Jack," and "Who is Tepingi?" She also got her audience involved by making them part of the stories. After that she showed off her Lumber

Jacks, which are puppets made out of wood which dance when Pershin goes to different schools in Michigan, but she also travels to different states as well. "There has been a Renaissance of storytelling in the last 20 years," she said, "I don't travel often because I still have my kids at home, but I do go to places like to the festival in Utah and in the mountains and I go to Texas every year and share stories and giv shops to teachers. I get to see what other environments are like and cultures and learn from the

All Novi Meadows fifth graders were invited to watch a fencing demonstration last week, given by Cliff Suttle, uncle of fifth grader Sylvia Suttle, Here Cliff and Sylvia,

listeners as they go along."

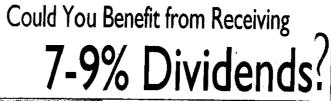
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It's story time

Storyteller/Musician La'Ron Williams weaves his magic at Orchard Hills Elementary a few weeks ago. He used music and audience participa







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I-96 interchange work important to safety

conditions of the Wixom and Beck interchanges along Interstate 96, you are well aware of the safety hazards that both the ongestion and condition breed. In 1997, I made it a top priority to funding to ensure a safer and more efficient travel for motorists, We sought and received approval for federal funding to make this happen — funding we do not

In response, local agencies and businesses have committed their own resources to widen Grand River, remove the CSX bridge and widen Twelve Mile Road. vell as future projects such as the transfer of 200 bods to Providence Hospital, the anticipated reloca-tion of the Novi Expo Center, and the pending arrival of Catholic Central High School.

Unfortunately, Governor Granholm's leadership has decided to halt these projects until 2007, after deeming them unworthy of the vaunted status of "Preserve First." It is my belief that these projects more than fall

under such a guideline. of our travelers, and the economic voice be heard. She may communities. Furthermore, these reconstructions of two inter-changes that have been outgrown

For those that have endured the and overused, and they have been in the works for over five years.

In fact, these projects were initiated long before Governor Granholm was even elected our

> Transportation director Gloria Jeff's staff for numbers such as project costs including federal, state, and local shares. To date, I

It was my understanding that Novi residents spoke foud and growth already seen in the area, as - clear on this issue after approving a \$6 million bond for reconstruction of the Beck interchange, but apparently your voices were not heard by Governor Granholm. With federal funding on the line, an approved Novi bond, and local investments on related projects in Wixom and Novi, there is a lot at stake. As a Novi resident and taxpayer, I am deeply concerned about delays and have contacted

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state's attorney general. As a Northville resident, I am sure that she is well aware of the hundreds of pages of accident reports filed hy local police agencies.

My concern for these delays prompted me to ask new Michigan Department of

have received no response from the department.

the governor, n you are as concerned about these delays and lack of judgment this administration has shown as I am. I urge you to contact the out travelers, and the convenient of the concerner's office and looking the convenient of the conven If you are as concerned about vitality of our businesses and our reached by phone at (517) 373-3400.

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Always something happening here

Between con troversial council decisions suspected homicide, a sex-scandal. meeting and even a spring snow storm, we have all had a lot to talk

arson charge hanging over the head of one Novi Victoria Sadlocha

man for starting a fire in Main

And all of this - the alleged

murder, arson and kidnapping cowers to the fact many of our ommunity's men and women are n Iraq placing their lives in front of enemy fire in the name of free-

bickering and belittling city

CONSTRUC-TION are also still

pulled out of the Interstate 96 and Beck and Wixom roads single-point projects.
Another blow in the last two

direction, but it was an integral captor for a \$1 million dollar rob- part of Novi's plan in combatin our increasingly stressed road ways. There are also all the other And still, none of this compares to a Novi mom I talked to Police Chief Douglas Shueffer, tast week who doesn't even know if her son is dead or aftive because Bondy and Bob Thorne of she has not heard from him since Petland Novi with two show-

Emotions are deservedly very high with many Nevi military parents elued to their television

learned the state small-city apocalypse, I know executive Jen Walker, that is a tad bit dramatic.

Both Novi Newse Good still overshadows this A fine example was the 2003

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Other city do-gooders were in

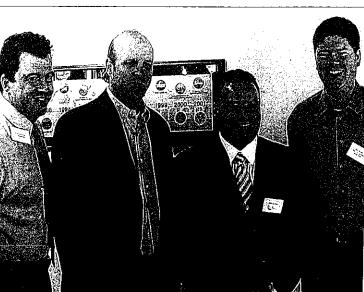
Lou Csordas were in attendance

ciously appreciative for the com munity's support, including all the hard work by my editor, Cal-Stone, and Novi News account

But don't let down your doom-

the race are expected very soon. And if this year is anything like

writer for the Novi News. She can Blair Bowman and John Bowen vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.



year ago. As tourism expenditures are largely discretionary, the national economic slowdown has has been expenditured in the control of the c Air travel is off 17 percent com-Air traver is off 17 percent compared to last year, according to the Air Transport Association, a casualty of the recession and fears of letrorism resulting from the war in Iraq. Northwest Airlines, Michigan's dominant air carrier, started laying off thousands of thousands of the sound of the sound of the sound of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-ed survey of consumer attitudes showed stronger improvement than expected, rising from 77.6 in

GUEST COLUMN

The war in Iraq may be going well and spring may have at last prived, but the current news for

chigan's economy is not good.

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unemployment rate jumped from

five jobs in Michigan. Hardest Phil Power

year ago, U.S. automakers are still losing market share to foreign

competitors, while some auto

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cent in February, the highest level

since February, 1994. The total number of jobless

people looking for work in Michigan was 336,000, up 18,000 from

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The details behind the headline make dismal reading. The state's concessions and threatening to go.

On duty and ready to respond Since September 11, 2001, life already allocated 2 million dollars ination in America has changed, alone to purchase new equipment laternational terrorism came with and train personnel for these has been purchased to provide

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everyone to be more involved. more connected days immediately after September working at ground in my life been angrier or more profoundly sad. And yet, I also felt

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people

and neighbors that they do the continue bomb search and evacua-same. You are in the best situation training for employees. A to know if something or someone captain's position was created and belongs in the area of your workplace or home. Please stay aware of your surroundings. Any suspi-

cious activities should be reported to the proper authorities. loved ones and hold those real pri-orities as close as they were on in a terrorist incident are low. You are more likely to be hurt if you don't wear your seat belt. It is for

your government to continue to 2003 and 2004. prepare. Emergency preparedness in the past has typically concen-trated on natural disasters. It is incumbent on us in public safety to expand our focus to include terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. Oakland County condestruction. Oakland County contains 11 percent of the state's population and many critical infrastructures. As one can imagine, emergency preparedness is a complex and difficult task. It has been place and difficult task. It has been formed with our fire departments.

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ver, you can rest assured o protecting our citizens, our usinesses, and our homeland.

During this time of heightdecontamination tents have also been acquired. These are portable ened concern, we cannot wait for response money to trickle down able to enter a medical facility from the federal without contaminating an emerganement. Our mediate goal is to prepare for any situations at were previable. A number of steps have already been trucks to effectively handle a

Michael Bouchard taken by the Sheriff's Office

new vigilance, you need to keep a tens and thousands of pieces of have been able to fund these watchful eye and ask coworkers mail that arrive each week, We important initiatives. You should assigned to work in conjunction with the County's Emergency Preparedness Unit, ensuring a uni-fied and coordinated County

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in addition, several initiatives have been put into place in the event of a hazardous materials (HAZMAT) contamination emergency. The ability to represed to gency. The ability to respond in a timely, mobile fashion is critical have been formed with our fire false alarms than miss one legiti-

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last week released accelerates into 2004, expanding

a survey showing

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of the 120 CEOs

percent who expected to increase to increase 3.1 percent in 2003 and jump to 5.2 percent in 2004. Real disposable income, or pur-

facturing jobs, surveyed said they down 14,000 to 737,000 from January and 30,000 less than a in 2003, compared with only 9 and 1.8 percent in 2003, compared with only 9 and 1.8 percent in 2004. Personal income is forecast

hiring.

Most business people with

parts suppliers are laying off workers and others are going out of business.

Tourism, another major sector in our economy, was hurt as well.

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So are we facing another reces-

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at a rate of 2 percent in the open-ing quarter before edging down to

average a pace of 1.8 percent dur-

ing the year."

These predictions suggest our current unemployment rate of 6.6 percent will fall to 6.4 percent by

the end of the year and to 6 per

cent by the end of 2004. The U-M

economists predict inflation will remain low, an average of 2.1 per-

2.4 percent in 2002, will dip to 1.9 percent in 2003; 2004, however, should show a big jump of 3.8 percent, according to the Research Seminar economists.

So the bottom line seems to be

If you can get through the end of

this year, things will get better in

2004. I sure hope so

fast, warm showers to individuals who may have exposed to contaminants. Four inflatable mass showers designed to clean ar gency room or office. In addition, chemical-biological kits have been purchased for police and fire.
These kits contain protective gear
worn by first responders to allow us to provide perimeter security problem and eliminate threats to outside areas. Over 100 of these

responded to help each other. Feople stretched themselves in every way imaginable. We need to keep that connection and vigilance and focus it in ways that enhance the safety of our community and country. As part of this few yiellance, von need to keep a manufacture of the safety of our community and country. As part of this few yiellance, von need to keep a

prepare a comprehensive disaster plan for both at home and work, It is an essential in component is having the basic tools for prevent-ing further injury and loss of prop-erty. While law enforcement and fire service agencies are first responders in the event of an reminded on September 11 how precious life is, You need to live technology for all nuclear facilities in the United States, conductive friends, spend time with your ed vulnerability training seaters.

tionary measures to handle any For more information on creat-

great as areas like New York, we would much rather check out 100

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UPINION

Street's Mesquite Creek and after months for our city. a night of kidnapping by gun-point, the manager of Jared's Galleria in West Oaks Mall was taken to the jewelry store by her

Not only would the Beck Road interchange have allowed travel-ers to access 1-96 in an eastbound

things most people in the com-munity don't know about, like a woman who called 911 last week because her husband was beating

her with a belt.

sets and mailboxes.

So what does this all mean?

Although it almost seems like a

Novi Chamber of Commerce auction held Saturday, April 12. The charity event benefiting Providence Hospital and Medical

along with former council mem-bers State Rep. Craig DeRoche and Ed Kramer. attendance, including Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford and his wife, Kathy,

stopping puppies.
Representatives from
Providence Hospital were gra-

Both Novi Newsers put in countless hours and a lot of elbow grease for the tremendous

We have a mayoral election right around the corner. those throwing in their names for

Main Street changes Tom Stratton, Steve Wheeler Tom Celani and Ed Smith were

Celani announced Apri 10 that Wheeler and Smith are opening enter-Market on Grand more than 40,000 square feet of space in what is now called the Luna Building. Stratton, who owns Lifestyles Spas, is the

going to attack the Novi Police Department? Are the barricades legal? Do they comply

with the ADA?

Whoever made the decision to erect the

barricades, I urge you to re-consider. I appeal

to the public to come see for yourself and the

longest lasting tenant. *(See th*

story on the

LETTERS School worth more

than trees The article in the March 27 paper describing Catholic Central's problems with our city's Woodlands Ordinance is only the latest in what has been a lengthy chronology of troubles with this ordinance that seems to cre-ate more problems than it solves. Our Timber Ridge subdivision was one of the early "beneficiaries" of the Woodlands Ordinance As a dozens of huge trees dying and falling in our subdivision for years after development was complete. Some fell on homes. The cost to residents for removal of the fallen trees ran to the tens of thousands of dollars. The fact that Ms. Lorenzo takes an inflexible stance on the application of the ordinance is typical. A

more compliant ordinance is needed and there is not a more opportune time to change than right now. Catholic Central is an absolutely outstanding institution and a real coup for Novi. CC develops the kind of young men we need in our community, provides a beautiful campus, offers to share their facility with us, and to be knocking ourselves out to welcome them, not following our normal route of mak-ing development as difficult as possible.

State budget ideas

I would gladly give up my portion of the tax rate decrease to keep much needed items in the budget and help bring down our states deficit. And It goes without saying , but I'll Department the other day and did not see bar Novi taking these extreme, unwarranted measures? Do we suspect that terrorists are

say it anyway, the federal gov. should follow

suit and forgo these huge tax reductions, pointedly, reductions that if allowed to kick n, would most benefit those who would suf-

hack to help offset our huge deficit. Also,I would like to hear someone in the press ask the governor to urge the legislators to forgo the most generous pay raises that they have lavished upon themselves, if we're going to ask state employees to sacrifice, lets ask ALL state employees to make these sacri-fices. Seems only fair.

What's with these

barricades? When I visited the Novi Police Department When I visited the Novi Police Department a couple of weeks ago, I was shocked to see the barricades that had been placed in front of the building, blocking access to the parking lot and front door. Of course, I was able to bit of the building between the building building between the building building between the building building

handicapped, in a wheel chair or on crutches? What if I was sick? Being chased? What if it was icy? Lightning? Raining? Snowing?

brings none of industry's pollution. We ought to be knocking ourselves out to welcome them, not following our normal route of makers, and following our normal route of makers. ntrance to the building.

But, what if I couldn't walk? What if I was

> Why are the barricades there? Didn't the city just recently spend a great deal of taxpayer money to expand the parking lot and revamp the front entrance to the police department? I just cannot believe that the barricades are the city's answer to "terrorism.

I visited the Oakland County Sheriff

local police department that I know of. Why is

Money going down the

wrong path

If you'de like to see your tax dollars at work, take a ride east down Nine Mile from Novi Road to the Chase Farms entrance and look at the initial phase of the 3/4 mile, \$437,500 bike path you and I are paying for. Ask yourself who in their right mind would spend that kind of money for this. Ask your-

If the Novi City Council members haven't driven by yet, they should. And those who voted to approve this project should be ashamed of themselves.

And Governor Granholm, on one of her trips home, should drive by and take a loo

too, because the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is contributing \$125,000 to help pay for this. The City of Novi and the State of Michigan need to do a better job of evalua path. They need to spend our

Bill Rice

OTHER OPINIONS

Economy headed up, if you can make it through year

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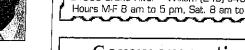


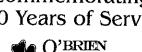


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John P. O'Brien

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Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20, 2003

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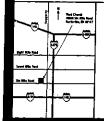
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Easter Week at St. Paul's

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Good Friday - April 18 1pm & 7pm

Easter Sunday - April 20 8:30 & 11:30

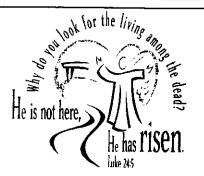
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Friday, April 18 7:00 pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

> Sunday, April 20 7:30 am - Sunrise Service 8:45 am - Breakfast 10 am - Easter Festival Worship

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WELET STATION:



Walled Lake students show their courage

By Pamela A. Zinkosky

The words spoken to 400-plus Walted Lake students, parents and school officials gathered at Sarah Banks Middle School on March 27 could have served as an introduction to a firefighters' awards ceremony or an address to military professionals returning from duty. "Courage is something that all of us are aware of, but it is not something that we often think about," said Lori Rich, district chair for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Parent Teacher Student Association Reflections Program, which each year invites students to create visual art, literature, photography or musical compositions interpreting a particular theme. "We see courageous moments, courageous people ... daily ... courage is flourishing in this room this evening." Rich was speaking not of the ourage it takes to risk one's life, but the courage it takes to express oneself artistically and submit that expression to others for interpretation and judging.
"The creation of artistic works

can take courage," said Rich, "Art is message, delivered in a specific medium, from the hearts and souls of the artists." The artists Rich spoke of were the 177 Walled Lake School District elementary, middle and high school students who partici-

> "Signs of Courage."
>
> On March 27, the signs permeated the Sarah Banks lunch room, displayed proudly on hulletin boards as a backdrop for the district's Reflections awards ceremony. A photo of a student's uncle, who happens to be a firefighter. A collage of disabled children's photos. A photo of a toddler cautiousnavigating a staircase. Drawings and poems about Sept.

pated in the state-level Reflections

Out of 1.676 entries submitted from multiple Michigan school districts for state-level judging, the

Michigan PTSA honored 15 Walled Lake entries with awards in all four categories (visual art, literature, photography and music) and in multiple age groups (pre-school to grade 2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12).

These students, along with the other Michigan students who received state-level awards, are

invited to an awards ceremony the Michigan PTSA convention in Lansing on May 3. Students wil accept their awards one-by-one on stage while their entries are dis played on a screen. In addition, the award-winning visual art entries will be displayed at the Lansing Michigan Historical Museum during the weekend of May 3. Four Walled Lake entries

state submits only 16 entries for national judging. Later this year, the National PTA will approunce its award recipients and post gallery of award-winning entries on its Web site at www.pta.org.

The 177 students recognized a the March 27 district awards cere mony are just a portion of the hun-dreds of Walled Lake students who submitted entries at their school and district levels. Jennifer Bond, a third-grade teacher and Reflections chair for Glengary Elementary School, was pleased

untary.
"We were very pleased with the Program, which this year called for interpretations of the theme "Signs of Courage."

Co. Marsh 27 the sign of Courage."

at home," said Bond, "it shows to do this on their own time at home," said Bond. "It shows to do this on their own time at home," said Bond. "It shows to do this on their own time at home," said Bond. that their parents, as well as them-

> Bond also commented on the depth and creativity of the students' creations. "It was evident that children were reflecting on their own lives," she said. "Many of the children wrote about family members and the courage they have. We had much diversity in the entries. Some children used this program as a platform for

The Michigan PTSA recognized 15 Walled Lake School District tudents with special awards for their participation in the annual

Sarah Lubitz, Central High School

go on to the National PTA for judging – a great honor, since each

that so many students pa since the program is entirely vol

selves, value this program and the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas."

their own views. We had one child

For literature: Danielle Camardese, Central High School Bailey Miller, Glengary Elementary School Katherine Spain, Central High School Grace Cole, Dublin Elementary School Darin Sitto, Walled Lake Middle School For music: Scott Christy, Central High School

> Raquel Coulter, Central High School Paige Krzyskowski, Walnut Creek Middle School Brittany Vezina, Sarah Banks Middle School For visual arts

Mathew Gross, Commerce Elementary School Raquel Coulter, Central High School Jason Mahakian, Walled Lake Middle School

Four entries, created by the following students, will be judged at the national level: Brittney Kettinger; Scott Christy; Brittany Vezina;

write about the courage it takes to when "Bin Laden was glad as we be someone who is teased." Jessica Wegner, a fifth-grader at Commerce Elementary School, raising the flag. The sun is still shining bright, we have the right to ereated part of her entry while on summer vacation. She used her new cumera – a gift from her father - to photograph the Pennsylvania crash site of flight

In Wegner's creation as in other Walled Lake students' Reflections entries, Rich's opening remarks rang true. Art is, in itself, a sign of 93 on Sept. 11. The poem she fit perfectly with the photo, so she

courage.

For more information about the Reflections Program, visit the National PTA Web site or contact the Michigan PTSA at (517) 485-4345. Next year's Reflections theme is "I'm really happy when



superimposed the poem on the

photo to create a visual arts entry

that won an award at the district

level and went on to the stafe level.
Entitled "Courage in the
U.S.A.," Wegner's poem recounts

the tragedies of Sept. 11 in simple

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 4/17
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9:30 a.m Line Dance*
9:30 a.m
12:00 EASTER Bonnet Parade/Lunch
Advance ticket required
12:15 Bridge*
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......Line Dance

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Friday 4/18 Senior Center/Civic Center Lunch Service

Transportation Closed for Good Friday Management Office Open Monday 4/21

 Monday
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 9 a.m.
 Stretch & Strength

 NO Intro to
 Computer Class

 10 a.m.
 Body Recall

 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Sundry Shop Open

 noon
 Lunch

 12:30
 Pinochle*

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 p.m.-3 p.m. Afternoon Tea with Harpist, Kathryn Operman

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Massage Therapy 9 a.m. - Panera bread 9 3.00 a.m. Line Dance* 10 a.m. Crafts & Astan Pacific 10 a.m. AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program

Wednesday 4/23 10 a.m. Body Recall 10:30 a.m. Quilting | Out | Color

*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, All other activities will take place at the Meadowbrook Commons Community Center. Note: ALL TRIPS will depart from the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Rd. Phone (248) 347-0414.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Borders-Novi Book Signing, Tyler

Florence

DATE: Friday, April 18
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Borders

Bookstore, Novi Town Center.

DETAILS: Book signing with
The Food Network's hottest chef Tyler Florence, Tyler Florence's Real Kitchen. PHONE: 248-347-0780.

DATE: Tuesday, April 22 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road,

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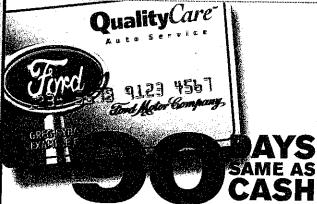


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A Major Force

Under the guidance of Brian O'Leary, the Novi looking to be a huge force in Kensington Valley and beyond

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi girls' soccer team is at it again — winning that is.

The squad, led by coach Brian O'Leary, brushed by the Hartland Eagles 4-2 in Kensington Valley Conference play Monday night after shelling South Lyon 7-0 three days earlier in another conference match-up.

"They mu in a good field and had an

"They put up a good fight and had an effective strategy," O'Leary said. "They played very defensively, at times having eight defenders back, and waited for their changes." their chances."

their chances."

And why wouldn't they play defensively? With offensive threats like those the Wildcats bring to the pitch, who wouldn't want to hedge their bets by dropping some players into the box?

The Wildcats proved that strategy a good one, collecting 29 shots on goal compared to Hartland's two.

"Their nealing players, usual came."

"Their goalie played a good game, and we hit the post four times," O'Leary

The star of the game was no doubt
Maureen Pawlak, as she continued to build her staggering numbers. Coming into the contest, the junior had contest, the junior had 10 goals and five

10 goals and five assists in five games — now she has 14

goals.
"Maureen continued her amazing play and scored all four of our goals," O'Leary said. "Assists were credited to Colene Brockman, Kellie Walker, Julie Johnston and Lisa Checcobelli."

The Wildcats didn't press the Eagles into oblivion either, instead opting to play all of the players at least 15 min-

The 'Cats are currently 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference while sporting a ranking of sixth in Michigan as of press time.

sixth in Michigan as of press time.
"The season has gone well thus far,"
O'Leary said. "We have been improving
every game and we have learned from
our mistakes."
Against the South Lyon Lions April
11, the Wildcats were able to see all of
their players getting in for at least a half
each as they dominated their
Kensington Valley Conference foes 7-0.
Pawlak scored four goals and one
assist on the night while Kristi Timar
notched two goals and two assists to pad

notched two goals and two assists to pad

her totals.

One of the highlights of the night was freshman Katie Walker's first goal of the season, and what a fitting time to do

it—against a conference opponent.

Also picking up assists in the game were Katie Ales, Kellie Walker and Brockman, Kellie Pheiffer and Amanda

Brockman, Kellie Pheiffer and Amanda Church split time in the goal.

Though playing dominant soccer in both of their KVC games this season, O'Leary and the Wildeats aren't about to get overconfident. Instead, they are going to wait and see what goes on in the conference before trying to figure out where they fit in the bigger puzzle.

"As far as the KVC goes, it's too early to tell," O'Leary said after the South Lyon game. "With only one KVC game played, it's hard to look at the scores of the other games and know where we

the other games and know where we stand. The Brighton game on Wednesday should clear up the pic-ture a little."

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Maureen Pawlak kicks a shot that would score Novi's first goal against Hartland. Hartland's Lauren Rutkowski (18) looks on.

Novi refuses to stay down for long

Under the leadership of captains Goodman, Chudy, Wildcats are in hunt for victories

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi Wildcats girls' golf team knows what it takes to be winners and they've been exhibiting the correct

and they we been exhibiting the correct behaviors so far this season.

Though they hit a bump in the road with a 188-220 loss to Northville April 10, the Wildeats came right back 10, the Wildcats came right back to smack Kensington Valley Conference rival Lakeland with a 196-217 loss April 11. The following day, the Novi linksters competed in the Grosse Ille Invitational and took 11th with a score

Against the Northville squad, the Wildcats, under the guidance of coach Deb Harris, had to play through some adverse conditions that found the course wet and still playing host to snow on the banks and in the bunkers.

Northville's Layne Scherer and Andrea Fillipps shared medalist honors with an impressive 43 each, but the Wildcats weren't far behind. Sara

Goodman shot a 51 on the day to lead Novi, while Jennifer McKenna control a 55, Laura Vaughn and Jessica Chudy shot 57, Jackie Chudy hit a 64 and Audrey Oh recorded a 67 in the loss. Other scores for the Mustangs includ-

ed Theresa Juthage's

Girls' Golf 45, Marie Snyder's 49, Kelly Harrison's 51 and Andrea Gorecki's 53.

Against Lakeland. Against Caretraun, the Wildcats had an improved showing and pulled out the conference victory as they pulled their record to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the KVC.

Novi's Jackie Chudy and Lakeland's Emily Tucker shared the medalist honors with 47s, while the Wildcats turned up the heat through the rest of their ranks to get the victory.

Vaughn shot a nice 48 on the day,

while Beeca Hughes collected a 50 in the winning effort. Jessica Chudy's round tallied up to 51, while Goodman shot a 56 and McKenna recorded a 62.

For Lakeland, Lindsay Pipkin notched a 48, while Kutie Noloff shot a 59, Candi Bonkonski earned a 63, Amanda Bate hit a 65 and Rachel Leonard tallied

Shooting exhibition for the Wildcats vere Jessica Westfall (49), Lindsay Haslett (59), Oh (65) and Jenna Kuhn

April 12 found the Wildcats competing in the very tough Grosse Ille Invitational and walking away with 11th place. Grand Blanc won the event with 330, while Livonia Stevenson collected 333 and Grosse Ille shot 352. The medalist was Grand Blanc's Mandi McConnell with a 71 on the day.

For the Wildcats, the leading scorer was Jackie Chudy, shooting 99 over 18 holes. Westfall shot a 101 in the tournament, while Haslett hit a 110 and Jessica Chudy recorded a 113

Also scoring for the Novi linksters was Brittany Neville with a 121 and Rene Schmitt with a 127.

The tournament marked Westfall and

Haslett's first 18-hole stroke play in a lournament for Novi.

'They did very well," Harris said of the two, and then noted that the squad's leader on the day did a fine job as "Jackie Chudy came through w great score of 99."

Harris said that one of the reasons the 'Cats have stepped up this season is due to their captains in Jessica Chudy and

"They are doing a fine job setting a good example for their teammates," Harris said.

Chudy has collected scores of 53, 57 and 51 in dual meets as well as a 113 in tournament play, while Goodman shot a 53, 51 and a 56 in dual meets so far this

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Don't you just love sports in

Michigan?
In the fall season, it might rain through the whole thing or end up snow-

ing in August. In the spring, it can be as nice and warm as it wants to be. or open up with freezing rain and snow.



Eggleston

One thing 1 learned as I grew up playing sports in the Upper Peninsula was that the weather can never be a given. Heck, up there you might travel three or so hours for a single game. When we played Ewen-Trout Creek in football my junior year, it was sunny and warm, but two and a half hours later, we were play-ing in hail. Another time, dur-ing baseball, our field was so full of snow that you couldn't round the bases without cross-country skis, but three hours later when we arrived in was that the weather can never later when we arrived in Pickford, their field had just a

little water on home plate.

I guess it's no different down here either. Sometimes, I feel like I moved to Florida because it gets so hot, other times I look out the window and I'm pretty wondering how it can thunder-storm in February.

With weird weather comes

weird schedules. Though there are plenty of teams booked before the season begins, sometimes not all of those games get played on their original dates. Instead, they are rescheduled and sometimes they are can-

celed indefinitely.

This week, you might notice a few game reports that look a bit shorter than others. Some reports aren't reports at all, thanks to the snow that decided to come pay us a visit last week. In these cases, there's week. In these cases, there's really nothing you can do. I end up hoping that I have enough sports.stories to fill my section and (keeping my fingers crossed here) I don't, then I'll have to come up with some creative way to fill the section.

I have to say, on an overall basis, I'm usually pretty proud of what we are able to accomplish here at the Northville

plish here at the Northville Record and the Novi News.
Though the sports department consists of one full time writer and some stringers who work for peanuts (really, they do), we manage to fill four or five pages a week of just sports and usually do it with a minimum amount of mistakes

Yeah, now and then we might dip to three, but other times we boost to seven, eight and even 10 at one time. If you sit back and compare that number to other local sports sections. I say, without naming names, we kick their tails right out of the

sceno.
It's not an easy job, but it's a
fun one. I make my living writing about high school athletes
and their accomplishments at
the varsity level — not bad, eh?
Now and then, the sports section might be lacking in the tion might be lacking in the articles department, but be rest assured that even though one week might be a little thin the next week will make up for it.

Thanks to everyone who picks up this section for a reading. It means a lot to know that there are so many out there that are interested in the world of high school athletics, and don't mind reading this section to get that information.

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'Cats top Lakeland Eagles in KVC showdown

Moore and Gilchrist help with two-mile. mile victories

By Sam Eggleston

you just have to get back on again until you get it right. The Novi Wildeats boys

track and field team was quick to recover from their opening-season fall to the Northville

place in both the pole yault and the high jump. Dan Thelen, a senior, secured the pole yault with a clearance of 12-feet-0. Schell finished third with a 16.6, and finished third in the 300 hurdles as well with a time of 44.4. The 100 dash found Chase Chandler taking second with a time of 11.5 and Alex while Matt Emmenecker took first in the high jump with a 6-1 leap. Novi's Eric VanTassel was third in the high jump. in the shot put, Ryan

Pritchard took second place with a harf of 42-feet-6, while Trent Sisson took third with a Chandler took 40-11 toss. Tom Vrettas was a 22.9 seconds.

Harsha-Strong right on his heels for third place. In the 200, Chandler took first, finishing in

luckity, our guys were up to the challenge."

The Wildcats had some nice the 3,200 relay team took first in the spring relays, Movi took second in the 800 mile, finishing in 4:34.3, while sophomore Mark Moore not only took third in the mile with a time of the two-mile with a time of two-mile with a time of the two-mile with a time of two-mile with a time o showings in the field events against the Eagles, taking first in the 400 relay in

day." Smith said of the senior.
"He ran very smart races. I would have to say that Brian was our unsung hero."

The Wildcats will have a close on paper." Smith said.

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ocach Robert Smith said, "It came down to the last race, and, luckily, our guys were up to the to the last race, and, locally, our guys were up to the to the last race, and the said of t Gilchrist also took first in the mile, finishing in 4:34.3, while week, almost too much."

> 10:00.6 — just 0.1 seconds ahead of fellow Wildeat Amol Huprikar, who was second.
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> "Brian Gilchrist had a great some might figure that Smith There is one of the great some migh has already considered the meet a loss — those people obviously don't know Smith or his 'Cats. things about having such a young team to coach,' Smith aid, "You never know the talent

"The entire conference is so until you find it."

- with so many kids leaving on Spring Break, the Wildeats thought they wouldn't have enough high jumpers to make a relay team from for the Novi

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A public lottery will be held at the Novi Civic Center May 3 at 10 a.m. to determin the team rosters. Forms will be pulled randomly and given a number in the event a waiting list is necessary. It is not necessary to arrive early or to be

(ages 8-9), junior varsity (10-11) and varsity (12-13). Children mst be above the ages by August 1, 2003 for both foot-ball and cheerleading and certain weight

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Cats win tournament

By Michael Zerkich

Last Saturday the Wildeats of

of the year.

The place was the Holly/Grand Blanc Tennis Invitational. Eight teams competed from around the state. Joining Novi were teams from Brighton, Carman Ainsworth, Flint Powers, Grand Blanc, Holly, Port Huron Northern, and

Traverse City Central,

Novi finished its competition in first place with a total of 18 points, ahead of Grand Blan with 17 and Brighton's 15. Coach Jim Hanson was very impressed with his team's per-

"We did very well last year but first place is a tremendous accomplishment," he said.
"Overall our second and third Number one singles made the finals, four singles had a third place, while the second doubles took fourth place. Third and fourth doubles made the finals, tournament is that we got to face contribution."

overall team contributions as Brighton Bulldogs, it's a given the sports department everyone had a part of our finish that the match is going to be a (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

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First Singles: Suraj Ramachandran - flight runner-up Second Singles: Prasanna Venugopal - flight champion • Third Singles: Andrew Fourth Singles: Steve Chiana

3rd place • First Doubles: Joe Lynch and Vishal Rungta - flight Second Doubles: Chris 4th place • Third Doubles: Drew Doster

and Jeff Wallen - flight · Fourth Doubles: Ritchie Fetters and Solomon Zheng - flight runner-up

Brighton who we will be seeing Hanson noted that he was' "I am very pleased with our Any time the Wildcats face the What makes Brighton tough

is that they have comparable denth to our team." Hanson said teams geared up for this rivalry To win against Brighton yo climinates the mistakes that comes out the winner. At least in this tournament our players did and very good job of keeping the errors to a minimum,"

One of the strategies that Hanson is known to preach is the idea of never giving up. You never know when your opponent might slip, and you have to be repped to take advantage of

that,
"I was pleased with the one
"I was pleased with the one singles (Prasanna Venugopal) because they both made great comebacks," Hanson noted. "We have a player Ritchie Fetters in 4th doubles up from JV paired up with Soloman Zheng and they a team and everyone makes a

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'Cats thank lucky stars for victories

By Michael Zerkich SPECIAL WRITER

It's one thing to play at the top of your game and win. Its quite another to run the table and win them all when you haven't played

Last Friday Novi's baseball team von an impressive victory against CVC foe Hartalnd by the score of 16-5. Later that day the second game got called during the 5th

plenty to like and plenty to work on rather than a starter as his pitches

"Our first game against Hardand was an wild game as we had to come from behind to win it," he said. "We lead 3-0 after 3 innings, they came back with five runs in the 4th inning, and we really put them away with an 8 run 5th inning," netimes, even with the mis-

but I am really proud of the way our team came back," Green said. "Also, our starting pitcher, Mike Hart, didn't have his best stuff in

takes that a team makes, a coach inst has to wipe his brow and sit

are always around the plate," work to be done, "On another note we haven't

played well defensively," Green said, "The weather has been bad and we haven't really had an outdoor practice. It's tough to get used to our defensive positioning and throwing across the field when you are inside a gym. Still, I can see that our offense is there with good amounts of hitting and fine base running abilities. Our pitching has been more than decent but our defense hasn't helped them. out the game to give us a chance to Overall, I believe we are on track ext. 104.

win. That's impressive and its that type of effort from Mike and the rest of my team I am very pleased strong run at the end of the season in the regional and state tourna-

As stated previously, the second game was suspended due to dark-ness. The game is deadlocked in the 4th inning. Kevin Cislo started the 4th inning. Kevin Cislo started the game and pitched into the 4th "One area I want to give praise to inning and was relieved by Billy Morrison when play was stopped. The Plymouth Canton wins found coach Green successful in is my catchers of Zack Flaven and Josh Buck," he said. "Both are doing a great job back there and its

ame got called during the suming of a 4-4 fie due to durkness and the game will be concluded on another date.

On Saturday, the Wildcats played Plymouth Canton and won both and and a lot of his pitches go for the season, but the KVC games will be their main focus. "We meet up with Milford for the

big showdown this week," Green said of their contest versus the Mavericks Tuesday (after the Novi Though the squad managed to pull out both wins over the Chiefs, Green said there was still some Mawericks Thesday (after the Novi News went to print). "It's not winner-takes-all but its as close to a must win as you get this time of year. I'm confident we'll be up for that game but Milford is a tough club right now, too. If our defense is there, I believe we have the hit-ting and pitching to be right there in the end with them."

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Fans kept on edge

Whalers now slated to play the Rangers

Plymouth's John Vigilante scored at 13:38 of the third period to break a 2-2 tie and Karl Stewart added a short-handed empty net goal to ice a 4-2 Whalers victory over the London Knights in Game 7 of the Western Conference

Plymouth will now face-off against the Kitchener Rangers in the Western Conference Finals, which begin on Wednesday night in Kitchener. The Whalers will return home on Friday night to host Game 2 at 7:30 p.m.

London came out and drew first blood when Daniel Bois scored at

8:57 of the first period to give the Knights a 1-0 lead. The Whalers managed to tie the game up when Chad LaRose scored shorthanded at 17:57. Sean Thompson earned the lone assist. But the Knights struck one more time, just as time expired when Dylan Hunter broke in all-alone and beat Whalers

zoalie Paul Drew for the 2-1 lead. Plymouth scored the only goal of the second period to tie the game at 2-2. Kall Steward beat Knight goalie Chris Houle at 3:34 with assists going to LaRose and of Sean Thompson carned the sean that the sean that

Both teams threatened in the Vigilante let a slap shot go from just inside the blue line did the ome turn around. The shot beat Houle under his arm for the unassisted tally. The Knights had a great chance to tie the game late when Drew was called for a ones when Drew was called for a ques-tionable roughing call at 18:11.
With the goaltender already pulled the Knights had a two-man advantage. But Drew and the penalty kill of the Whalers did the job and Stewart added the empty-net goal to ice the vinnet goal to ice the win. Plymouth held a 29-24 shot

The Plymouth Whalers gave up four first period goals in a 5-1 loss to the London Knights April 12. The win evened the series at 3-3,

The win evened the series at 3-3, forcing Game 7.

The Knights scored three mintues into the game and added two power play goals and another goal in the final minutes of the first to take a 4-0 lead. Five different Knights scored, chasing Plymouth goalie Paul Drew at the end of the period. end of the period.

Jeff Weber came in for Drew

and gave up one goal in the second to finish off the London scoring. Plymouth's lone goal came on wer play from Jonas Fiedle

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The Plymouth Whalers scored

three third period goals to notch their first home win of the series, a 6-3 win over London to take a 3-2 series lead April 11. James Wisniewski scored the game winner when his wrist shot beat Chris Houle at 7:10 in the third period. Karl Stewart followed with two goals and added an assist to

secure the victory.

The Whalers did something they haven't done all series at home, score first. John Vigilante more when he scored a Whalers scored his fifth goal of the play-offs at 11:41 to give the Whalers a 1-0 lead. The goal was set up off a

The scoring opened up in the second period as both teams went second period as both teams went back and forth before finishing tied at 3-3 to end the period. London tied the game up with a goal from Dylan Hunter at 2:25. with a power play goal from Kyle Quincey at 5:56. But the Whalers shot deflected off a London play-

and Sean Thompson carned the assists.

Plymouth then retook the lead with a power play goal if rom Chris Theathern and second periods. But the Knights the did it up cach time with Corey Perry scoring a power play goal in and John Mitchell assisted on the goal. But the Knights answered the third, forcing overtime.

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power play goal at 17:55.
The Whalers outshot
Knights 35-22 in the game.

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Novi can't win them all, takes tough KVC loss

Squad takes on Howell today, Novi Relays slated for Saturday morning

team found out that sometimes you just can't win them all. Against the Lakeland Eagles, the Wildcats fell just short, losing

the Kensington Valley Conference meet 74-65. "We lost off the last race," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "It on rare occasions, good things can come from a loss for a squad like this one — and the Lakeland meet proved to be one of those

"On the Inp side, this was the first time that I really felt that we gelled as a team," Reid noted. "Every one stepped up and gave 110-percent. I can't complain about that. All I ask is that they give their beat." give their best." If the Wildcats would have

been able to pull our the 1,600-meter relay, they would have tied the contest with the tie-breaker falling back to the pole vault — an event that junior Jen Mehl had Though we lost, it was a great

step in the right direction," Reid said, "I told the girls that this is what we need to do. They gave their best to make it happen. We "That's a big blow against us,"
Reid said. "She was a key member of this team and is going to be very hard to find someone to fill in for until she returns." had the fans come down to cheer the relays and we had some great performances across the board." Schmitt, who took first-place finishes in both the 800-meter run and the mile. In both of those events, Patty Ramos finished sec-

"Like I said before, The Novi girls' track and field it's hard to get 100 girls to get along and then gel. It was nice to see, and when you accom-

> plish that you really feel like you've

done yoù job."

Senior Amanda Smith had a nice showing as well, taking first in the 400 to give the Wildcats a boost. Another strong perform-ance came from Margo Reizian, who Reid pointed out as having a

great day for Novi.
With the loss on the track came a loss to the team as well.

Reid noted that she felt the meet was a success in just the fact that the team came together the way she has been hoping they

ond.
Bella Feldbaum took first in
the long jump with a stellar leap
of 16-feet-1 1/2 inches.
"That was a real nice job,"
"That was nice to real nice job,"
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"That was

Taking a loss to a squad like Lakeland, a team which is a major competitor in the Kensington Valley Conference this season, give the Wildeats. something to measure them-

selves to. "I think it has helped us gauge our progression to this point. Reid also noted that som

times, it's not the kids who lose a contest like this one. "I honestly feel the loss to Lakeland wasn't the kids' fault, it was all me," she said. "I screwed up the order the girls should have run. I guess that's all part of

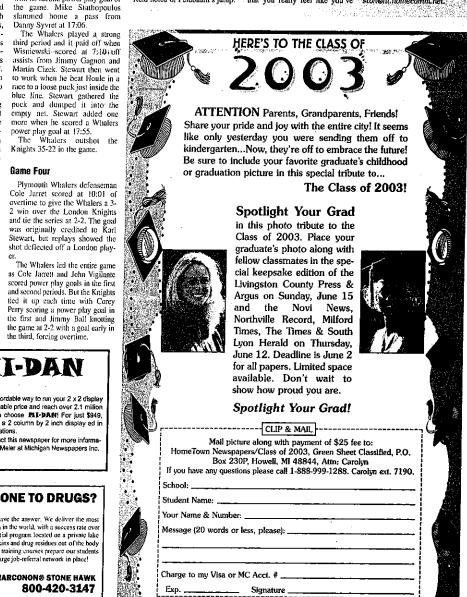
Marsha Reid being a new coach and getting those learning experiences."

According to Reid, the Wildeats are fortunate to have a Novi Girls Track Coach group of captains like this team does. Anna Cynar, Kylie Elfring. Jen Thompson and Anna McDougal are all major contribu-tors to the leadership of this

> When asked if they've lived up to Reid's expectations, answer was a definite yes.

"Absolutely, if not more so," Outstanding athlete Anise Hayes she answered. They have defi-looks to have strained her ham-nitely stepped up in the sense of looks to have strained ner nam-string during the 400-relay, and injury that will find her sidelined to the pressures off of me. They have taken to the "That's a big blow against us,"

The Wildcats are slated to take on Howell today at 4 p.m. in a make-up meet at Novi. High School before playing host to the Novi Relays Saturday at 10 a.m.





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Diesel trying hard not to be typical brute Action star tries too hard to convey feelings in much of 'A Man Apart'



By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Though his name is never the

main headliner on the poster, you've probably noticed him

Actor Larenz Tate has been in

Actor Larenz Tate has been in movies such as "Menace to Society," "Dead Presidents" and "The Postman." His most recent venture is alongside Vin Diesel in "A Man Apart."

"It's a good movie," Tate said during a phone interview, "I hope

driven as well as action.'

In "XXX," Vin Diesel tried very, very hard not to be the next Roger Moore or Sean Connery. In "A Man Apart," I think he's trying even hard-er not to be the next Charles Bronson or Clint Eastwood

Everyone knows that Diesel has what it takes to be a good action star. He does everything that Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Steven Seagal did when they started out - unfortunately that seems to mean to use all brawn and o acting. In a movie that really needs some

good acting in the main character's role, Diesel is asked to play a Drug Enforcement Agency officer named Sean Vetter. Sean is the kind of guy that sulks a bit, srews in his own anger, but doesn't need to ery to release his pain. Instead, he needs to kill people. Along the way, he i beaten, shot, almost drowns and i battered and bruised in multiple Backed up by DEA buddies that.

ing in the country. Sean and Demetrius Hicks (Larenz Tate) are the kind of cops that everyone wishes were on the street. They know the lay of the land, being former members of gangs and such, and they know what it takes to be good cops
— and that's exactly what they do.
Unfortunately, some of the bad guys
don't like them very much and end up killing Sean's wife (played by the

A MAN APART

much guess that he isn't going to sit by idly. Instead, Sean goes after the killer without authorization. And, just when you think you have every-thing plotted out and you have it all figured out, there's a twist - but

I'm not going to ruin it.

As far as acting goes in "A Man was far from superior. Maybe it was the writing, or Diesel trying too hard to fit into the role without being a up killing Sean's wife (played by the lovely Jacqueline Obradors). Sean soon discovers the man responsible for his wife's death is a drug lord by the name of El Diablo, who has stepped in an elaimed the Baja cantel after Sean and Hicks' most recent bust sent the previous boss to prison.

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as a team, have the highest bust rat- From that point on, you can pretty. Hicks shows a multifaceted character that is not only tough and street wise, but caring and concerned when he needs to be as well.

Timothy Olyphan, who plays Hollywood Jack (a drug supplier) steals some great moments in the movie as well.

Overall, "A Man Apart" is gritty and extensions of the steal of t Apart, I have to say! felt Diesel and entertaining if you like kill-was far from superior. Maybe it was

capable that you may realize.

Jen is a great character for all kinds of gamers. Unlike her other female-lead counterparts, Jen should be able to relate to both male and female players while showing off her inner strength and feisty attitude. The overall design of the characters, environments and buildings in a nice touch, 1700, ext. 104 or at seggle-

game, "Primal" manages to pull ahead of the adventure games that would like to chal-lenge it. The sounds, presentation and graphics are impres sive for the Playstation 2, with few other games really equaling that task.

I have to say that overall,

this game is a good one for adventure fans, and those who are looking for some quick

learning in the way of controls and long-lasting in the way of problem solving.

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Sony's 'Primal' taking next step in gaming

The first thing I would like to do is applaud Sony Computer Entertainment, Not only have they been producing some high-quality games of late, they are also taking them the first puzzles are a breeze to to a place where most other compa-

in "Primal" beyond the idea o

an interac-

With nice cinematic sequences that don't bore you Instead, keep playing and the into cooking something to cat puzzles and difficulties will while you wait and a nice story to go along with it, "Primal" takes you to a place of Chaos and Order, with Chaos on the There are only two things I'd like to see added to this game verge of tipping the normally-leveled scales.

You take the role of Jennifer Tate (Jen), a reluctant heroine, who finds herself the victim of a vicious attack from a demon. Released from your deep sleep that borders on a coma while in the hospital, you are offered the opportunity to track down your assailant and save your boyfriend, who was, of course,

Your companion throughout this journey of discovery is Scree, a gargoyle and fountain of information and energy... Together this unlikely doo forms an effective team, with

The game sends you on a you to four strange worlds that are governed by Order and Chaos, much like Earth. Thus begins a long journey of solv-ing puzzles, killing enemies and restoring the balance of good and evil while discoverng that your inner self is more

like to point out is that the firs couple of hours of "Primal" are fairly unrewarding to advanced gamers. The controls should be easy to master and

definitely worth getting for the

if a sequel is to come out. First, sub-missions would be

pretty cool. Considering that you have free-will to wander us you like and to explore the

vast worlds around you, some

small missions to divert from

the force-feedback function.

love it when a game gets the controller shaking as buildings crumble and fights are taking place, "Primal" would have done afteely with such an addition of the controller of

With a solid story line and

other characters throughout the

long haul.

way to look updated and save lots First we'll start with changing.

will take you into spring/summer

your neck or sewn to blouses you already own, you too may billow in the breeze. Light scarves may be added to a neckline, sleeves or as a new waste band to existing silk, rayon, polyester or other delicate looking tops already in your closet,

You may achieve the uber lool

with searves. Whether tied around

Next up, we have updating. Only you know best what you

already own, so I'll go over som basic suggestions so you may decide what would work best for

I am dying to update my wardrobe for spring, but am real-ly short on cash. I don't want to sell my engagement ring at a pawn shop, but really want to look good. Do you have any sugges-tione?

- WHAT TO DO IN NOVI

Dear What to do in Novi:

There is nothing more exciting than seeing the first robin of the year, jumping in mud puddles or purchasing a brand new pair of strappy sandals.
And although this week didn't

seem much like Easter is rounding the corner, the holiday associated with pink sun dresses, country this spring.

• Handbags - Changing any small to moderate size purses you already own is a great way to update. And since most women usually carry handbags with every clubs and Jesus Christ is arriving

soon.

To some, the big-rabbit holiday means white is now right, a fashion fable reserved for those borrowing usually carry handbags with every outfit, one changed bag may go a long way. Adding some feminine details like bows or pretty materi-als will accommodate many of spring's looks. If feminine is not your thing, appropriately tied scarves or buckles or adding a PCV or metal handle will provide a more contemporary change. clothes from their grandmothers In fact, purchasing something white is on my list of inexpensive

ways to update your wardrobe for Notice that I say 'update' your

wardrobe.
That is a key lesson number for a more contemporary change. you are in luck. As mentioned pre-viously, tied to a handbag makes a great update, but there are other

afford the luxury of pitching and repurchasing four times a year, so adding and changing some key blousey and layered shirts are in. repurchasing four times a year, so adding and changing some key pieces of your wardrobe is the best

I have three changes for existing tems possibly in your closet that

pant is either more tailored, cropped or tied. This means some minor changes to your last-season, wide-legged cargo pants will do the trick. A simple mid-calf cut and hem will crop just fine. If you prefer length, just take the legs in

Basic trends right now are anything very 1950s, Chinoiserie, billowy tops, old-school country club, anything pink, black and white worn together, updated car-goes and metallies. Shoes are strappy, heeled and feminine: purses are smaller and oblong; and accessories are large. Large earthy pendants are a big hit this spring,
So what to do is add some of

these pieces. My first suggestion is shoes for

ing your purse, A new pair of 2003 warmweather shoes will update everykeyhole cutout will make a great gathered cargo seen more com-monly with stilettos than sneakers

thing you wear.

Next, I would go with a twin set.

Now this, and anything else reminiscing the 1950s, is some-

thing you may consult your mother or grandmother about.

A twin set is very '50s and may be worn with different types of

bottoms in the day or evening

A cotton white skirt should be easy to find and very inexpensive.
Paired with a pair of black stilet-

tos or ballet flats and a black top, you just may see it in the next edi-you will look like a fashion god-tion of your local paper. And I would then go with a large,

and then go wan a carthy pendant necklace.

This is a wise choice for the give fun advice without exposing you to your neighbors.

One necklace or pair of silver And if you still have money left

in your pocket, purchase anything This should also be a very inex-

pensive task.

Add some shimmery, but not glittery, soft-hued make-up and you will look great for spring.

Also, don't forget about your

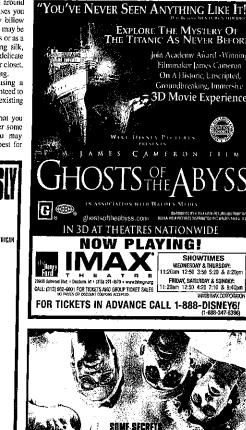
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'A Man Apart' was role Tate was looking for

people take the chance to see it and I hope they enjoy it."

Tate's role in "A Man Apart"
marks his first venture into action "A Man Apart" is the idea of the Drug Enforcement Agency offi-cers that Diesel and Tate play come from the streets and were movies; something he said was a great first step with this particu-

"We didn't want

to glorify it and we

showed the gritty

former gang members themdown to the core performance, and that's OK," Tate said, "For "It's a great idea," Tate said. "Its a great idea," Tate said, "Former gong members turn their lives over and become undercover cops with the DEA. They weren't Harvard grads because those guys have no idea what goes on in the cities. Our guys know everything, and they wanted to be part of the solution and this movie, we had to be as hon the scenes without taking the scenes very seriously. There are a ed to be part of the solution and

not the problem."

The character relationship between Diesel's character and Tate's required some good onscreen chemistry. Lucky for them, their off-screen friendship helped them gear towards that relationship on film.

MOTICE - CITY OF MOWI Tate could have probably picked up a role in an everyday cop flick, but he was looking for something more.
"I thought the material was

ideal," Tate said. "I didn't want to pay the conventional cop or the partner on the side. I wanted a relationship on film. "We're good friends," Tate said, "The bond was right and we character that was more than a were easily able to play these characters. We felt comfortable

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taken away from them wouto be more than anyone could really handle. It drives the whole movie and went in the direction we real-to-wouted it to go."

werter for the Northville Record and the Nori News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at 10

Some viewers may notice that the action in "A Man Apart" flows fairly well, with little break

drugs."

Tate said that the problems that

connection that people respond favorably to if they get into the done with those, we'll try to get

the action in A flows fairly well, with little break from the fast-moving plot.

"We wanted to keep people glued," Tate said. "I said." "Unchain My Heart' about that we stayed honest and true to what was going on. The film passed the drug world in a very thing from a murdering 16-year-thing from a murdering 1

late said that the problems that the characters harbor in this movie aren't your everyday troubles that a cop might have.
"It's not a drinking issue or anything like that," he said. "It's a horrible turn of events that would drive any man or woman insane. To have someone brutally taken away from them would!

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other. He respects my work and he knows that I can bring out the best in him and vice versa. It's a rate ways and do our own things

together on another project."

The Chicago-horn actor has

old in "Menace to Society" to a post-apocalyptic mail carrier in "The Postman," Tate said that playing roles in movies like "Unchain My Heart" and a film

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'Dreamcatcher' film does book justice

would have been proud of what Stephen King was able to accomplish.

You see, "Dreamcatcher."

they have powers that enable them to find things and read each other's minds.

Don't worry, I didn't give

short by the common cold are friends find themselves in an

annual get-together at a camp known as the Hole in the Wall. There's something different about these friends though

ability to change the universe as we know it.

The movie was well done, homage to "War of the Worlds" and does it justice in its own aftern invasion that is brought. Hole in the Wall, the four ages to stick to the book fairly ages to stick to the book fairly well and much better than films bave done in the past with King's novels, so that's a plus events. echoed nicely by King's vision of an alien invasion brought short by a few fellows from strange, lost hunter stumbles his for the fans of the written words

race to save the world. Standing against them? A half-mad leader of a secret government group, an alien known only as Mr. The plot twists were minimal, but present thanks to the writing of King himself and the way he Gray and a secret that has the

spins his tales of horror. To be honest, I only jumped once dur-ing this movie, though few shows make me jump more than that. The lady sitting next to me just about broke my eardrum at just about broke my eardrum at one scene when she, and a few others, screamed in response to the leart-pounding sequence of events.

The only complaint I have about the movie is the lack of flashbacks. There was ample opportunity to let the viewers in on the past that had brought this

of an alien invasion brought short by a few fellows from Maine.

In "Dreamcatcher," we find ourselves following four friends as they meet for their 20th of the find themselves in a strong find thems

it was intriguing enough to keep you in your seat and watching which turn would come up next. ahead and tell you that the little thanks to the short film ones turn into the bigger ones "Animatrix" preceding the feature presentation.

every good scary movie has, and manages to get you laughof the actors in Jason Lee, man-

> and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

This soccer game makes you work for it

By Sam Eggleston

swear that I hate soccer.

Being the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News hasn't been easy at times, especially for guy who grew up in an area where soccer was you can't use your hands. As time went on, and I've learned more and more about the game, I have to say I've recome a bit fond of the

And now, thanks to 989 Sports,

You see, I'm one of those people who just can't stand to lose in massive streaks. Most games challenge me for the first couple times I play them, but then it's back to the same old domination that finds them gathering dust on a shelf.

989's "World Tour Soccer 2003" hasn't found its way onto a shelf yet, nor has it managed to snake out of my Playstation 2. You see, out of all the games I've been playing lately, this one has me obsessed

The game isn't so remarkably and that it's impossible to beat. In fact, most gamers out there with soccer in their blood will be able to assemble enough decent scoring to win quite frequently. The difference between this and other games the between that you aren't going to blow out the Playstation-controlled squads by fantastic scores. Instead, you'll be happy to get away with a 2-1 or 4-2 victory.

The game gives you a multitude of choices to pick from right away. The gang over at 989 Sports even gave gamers the choice of English, French, Spanish, German and about three other languages to choose from for your menu selec-From there, you can choose to

play an exhibition match, a season or even play around in career mode where you are the GM of the team Though the major complaint

have with the game is the overall sound such as the crowd noise and the repetitive announcer, it's made up for with the graphics package Though soccer, as a sport, doesn't lend the view of games like foot-ball or baseball, the crew at 989 the view. The players are smooth in their actions and their playing and, unlike other soccer games out there, you don't have to rely on the give-and-go to earn a score. Instead, strategic passing and drib-bling will find you setting up some pretty spectacular scores and, on the other side of the coin, some pretty spectacular saves by the

Another thing I would have liked to have seen is a practice or training option. I have a heck of a time with penalty kicks on both offense and as the defender, and something that could help me with the characteri could help me with the characteris-tics and general strategy of the game of soccer would have been helpful — though most gamers who already know the game night find it to be a useless addition. One of the best things about the game is the massive amount of,

the Manchester soucer team and play in England's clite division? Then go right ahead Big tan of San Jose's soccer team and want

to control them through a season?

the game you'll find them lagging behind as the opponent's offense tears in and attacks the goal, Overall, this game is going to be a nice addition to a soccer fan's gaming collection. The passing, kicking and overall movement of

the players is pretty easy to figure out and work with, and the tackles are fun and of great strategic importance once you start figuring out how to use them correctly and manage not to get 50-percent of your team booted thanks to fouls — yeah, I'm guilty.

If you're a sports fan looking to

try your band at a new game that pulls you away from football, bas-ketball, hockey or baseball, then "World Tour Soccer 2003" is a game you should try and should

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of soybeans that I know. At least once, frequently twice a week, I good the next day, full of energy and vigor. Not that I

a nice steak or burger but there are alternatives or protein.

Mary Brady is tofu. Tofu is simply bean curd. Soybeans are ground, water at least every other day to water is added and the mixture is cooked for a short time. Then the moisture is pressed out and soft tofu. The difference

turies that the soybean is a sig-nificant source of protein cooking time, it is excellent for Because tofu requires a short cooking time, it is excellent for use when you are in a hurry, densely populated and the space for raising animals for meat is ture will become spongy limited, tofu was and still is a practical solution to the shortage of protein. Research has Another alternative is to dry the proven that soybeans produce—tofu by wrapping in cheesecloth thirty three percent more pro-tein from an acre of land than any other crop and twenty times

Tofu is inexpensive, nutri more protein than an acre of tious and provides a high quali-

in. Tofu" by Christine Y.C. Liu making it an exalt "bestitute" available at Border's in Novi, In

up to 800 calories depending on the cut.

The Chinese people have a lower incidence of heart disease and much of this can be attributed to the lack of meat and cholesterol in their diets. It is not necessary to eat meat to get your allotment of protein. Tofu safe for persons on a restrict ed sodium diet, or those ius watching their salt intake. Also, tofu is rich in calcium, iron, phosphorus and vitamins B and E. Like any other food it is important to follow a few sim-ple rules. Tofu should always be immersed in water and stored in

much of the raw pulp removed.
The liquid is milky in color and is mixed with a natural solidifier, which hardens it. The tofu is soups and gravy dishes, while the firmer tofu can be crumbled. then cut into cakes and pack- and added to dishes or fried.

tofu by wrapping in encesection, and weighing it down to remove the moisture before freezing.

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Gentlemen in Business

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1 pound tofu crumbled 1/2 teaspoon onion powder 1/2 teaspoon ground cumii 1/2 teaspoon chili powder (add more if you are a spice lover) Salt and pepper to taste

Add shredded lettuce, cheese, chooned tomato, onion, green

Heat oil in frying pan and add first seven ingredients. Stir and cook three to five minutes. Divide the tofu mixture between the taco shells and bake in a 350 degree oven for 3-5 minutes. Garnish as

Calories: 650 for recipe

Fat: 47 grams (you can lower this amount by eliminating oil and using a non-stick cooking spray).

Note: Taco shells and garnish are not included in this calculation.

Mary Brady is a certified have culinary questions or com-executive chef and co-owner of ments for chef Mary Brady, you Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in can contact her via e-mail at the Novi Town Center. If you djbistro@aol.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'MLB 2004' worth a look and then some

Sports' "MLB 2003" is a realis-Tigers, the equally-as-hapless Tampa Bay Devil Rays shel-

Of course, box scores notwith-Of course, box scores notwithstanding, MLB 2003 is packed
the foul balls would be coming
with realism — whether it's in
the smooth graphics, the out
On-screen menus have
bleachers.
Alas, MLB 2004
shortcomings.
Not many, but standing game play or the stereo-

become something of an industwice!) 989's big league jewel is worth a look and then some.

More than anything else, MLB that come once in a blue moon?),

2003 has made great strides in attention to detail. Almost any video game produced in the last the options are aplenty for making each game superbly lifelike.

Another plus: looser strike so here's how I know 989
Sports' "MLB 2003" is a realisic addition to the video game profused in the last inc addition to the video game in platforms made landfall, the sporting world in assuming the stakes have been raised, and gamers are becoming ever the more determined to quench the more determined to quench the unquenchable thirst of art imitating life. MLB 2004 is so close to Now that's authentic.

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they're nonethequality sound effects. And for those who like the long-term MLB 2004 is packed with them. Whether it's pitching (do you to's never the same game they it's never the same game.

games had me constantly press-ing the "X" button on my con-



Perhaps more than any other

sporting game on the market, video baseball games demand its users to be talented with remembering button combinations and to use them — quickly. While it's certainly possible to get by with using a minimum of the buttons, success at MLB 2004 requires several games' worth of trial and error (mostly error). Those looking for something quick and easy to jump into won't find it here. There's a reson why the instruction manual is 40-some pages long.

Muscle memory from other games had me constantly pressing the "X" button on my conplayers diving, Needless to say, a

Goldwyn-Mayer release and rated PG-13 for violence, lan-

the same weekend, and decide to

have their revenge on him,

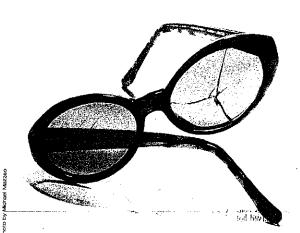
big part of the reason Tampa lit me up for a seven-run fourth into the video baseball world. As inning was my left fielder's errant bodysurfing for no appar-run fourth the video baseball world. As far as I'm concerned, EA errant bodysurfing for no appar-run and the leader in sports remains the leader in sports video games gap, although the gap is clearly closing. (On the other hand, this might be another prejudicial perception on my

> chocolate versus vanilla.) Best bet? Hit your local video store and rent this before shelling out the dough for a full-blown purchase. MLB 2004 is fundamentally solid, but like a Stephen King novel, it takes

* Though it's a worthy addi-ion to the sporting market line-

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



SCREEN BEAT

Coming to theaters this weekend is cross-cultural comedy "Malibu's Most Wanted," the story of Brad Gluckman (Jaime Kennedy), a wannabe rap star from Malibu who acts and talks like he's from the "hood," Concerned that his son is going to embarrass him during his campaign to become the governor of California, Brad's wealthy father (Ryan O'Neal), and his campaign manager (Blair Underwood), hire two Juilliardtrained actors (Taye Diggs and Anothony Anderson) to disguise themselves as "real life gangstaz", and kidnap his son, dropping him off in the "real hood" in Compton, in an effort to scare the ghettofied ratitude and behavior out of him.
"Malibu's Most Wanted" is a "Kids-comedy "Holes" stars Warner Bros. Pictures release and rated PG-13 for sexual humor, language and violence. Sigourney Weaver as a warden at faintasy "Spirited Away" (PG) and action-adventure "The forces the children to dig-large "Transporter" (PG-13). rated PG-13 for sexual humor, lan-guage and violence: Modern-day fantasy "Bulletproof Monk" follows

holes to improve their character. Tibetan kung fu master who has been traveling the world for the an ancient soroll while mentoring being used in a scheme to unearth being used

Francisco. The scroll's words, if Walt Disney Pictures release and uttered, have the power to bring destruction to the world. "Bulletproof Monk" is a Mctro-PG for violence, mild language and some thematic elements

rated PG-13 for violence, language and some sexual content.

"Chasing Papi" is the cornedic story of a handsome young Latino man (Eduardo Verastequi) living in Los Angeles who's engaged to three different girls (a cocktail waitress in Miami, a wealthy New Yorker and a lawyer in Chicago), and what happens when they all find out about his "triple-timing" on the same weekend, and decide to

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Gardner recognized

Rus Gardner, of South Lyon, has earned the 2002 Distinguished Sales Award, recognizing him as the top Farm Bureau Insurance agent in Michigan. This is the 12th time that Gardner has earned the annual ward, the highest honor bestowed by Farm Bureau

Gardner received the award during any's



recent annual convention in Traverse City. where he was honored as the number one agent in the state for 2002.

R. Gardner Gardner also received the top agent award in 11 other years: 1987, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94,

95, 98 and 99.
Gardner, whose insurance offices are in Novi, has been a Farm Bureau Insurance agent since 1983. He has been a consis-tent sales leader since then, break-ing several company records and earning the company's top award year after year.
One of the most honored agents

in company history, Gardner is a 14-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table, an international association of the world's top life insurance agents. He is a President's Council, an elite group of agents who excel in both life insurance and property-casualty

A strong supporter of the Oakland County Farm Bureau, Gardner has been among the top Farm Bureau membership writers in the structure for membership writers. in the state for many years. He coached youth sport for much of his life, including wrestling, football, golf and girl's softball.

Formerly a teacher and coach in

Novi School, Gardner was named the Michigan Wrestling Coach of the Year three times. He and his wife, Carol have four children.

Hardy's back at it

Will Hardy of Green Oak Township celebrated his 85th



announcing he would begin a new business venture. At a lunchcon party in Bistro 127 in

h Lyon friends South with from "Writing from the Heart" group he has guided for 10 years, Hardy said he was switching from his role as a "retiring retiree" to active entrepreneur. His birthday was

A former newspaper reporter and photo editor at *The Detroit Times*, and public relations counselor, Hardy is also the author of "Greater Greater Detroiters," a set of mini-biographies of inspiring Detroit area activists.

He said his new venture will be as an Independent Consumer Advocate for ConsumerFIRST, LLC, a national financial services consumer marketing company with corporate offices in Cincinnati and Houston. The firm offers businesses and consumers "a new way of sharing prosperity."

"The prospects for serving peo-ple in this area through this endeavor were too enticing to stay inactive," Hardy said.

New chamber address

The folks at the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce are still hanging their hats at the same old place in beautiful downtown but their address in cyberspace has changed. You can still call them at (248) 624-2826 or stop by the office at 305 N. Pontiac Trail Suite B, but if you want to E-mail them, the new address is info@lakesareachamber.com.

Lakes Area Chamber administrative assistant lo Alley said the address change is the result in a Internet service

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A meeting of some of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's volunteers.

Volunteers instrumental in hospital's success

When visiting a hospital, most of us think mainly of doctors and nurses. But, just like a busy hive of bees, there's a huge group of volunteers behind the scenes that help Huron Valley Sinai Hospital run smoothly and efficiently. On any given week there's a core of approximately 100 active volunteers that contribute hundreds of hours a week. In fact, 24,000 hours last

Typical of the volunteer is Thelma Hopkins, vice president of fundraising. Her reason for helping was simple, "I needed something to do, and somewhere to go. Now I have something to look forward to," said Hopkins.

Marie Yeager agrees, saying,
"15 years ago 1 came here to
get back in the groove."

Those volunteers who "get in the groove" help to improve everyone's experience at the hospital including patients, visitors, doctors, and nurses.
Jeannie Everhart began volunteoring in 1994, when her
husband retired. Now, she's a
full time employee that still
finds time to volunteer. She
and Virgene Wright also find

time to knit hats and booties for infants and pediatrics. "I don't sleep a lot," she

"I don't sleep a lot," sne laughed.
Wright, vice president of community relations has been generously donating her time, for 17 years. At 80 years young, she's been a part of the volunteer program since the hospital opened and has aircady logged 17,000 plus hours. Deb Moraitis, volunteer

services coordinator at Huron Valley Sinai, says it's not unusual for the retired to miss the day-to-day interaction of the working world. Volunteering is a way to recon-

nect.
"People retire and then real-



Gay Currin (left) and Pat Cox, two of the volunteers

tion they counted on as part of their day," said Moraitis. As a volunteer, they not only interact with visitors and staff, they also form friendships with other volunteers as well,

All ages are welcome

Age is no barrier. Volunteers range from teens, to a very active 91-year-old Margaret Christiansen who works in the

Christiansen who works in the gift shop.

The aftermath of the tragedy on 9-11 also prompted many volunteers to come forward. Many of these are young or middle aged adults who work full time. Some are former patients who've had a good experience and want to express experience and want to express

their gratitude.

Deb Moraitis credits the former volunteer coordinator, Dee Bryant, for the current strength of volunteer program. Her retirement left big shoes to fill and has now turned into a full

itime job.

"She was a big part of the program. She was loving, empathetic, and everyone's best friend. She managed to accomplish so much in a few hours."

Couples find togetherness

Not so typical is Bob Cordis, who is one of approximately 25 men that volunteer. They are making a statement and their numbers are growing. Cordis is the current President of the Huron Valley Sinai Hospital Auxiliary. He and his wife, Flo (also a volunteer), saw an advertisement in the paper requesting volunteers for another hospital, and decided to serve in their own back yard. A retired engineer, Cordis volunteers in the hospital's infor-

mation system.
For all their hours of dedication, the volunteers don't ask for much, although they are greatly appreciated by the staff. A yearly dinner recog-nizes their accomplishments

with awards. Although there are some who will never be recognized because they choose to keep it that way. For example, one woman and her daughter dropped off two bags of hand made blankets with a patriotic theme. One couple donates coloring books and crayons to entertain children in the surgical waiting room, "There are so many things

There are so many things that happen behind the scenes and so many people who do things anonymously," said Deb Moraitis.

Where do all these people

volunteer? Yes, they staff the informa-tion desk, and the gift shop. And there are lots of skilled knitters that send home each infant with a hat end the pediatric depart-ment with booties. They do so much more. Volunteers check people in for surgery. Some may deliver the mail. Volunteers are used to wrap surgical trays for surgery and the emergency room. Some process paperwork in the pharmacy department. They even collect and frame art-work by local students to bright-

Another important function of the group is fund raising. Their main fundraiser is the gift shop, however they also host other events, such as uniform sales, bake sales, books sales, gold sales. The funds are typically used to purchase medical equipment for the hospital. They've currently pledged a half a million dollars to the building fund. Other areas they contribute to include scholarships for area students.

Kim Burcar, public relations marketing director says that although she just got on board,

atthough sne just got on count, she sees they play a vital role at the hospital.

"It seems they have a really strong and motivated group. They always have a smile on their face. You can tell they're happy to be here," said Burcar, Huron Valley Sinai Hospital is located at 1 William Carls Drive in Commerce.

THANK YOU!

The 200-plus volunteers at our hospital are a vital part of our hospital family. The thousands of hours that volunteers contribute, in return for the satisfaction of knowing that they make a difference, helps Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital provide a caring and compassionate environment that is second to none. When it comes to active volunteer-ing, we have volunteers who work in areas such as the surgical waiting room, the gift shop, and the mail room; other volunteers donate their time knitting baby hats and blankets, and making puppets for kids. Our hospital would not be what it is today without the help of our volun-Not only do the volunteers

contribute with hands-on help, but they are also a leading force in our fundraising efforts. This year, the volunteers raised money for Huron Valley-Sinai's Capital Campaign, a program designed to raise money for the purchase of medical equipment, and recently, they pledged money to assist with our hospital expansion proj-

We are very lucky to have such a generous group of volunteers who put forth a tremendous amount of time and effort. On behalf of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, I would like to thank them for their countless support.

> Bob Yellan, Huron Valley-Sinai



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