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**Leaves his mark in Iraq**

"He just enjoys doing many different things," said Danyanti Gupta, the mother of Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a Novi High School graduate and valedictorian of his 1986 class. Actually, the quote is an understatement. The doctor has made quite a big name for himself doing many different things, like becoming a neurosurgeon, a CNN medical correspondent, a White House Fellow, a writer, a sportsman, an actor, a singer and TIME magazine health journalist, just to name a few.

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**SPORTS**

**Thankful for the victory**

The Novi Wildcats knew going into their double header against Detroit Country Day that winning both games would be a lofty goal — and no doubt, they're happy escaping with one win.

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**Main Street gets new management**

**■ CB Richard Ellis/ Martin takes over troubled Novi property**

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

"There's a new sheriff in town," declared Brian Larson. "This is a great day."

After months of wrangling, court filings and uncertainty, East Lansing's CB Richard Ellis/Martin announced April 25 that it has added the troubled Main Market to its property management portfolio. Main Market

is part of the Main Street development, which has been mired in lawsuits and bankruptcy filings since October 2001.

Last month local entrepreneur Tom Celani announced that he had leased out nearly a third of the almost empty Vic's World Class Market, which he had bought and renamed the Luna Building.

Larson, who owns Larson Jewelry and has been a tenant at Main Market since it opened in

1999, was one of nine business owners who sued James Chen's Evergreen III, claiming the developer had charged them improper common area fees.

When Evergreen III filed counter claims, 52-1 District Court Judge Brian McKenzie slapped a gag order on everyone involved in the suit Dec. 27, 2001.

Larson said that while he and his fellow tenants haven't withdrawn their suit, "we don't know where the suit actually sits."

That, said Larson, is because the project's financier, Wells Fargo Bank, took the property back earlier this year and that Evergreen

III filed for bankruptcy Jan 16 and fired Chen.

Calls to the company have gone unanswered.

Trish Foster, director of property management for CB Richard Ellis/Martin, says their first task is to put together a budget covering everything from maintenance to marketing. She said she hopes to have that complete for Wells Fargo and The Archon Group LP, the bank's asset management firm, within 60 days.

She said the building's 24 tenants have been "really patient." Foster added, "There's nowhere to go but improvement."

According to Foster, 70 percent of the 125,000 square foot building is occupied and the vacant 30 percent is evenly split between retail and office space.

A spokesman for CB Richard Ellis/Martin said Wells Fargo exercised its option of receivership in lieu of foreclosure after the Evergreen III defaulted on its mortgage. The spokesman explained this typically leads to the sale of the property to a third party.

The spokesman said CB Richard Ellis/Martin was brought

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Photo by John Helder

Novi Department of Public Works employee Howard Aube tosses a briquet of Aitosid, a mosquito larvicide, into the catch basin of Meadowbrook Commons Monday morning. The DPW is attempting to control mosquito populations to lessen the chance of the West Nile Virus in Novi.

**West Nile worries**

**Novi takes proactive approach to virus**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Patricia Cooper does not know who her brother is.

He rang her Madison Heights doorbell one day and she didn't answer because she thought he was a salesman.

After persistently ringing the bell, Cooper's mother checked the door and let her son inside.

Not only does Cooper have total memory lapses, but she had to learn how to perform first grade reading and writing tasks, comb her hair and brush her teeth all over again.

"I had to relearn math from one plus one," she said. "The last seven months of

my life have been a struggle."

Cooper was bitten by a mosquito carrying West Nile Virus.

"That mosquito bite changed my whole life," she said.

The 45-year-old woman said she was in good health, worked full-time and went to school before receiving the paralyzing blow.

Now she is out of work, off disability, without health insurance and working hard to try and make it through each day.

"I feel like the proverbial leper," she said.

The once-healthy Oakland County resident wants everyone to know the virus does not only hit the elderly, infants and those with weakened immune systems.

"I thought I was invincible," she said. "Now I'm really worried because spring is coming."

**In harm's way**

The Oakland County Health Division reports last year there were 574 confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in Michigan and 48 deaths.

Nearly half of the 2002 West Nile Virus deaths occurred in Oakland County.

The health division reports 20 Oakland County deaths last year as a result of the virus and reports 183 confirmed county cases.

Oakland County Health Manager George Miller said only one of the confirmed cases came from Novi.

According to data compiled by The Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

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**Bononi makes it a contest**

**■ Mayor Pro-Tem announces she's running for Novi mayor**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

City of Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi announced her mayoral candidacy earlier this week, plunging the city into an official political race.

Novi City Councilman Louis Csordas announced last week he is also seeking the leadership role up for grabs in November.

"We have a great place to live, a good government and administration and really great people here in Novi," Bononi said. "What we need now are new ideas, creativity and a professional commitment to develop and implement our plans for improvement."

The mayor pro-tem said her motivation in seeking the mayor's seat is to provide top-notch city services, improving the quality of life for Novi residents.

Bononi said she is also committed to supporting the improvement of Novi's traffic, zoning compliance, road maintenance, a "revved-up" parks and recreation plan and protecting the city's natural features.

"We can create a plan for our future based upon what our residents want and then work that plan in a determined way," she said. "This will take real commitment from a mayor, city council and other city administration willing to get the job done. How we partner with each other will make all the difference in our success."

Bononi said her current position as an environmental planner for the Washtenaw County Drain

M. Bononi

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**Local officials, business people urge Beck Road bridge completion**

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Public officials from Novi, Wixom and Oakland County, along with local business people, flocked to Mount Clemens April 24 to plead with the State Transportation Commission to reinstate funding for the Beck and Wixom roads interchanges at I-96.

However, while they were doing that State Senator Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak), chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, said she would introduce this week a supplemental budget bill reinstating funding for all 34 of the highway projects deferred by the gov-

ernor's Preserve First program last month.

According to Johnson, Governor Jennifer Granholm does not know the investments that have been made. "We're working toward remedies on some of the oldest highways in the state," adding that Michigan has some of the oldest sections of interstate highway in the country.

Johnson said she expects the bill to be voted on in the next three to four weeks. "If she's really smart, she'll sit and talk with us," said Johnson, noting that the governor could veto the bill but "that would be declaring war."

The governor's action already has public officials and business people up in arms across Oakland

County.

State Senator Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac), chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, announced Monday that he would hold two "Priorities First" public information meetings in Hudsonville, west of Grand Rapids, and Oakland County. He also announced Monday that he was setting aside time Tuesday to discuss the issue at a State Senate Transportation Committee hearing in Lansing.

The Oakland County meeting is slated for 7 - 9 p.m. May 5 in the Oakland County Commission Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

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**PRIORITIES FIRST HEARINGS**

The Senate Transportation Committee will conduct the second of two "Priorities First" public information meetings on Monday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Oakland County Commission Auditorium, located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, in Pontiac.

The hearings are intended to give the public an opportunity to discuss the governor's deferment of 34 scheduled road repair projects across the state. Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) will attend the meeting to share her concerns about the Beck and Wixom road projects delayed by the administration's "Preserve First" initiative.

"I've told the Governor, the State Transportation Commission, and MDOT about the risks involved with deferring these projects," Cassis said. "Now is the opportunity to share this information with my colleagues in the Senate. I encourage others to join me Monday to make our voices heard."

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# MDOT: Local officials, business people urge Beck Road bridge completion

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Priorities First is an obvious take-off on Governor Jennifer Granholm's Preserve First initiative, which deferred completion of 34 road projects, including Novi's Beck Road interchange with I-96, started by former Governor John Engler as part of his Build Michigan III program.

Terry Marquardt, a spokesman for Gilbert, said the senator is unhappy that planned improvements to M-24, which feeds commuters from Livonia, which is in his district, to Northern Oakland County were included on the governor's list of deferred projects.

Michigan Department of Transportation Director Gloria Jeff told fellow State Transportation Commission members that Preserve First "focuses on protecting the assets we have." She told commission members that MDOT would revisit the 34 deferred projects when "it is clear that the goal of having 90 percent of Michigan's roads and bridges in good condition can be met by 2007." She added that it would also have to be clear that the goal could be sustained and that federal transportation funding would also have to be increased.

"The Preserve First initiative may be short-sighted," suggested Gilbert. "If capacity improvement projects are delayed until 90 percent of existing roads are rated in good condition. Population growth and economic development throughout our state will continue to increase traffic congestion and jeopardize the safety of Michigan drivers."

Noting that the Beck Road project has been in the works for 12 years and that the Road Commission for Oakland County had bowed to MDOT pressure and borrowed millions of dollars to widen Grand River between Beck and Wixom roads, Brian Bleasing, the RCUK's director of planning and development, noted, "The state should play fair. Commitments should be kept. Promises must be kept."

He said the Beck Road interchange was designed in the late '80s to serve a largely rural area and that his agency has been working with Providence Hospital since 1991. Providence's Senior Vice President of Finance John Keenan told commission members that the hospital had gotten a two-year commitment from its parent entity, Avcon Health, to donate 11



1-96/Beck Rd Interchange Reconstruction  
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Anticipated completion 2003

Grand River Bridge over CSX Railroad  
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and road closure: February 11, 2003  
Open to traffic: November 2003

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Bridge over CSX Railroad  
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Open to traffic: November 2003

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1995-99 there were 740 collisions at Beck Road and I-96, resulting in two deaths and 232 injuries. Further west at Wixom Road there were 310 and 225 injuries during the same time period. According to Cardmen, accidents at these two interchanges cost the public \$28.7 million during that four-year period.

By comparison, he noted that at the I-55-23, M-59 interchange, which MDOT officials have announced plans to move ahead of Beck and Wixom, there were 106 crashes, with 25 injuries, at a cost of \$1.5 million between 1995-99.

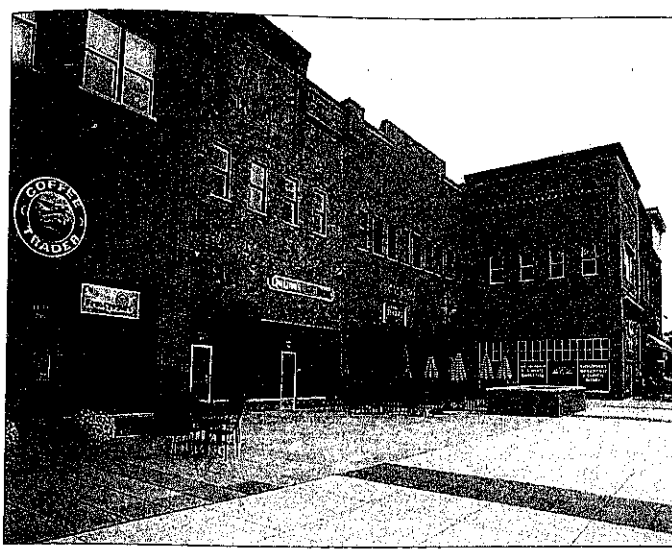
"When you compare 740 and 810 to 106, you have to ask why," he said.

Blair Bowman, whose company plans to move the Novi Expo Center into new quarters near the existing restrip on I-96, presented commission members with photographs of pieces of plywood stuffed between the bridge's I-beams to prevent chunks of concrete from falling on

passing commuters on the expressway. He called the bridge "unsafe and dilapidated."

Oakland County Commission spokesman Mike Rogers reminded State Transportation Commission members that "investments and commitments have been made."

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CB Richard Ellis/Martin out of East Lansing has taken over the troubled Novi property, Main Street.

## MAIN ST.: New management

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in to "enhance asset value by improving tenant/landlord relations, resolving issue of growing functional obsolescence and filling building vacancies."

Larson said he's excited too. "It's our understanding, they (the bank) don't want anybody to leave." He said in the months leading up to Wells Fargo taking the property, Main Market business owners were "left hanging in limbo."

Foster said she is working with property managers Diane Touman and Dan Sernak and marketing associates Donna Figi, Mimi

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Commissioner's Office and experience as an urban planner in city government and the private sector enable her to create practical plans of action, fostering measurable improvements.

Prior to her 1999 election to city council, the candidate served a four-year term on the Novi Planning Commission where she spent time on the implementation, maintenance and zoning and environmental committees.

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## POLICE REPORT

**No where man**

Novi police were dispatched to the area of Old Orchard and 10 Mile roads last week after a resident called reporting a suspicious solicitor. Novi police arrived at the area around 8 p.m. on April 25 and found a 22-year-old male stating he worked for Apex Security. The man said he was going door to door selling security systems. When asked, the young man was unable to provide the officer with a phone number or address for Apex Security. The officer checked with the department and found there was no valid permit to solicit filed by the company in Novi. The officer advised the "solicitor" of city ordinances and told him to leave the area.

**Speedy shopper**

A Canton man was stopped by police last week after he was spotted speeding through Novi's Town Center area. The 28-year-old male was subsequently arrested for drinking and driving. Police were patrolling on April 26 at about 1:30 a.m. when they spotted the 2002 Ford Explorer traveling 44 mph in a 25-mph zone near Town Center Drive and Crescent Boulevard. According to the report, as police were pacing the vehicle for speeding, the driver made a left turn onto Crescent from a right-turn-only lane. As police asked the man for his driving information, a strong odor of intoxicants was detected on his breath. After trying to convince the officers he had nothing to drink that night because he was a designated driver, the Canton man blew a .11 and was arrested.

**One drink?**

A Wixom woman may have started with one drink, but didn't stop there after a traffic stop led to her arrest for drinking one too many. A Novi officer was patrolling the area of Beck and Nine Mile roads on April 24 at about 11:15 p.m. when he noticed a 1996 Saturn going by traveling 67 mph in a 40 mph zone. The officer stated the vehicle was also noticeably weaving on the roadway. The officer noted in his report that after the 23-year-old driver was stopped, "she was very slow to react to my questions and her eyes appeared to be bloodshot and glassy." The woman said she had one drink earlier in the evening. After completely failing all field sobriety tests, she blew a .20 and was arrested by police.

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Board meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Senior book discussion group

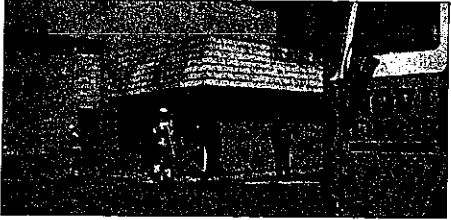
Senior booklovers are reading "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks for their May meeting.

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Come to the library for a special exciting preschool story time on Tuesday, May 13, from 7-7:30 p.m.

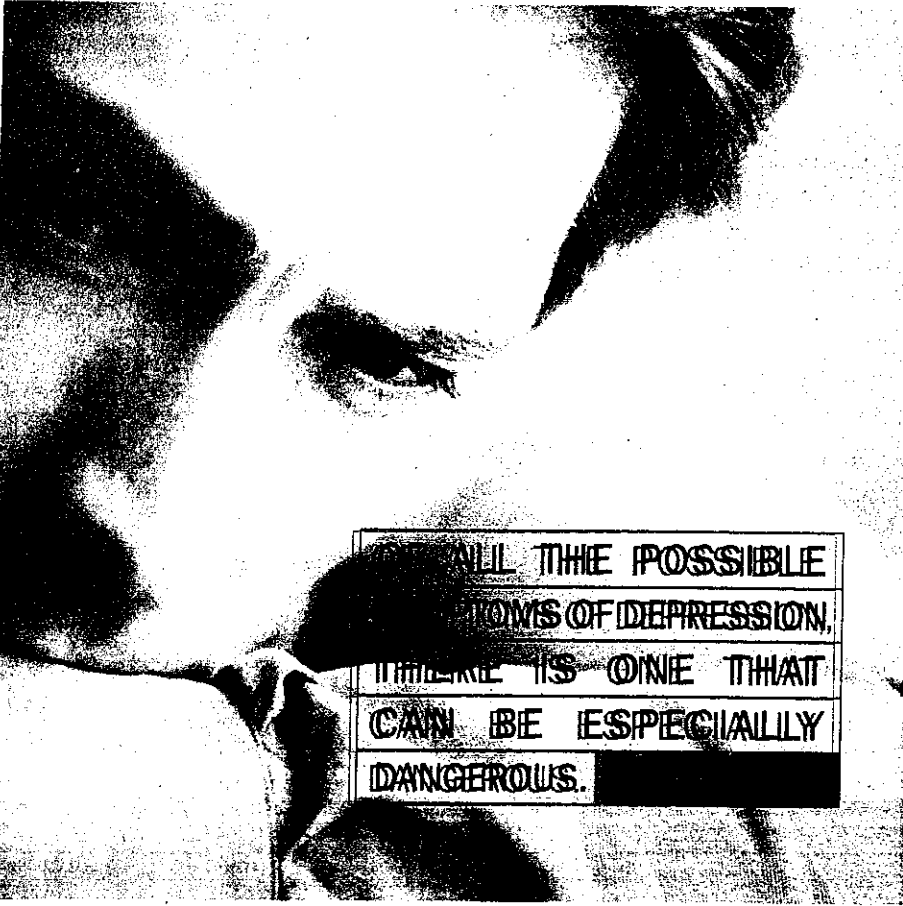
Teen volunteer opportunity

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Fire training

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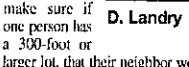


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Proposed amendments would allow changes to Woodlands Review Board

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

A little tidying up of a city ordinance will soon allow changes to who and how Novi's Woodlands Review Board takes care of businesses...



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WEST NILE: City of Novi takes proactive approach to virus

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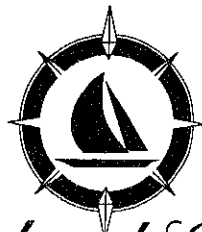
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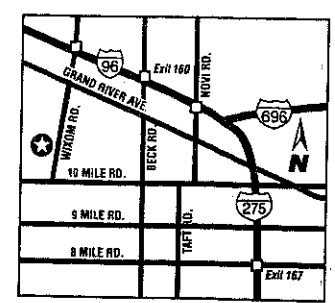
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## Novi's Gambotto honored by United Way

Engineer gives back to community after surviving cancer

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

A lot of people say Larry Gambotto has a heart of gold. "I'm just living my life with the hand that I was dealt," said the soft-spoken 30-year-old Novi resident.

Part of that hand was being diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia in 1999. "I was one of the fortunate ones," he said.

A bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor and a 30-day stay at the University of Michigan Medical Center led to what appears to be a complete recovery.

Today he's a sales representative for International Paper in Howell; married to Tricia since November; a Novi volunteer fire fighter; and as of Monday, the latest recipient of United Way Community Services' Heart of Gold Award.

Gambotto was one of 15 Metro Detroit volunteers honored at the 2003 Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon, April 28, at Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. The Junior League of Birmingham also recognized 73 individuals with the Governor's Honor Roll for their outstanding volunteer service in the Metro Detroit community.

"The success of United Way depends on the support of volunteers who help make critical decisions that address the needs of others," said Virgil H. Carr, president and CEO of United Way Community Services.

"These honorees represent the thousands of volunteers throughout southeastern Michigan who, in their own special way, give unselfishly to benefit the lives of others. We are honored to recognize them and hope that they serve as an inspiration for others to volunteer."

"It's pretty overwhelming," said Gambotto. "I never do the things I volunteer for for the recognition. I do them because I want to."

The son of a Detroit cop, Gambotto's history of volunteering goes back to his high school days. "I've always enjoyed volunteering," he said.

While in college, his mother, Maureen McIntyre, and stepfather moved from Redford to Novi. After graduating from Michigan State, Gambotto moved here as well and began working with the wrestling program at Northville High School.

He lives in the part of Novi that's sometimes called Novi-ville, since it's in Oakland County but has a Northville mailing address.

In 1999 Gambotto began suffering from flu-like symptoms and losing weight. Eventually he went to his doctor to find out what was wrong and discovered he had leukemia. "It was scary, but it was a relief to know what going on" he recalled.

Although his company had a good insurance plan, bone marrow transplants are not cheap and he turned to My Friends Care Bone Marrow Transplant in Mount Clemens for help with his mounting medical costs. They showed him how to organize a golf outing.

The first Gumbly Golf Outing helped raise money for his cancer care. The next two raised money for others. The fourth will be held Sept. 6 at a Mount Clemens area course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at (586) 783-7390.

Gumbly, explained Gambotto, was his college nickname. "Gumbly/Gambotto, you know how it is..."

Even though he had a non-related donor, Gambotto said he had a "textbook transplant" - no rejection, no complications. Several months after his treatment was completed, Gambotto had an opportunity to learn who the donor was and meet him. The donor turned out to be a New York City firefighter.

During a trip to New York to meet his donor last fall, Gambotto said he was filled with the urge to do something more to give back to the community. So, on his return to Michigan he began training to be a volunteer firefighter and EMT.

He's now an on-call firefighter for the Novi Fire Department. "I tell my wife now that I got it in my blood, but she doesn't buy it," he laughed.

Gambotto said he had "no clue" he'd been nominated until My Friends Care Bone Marrow Transplant Fund's Jackie Ellis called him to say he'd won. "When she called, I said, 'OK, what is it?'" Gambotto recalled. "I guess it's pretty prestigious."

More than 1,200 people representing local volunteers, business and religious, labor and community leaders attended the event honoring Gambotto and the others, making it one of the largest volunteer celebrations of its kind in the nation. Chair of the event was Nick Sheele, president and COO of Ford Motor Co.

Honorary co-chairs for National Volunteer Week included Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Ralph Babb, Jr., chairman, president and CEO of Comerica, Inc. Emcees for the Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon were Carmen Harlan, senior news anchor for WDIV-TV Local 4,

and radio personality Alexander Zojic, of WVMV-FM Smooth Jazz.

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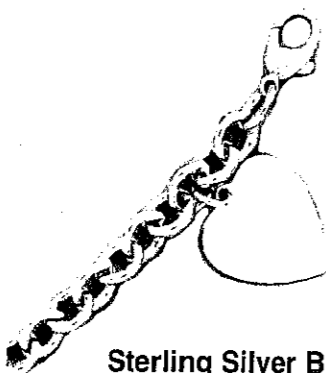


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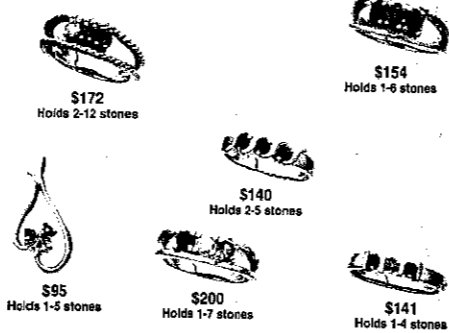


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# Local doctor leaves his mark on Iraq war

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

"He just enjoys doing many different things," said Danyanti, Gupta, the mother of Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a Novi High School graduate and valedictorian of his 1986 class. Actually, the quote is an understatement. The doctor has made quite a big name for himself doing many different things, like becoming a neurosurgeon, a CNN medical correspondent, a White House Fellow, a writer, a sportsman, an actor, a singer and TIME magazine health journalist, just to name a few.

Considered a Novi hero by many, Gupta was named as one of the most eligible bachelors in the country by Cosmopolitan and People magazines. His work at CNN led him to Iraq when war broke out. As the only neurosurgeon in the area, Gupta took on double duty as a CNN correspondent and a doctor when he was asked to perform surgery on a 2-year-old boy who was shot in the head. He performed the surgery, but the boy passed away shortly after because of many other gunshot wounds to his body.

"Sanjay has been doing all of these things for a long time and he is a very brave and kind-hearted person," Danyanti said. "Since then he has performed some more surgeries over there and all of them were successful. I think he has been doing a very good reporting job and at the same time, being a neurosurgeon, he was able to help some people, which was very nice."

According to his mother, Gupta was in Iraq for about one month at the start of the war. Before that he was in Kuwait for two weeks to check out mobile hospitals. After high school he was admitted to the interflex program, which is a direct medical program at the University of Michigan. He earned his MD from there and was admitted into the neurosurgery program.

While he was doing his neurosurgery residency, Gupta applied and was admitted to become a White House Fellow, where he worked with Hillary Clinton for one year in the White House. When he came back to Michigan, he finished his residency in neurosurgery and shortly after got a job at CNN, where he's been for a little over two years now.

"I have known Sanjay for 15 years," said Ramesh Verma, a Novi resident and friend of the family. "He was in the same class with my daughter at Novi High School. He is very impressive. He was one of the 15 finalists interviewed over four days for the White House Fellowship by a very esteemed panel of people. He is very much respected by everybody he meets. Our student body should know that he is one of the heroes of Novi and at the same time I wanted to give accolades to his teachers, who taught him to be such a nice person."

Danyanti said that her son was once quoted as saying, "Life should be lived to the fullest." At the young age of 33, he has done that and more. "He works very hard, he is very committed, very focused and does his best," she said. "Even when he was in medical college here, he was the resident director of his dorm, he was with the Michigan Men's Glee Club and he was the president of the Indian Student Association."

Over the last year, Gupta has become a household name and, according to the Secretary of Health, is the "most trusted doctor on television." He was chosen as the youngest White House Fellow (1997-1998). He has written a 600-page novel based on Greek mythology. He is a scuba diver, water skier, surfer, and was an active player in varsity tennis and soccer while in high school. He does his share to improve the plight of the underprivileged in the society, having been actively involved with both the Healing the Children and the Appalachian Relief Organizations. While in college he was a member of the Michigan Men's Glee Club and went to several countries in Asia for the concerts.

One of 15 White House Fellows chosen, Gupta worked with Hillary Clinton on health care policies. He wrote speeches for her and traveled with the President and the First Lady on Air Force One on several occasions.

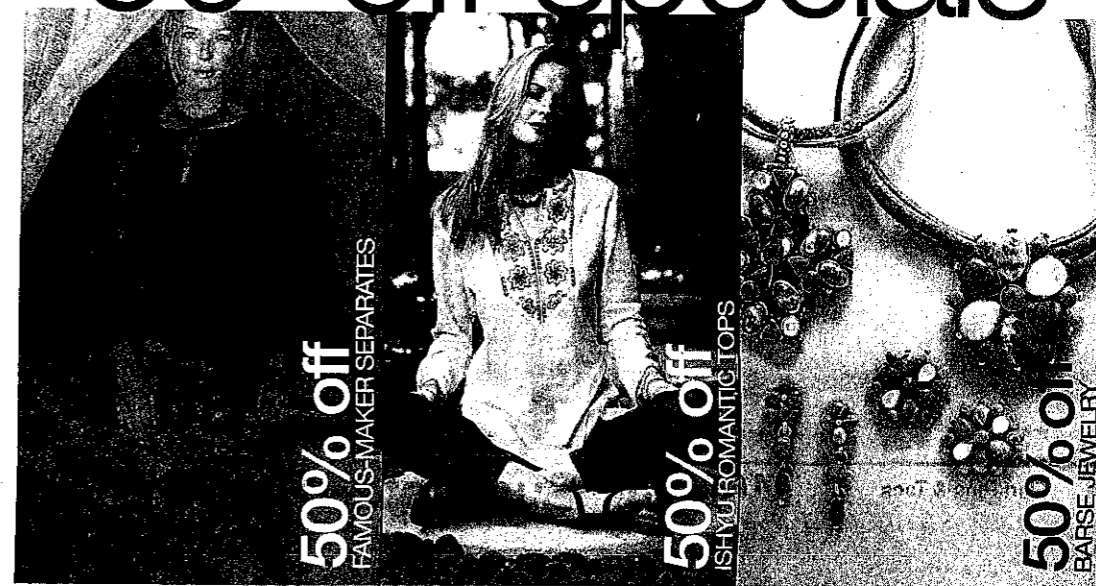
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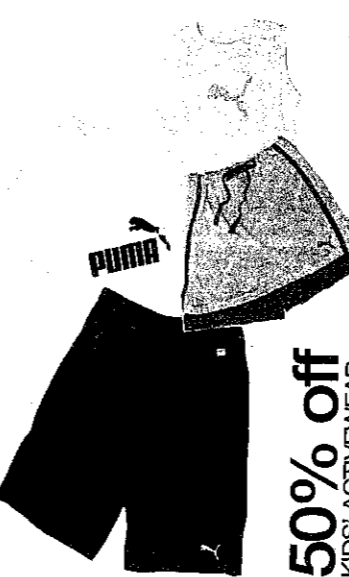
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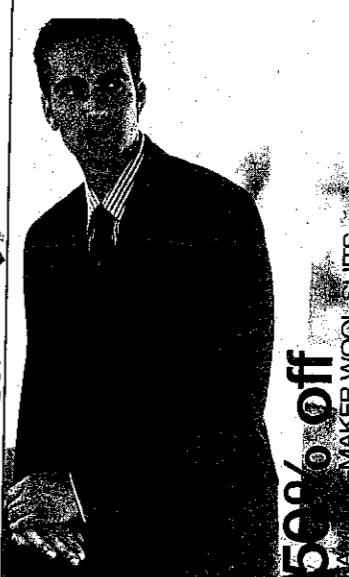
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## Businesses unhappy with plan to eliminate tax exemptions

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Daryl Ramsey pretty much grew up in Walled Lake's Melvin's Hardware at the corner of Pontiac Trail and Maple Road. Her father, Richard Melvin, in 1971 bought the store which has stood on that corner since the 1940s, and two years ago Ramsey and her husband bought the store from her father. But now they're worried about the future.

Between rising prices and taxes combined with skyrocketing insurance costs, Ramsey complained to State Senator Nancy Cassis and State Rep. Craig DeRoche. "You can't get ahead, you just stay where you are," Ramsey, who is also president of the Michigan Retail Hardware Dealers Association, said health coverage for her 27 employees alone is \$6,000 a month and looking to go up. She said faced with rising costs and flat revenues, her business has been forced to cut staff hours for the first time since 1979-80.

Cassis and DeRoche were in Walled Lake April 23 for the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) monthly small business owners meeting to hear what local business people had to say about Governor Jennifer Granholm's plan to eliminate 15 exemptions to the Single Business Tax (SBT).

Walled Lake City Commissioner Monica Lesnar, who helped set up the meeting was adamant that the proposal amounts to a kick in the gut for small business, which she said is the lifeblood of communities like hers.

"It's scary when you think of it," said Walled Lake City Manager and Public Safety Director Jerry Walker. Walker said that while his city's budget

has already been hit by cuts in state revenue sharing, he doesn't favor the elimination of what the governor is calling tax loopholes.

Cassis declared that Granholm's "proposal to close tax loopholes is really a disguised tax increase." She said they are not loopholes and intentional tax relief for small businesses. The 30 or so people at the meeting nodded in agreement.

"Small business took the brunt of the SBT in the [Gov. James] Blanchard era," said John Marshall, a member of the Walled Lake DDA's board of directors.

"They need to apply the tax fairly and quit pounding on small business," he added.

DeRoche said he thought an increase in the tax on casino winnings would be fair.

The Walled Lake DDA will hold its next small business owner's meeting at 7 a.m. June 6 at the DDA office at 300 North Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

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St. Rep. Craig DeRoche and St. Sen. Nancy Cassis discuss the implications of proposed changes to the state's tax code with members of the Walled Lake business community.

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**Cooper reorganizes, promotes executives**

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

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The new structure combines the North American and international operations of its Global Fluid Systems and Global Sealing Systems Divisions under two executive vice presidents.

Jim Pifer is promoted to executive vice president, Cooper-Standard Automotive Global Fluid Systems Division; and Ed Hasler is promoted to executive vice president of the Group's Sealing Systems Division. Paul Gilbert is appointed executive vice president of Cooper-Standard Automotive Global NVH Division.

Company spokesman C. J. Tucker said that while Cooper has had a presence in Metro Detroit "for years" it just consolidated most of its offices in the region to its new Novi facility two years ago. "It's just more efficient," she said.

Cooper-Standard Automotive supplies sealing, trim, NVH (noise vibration and harshness) control systems and fluid handling systems to OEMs in North America, Europe, Australia and South America.

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This reorganization enhances the synergies of Cooper-Standard and aligns our organization more closely with our global automotive customers," said Jim McElroy, president, Cooper-Standard Automotive.

Three other promotions were also included in the reorganization.

Joe Emmi, who was a vice president and plant manager, will report to Pifer as vice president and managing director, Fluid Systems Europe. Emmi is responsible for the division's sales and engineering activities in Europe, and its manufacturing plant operations. Currently based in Novi, he's expected to move to Europe soon, where he will join Grieco Lukje.

Lukje, previously vice president of operations, international group, was promoted to vice president and managing director, Sealing Systems Europe and will report to Hasler. Lukje is responsible for the division's sales, manufacturing plants and its Shared Services group.

Gary Phillips, previously vice president HR, was named vice president, Cooper-Standard Automotive in addition to his current Human Resources responsibilities.

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The J@L weekly radio series, Jazz from Lincoln Center, hosted by Ed Bradley, is distributed by the WNET Radio Networks. Winner of a 1997 Peabody Award, Jazz from Lincoln Center is produced in conjunction with Murray Street Enterprises, New York. Under Music Director Wynton Marsalis, the LCJO spends over half of the year on tour. The LCJO performs a vast repertoire, from rare historic compositions to J@L-commissioned works, including compositions and arrangements by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Fletcher Henderson, Thelonious



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Lincoln Center broadcasts, carried by PBS stations nationwide, most recently in December 2002 with the New York Philharmonic. The LCJO was also featured in a Thirteen/WNET production of "Great Performances," entitled "Swingin' with Duke," which aired on PBS. To date, nine recordings featuring the LCJO have been released and internationally distributed by Sony/Columbia.

Heat week we profile saxophonist Wes Anderson and trumpeter Seneca Black.

## Sen. Cassis' cost-saving bill clears education committee

Cost-saving legislation sponsored by Senate Education Committee Vice-chair Nancy Cassis (R-Now) passed the Senate Education Committee in a 5-0 vote, garnering bi-partisan support from committee members as it heads to the Senate floor.

Senate Bill 365 streamlines the use of the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) by requiring all data submissions go directly to CEPI rather than other state agencies. "The state is exploring ways to cut costs," Cassis said. "By making CEPI a clearinghouse for educational data, it will save state and local tax dollars by allowing CEPI and state agencies to coordinate data efforts, and information more efficiently."

The purpose of CEPI, a state agency under the Department of Management & Budget, is to collect and report data about Michigan's K-12 public schools and make that information available to the public. That data includes student test scores, enrollment figures, graduation and dropout rates, teacher information, pupil/teacher ratios, crime and safety data, financial information, and building infrastructure. Currently, schools are required to submit their data to CEPI in addition to other state agencies.



### She's tough, she's a hockey player

Orchard Hills kindergarten teacher Vanessa Wolencroft awaits treatment in The Boo Boo Clinic by "Dr." Jennifer Smith, (really a kindergarten teacher). The Boo Boo Clinic is part of the annual Spring Fling, which is a school carnival with games, food and prizes. The Boo Boo Clinic, games and food services are "manned" by teachers, parents and high school honor society students.

## VIRTUAL VIC

Dear Virtual Vic,  
Agrr! It's Mother's Day again and I have not the slightest clue to what I should get my mom. I know that it should be something from the heart and something I've thought of, but after 20 years of getting her a hand-made card and hand-picked flowers, I thought maybe an original line of thinking would come in handy. She always says she loves whatever I get her, but I'm trying to pull out all the stops this year. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated!



Victoria Sadlocha

Dear Mother's Day Madness in Novi:  
I am so glad to hear you have put thought into your gift giving for the past 20 years. I'm assuming you read my answer to last week's question about the young man wanting to give his girlfriend two years roses, and that is why you mentioned right away you know you should be giving your mom something from the heart. Since I feel like I'm always preaching about the value of thoughtful gifts and considering I went through the dos and don'ts of gifts for women last week (please read if you haven't already), I find your question a little challenging. I don't want to rehash last week's column so I'll try to think out of the box, in a triangle or octagon or whatever I'm supposed to be thinking out of and

as soon as possible for a reservation. I have heard the Novi Hilton has a nice Mother's Day brunch, but I have never been so I can not give an experienced recommendation. For a small party, the hotel located on Haggerty near 19th Mile Road accepts reservations on the half-hour from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. by calling (248) 349-4000. The cost is \$30.95 for adults, \$25.95 for seniors and \$15.95 for children 5 through 12. Other Novi options include Steve & Rocky's (248) 374-0688 and Italian Epicure (248) 349-7770. Both restaurants located on Grand River Avenue will be offering Mother's Day specials in case brunch is not what you are looking for. Steve & Rocky's will be open from noon to 8 p.m. and Italian Epicure is accepting reservations from 1 to 5 p.m. and is offering a special Mother's Day menu. Brunching in Northville may occur at Northville Hills Golf Club on Bayhill Drive, near Beck and Five Mile roads (734) 667-2913. The club is still accepting reservations and is offering a special Mother's Day brunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adult admission is \$22.95. MacKinnon's Restaurant in downtown Northville (248) 348-1991 will also be serving from a special menu for mom. Featured specials will be offered and the eatery will be open from noon until 6 p.m. As far as gifts go, I would suggest something to accompa-

ny the brunch theme. If you need advice, a little help or a complete over-haul, please forward your questions to seggleston@ht.hometownlife.com or seggleston@ht.hometownlife.com. No topic is off limits, unless it violates the paper's family-friendly rating. If your question is chosen, you just may see it in the next edition of your local paper. And please remember to provide an alternate name or we will provide one for you. Our intention is to give fun advice without exposing you to your neighbors.

come up with a different answer. It sounds like you have the thoughtful thing down anyway, unless of course you really are "getting" your mom a hand-made card instead of making one for her yourself. And I suppose a bouquet of dandelions may lose its appeal after about, let's say, pre-school. My suggestion is brunch. Taking your mom out for a nice Sunday brunch is always an enjoyable event. The two of you could get all dressed up, you could buy her a corsage and then spend the afternoon together enjoying a nice meal and great conversation. My first choice would be Fox Hills in Plymouth, but I checked and it is sold out. I only bring it up because you could keep it in mind for next year. After some calling I did find places with openings, but I would recommend calling as

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## Palmieri one of state's best

Jessica Palmieri, a senior at Walled Lake Western High School, was recently named as one of the top 100 soloists in the State of Michigan by the MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association).

The MSBOA hosts District Festivals across Michigan at both the high school and middle school levels. This year over 60,000 students participated with 9,000 receiving 1st division ratings making them eligible to compete at the State Festival. From there, only 100 students were nominated as Top Soloist. Palmieri will perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, May 8-10, at Central Michigan University. Palmieri has played oboe for nine years and piano for 12. She studies with Dr. Nancy King, professor of oboe at the University of Michigan, and has performed with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. She also attended Interlochen for three years where she has played oboe for the All State Orchestra and All State Band.

Scholarship deadline extended. State Representative Marc Shulman announced the deadline for high school seniors to submit entries to the Shulman Educational Opportunity Fund will be extended to Friday, May 16. This year, the Shulman Educational Opportunity Fund will award four new student scholarships. They will be issued to those students writing the most outstanding essays as determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee. One \$1,500 scholarship will be provided to the first place essayist and a \$1,000 scholarship will be provided to the runner up. In addition, there will be two honorable mentions, who will receive \$250 and \$500 to be awarded to the top two essayists' schools. The application, available from guidance counselors, along with five copies of the essay, must be mailed no later than Friday, May 16 to: Shulman Educational Opportunity Fund, P.O. Box 25114, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325.

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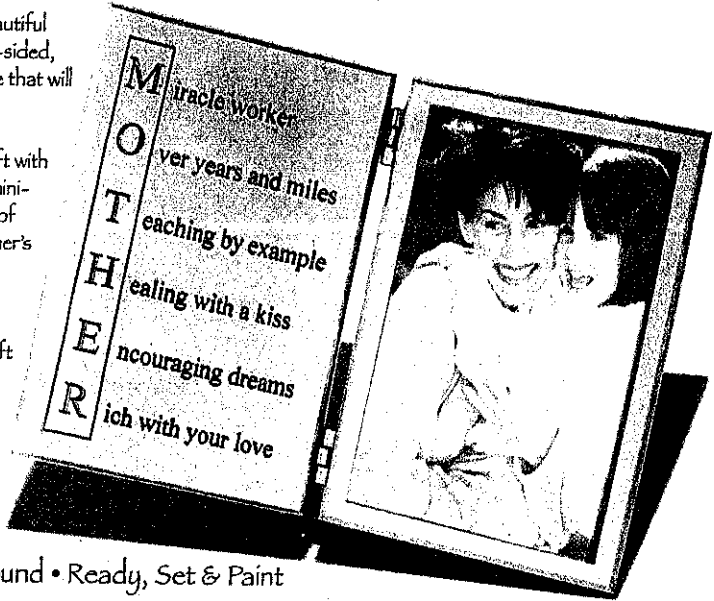
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# Thankful for the victory

## Novi escapes Country Day, splits double header

By Michael Zerkich  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Wildcats knew going into their double header against Detroit Country Day that winning both games would be a lofty goal — and no doubt, they're happy escaping with one win.

The Novi baseball team came through in the nightcap of a double header with non-conference foe Detroit Country Day 10-6 in a 10 inning affair. Earlier, the Wildcats dropped the opener 11-6.

Novi now stands at 6-2 overall and 3-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Novi coach Rick Green saw several things during the two game set.

"Detroit Country Day is a tough ball club," he said. "I thought we competed well against them in the first game but their pitching really did a fine job for them."

The Wildcats took what they learned in the first game and applied it to the nightcap, earning the win with their strategies.

"In the second game we used four different pitchers who kept us in the ball game and allowed us to pull off the win in the 10th inning," Green commented. "I thought our sophomore, Billy Morrison, did a nice job in long relief as he went four and two-thirds innings and struck out six batters for the win."

Offensively, Novi had their bats booming with several players coming up with big numbers. Josh Buck, a junior, collected four hits in eight at-bats. Another junior, Doug

Benton, equally clobbered Country Day's pitching with a fine 5-for-7 performance.

The Wildcat's had several batters in the win in the second game with Chris Scott notching three hits in five at-bats, which included a home run and three RBIs. Also, junior Adam Brandau had a big game as he went 4-for-5 with two RBIs.

Novi has some key home games ahead on its schedule. Tomorrow, Kensington Valley Conference opponent Lakeland pays a visit for a double header beginning at 4 p.m. Then, non-

conference opponent Plymouth Salem visits for a double header starting at 2 p.m. Saturday.

There are no admission charge for either game and the diamond is located behind the construction area at the southwest part of the Novi High School property.

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There are multiple definitions

Every team has its tough times, and they almost always manage to scrape and scrap their way back.

I doubt that the Novi Wildcats lacrosse team is going to be any different. Not only are they going to come back from a tough string of losses and a major dip in experience due to a huge graduation



Sam Eggleston

last year, I think the team as a whole is going to be all the better for it.

It's never easy to lose, especially when you lose game after game after game. I know, I've been there. The one thing I can say I took away from a winless season is a bunch of fond memories and some character that I probably desperately needed.

The one thing I've found in my time at the Novi News is that Novi High School and the Novi community doesn't breed contempt for other teams, nor encourage bad sportsmanship. And, for sure, they never, ever have a loser. Taking a loss on the athletic field is far from creating a loser on the team. No, in my opinion, a loser is the kind of person that gets downright nasty whether they are winning or losing — and the Novi lacrosse team doesn't have a single one of those.

Instead, coach Stan Zajdel teaches his kids how to behave properly in the face of tough losses. They hold their heads high as they shake the hands of their opponents and they take their lesson to heart, looking to improve on their latest performance and add a couple of wins to their schedule.

The lacrosse team is going to bounce back, I have no doubt in my mind about that. Maybe they won't be going to the Final Four this year, and maybe they won't even do it next year. But, just like every other Novi athlete, they know what it takes to be winners. Yeah, having the better score at the end of a contest is one way of defining yourself as a winner, but acting with class and playing with every ounce of energy and ability in your body is another. Novi athletes do that — it's evident in every game they play and every win, loss or tie they walk away with.

To be a winner is something special. It's feeling good about yourself, and your teammates, all while leading your peers and stepping up in social, student and athletic aspects of life. A winner doesn't give up, no matter what the score is in any contest, and they always get back up when they are knocked down.

A winner, unlike a loser, knows what it means to offer their hands after a game and shake that of their opponents. They know what it means to suck up the loss, looking at where they made mistakes and how they can not only help themselves improve, but their team as well. A winner knows that even though they might not have a great year, they have to be an example of how the game is played for those coming up through the ranks so they, one day, can lead their team to a fabulous performance.

Sometimes, a winner has to sacrifice their own happiness in order to show others the right way. A winner, in my opinion, is synonymous with Novi Wildcat.

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# Not drafted, but Ime Akpan still has other opportunities

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes, it takes a couple rolls of the dice to get a seven — and Novi's Ime Akpan is patient enough to roll them as many times as he needs to.

The Novi resident and soon-to-be Eastern Michigan University graduate wasn't one of the lucky chosen in the National Football League draft April 26-27, but that doesn't mean the doors are closed to him.

"Now that I'm a free agent, I'm just waiting for a team to call over the next two days or so," Akpan said Monday. "I'll be somewhere, I just don't know where yet."

For Akpan, being overlooked in the NFL draft was a slight disappointment — but, after seeing all of the defenders that were taken this year, he can understand why.

"A lot of runningbacks that were expected to go ahead of me didn't get drafted," Akpan said. "The first round had a lot of defensive players drafted, and I expected that. I just didn't expect it to continue all the way through."

Akpan's patience isn't wearing thin though. He's prepared to play the game that is professional sports — both on and off the field.

"Basically, I'm just waiting for some of the teams to start calling," he said.

Some of the teams even alluded to this being a possible outcome for Akpan.

"They said if I wasn't drafted, they would probably come and pick me up," Akpan noted. "I expect to get a call sometime today or tomorrow, and, if not, my agent will start making calls for me. I'll be somewhere."

In fact, at the time the sports section went to print, Akpan's agent had already been dialing.

"I just got off the phone with about eight teams in regards to Ime," said Mark Bruno, the president of The Pegasus Agency out of Cleveland, Ohio. "We already have some interest from some teams."

"Ime is at the top of our minds right now, and hopefully we'll have something worked out by week's end. I'm confident that we'll be able to accomplish that."

Bruno said that Akpan's numbers compare well with runningbacks that were selected in the draft.

"We could easily stack Ime up against some of the runningbacks taken in the draft," Bruno said. "I mean his numbers, his stats and physically. His 40 speed, vertical, strength and ability stack up equally and better than a lot of the kids taken."

One thing is for sure, Bruno and Akpan are both hoping to see the Eastern Michigan stand-out at a rookie minicamp.

"We would certainly hope that he's in a rookie mini-

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Mark Bruno  
President, The Pegasus Agency

camp, but if not it's not the end of the line," Bruno said. "Being undrafted is not a bad thing. We have to work a little harder, but we'll find the right fit."

Akpan noted that he's excited over the prospect of being invited to a team's rookie minicamp, most of which start next week. He said that though he wasn't drafted, this is almost a better scenario for him.

"It could be better for me because instead of being drafted in the sixth or seventh round and having a team pick me, I can pick my team," Akpan said, and added that his expectations haven't dwindled any. "I'm definitely confident that I'll be on a team when the season starts."

Akpan, who stands 6-foot-1 and weighs in at 230 pounds, could prove to be a valuable athlete at the professional level. In his senior year at Eastern Michigan, he proved how valuable he was to the Eagles as he gained 1,282 yards on 267 carries. His 15 touchdowns and 111 yard-per-game average made him one of the top producing runningbacks at the collegiate level last season. Not only that, but he can catch too. Last year, he pulled in 26 passes for 115 yards.

Until the time comes that Akpan finds out when and where he'll be playing, he plans on continuing his rigorous workouts and training schedule. If not the NFL, perhaps his abilities will find him playing elsewhere.

"It's possible," Akpan said. "I want to play in the NFL, but the other leagues would be an option if they have to be."

And if worse comes to worse, Akpan is lucky enough to have degree in communication and a minor in business marketing to fall back on — but he's not expecting to it to come to that.

"I'll probably be too busy," Akpan said with a chuckle. "I'll probably be at camp somewhere."

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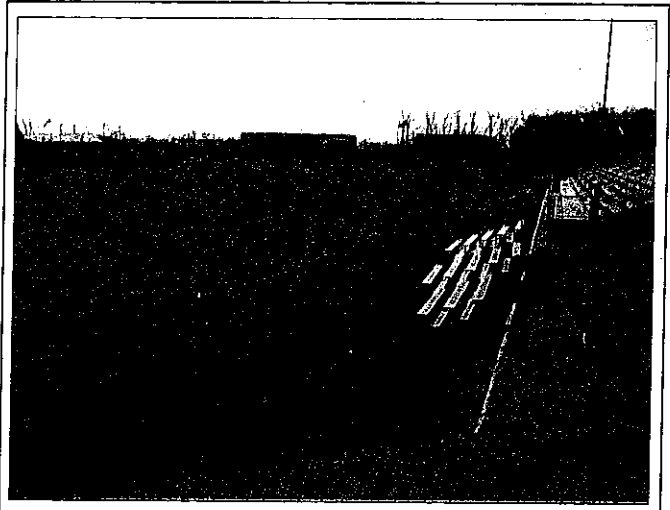


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### Hosting the state tournament

The Novi Wildcats have the pleasure of hosting the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state finals for girls' soccer this year. Novi was also the host for the boys' tournament in the fall, and the finals are slated to be held right here at the soccer stadium, located at Parkview Elementary School.

## Island Lake a good bet for trout

By John Heider  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For good, early-season trout fishing, grab your rods and reels and waders or smallish boat and head to nearby Island Lake State Park's Spring Mill Pond.

The pond, located in the middle of the state park (off I-96 and Kensington Rd. exit) is stocked each April with good sized brown and rainbow trout by the Michigan DNR.

From the first of each April until the last Saturday of the month (the traditional beginning of trout season in Michigan) the pond's trout are catch-and-release only. Once trout season's begun, the fish are up for grabs under normal fishing regulations and are not long for the spring-fed, cool pond's waters: they'll soon be in the middle of someone's frying pan with a little olive oil and butter.

The pond is a deep one, and if wading or bank angling's your thing, it's wise to stick to its southern end where the gravelly bottom and gradual dropoff are well suited to the boat-less angler. (Note that the other sides of the pond have precipitous dropoffs and literally two feet from shore the water's five feet deep.)

The deep waters of Spring Mill Pond are well suited to hosting a pre-summer school of trout. Some

trout may even survive in the pond through the summers, but it's a fair bet that they're taken soon after the 'opener.'

Spring Mill is also host to good-sized largemouth bass, perch, and a some smallish bluegills. These fish are more likely to move about and come off the bottom of the pond once the air and water temperatures warm up in early summer and can be taken with bait or small spinner lures.

The trout, however, can be a delight to go after with fly-fishing gear.

Equipped with a four to six-weight rod and an intermediate or sinktip line, anglers can tag into the brown trout that cruise under Spring Mill's surface looking for minnows or large nymphs.

The best and most productive way to fish the pond can be with the assistance of a small rowboat, canoe, kayak or belly-boat. These craft can take the angler to parts of the pond where the water's more than 25 feet deep — that the bank anglers can only look to and see trout rising to insects on the water's surface — but cannot reach even with their best double-haul cast.

A suggested method would be to anchor 30 feet away from the pond's edges and methodically cast in an arc towards the shore, let your fly sink a few feet and

then retrieve in short, quick strips.

But heed the warning, anglers: though one can see 14 inch browns rising to many midges (a truly microscopic insect that Northville fly-shop owner John Bueter refers to as "those little SOB's") on the pond's still waters, hooking into them's another thing. A trout that has its choice of thousands of midges on the surface of Spring Mill Pond can be done, but it's just as easy to lose your mind as you watch the fish select insect after insect just next to your perfect imitation.

Fish will be active, on a normal Spring Mill Pond day, whenever they're hungry, when the sun's shaded or full, the wind's just right and the barometric pressure's just so. Basically your guess is as good as mine.

So take your canoe to Spring Mill, PFD, a good flyrod and a selection of lines to be cater to the feeding habits of the fish, some nymph and streamer flies, an anchor to hold your boat in place and lastly, and most importantly, some patience.

You'll need all these things and then some to find and hook Spring Mill's trout, but when you do the throbbing bent over flyrod or spinning rod in your hands and the brown trout's surging dives and leaps will make the wait and effort worthwhile.

## Trying to piece the past together

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Were you ever a Novi Wildcat athlete? If so, did you have a remarkable season of any sort, in any sport? If that's the case, then the athletic department of Novi High School wants to hear from you.

Despite being a competitor in a variety of sports for less than 40 years, Novi High School has found itself in a small bit of a bind when it comes to record — they've maintained precious little in the way of that information.

The Novi athletic department, under the guidance of coach Julie Fissette and athletics director Curt Ellis, is beginning the long search of piecing together the school's

history and finding out just who it is who holds single game, single season and career records in all the sports that the school has offered or currently competes in.

Of course, any old Joe could claim to hold a record, and the Wildcats are looking at ways around that problem. To help solve the quandary, Novi is accepting old newspaper articles, end-of-season reports or scorebooks as documentation for the record-setting achievements.

Those in charge of the project are currently hoping to have it completed by December of this year. Then, the records will be published in the Novi News to give former Novi athletes a final opportunity to step forward with their information before record

boards are created and installed at Novi High School and on the school's website.

Any information regarding a possible record for a single game, single season or a career should be mailed to: Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, Attn: Julie Fissette, Athletic Records.

This is a chance for the records set by you or someone you know to finally be recognized and posted at Novi High School. As of right now, current athletes have no clue as to which athletes of the school's past hold which record — nor do they have any idea as to the mark they need to aim for in order to get their own names posted on the record board.

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Softball Tryout

The Motor City madcaps 10 and under open tryout will be held May 4 from 10-11 a.m. The tryouts are scheduled to be held at Foster Park.

Junior Golf Clinics

Tanglewood Golf Club and head instructor PGA professional Tom Shaw are hosting the 2003 Tanglewood Junior Clinic this summer.

Northville Football Meeting

The Northville Football Parents Association will be holding a parent orientation meeting on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Northville High School.

Golf Lessons Available

Looking to improve that swing? Want to get rid of that slice? Tanglewood Golf Club is offering individual and group lessons by PGA Certified instructors for private lessons.

Tech back in full pads
Novi's Fred Napier will watch from the sidelines

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

If it's not one thing, it's another. It's the old adage of ringing true for Novi's Fred Napier, who is a member of the Michigan Tech University Huskies football program.

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) season. Unfortunately for Napier, he won't be joining them. The Tech freshman won't be suiting up next season, and is expected to take a medical-redshirt to keep him from losing a year of eligibility.

NEXT LEVEL ATHLETES

Wow, it sure seems like it's been a while since we last put in some of our famous Next Level Athletes. These men and women have moved on from the ranks of high school athletes to showcase their talents at the collegiate level and elsewhere.

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Andrew Laskowski
Experience: 4 years on varsity; 2003 co-captain; regional flight champ last two years



Joe Lynch
Experience: Four years on Varsity, 2002/2003 co-captain; chosen most improved player sophomore year; KVC flight champion 2002; flight champion at 2003 Holly Invitational

- Non-sports interests and activities: National Honor Society, honor roll, snorkeling and traveling
Favorite Book: Into Thin Air
Favorite Food: Mexican Food
Favorite TV Show: Whose Line is it Anyway?
Career Thoughts: Science and Math
College Plans: Michigan State University



Robin Lin
Experience: On Varsity one year, 3 years on JV, JV co-captain junior year

- Non-sports interests and activities: music; quiz bowl team, has played piano 13 years
Favorite Book: none
Favorite TV Show: none
Favorite Classes: science



And they were champions of the ice
The Novi Cougars ice hockey team, coached by Bob Rozek, won the NYHA mite house championship last Sunday. The Cougars defeated a tough Wildcats team 3-0 to complete an undefeated playoff run.

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# Teaching, coaching perfect fit for Brian O'Leary

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

If you've watched Novi soccer over the last three years, you've seen him on the sidelines.

Couch Brian O'Leary is the kind of leader that doesn't talk up his talents, capabilities, or his own for that matter. He doesn't ring the bell after a win or a loss, and he doesn't keep things simple when reporting the scores and results of his contests.

Quick to always point out who deserves credit on his program, O'Leary has proven to be a major benefit for the student-athletes, parents and fans of Novi soccer through his 11 years at the high school.

"What I try to accomplish with every team is to have individuals improve their way of life and

their soccer abilities," O'Leary said of his coaching strategies and goals. "I also try to maximize the team's abilities and accomplishments. What makes coaching worth while is when a season finishes and all of those things have been accomplished."

O'Leary strives to get his kids to be the best they can be on the pitch and off. As a math teacher at Novi High School for the past 11 years, O'Leary has had the chance to see his students work in the classroom and on the field. This year, he can be found not only with a whistle around his neck, but preaching the benefits of advanced placement calculus and geometry.

O'Leary has some great memories as a varsity soccer coach. His seven seasons as the boys' varsity coach and three as the girls' gives him plenty of material to look back on — but his greatest memory doesn't need a second thought.

"The greatest memory as a coach would have to be the boys' team in 1998 that won the state championship," O'Leary said. "It wasn't so much the winning as it was almost every person on that team had their life in order."

In fact, winning isn't the only thing for O'Leary — when it comes to his teams, it's probably in the middle of the pack of things to do for the day. His first concern is the kids on the team.

"Winning, I do not feel it's the most important thing," O'Leary said. "In my opinion, it takes two things to win. The individuals must have their lives in order and they must have the ability. If I could get only one of those traits, I would always take the first one. If their lives are in order, then they already understand hard work, doing things the right way, teamwork, dedication and sacrifice."

"My wife is the biggest supporter of my coaching and realizes that it's very time consuming to do things right and accomplish the goals that I mentioned earlier," O'Leary said. "Besides the high school's two or three games and three or four practices a week, the team also has a team dinner every week and I go to two games a week to see them. If it wasn't for my wife's support, none of this would be possible."

O'Leary said that having his family

near him is important — even if it's while he's trying to watch the game.

"She brings the kids to every game and team dinner," he said. "On many of my coaching trips, we go as a family and she watches the kids while I watch the game."

O'Leary's passion for sports doesn't end with soccer.

"I love just about all sports," he said. "I really enjoy following all high school sports."

Growing up in Livonia, O'Leary and his older brother Mike and younger brother Scott all played organized athletics. O'Leary was on the soccer and basketball teams at Livonia Churchill, and when he went on to college at Grand Valley State University, he got involved in beach volleyball.

O'Leary isn't all about the athletics though. When given the chance,

he enjoys reading the mysteries spun by authors like Michael Conroy, Harlan Coben and Robert Crais. And, he wouldn't mind a vacation if he could take one.

"My perfect vacation would be a week in Bermuda," O'Leary said. "It was where my wife and I went on our honeymoon, and it was perfect that time."

O'Leary is enjoying his days as a coach and a teacher. He knows that one day he'll end up hanging up both the whistle and the grade book, but he can't see that on the horizon yet.

"I plan on coaching for as long as I'm a teacher at Novi High School," he said. "I firmly believe the two are the perfect fit. I may switch and coach JV or freshman soccer, basketball or volleyball when I get older. But, that day is no where in the near future."

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## Whalers bow out in game seven

The Kitchener Rangers ended the Whalers season a 3-1 victory in Game 7 of the Western Conference Finals April 28. Former Whaler Gregory Campbell scored two goals while Mike Richards added the game winner at 13:42 of the third period. Karl Stewart scored the Whalers only goal.

### Game 6

The Kitchener Rangers scored four second period goals to notch a 7-1 victory in front of a sold out crowd in Plymouth April 26.

Petr Kanko passed the Rangers with the hat-trick while Gregory Campbell added one goal and two assists. The Whalers were led by John Mitchell with a goal and an assist.

Both teams traded goals in the first period. Plymouth struck first when Ryan Ramsay scored at 6:26. Ramsay made a nice play as he faked a shot with a 2-on-1 break and then moved around Ranger goalie Scott Dickie before sliding the puck

into the empty-net. But the Rangers answered with a power play goal from Petr Kanko at 7:39 to tie the game. Kanko hooked home a rebound which found its way over Plymouth goalie Paul Drew and into the net. The Rangers controlled play for most of the first period with a 10-3 shot advantage.

Kitchener set the tone for the second period when Gregory Campbell scored short-handed just over a minute into the period. The Whalers did manage to tie the game up on a Cole Jancett power play goal at 8:52.

John Mitchell and James Fleisher earned the assists. But the Rangers capped off the period with three more goals to take a 5-2 lead. Kanko notched his second of the game with a nice individual effort at 9:17. Kitchener scored two more in the period.

Plymouth woke up in the third with a dominating 2-0 shot advantage. The pressure paid off with a John Mitchell goal at 6:41 to cut the lead to 5-3. But the Rangers took advantage of the Whalers aggressive play as Kanko jumped on a loose puck and scored a break-away goal at 12:01. Plymouth pulled its goalie with just over four minutes

left and the move worked when Chris Thornborn scored at 17:33 of the third.

### Game 5

Plymouth forward Jimmy Gagnon scored both Whalers goals, including the game winner at 5:10 in the overtime session to give his team a 2-1 win over the Kitchener Rangers.

Plymouth took the lead in the second period when Gagnon scored his first of the game at 9:31. Jonas Fedler and Sean Thompson earned the assists. But the Rangers tied it up in with a goal at 9:10 of the third period.

Derek Roy evened the score at 1-1 with the assist going to Mike Richards. In overtime it was the Rangers applying the most pressure with six shots on net.

But the Whalers didn't back down in Kitchener's own building and Gagnon, who is a Kitchener native, sent the home team to hockey heaven with a loss when he beat Ranger goalie Scott Dickie at the game winner. Tim Sestito and David Liffiton assisted on the game winning tally.

## TENNIS FANS, DON'T MISS OUT...

The Novi Wildcats boys' tennis team is happy to announce the arrival of their latest tournament and invite all the fans of Novi athletics to attend the event. The Wildcats are scheduled to host their own tournament Saturday as they take on some of the toughest teams in the area in hopes of continuing their dominance this far this season.

This coming Saturday, May 3, Novi is hosting the Novi Invitational Tennis Tournament. Play begins at 8:30 a.m. at three locations with the prime location being Novi Middle School. Play will also be at Novi High School and at Novi Meadow tennis courts.

Schools competing besides Novi are North Farmington,

Recherster, Birmingham Seaholm, Brighton, Farm Powers, Berkeley, and Farmington Hills.

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# Familiar face on the bench

## Brad O'Neill is back at the helm of the Northville hockey team

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The new face on the Northville Mustangs hockey bench next season may look familiar to some fans.

Brad O'Neill was recently announced as the district's new high school hockey coach — a role he held for the first four years of the program's existence until his final year of 2000-01. Upon leaving to raise his family and to solidify his personal situation, O'Neill held a 55-37-9 record with the Mustangs, along with district title and two trips to the regional finals.

"I was previously there when the program was first starting," O'Neill said. "It was a good four years and there was definitely some success there. Besides that, I coached the eight previous years at Milford under Gary Johnson."

With 12 years of high school coaching experience and a good feel for the program, O'Neill was a shoe-in for the position. He has some plans right out of the gates for the Mustangs, including a summer conditioning program and summer and fall skating. Basically, he wants to bring the team back to the level it was at when he left.

"I felt through my four years there that we had built a really solid and really respected program," O'Neill said. "There is a lot of talent in this area, and a lot of hockey players. We just need to get the kids into it and let them know what we're all about."

As a teacher, and now assistant principal, at Northville's Hillside Middle School, O'Neill had plenty of chances to get to the Novi Ice Arena to watch the Mustangs play. He watched them as they struggled to learn a new program under coach Jeff Bond before difficulties led to Bond's removal.

"I know they had some difficulties with the coaching and things like that," O'Neill said. "I attended quite a few of their last games, and I saw what they are capable of doing. I am very familiar with the kids in the community, and there is a lot of talent here. Above all, they are good kids, and when you have all these kids together you have to have a coach who is going to be

a leader."

And O'Neill is ready to be that leader for the Mustangs.

"I'm looking forward to that role," he said. "I felt it was something I was strong at when I first coached this team, and it's a path I'd like to continue going down."

O'Neill said that one of his first steps to bringing the program up to speed with other teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association is to implement a 10-month program.

"We're going to have strength and conditioning, summer and fall sessions, all rolling right into the winter program," O'Neill said. "You have to do that to be competitive in high school hockey."

From what he witnessed last year, and through his experience in the field of high school hockey, O'Neill has a major factor that he wants the Mustangs to work on.

"They have to get in shape," he said. "They can all skate, pass and shoot. We need to be stronger, quicker and more conditioned. We also need to play as a team a little more. That's what we need to do and we need the dedication from day one."

Above winning and losing in high school hockey, O'Neill said that coaches, players, parents and fans have to remember one thing — it's a sport.

"Above all else, this is a high school sport," he said. "It's a learning experience above even being the sport of hockey. In a strong program, the kids will take things away with them. The lessons they learn will last well after their high school careers are over."

Another move O'Neill was quick to make was to revise the schedule to include stronger opponents.

"We're going to be playing in the Michigan Showcase Tournament at Novi," he said of the squad's expected opener in the 2003-04 season. "Competing in the tournament will be Farmington, Unified, Novi, Livonia Stevenson and ourselves. We've upgraded our schedule, so that Northville is playing some talented teams. It's not going to be easy, but it's something we need to do if we want to be competitive."



Brad O'Neill, here talking to some students at a recess, will be taking over as assistant principal at Hillside Middle School this spring. O'Neill was recently named Northville High School's hockey coach — again.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Shady Scammers Lurking in the Shadows

By Jack Faris

There's no end to irony in April. First you get faked out by winter, which just won't give up the ghost. Then, there's always some April Fool's Day trickery afoot. And adding the ultimate insult to injury is that dreaded day that millions of American taxpayers, especially small-business owners, loathe - Tax Day, April 15. Before the first buds of spring appear, everyone's in desperate need of a little humor.

Let me recommend a visit to the Internal Revenue Service Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). There you can read such uplifting ditties as "IRS Suggests Ten Ways to Avoid Problems at Tax Time" or "Tips to Make Your Tax Life Easier." You really have to give the folks at the IRS credit. While they realize theirs may not be the most lovable government agency that has its hand in small-business owners' pockets, they do offer some pretty good advice in a creative sort of way.

Take "Beware of Scams," for example. This press release begins somewhat ominously: "They look shady. They lurk in the shadows. They try to entice you..." While designed to warn taxpayers about unscrupulous income-tax preparers, these notices conjure images of tax-and-spend legislators instead.

The recent haggling over President Bush's jobs and growth plan by the U.S. Senate and the unprecedented flurry of tax hikes being schemed up in many state capitals should be of greater concern to small-business owners than filling out their tax forms. The scams invented by tax-loving politicians at both the state and federal levels of government are putting the squeeze on small firms as never before.

A recent report by the National Governor's Association and the National Association of State Budget Officers is clear evidence that despite cuts in current state budgets and draw-downs of state "rainy-day" funds, lawmakers still fail to deal responsibly with their budget deficits. That should come as no surprise, however, because for more than a decade-and-a-half, state governments ran up expenditures with little regard for future consequences.

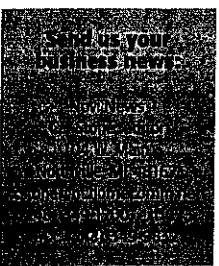
Is it any wonder that the latest NFIB Small-Business Optimism Index slid to one of its lowest levels in a decade? Or that small employers are more reluctant to bring on new employees now than they have been in almost 10 years?

Obviously, war has had an impact on their outlook. But their long-term fears are that politicians will create new and different ways to separate them from the dollars they need to create jobs and shore up their enterprises.

These entrepreneurs are stalwarts of fiscal discipline, innovation and creativity. So they are hard-pressed to understand why no relief is in sight for those who make the economy stable and productive.

As April 15 nears, the owners and operators of America's small businesses should take heed of the IRS warning, "Beware of Scams." But in addition to watching out for shady characters lurking in the shadows, they ought to keep their eyes on politicians who play April Fool's tricks on small-business cash registers by legislative sleights-of-hand.

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(L-R) Kelly Colasanti (owner) with customers Tekla Hall - mother of Mitchell, 4, Devon, 6, and Delaney, 2 - and employee Mike Fordyce.

## Colasanti's Market is a shopping experience

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Colasanti's Market is an entire world of shopping, all in one convenient location. The Highland Township mainstay since 1979 just keeps getting better and better by adding new specialties to please everyone from gourmets to the peanut butter and jelly crowd. Ice cream fans take note - Colasanti's new ice cream hut, located in the parking lot next to the outdoor animal display, is serving up Guernsey ice cream cones, shakes, malts, smoothies and sundaes - everyone will surely find their favorite treat this summer.

Outside, the market has come

alive again with seasonal plants, annuals, perennials, potted flowers, and hanging baskets.

"The plants are coming in every day now. We have more variety in perennials than ever before," said Kelly Colasanti. Inside the greenhouse, there are rows and rows of colorful flowers, vegetables, herbs and tropical plants readily available for gardeners to select their favorite varieties. Spruce up your yard or make a landscaping statement with the great selection of garden art, fountains, gazing balls, pots, stepping stones, landscaping supplies and more that can be found in the shop adjacent to the greenhouse. Kids of all ages shopping at Colasanti's enjoy visiting the colorful parrots

located in the greenhouse, and can often strike up an engaging conversation with them.

Inside Colasanti's, a worldwide marketplace is filled with produce, deli items, imported and domestic cheeses, bulk candy and coffee beans, baked goods, grocery staples and ice cream. Fresh produce is the main crop offered, and the ever-changing array of fruits and vegetables will please every palette. But look a little closer and you'll find some new treats here as well. Sushi made fresh daily comes in a variety of offerings, including cooked crab, eel, or raw fish.

"Sushi isn't only made with raw fish," Kelly suggests, "but it is also available made with

cream cheese or just vegetarian." He encourages everyone to give it a try.

Freshly-made pizzas, by the slice or as a whole pie, are also a new item offered this past year. Try a specialty pizza for a change, such as the artichoke, roasted garlic, or the barbecue chicken. Call ahead for your freshly baked pizza to be hot and ready. Colasanti's also bottle their own homemade salsas and sauces in a variety of flavors.

For the discriminating palette, the Wine Cellar provides quality, selection and value - and there are literally hundreds of fine wines in stock, from Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Riesling, to the unusual and hard to find. Let the knowledgeable wine expert help you make just the right choice for any occasion. "Our wine selection is incredible, and if we don't have it, we'll find it," Kelly said.

Finish off that fine dinner or host a party with ready-made gourmet desserts found at the Bakery. Whole cakes and pies or pastry items by the slice, as well as an assortment of fine chocolates, will satisfy the sweet tooth. Fresh bread, cookies, muffins, bagels are just some of the baked goods available.

The Deli carries high-quality, fresh meats and cheeses sliced to order. Party trays and fruit and gift baskets can be ordered for any occasion. For a taste of something different, try subs from three to six feet long, foccacio sandwiches, chicken wings, salads and hot soups made daily.

Snook's Butcher Shoppe, located inside Colasanti's, offers fresh U.S.D.A. choice beef, lamb, custom-cut pork, natural Bell & Evans chicken and turkey, and fresh Foley fish.

### DETAILS

Colasanti's Market brings freshly grown produce, fruits, vegetables, flowers and garden items and more all under one roof, located at 468 South Milford Road. Shop at the markets of Colasanti's, including The Wine Cellar and Snook's Butcher Shoppe, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 887-0012 or visit them on the Web at [www.colasantis.com](http://www.colasantis.com).

Smoked meats and sausages are done in-house. Famous brands carried by Snook's include Honey Baked Spiral Sliced Ham and Dearborn Sausage Ham.

Don't forget fresh flowers for your table - at Colasanti's florist center, flower arrangements can be ordered or you can make your own with any of the fresh cut flowers found in the walk-in cooler. The gift shop also provides the best in seasonal accents and cards for any occasion.

It's the attention to detail and pride in providing the best and freshest in produce and product that has made Colasanti's Market a unique shopping experience for their loyal customers. As good neighbors, the Colasanti family has also dedicated themselves to a long-standing tradition of community service.

"Our customers have made Colasanti's what it is today, and our long-time employees as well," Kelly said. "Without them, we just wouldn't be here."



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Employees in the greenhouse (L-R) Michael Pentrak, Matt Wolfe and Lori Stec.

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