

'Cats claw at 'Dogs Well, it's about time,

The Novi Wildcats have been on the wrong end of their game against the Brighton Bulldogs 12 out of the last 14 games with their last victory coming in 1994 while John Osborne was still in charge, It's a new century now though, and Coach Tab Kellepourey has been in charge long enough to know that 2003's victory, which came in the form of a 23-20 overtime win, is a

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## Wixom man, 35, facing multiple charges

By Phil Foley

A Wixom man, who police say sexually assaulted his neighbor for hours, stood alone and mute in Novi's 52-1 District Court Friday afternoon charged with home inva-sion and three counts of criminal sexual conduct.

District Court Judge Robert Bondy ordered Dean Michael Schmitz, 35, held without bond. Schmitz's arrest in a wooded

Schmitz's arrest in a wooded area behind a pole bain on a farm near Burkhart and Mason Roads in Livingston County's Marion Township Thursday ended a nine-day investigation for the Wixom Police Department.

"This is a big relief for all of us," said Wixom Detective James Colombia This is the string of case.

Osborne, "This is the kind of case that really scares people"

He said Wixom Police received

more than 200 calls from residents and nearby police departments

Wixom Police said Schmitz broke into his neighbor's apartment in the early hours of Sept. 8 and raped the 21-year-old woman repeatedly after telling the woman he'd been sent there to kill her.

Investigators said Schmitz jumped the 57-inches between the balcony on his third floor apart-ment and his neighbor's in Wixom's Stone Ridge Apartments and then cut a screen in a door wall

to gain entry.

The victim told investigators that she had returned home about 3:30 a.m. the morning of the attack and hands over her eyes and mouth and a male voice.

Wixom Detective Shannon Luther told Judge Bondy that Schmitz covered the woman's eyes with a bandana and secured it with electrical tape before raping her and forcing her to have oral sex over the next three hours. Luther said that before leaving, Schmitz forced the woman to bathe and wash her hair and then covered her with a blanket and ordered her not

to move for 10 minutes.

Detective Luther said a palm print recovered from the bathtub in

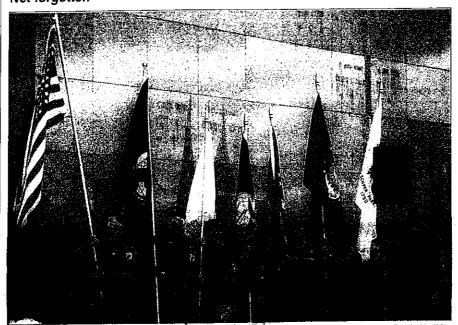
by the forensic technicians from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office matched one obtained by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office

following Schmitz' arrest Investigators said the one-time Pinckney resident fled to a freind's farm in Marion Township, south of Howell.

Schmitz, said Detective Osborne, was being sought by sheriff's deputies in Livingston County on a year-and-a-half old warrant charging him with failure

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#### Not forgotten



Michigan Vietnam Veterans Association Chapt. 154 Color Guard presents the colors at the start of last Friday night's National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at Oakland Hill Memorial Gardens in Novi Three more U.S. veterans had their remains interred in the memorial seen behind the color guard.

## Grand River roadwork on schedule

## ■ 12 Mile still a little behind

By Phil Foley

After a long dusty summer of roadwork delays, relief for Novi

roadwork delays, relief for Novi businesses along Grand River Avenue is just around the corner. Paving crews moving east along Grand River from Beck Road seem to be going at a pretty good clip, and city and county road officials agree the project is on track to open for traffic Nov. I. Haim Schlick, a construction

engineer with the city, said paving

are working on schedule. He said preparing the roadbed was the most time-consuming part of the project, noting that once crews start pouring concrete, "it goes fast."

Tom Blust, director of engineering for the Road Commission

for Oakland County, said crews were scheduled to pour concrete for the first half of the bridge deck on the commission CSX Bridge project last Monday night. Although the entire project isn't slated for completion until next June, Blust said the bridge should

be open for traffic Nov. I.

Road Commission crews will be back next spring and summer to put in sidewalks on both sides

of Grand River and finish land-

caping.
On 12 Mile Road, where Road ssion crews are building a ne boulevard from Meadowbrook Road west to Novi Road, work isn't expected to be complete until the middle of next

Blust said the county is a little behind its original schedule. He attributed the delay in part to cooperating with the city to keep the road open to business traffic "We can always work faster if

we can shut a road down," he said. He added it also took longer than expected to obtain needed right-of-way from a cemetery on the north side of 12 Mile Road

Once complete, the project will leave most of 12 Mile road boulevarded through Novi. Last year the road commission widened the road west of Novi Road past the Fountain Walk complex. While that leaves a little more than two niles of two-lane road leading to Beck Road where the state Department of Transportation plans on building a new bridge over 1-96, Blust said he knows of no plans to widen the remainder of the road.

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## Rockin' again?

■ Promoter wants to bring rock and roll's golden era back to Walled Lake's shores

STAFF WRITER

Some four decades ago, dressed in a dark suit and black glasses straight from the set of MIB, Lee Alan lured thousands of Detroit teens to the Walled late Coston with actions with actions. Lake Casino with artists like Chuck Berry and Stevie

The glasses are gone and the bair's a little thinner, but Alan wants to do it all over again next summer – even though the cast-no burned to the ground Christinas Eve 1965 and the site today is a Novi City Park.

Alan, today an advertising

ing executo the Novi City Council Monday night to get

billing as the Walled Lake/Novi Music

and Family Festival.

While the Walled Lake City
Council voted unanimously Sept. 16 to support the project, Novi's city fathers, and espe-cially its mothers, haven't cially its mothers, haven't jumped on the bandstand just

Alan was light on specifics for the event, which he wants to run July 1-4, 2004.

City Council members put off a formal vote on backing the

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## Not just Emagined; film festival's coming to Novi

By Pam Fleming

Film lover Jim Jerome of Northville was

tired of the standard Hollywood fare at local theaters.

so the independent fillmaker decided to give local movie watchers something different. Emagine There in the Foundain Walk shopping fenter in Novi will lost the first will lost the first Michigan Independent Film, Art & Music of Festival Oct. 3-9.

The Feent will include feature films figurately shorts, animals spinsic wideos.

music rideos.

The stated in March when me and a council of buddies said we were sick and tired of going to the theater and being forced to see Hollywood sequels," said Jerome, a

Northville native.

"What we're trying to do is bring the independent culture to the Novi and western Detroit area. This includes independent filmmakers, artists and musicians," he said.

Jerome graduated two years ago from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, with a degree in film and video production and has an independent film company called Lefthand Films. "I'm left-handed, so that's where the name came from," he said. For more information, check out his Web site at

ww.lefhandfilms.net.
What better person to start such a festival? He selected the Emagine Theater because it's a new theater in the area, and other theaters have agreements with Hollywood studios to run mostly

Hollywood productions. "The Emagine Theater not only looks spectacular, but it's a little more open to independent films and just different films in general. They host premieres for local

independent filmmakers," he said. The Emagine has 18 full stadium audito-

riums that seat 340 people each. It also has 18 concession stands, digital sound and projection and a full bar with beer, wine

and cocktails. Many films will be shown to the public for the first time. Directors and professionals from the film industry will also present workshops during the festival.

The event includes exhibits and demon-

strations of the latest technology in film.

Artists will also display and sell their work, and live concerts will be provided by local bands each day of the festival.

Ticket sales started last weekend and cost \$7 for one film. A Bronze package for \$30 buys five tickets. A Silver package for \$50 buys 10 tickets. A Gold package for \$75 provides 20 tickets. And a Platinum age at \$250 secures access to all movie package at \$250 secures access to all movie showings, all after-party events, access to workshops and concerts, and a TUNNEL VISION T-shirt, with only a limited number of shirts available

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MADD's 14th annual Lifesavers

Wixom Police Department selected Officer Mark D. Bradley as its top alcohol enforcement officer for 2002. MADD spokesman Michelle Compton said Wixon didn't minate anyone in 2001.

Walled Lake also had a firsttime winner for the Lifesavers Award, Officer Paul Shakinas

Two local lawmen were joined the 13-member force just among the 35 from across four days out of the academy. Oakland County honored at Working midnights he made 13 drunk driving arrests in the com-Awards Banquet in Auburn Hills last Saturday. munity of 7,000 last year.

Compton said her organiza-tion holds each and every nonince in the greatest esteem for

their exceptional efforts in apprehending drunk drivers" She added, "We are grateful that they make Oakland County roads a safer place to be and can only

## Arrest made

to appear for earlier charges of OUIL and child endangerment from and earlier reported drunk driving incident, as well as a war-rant charging him with domestic Detective Luther said investiga-

tors were led to the Pittnam Township farm by a tip from an anonymous woman. She said Schmitz was "very passive" when he was cornered in the woods. Schmitz' roommate, said Luther, told investigators he packed a bag and disappeared

According to Detective Luther, Schmitz admitted to drinking heavily and using cocaine the night of the attack. Asked about the attack, Detective Luther said Schmitz told her, "I don't believe ! did it I don't think I did it" Dressed in an orange Livingston County Juil jumpsuit, Schmitz-asked Judge Bondy for a coun-

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shortly after detectives began askng the woman's neighbors ques-



Wixom resident Dean Michael Schmitz was arraigned last Friday Robert Bondy's 52-1 on multiple sexual assault

Judge Bondy set a preliminary exam for Sept. 25 and denied bond. If convicted, Schmitz could

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A 59-year-old Farmington Hills man told Officer Paul Leslie at 7 a.m. Sept. 15 that ometime after 8 p.m. the night on Sanford, just east of Beck Road, and drove off.

#### Deer-1, Impala-0

A 51-year-old Novi man told Officer Steve Corbett that he hit a deer with his 2002 Chevrolet Impala while he was driving south on Beck Road a half-mile north of 9 Mile Road at 8:16 p.m. Sept. 21. The man said his Impala suffered minor damage Impala suffered minor damage and the deer got up and ran \$200 was taken.

#### Lincoln-1, Deer-O

A 60-year-old Bloomfield man told Officer Paul VanPelt that he hit and killed a deer while driving his 1999 Lincoln on Haggerty Road a half-mile south of 14 Mile Road at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 17.

#### Just two, officer

Officer Kristie Gruenwald stopped a 2002 Pontiac Montana at 12:47 a.m. Sept. 18 on west-bound 10 Mile Road near Christina Road after she reported seeing it drive erratically on southbound Novi Road. The driver, a 44-year-old Northville man, told Officer Gruenwald that he'd had two drinks at the Post Bar. However, he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .096, so Officer Gruenwald charged him with operating under the influence of liquor.

#### Calling home

Officer Erik Zinser stopped a 2003 Ford Explorer at 1:10 a.m. Sept. 18 after reporting seeing it swerve several times on Grand River Avenue near Haggerty Road. The driver, a 23-year-old

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been trying to call her husband. The woman said she'd had a Bacardi and Coke at 11 p.m. and a glass of red wine at 1 a.m. However, she failed field sobricty tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .17. She was charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

Burglar undetected A 26-year-old Novi man told Officer Erick Tapia at 11:25 a.m. Sept. 18 that his 2002 Ford truck was burglarized sometime after 7 p.m. the day before while it was parked in his carport near Wexford and Waterbury, The

#### No lights

Officers Shawn Panzak and Jason Meier stopped a 2003 Thunderbird at 11:45 p.m. Sept. 18 after reporting seeing it drive east on Grand River Avenue with no headlights on. The driver, a 34-year-old Livonia mantold the officers he had two glasses of wine at Steve and Rockiy's restaurant. Howeve, the man failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alco-hol content of .143. He was charged with operating under

#### Stereo taken

the influence of liquor.

A Novi woman told Officer Kevin Heaney at 7:55 a.m. Sept. 16 that someone broke the dri-ver's side rear window of her 1994 Ford sometime after 11 n.m. the night before and took

Stocking up Officer Craig Chismar charged a 27-year-old Jackson man with retail fraud after loss prevention officers at Kohl stopped the man outside the

men's clothing. Officer Chismar recovered another \$300 worth of cookware from the man's 1999 Volvo \$-80. The man was released after posting a \$100 bond

#### Car burglarized

A Farmington Hills man told Officer Scott Tewes at 8:47 a.m.

Sept. 15 that someone threy

rocks at his 2003 Ford truck while it was parked at a house he's building on South Lake

Officer Eric Lindblade stopped a 2000 Oldsmobile Alero at 1:15 a.m. Sept. 12 after clocking it at 57 mph in a 40 mph zone on Novi Road. The driver, a 28-year-old

Napierville, Ill. man, said he'd had two or three beers at 5th Avenue. However, he failed field

sobriety tests and registered a

blood alcohol content of .146

operating under the influence of liquor. The man was charged

Grand River Avenue near

Erratic driving

Drive.

A Novi woman told Officers Briefcase taken Shawn Panzak and Jason Meier at 6:14 a.m. Sept. 14 that her Hyundai Sonata was burglarized A 27-year-old Milford man rold Officer Louis Bigliardi at 8:04 a.m. Sept. 15 that someone through a rock through the win-dow of his Ford F-250 truck at her home on Windmill Stree overnight. She said her purse, Palm Pilot and digital camera were taken. The purse, with cash and credit cards still inside, while it was parked near were found nearby. She estimated her loss at \$700. Truck vandalized

A 70-year-old Novi woman told Officer Paul Stuligross that thieves took a 16-inch concrete statue of a basset bound from her yard near Novi and 13 Mile Road sometime before 11:33 a.m. Sept. 14.

A Hazel Park man told Officer Paul Stuligross at 2:36 p.m. Sept. 14 that someone broke into his car while it was parked near West Pontiae Trail and West Park Drive. He said a portable CD player, 60 to 70 CDs and some clothing were taken. The clothing was recovered nearb in the driveway.

#### Residence vandalized

with operating under the influ-ence of liquor and later released after posting a \$75 bond. A 66-year-old Novi man told residence near 10 Mile Road and Meadowbrook was vandalized a Officers Shawn Panzak and Jason Meier stopped a 2001 9:52 p.m. Sept. 14. Chevrolet Camaro on castbound

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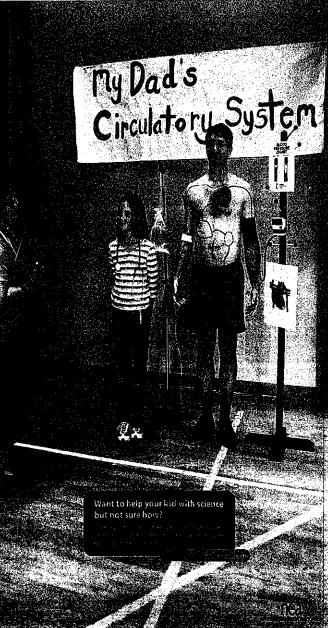


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## Chateau Novi residents hope improvements will follow merger

■ State finds manufactured home community noncompliant

ty and a current resident.

City of Novi staff were to testify

a Compliance Conference Sept 15 sponsored by the state. The con-ference was held following the

recent Certification on Noncompliance issued to Chateau

This was a closed meeting, but supposedly they have come to agreements that we're not privy to at

"One day I cooked spaghetti. Had

Fraser and Baxter said the water

is not fit to drink, cook with or wash

clothes in, even though the state has deemed it safe. "They said it has a

high mineral content," Fraser said.

Barry McCabe, president of

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and Baxter have

Novi by the state.

this point," Fraser said.

park," said Jim Baxter, former main-tenance supervisor at the communi-

By Pam Fleming

Residents of Chateau Novi, a manufactured housing community on the city's north side, hope conditions will improve at the park fol-Hometown America.

Hometown America, of Chicago, one of the nation's largest privately held owners and operators of manufactured home communities, and Chateau Communities. Greenwood Village, Colo., the largest owner and operator of such communities in the U.S., announced that the two companies would

merge on May 29.
Under the agreement, which was unanimously approved by the Boards of both companies, Hometown America will acquire all of the outstanding stock and com-mon units of Chateau properties.

The companies anticipate that the ransaction will take place in early October.
Richard Helwig, city manager, and Don Saven, chief building official, toured the park Sept. 5. It is located on the north side of 13 Mile

Road, just east of Novi Road. "What we saw is unsafe and unsatisfactory and to us, in several

Novi is one of about 230 communities owned by Chateau aspects, represents a pattern of abandonment by the ownership," Helwig ties owned said in a letter to the Mayor and City Communities and represents about Council members.

The Michigan Department of

nove or develop it for another use."

McGabe said Hometown
American and Chateau manufactured home parks and created a formal Statement of American and Chateau Communities have been working or Complaint with about 1,000 resithe \$2.2 billion merger since April.
"Chateau Novi, which will soon be known as Hometown Novi, is one of the best located manufacents signatures.

Fraser, who now has a water filtration system, said that well water

one has had more publicity than oth-

takes place that Hometown America

officials will invite Chateau Nov.

residents to a get-together either on-site or at a nearby facility.

munities in 14 states including five

"We're not going to close down that community and force people to

in Michigan, "We're no Michigan," McGabe said.

Hometown America owns com-

"We're not new to

for the community colors clothes tured housing communities in Michigan, We know that people there are proud to live in the city of Novi, and we're going to make them the office been open, they would have gotten spaghetti noodles on their desk. They came out orange,"

proud to live in Hometown Novi," McGabe said. McGabe said the orange-colored water occurred when one of the community's five wells went down a few months ago.
"When that well went down,

there was some sediment in the system that washed through. It did not affect the safety or quality of the water but the appearance was startling," he said.
"I've heard residents don't want

725 home sites out of nearly 75,000.

"The first thing we need to do is to wash their clothes in it. We're looking at alternate solutions, such as digging a new well or hooking up to the city of Novi water system,

"State regulations haven't worked, even though we've pointed out that they're in violation of the

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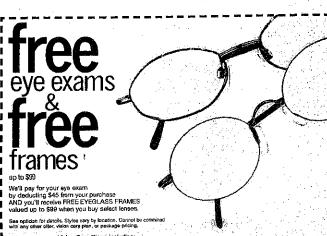
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ners Association, shows a sample Teri Fraser, president of the Chateau Novi Homeow of the sediment that colors the water orange at the manufactured home community. The park will soon be under new management following an upcoming merger with Hometown America of Chicago



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#### The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issued a listen to the homeowners and hear what their needs are. We already consider hearing complaints from the 2002-2003 licensing year. The park was found to be non-issues, site drainage and some other more deadled to address drinking water issues, site drainage and some other more deadled to address drinking water issues, site drainage and some other more deadled to address drinking water issues, site drainage and some other more deadled and some issues, site drainage and some other more deadled and some issues. Market Street at 12:48 a.m. Sept. 14 after the reported see-ing it drive erratically. The officompliant on water quality and drainage matters. City officials have upgrade and repair issues," McGabe out that they re in violation of the laws," Baxter said. "We're waiting to see what the state and the city can do for us," Baxter said. "We've gotten a good response from the city," he noted. He said the park was established lso received residents' inventory of anso received residents inventory of the control of Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached the use of the property," McGabe Association. The community was once a said. 1 mobile home park. Now it's a trailer "There are a number of properties" · Finished Basements

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## County puts 'hot' stuff up for auction

opportunity to make some good deals.

According to county spokesman Bob Dustman, most of the items on the block for the county's annual fall auction are either recovered stolen property the county was unable o return to their owners or property confiscated from www.co.oakland.mi.us. For criminals. Some excess county more information call the counproperty will also go up for

He said the auction will include more than 50 vehicles, including Chevrolet Tahoes, Ford Crown Victorias, a GMC bus, a GMC dump truck with a 12-foot plow and a tractor with pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

The suction will beging at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the county's Vehicle Operation Oakland County is holding Building (16E). Signs leading its annual yard sale, which means Novi residents have an entrance to the county complex (1700 ) leads Talkeraph (2700 ) and Talkeraph (2700 ) leads Talkeraph (2700 ) entrance to the county complex at 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac. All the vehicles will be avail-

able for inspection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 3 and beginning at 8:30 a.m. the next day A catalogue of all items in the sale can be seen on the county's website at ty auction hotline at (248) 858-1015.

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## Meet candidates tonight

Novi voters will get their first opportunity to see all five people vying for seats on city council and the three mayoral candidates in the Nov. 4 election when the League of Woman Voters Oakland Area holds a forum at 7 p.m. tonight at Meadowbrook Commons in the Novi Senior Center.

Novi Senior Center.

The forum, being held with the support of the Novi News and the Novi Senior Center, will be video-taped by the South West Oakland Michael Meyer.

Commission, rounding source of the verying for the three openings on eity council will be former Novi police officer. Bob. Gatt. and Michael Meyer.

The description of the Commission of the Commission of the Commission of the Novi Property of the Verying of the Novi Property of the taped by the South West Oakland Cable Commission and aired several times on Brighthouse Networks Channel 13, the city's local access cable channel.

Meadowbrook Commons is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road between Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road.

According to Gretchen Pugsley, the League's forum coordinator, all but two of the candidates con-tirmed they would attend the event by the Sept. 10 deadline.

For the seat being vacated by etiring Mayor Richard Clark, veteran city council members Michelle Bononi and Lou Csordas will be facing retired Ford execu-

Two of the five people running guide at www.lwova.org.

for City Council will be disap-

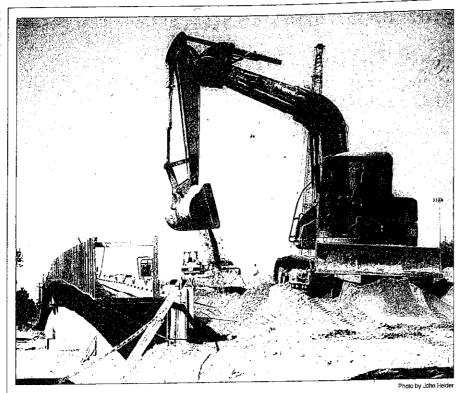
pointed Nov. 5.

Siddharth "Mav" Sanghvi will try to win a full term in his own right after being appointed to serve out the remainder of Craig DeRoche's term in January after DeRoche was elected to the state House of Representatives, Lynne Paul and Toni Nagy will be trying to step up from the city's Planning Commission, Rounding out the

Each candidate will be given one minute for an opening statement and the beginning of the 90-minute event and, if time allows, one minute for a closing statement. In between, they will field questions from the audience that have been screened by a League moderator for relevance and duplication. Pugsley said to ensure neutrality

rugsey said to ensure neutrality.
the League is bringing in a moderator from South Lyon.

The League has banned campaign signs, posters and placards from the forum and campaign supporters are prohibited from wear-ing campaign buttons, pins, hats sweatshirts or T-shirts to the event. The League will offer a voters



Two more months

A buildozer and backhoe works on adding a base to the new road that will be placed across the reconstructed Grand River Bridge in Novi. The project, begun in Feb. 2003, should cost around \$ 6.1 million and be completed



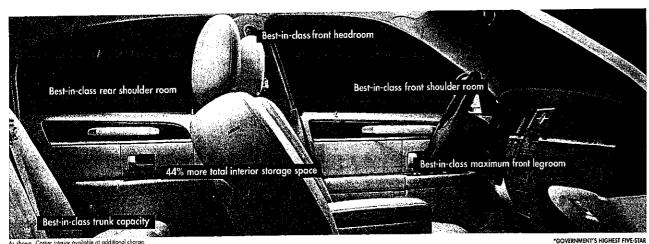
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## BUSINESS

## Novi resident broadcasts Web radio station from condo

Novi resident broadcasts Web radio station from condominium

By Pam Fleming

Who needs a studio in a big office building to have your own radio station?

ern computer technology, Rob Walker broadcasts his own station from a spare bedroom in his Novi apartment.

Internet radio listeners can log

on to Walker's station at www.Q105radio.com to hear the Walker, a native of Norwich Conn., developed the Web station

in June as a hobby until he can find full-time work as a radio pro-He and his wife. Della Pizzatimoved to Novi last Memorial Day weekend when she

landed a job as general sales man-ager for WNIC 100.3 and WKQI 95.5 radio stations.

They moved here from Bend, Ore., where Walker was opera-tions manager for a group of four radio stations and Pizzati served as general manager.

They met three years ago in Pizzati's hometown, St. Louis, Rob Walker of Novi in his Mo., where Walker programmed a dountry station and Pizzati was broadcasts from his Novi he general sales manager. Walker admits that it's a bad

www.Q105radio.com, plays

started the Web broadcasts

started regulating Web broadcasts.
"Now, when you pay for your stream, a portion of the cost goes

to the Recording Industry Association of America so artists

get royalties," Walker explained.

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So, who listens to Web radio?
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home - on the computer," he

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me to be looking for a job.
"This is the first time I've been ut of work in years," he said. "We call it being on the beach the radio business."

He noted that Detroit is the 10th largest radio market in the country, so the competition for 10th is is probably one of the 10th markets I've ever seen in 10th throws of the quality of radio. I the seed of the 10th throws when things heading. I'm 10th we some things heading. I'm 10th when 10th throw when you may for your 10th throw the 10th throw throw the 10th throw throw the 10th throw throw the 10th throw throw throw the 10th throw t

just enjoying some time off right 1-Walker-said literally thousands of Web radio stations that both professionals and hobbyists have

ried from their homes. "It's not like commercial radio where you're governed by ratings, research and ad revenue, which cent or racially offensive are what drive commercial radio stations," Walker said. "They research all the songs they play," "Web radio is for fun," he said.

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While a commercial radio station may play 350 to 400 researched songs, Walker's sta-



broadcasters. "You get a status report from the company that provides the stream so you can see where your listeners are from," he will be a few fields of the station. Even Walker's and Pizzati's dog, Bear, made his radio station Web site.

Walker also has other people the defendance variety work.

noted.

He has had listeners from the U.S., Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United

Kingdom.
"It tells you what cities listeners are from and how long they listen," Walker said, The average listening time for his station is about two hours. Several hundred people have discovered his sta-

Those interested in creating their own station can visit the Web site www.live365.com.

Walker has three computers that run his Web radio station. "One plays the music, one sends he stream to Live265 the stream to Live365 and the third one is for production and

Web access," he explained.

"All you need is the equipment and broadband Internet access to create your own station," Walker said. "It's hard to get a good sounding stream with a dial-up Internet service." your entertainment. And, it's fun to be at the culting edge of new technology," he added. "It's a new ern of broadcast-

conjunction with their station.

People also write Walker via email about the station, whose Web site includes a list of the music

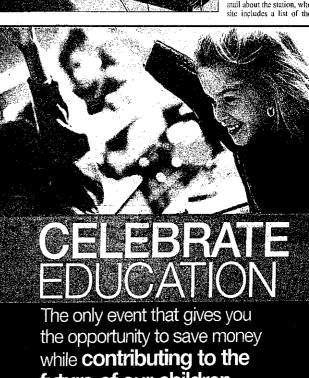
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who do freelance voice-over work on his station. "They send me voice-over, and I edit it," he said. One of the advantages of listening to Web radio is that one can find just about any type of music they would like to hear — from East Indian to Big Band — and even old-time radio shows like "The Shadow."

"Whatever kind of music you

like, chances are somebody's broadcasting it," Walker said. He thinks the future is bright for Web radio. "It's not portable now, but that will change. In a few years, people will be able to pur-chase a radio station Web stream on a cell phone, laptop or a PDA [personal digital assistant]. It's

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## High-end homes selling even with rising mortgage rates

million dollar homes sell in past 30 days in Bellagio

Rising mortgage rates and a growing economy have spurred informed homebuyers to invest in high-end estate homes.

A prime example is Cambridge

Homes, Inc. which in the past 3 days has sold four homes between 1.2 million and \$3.5 million each "When



rates began inching up, followed by in the stock market, our

M. Guidobono un high-price homes," said Mark Guidobono, CEO of Cambridge Homes, Inc. "The buyers I've talked with feel our economy has hit bottom and is on the upswing They have faith in the economy

and are willing to start spending money again, It's not that they couldn't afford our high-end estate homes in the past but they now

want to spend and invest."

"The National Association of Home Builders reports that even as mortgage rates continued to climb in August, builder confi-dence reached its highest level in three and a half years – an index that has been rising steadily since April," added Guidobono. "That's

certainly true of Cambridge Homes' experience with Bellagio. The U.S. Census Bureau last month reported that total housing starts have hit a 17-year high with single-family starts reaching their highest level since 1978. In September mortgage rates contin September mortgage rates continue to climb, consumers gained
confidence, and the Federal
Reserve reported the outlook issebrighter in most regions of the we
country. President Bush, speaking
in Indianapolis Sept. 5, also
reported progress is being made in
growing the economy as his tax
and incentives are beginning to cut incentives are beginning to

address short-term problems.

The Bellagio is a distinctive gated community of 55 estate homes on Beck Road north of 8 Mile in Novi, Cambridge will cus-tom-build each of the Bellagio homes to the owner's needs and desires. The spec homes range in size from 5,000 to 15,000 square

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## Center holds series on non-traditional medicine

There was a time, not that long ago, when doctors dismissed any-thing that wasn't taught in a medstem forms medical treatment. which led the Henry Ford Health System to open its Center for Complementary and Integrative

The center opened last June in temporary space before moving in December to the second floor of ne Henry Ford building in on Eight Mile in Novi.
"What we do is evidence

hased," said Denise Jacob, the erm alternative medicine because We do not want to be seen as in competition with traditional med-icine. We want to be seen as nother resource," she said.

Jacob added, "We don't do primary care here. We require all our patients be under medical care newhere." However, that does care doctor has to be a Henry Ford physician. "This is not an either/or, it's an and," she said.

According to Jacob, people seek out complementary medicine for a variety of reasons, somenes it's because traditional medaddressing a problem, while at others it's because the patient is also cost \$5. She'll be covering

looking for a gentler way of dealing with Herbs; Safe and Effective Uses, Oct. 22.

ing with a condition.

For instance, she said, a holistic physician may recommend the use of herbs to control a borderline condition rather than a syn-

thetic drug.

She said mind-body therapies, such as hypnosis, rueditation and relaxation techniques have proven effective in . helping people stop smoking; weight loss; improving athletes performance; and in relieving chronic pain. Jacob said the center's staff

chiropractor, a holistic nutrition ist, an acupuncturist, a specialists Therapy and others.

The center operates out of 3,500 square feet of space divided up into 11 "healing rooms," designed with the help of a Feng Jacob said the center has a three

part mission — treatment, research and education. Since opening its doors, the center has offered two series of classes on complementary medicine and will start its third series Sept. 24. Robert Levine, Phd., the center's research director, will kick off the series with Complementary and Integrative Medicine: A New Paradigm for

Health and Healing. As with all the classes in the series, it will begin at 7 p.m. and run for an hour-and-a-half. There will be a \$5 fee for the class.

Effective Uses, Oct. 22.

Lanny Orr, the center's chiropractor will follow up Nov. 19
with a discussion of The Myth of
Aging: Growing Stronger While
Growing Older. This class will
also cost \$5.

Renee Sundu, the center's holistie nutritionist, will cover The

tic nutritionist, will cover The Unique Gifts of Essential Oils: Healing Through Scent Dec. 10. This class will cost \$15, but par-ticipants will be able to make small holiday gifts

small holiday gifts.

Space for all the classes is limited, so pre-registration is a must.
Registered nurses attending the classes will be awarded 11/2 con-

tact hours per class.
Lilita Matison, MSW, a graduate of Mind Body Spirit
Professional Training workshops offer a series of four workshops examing how the the mind-body connection can transform an individual's life.

Jacob said the series will bene Jacob said the series win bene-fit anyone who wishes to improve their health including those with chronic pain, high blood pressure, heart disease, digestive disorders, autoimmune disorders, insomnia, infertility, anxiety, and depres-sion. She added it can help those living with stressful life changes living with stressful life changes including divorce or bereavement.

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Acupuncturist Paula Neys, left, works some 36-guage needles into co-worker Susan

Jakary's arm at the Henry Ford Health System Alternative Healing Arts Building in Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at The sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 and will cost \$200. The work-



36-gauge acupuncture needle sticks out of the arm of lenry Ford Health System worker Susan Jakary's hand at the Eight Mile Road Alternative Healing Arts office on a recent Friday afternoon. At their 40000 W. Eight Mile road location, Henry Ford offers clients acupunture, massage therapy, cupping and chinese herbs and oils.





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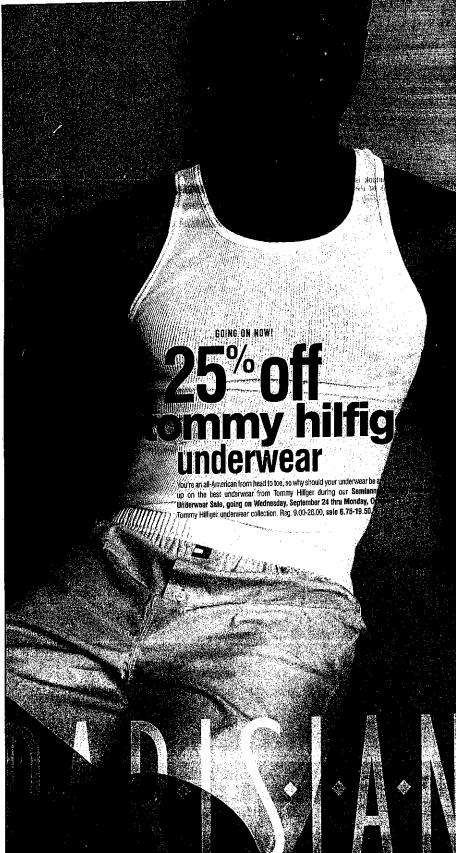
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## Toastmasters puts the world at the tip of your tongue

A night at Toastmasters is fairly structured, though Kilpatrick said the club tries to introduce things to "keep it fun and light. The idea is to keep people coming back."

A typical night starts out with a brief presentation by the presi-dent, followed by speaking tips

from the group's education mas ter. Then comes Table Topics, where everyone in the club is encouraged to give an impromptu

night, club members took on the role of an animal pleading its case with Noah to be let on the Ark.

Each night three club members

sign up to give a five-to-15 minute speech which is then evaluated. "Compassion," said Kilpatrick, is

the key to the evaluation. "The

For more information about

Toastmasters, call Kilpatrick a (248) 685-9226 or visit the club's

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

they are likely to say they think their mother had one in the teir mother had one in the rently between symphonies, tehen, but Toastmasters isn't a nall household appliance; it's a speaking skills. He said anyone or of many people's biggest ars — public speaking. According to Wixom resident

n, to improve their public taking skills," said Colleen

Robert McTavish, who sells tware for U.S. Data, called the begroup therapy for public caking." The Novi resident said nined the group because after

t during the day at Federal gul in Southfield and switched rogul in Southfield and switched to the Novi Club 18 months ago lovi Toastmusters meets the first, and fifth Tuesday of the onth at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic

80,000 members in 8,900 clubs bread across 70 countries. Kilpatrick, a senior consultant with Y2Marketing, said she first carned about the group from a college friend at her first job and

ooked.
She said it's not uncommon to ind people who've been foastmaster members for 30 ears. She said that's because of ic wide range of study tracks and ontests the club offers.

contests the club offers.

Georgean Vornerk, who is a professional public speaker, agreed saying the club is a "skill builder. There's always room for improvement." The Novi resident laid the best thing about the club is that while everyone's speech is 'rifiqued, "they never tear you lown."

otional products business in ixom, said he joined the group

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Toasunasters and speech class in high school or college is, "in speech class you have to be there. Here you want to be there." Clark Suttle, a conductor curwho thinks a symphony conductor

> Bloomfield Hills' Rob Allen, Novi's Joyce Baker and Dearborn's Greg Elsner share a laugh at last year's Lights, Camera, Auction, an annual event held by chase clothing for needy children. This year the event will be held at the Emagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, at 6 p. m. Oct. 1. Tickets are \$45 per person.



Variety at Emagine For some variety may be the spice of life, but for needy children Variety is a helping hand.
Wednesday Novi residents will from Beans & Cornbread, Beverly Hills Grill, City Cellar Wine Bar & Grill, Coffee Connection, Elie's Mediterranean Cuisine, Five Lakes Grill, Kroger Company of Michigan, Mario's, McCormick be able to put a little spice in their lives while helping needy children as Variety brings it's annual & Schmick's, Parties With Class.

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Shiraz, 220, Townsend Hotel - Rugby Grille, Vineyards and Zoup. Lights, Camera, Auction event to Novi's Emagine theater.

While Variety was founded in 1928 by theater people after a baby girl was abandoned on the steps of Pittburgh's Sheridan Theater, it's not really a theater group. Novi resident Michael Berman said he was invited to a Weigen Wiecken's Noviers are and decident with the step of the step Kids in Distressed Situations (K.L.D.S.). The group is a charity of national retailers and manufactuers of children's products and the money raised is used to ship and administer the distribution of children's items to area charities.

A Variety spokesman said over the past two years Variety has provided more than \$1 million worth of columns to 92 agencies in Variety luncheon 15 years ago and was hooked immediately.

Berman, a successful account, rose through the group's ranks of committees to become it's president last year. His term over, Berman is still involved in Variety. "We're here to help as many kids

of clothing to 92 agencies in Southeast Michigan. Lights, Camera, Auction

To do that Variety hold 12 to 15 Lights, Camera, Auctoribegins at 6 p.m. Wednesday with the strolling supper and auction at 6 p.m., foilowed by the film at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$100 for patrons. For more infor-Camera, Auction, Every year the group hosts a sneak preview of a major motion picture. Berman noted that in 1990, guests at Lights, Camera, Auction were the first in Detroit to see mation call Variety at (248) 258-5511.

Kevin Costner's Dances with Wolves. the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net. Along with the film, Berman said Lights, Camera, Auction guest are treated to "phenomenal

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## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Lions golf outing slated

The Novi Lions will begin its nd annual Novi Family Fun Golf Outing, a four-person scram-Saturday at Westbrook Golf Course on Beck Road south of Grand River Avenue.

The cost is \$42 per person.

which is tax deductible. The event includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and Marcus all-steak burgers for

Skill and fun prizes as well as door prizes will be awarded. Sponsorships are still available at \$35 for hole. A sign on the individual hole or holes will be provided for more about the sign of the sponsorship.

ided for sponsors. The outing is sponsored by Providence Hospital, a member of the St. John Health System, and Westbrook Golf Course in cooperation with the Novi Lions Club.

All proceeds will go to the Leader Dogs School for the Blind Rochester Hills. For more information or to register, call Dr. Bill Barr, at (248) 960-3092 or West Diggs at (248) 926-0216. Deadline for entry is

## Lioness euchre tourney set

have a euchre tournament from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday at the lovi Civic Center located at 45175 Ten Mile Road between McVey named food bank Novi Road and Taft. Signs will direct participants to the tourna-

Cost is \$10 for those who preregister for the event or \$12 at the door. Those who register early will receive three extra points. Those who preregister four people will receive a free beverage. For more information or to register, call Maggie Meeker at (248) 344-4633.

"It is a fundraiser, but we will be giving away a first-place cash prize," Meeker said. Pizza and heverages will be available for purchase during the event. A 50/50 raffle is also

Participants will have a new partner at each game. Come alone or bring a friend.

## Novi companies named Best and Brightest

DeMaria Building Company: Harada Industry of America, Inc.; and Ikon, all of Novi were recently named to the list of 2003 winners of Metro Detroit's 101 Be and Brightest Companies to Work

The winners were selected by the Michigan Business & Professional Association Sept. 16. Murray Feldman, business reporter at WJBK FOX2, will act as emcee at the award ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Troy

The luncheon and award cere mony will be preceded by a series of interactive panel discussions on human resources practices start-

ing at 8:30 a.m.
This year's panel discussions will cover issues such as defining multi-culturalism within the busi es world: recent and impending future of human resources; and how to motivate managers. Registration forms for the event

an be obtained by calling (586)



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registration is \$100 for members and \$150 for nonmembers. The event will conclude at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.101michiganbest.com.

## Iron Chef returns to Tribute

Epoch Restaurant Group, headquartered in Novi, unnounced this week that Iron Chef Japanese, Masaharu Morimoto, will return to Pribate Restaurant in Farmington Hills Oct. 19 to join the restaurant's Executive Chel Takashi Yagihashi for an evening of world-class cui-

Chef Yagihashi was recently named 2003 Best Chef in the named 2003 Best Chef in the Midwest by the James Beard Foundation. Morimoto has achieved cult sta-

tus from the Food Network's from Chef show and is instantly recognizable to avid television viewers. Hailing from Nobu in New York City, he is chel/lowner of Morimoto in Philadelphia and is best known for his flamboyant, energetic style and his inventive culinary combi-

nations.

Cost of the event that begins with hors d'ocuvres at 6 p.m. followed by a six-course dinner at 7 p.m. is \$200 per person, excluding tip and taxes. For reservations, call The Novi Lioness Club will (248) 848-9393 or visit www.trib

## director

the first director of United We Serve's Hospitality House, a food McVey, a founding member of

United We Serve and currently vice president of the Board, is tak-ing early retirement from her position as an assistant vice presi dent with Chubb and Son, a division of Federal Insurance Company, part of the Chubb Group of insurance companies. The Hospitality House, which

was recently named a nonprofit organization, is located at 309 Market St. in Walfed Lake, Since it opened in 2002, 340 families have received nonperishable have received nonperishable foods and other goods. Each month, about 3,500 pounds of est food and personal care items are ্বাবি বানীনির্নামিনির কিন্তু বিনিম্পিট্ড, For : a grant and applied call (248) 974-c. 5172.

## Michigan tourism declines

Tourism activity in Michigan decreased 10.9 points between the first quarter 2003 and second quarter 2003, according to the Michigan Tourism Index com-piled by Detroit-based Comerica rter 2003, according to the

The second quarter index, at 102.62, is down 12.9 percent from

117.76 a year earlier. "With the exception of airline traffic, which is rising from a depressed base, this was one of the worst second quarters on record for Michigan tourism," said David Littmann, chief econo mist with Comerica Bank in

"Fortunately, one of Michigan" premier attractions. Greenfield Village, has subsequently returned in vastly improved fashion to the fold of Michigan touris sites, and the overall economic

## 393-8800. Price for individual setting is on the upswing for third

## elected

Women Business Owners-Greater Detroit Chapter recently installed their Board of Directors. The installed at a meeting earlier this summer at the MGM Grand

Two women whose businesses are in the Novi/Northville area were elected. Shawne Duperon of Vision Works in Novi was elected as National Representative-Corporate & Economic Development, Donna Marie of Donna Marie Consulting & Training in Northville, was elect-ed to the Corporate Partner

#### Michigan's August jobless rate unchanged

Committee.

Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August was unchanged from July's 7.4 per-cent, according to John Palmer. cent, according to John Falmer. deputy director for Workforce Programs, Michigan Department Programs, Michigan Department Paris, Tahiti, Hawaii, Monte Carlo Programs, Michigan Department of Career Development.

Employment fell by 31,000, trip was to London.

Ind unemployment dipped slight Kotzen is a Senior Long Term and unemployment dipped slightly by 4,000. The state civilian labor force declined in August by 37,000 to a total of 5,097,000.

"August displayed the first statewide unemployment level decline in four months," Palmer said. "However, this was primarily due to individuals leaving the

#### sectors shed jobs over the month. Kotzen qualifies to attend conference

work force. All the major industry

the Novi office of GE Financial, has qualified for the 2002 Leading Producers Conference with GE

Financial. Kotzen is one of the year's Leading Producers with General Electric Capital Assurance Company, the country's leading provider of long term care insur-

Each year, GE Financial awards their agents who place at least \$200,000 in new annual premium during a specific qualification researching the marketplace and during a specific qualification period with a luxury trip. Past Leading Producers Conferences and the Caribbean. This year's Motor City Reps.

Care Insurance Advisor. The Novi office is located at 24726 Picara tion about long term care insura call Kotzen at (248) 349-9833.

## Novi firm helps auto advertisers

Motor City Reps, a new advertising sales representation firm based in Novi, was recently creat-ed to help Big Three automakers and their dealer groups reach higher net worth consumers Composed of niche Internet sites, the company assists adver-tisers in identifying consumers

with buying power and regular online shopping habits. Motor City Reps opened for business in August and is committed to representing Web sites that reach customers more likely to purchase new cars and trucks reg-

ularly.
"It is imperative to provide the relying on our strong relation-ships with the media decision makers here in Detroit," said Mike Maiorano, co-founder of

## Physician joins Henry Ford staff

A physician specializing in holistic medicine has joined the staff of Novi's Henry Ford Complementary Medicine

Center.

Mary Bunker, DO, is board certified in family and holistic medicine and frequently speaks and writes about the practice of holistic medicine.

According to a Henry Ford

spokesman, Dr. Bunker is an expert in maximizing wellness through partnership with her patients and intergrating the best traditional and complementary



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## SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 9/25   9-noon	11:30 am2 p.m.       Sundry Shop Open         12:30 p.m.       Pinochle*         1 p.m3 p.m.       Healing Touch         6:30 p.m.       Clogging*         Mackinaw Trip
p.m Beginners/2 p.m. Adv. Line Dance	Tuesday 9/30
7 p.m9 p.m. Candidates Night League of Women Voters	9 a.m12 p.m Massage Therapy
	9 a.m
Friday 9/26	9:30 a.m
9 a.mStretch & Strength	10 a.mAsian Pacific
10 a.m	noen Lunch
10 a.m Body Recall	12:30 p.m
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herapies.

A Highland resident, Dr. Bunker had a private practice there and and Royal Oak before joining the Henry Ford Health System.

She earned her D.O. degree a the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Main. She com-pleted her residence at the pleted her residence at the Michigan State University

The Henry Ford Center for Complementary and Intergrative Medicine is located at 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of

## SAVVY SENIOR

Dear Savvy Senior, I recently read an article about how a reveise mortgage could give my wife and I some extra income. I have been looking into this but am feeling very confused with all the different information. I would like to ask your advice in comparing r shopping for a reverse mort ee that best fits our situation. I am 79 years old **and m**y wife is 77 and we live on ou**r Social** Security.

Dear In Need. I sympathize with your confu-on! With all the different factors nd options to consider, comparing e type of reverse mortgage to

We own our hom**e but hav**e few

Free Counseling

To start, you might consider talk-ing to a reverse mortgage coun-selor. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD) provides housing cou throughout the country. HUD
unselors can give you free advice ng throughout the count n everything from reverse mort an defaults, foreclosures and cedit issues. Call 800-569-4287 to cate the HUD counseling agency

earest you. Savvy Tip: When comparing verse mortgages remember the ord CASH! How much total cash you pay. Reverse Mortgage Review

A reverse mortgage is a savvy way for "house rich cash poor" seniors to get money out of their home without having to leave it. It's avail-able to homeowners age 62 and able to homeowners age 62 and older and doesn't have to be paid

back until the borrower dies, sells

the home, or permanently moves

Reverse Mortgage Shopping Comparing one reverse mort-gage to another, or to a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM), can be a tricky. Your comparisons should weigh the total financial effect of one loan versus

another. Here are a few tips to help you do that: Home-Made-Money: Reverse mortgages turn your home equity into three things: Loan advances paid to you.

 Loan costs paid to the appraiser, lender, insurer, servicer, and othyou or your heirs at the end of the loan.

Three Questions
Because reverse mortgages turn
home equity into three things, you
can best analyze a reverse mort-

 How much would I get? . How much would be left at the

gage by asking three simple ques-

## ing you just a little more money has a much higher price tag? Or what if a plan paying the same mon leaves you with a lot less equity?

end of the loan?
Savvy Note: In comparing

reverse mortgages, it is important to ask all three questions. You may

prefer getting as much money as possible. But what if one loan pay-

\*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

Show Me The Money To make good comparisons, see where all of your home's value will go. At the end of a reverse mortgage, all of your home's value will have been turned into one of these three things; loan advances, loan costs, or leftover equity. The a key issue is how much of your home's value will go to you and your heirs, versus, how much of your home's value will be paid in loan costs to the lender, servicer,

insurer, and others? Remember, the bottom line is how much total cash will you get, versus how much will you pay! Savvy Note: Some reverse mortgage loans are offered by state or local governments, but most are underwritten by mongage compa nies. This information

dain part from AARP and Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit our

## ENGAGEMENT

#### Lupe & Roginski

Toni Lupo and Brian Roginski of Redford would like to announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Linda Lupo of Wayne and Jack Lupo Jr. of Gilbert, Ariz. The

groom-elect is the son of Suzanne Costello of Novi and the late Kenneth Roginski of Smyrna, Ga. Toni is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Western

Michigan University with a bachcoro of science degree in telecom-munications management. She is currently employed as a project manager at Electronic Data Systems in Troy. Brian is a 1993 graduate of Novi High School and in currently

High School and is currently employed at Electronic Data Systems in Troy as an information technology professional.

An October 2003 wedding is



Toni Lupo & Brian Roginsi

## **OBITUARIES**

## Norman "Gene" Everett

Novi died September 16, 2003. He was 63.

He is survived by two children Patti (Bill) Kitchin and Brian Everelt; two grandchildren, Shaun and Leah Kitchin; one sister, Ginger (Dick) Szewczyck; and one niece, Kim Probelski.

A funeral service was held the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Oak. He was a floor installer.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, his father, Charles Bonnier, two

25900 Greenfield Rd., Ste. 401, Oak Park, Mich. 48237. Arrangements were made by
O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral

George Alan Bonnier George Bonnier of Redford, formerly of Novi, died September 15, 2003 at Botsford General Hospital. He was 24. Mr. Bonnier was born June 24, 1979 in Royal Survivors include his mother.

brothers, Toby Bonnier and Bradley Bonnier, and five sisters, Suzette Hamilton, Koula Kramer, Amanda Knapp-Bonnier, Stacey Knapp-Bonnier and Maria A funeral service was held

September 20, 2003 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with Father Ronald T. Browne officiating. Memorials may be made to the

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home.

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## **Making strides**

Retired physician urges residents to join fight against breast cancer

By Pam Fleming

Novi City Councilan Dr. Siddharth "May" Sanghvi was a general surgeon for eight years in Englandut then one day, a woman east cancer changed his life "I did a radical mastectomy on woman in her early 30s who had a 9

month-old baby. I would always walk my patients down the half the egistration tent Oct. 11. day after their surgery. It was one o This woman was so upset that I told my wife when I got home that

day that I wasn't going to be a gen-eral surgeon anymore. A mastectomy is the most disfiguring thing yo can do to a fernale body," he recalled He went on to become an ortho pedic surgeon but never forgot that

"There's no way you can't get emotionally involved. This is why I'm so involved in the fight against Sanghvi, who retired seven year

ago, is now encouraging Novi resi dents, as well as those throughout the Detroit area, to participate in the sixth annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," a fundraisng walk Oct. 11 at Belle Isle Park in Last year, more than 400,000

Americans participated in a "Making Strides" walk in their com munity to raise \$28 million nation wide. The proceeds go to the wide. The proceeds go to the American Cancer Society's programs on research, education, advo acy and patient services.

He even plans to charter a bus to leave from Novi to the event. "Usually several Novi High School students attend the walk, and we'll have some Rotary members going also," Sanghvi said. "I want

the community to be a part of this Anyone who wants to go can ride n the bus by calling him at (248)

Sanghvi believes more women need to be educated about the imporance of self-breast exams and regu-

"This is so easy to do and so important, It's vital," he said. "Over 50 percent of the popula-tion is women. There isn't a human being who doesn't know a woman or love a woman, And, a mother is like the sun of the solar system. This is an

ssue that affects all of us," he said. If the disease is not detected early the consequences are often terrible, Sanghvi noted.

#### DETAILS

Registration at "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer nenins at 8:30 a.m., with the alk starting at 9:30 a.m Participants are asked to raise fonations prior to the event and bring donors' checks and the ent registration form to the

Walkers can organize a group of friends from their workplace, lub, neighborhood, church, emple or school. Participants can double or even triple their pledges by

checking with their company to see if it has a matching gifts pro-The five-mile walk will start

and finish at the Casino on Belle Isle. For the safety of others. valkers are asked not to bring nets, scholers, skateboards or ollerblades.

The walk is being sponsored y the American Cancer Society, N.IRK Fox-2 TV station Manic 05.1-FM radio station, the Discovery Health Channel, the Nailco Group, Comerica Bank Mervyn's and Kroper. Visit the event Web site at

www.cancer.org/stridesonline or call (248) 557-5353 to learn more about the walk. To participate without walking

mail your contribution to American Cancer Society, Metro-Detroit Area Making Strides, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

aware. I feel very strongly about this. Think how many deaths we can pre-

An estimated 7,500 women in Michigan will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, according to the American Cancer Society.
"I can understand how this could

happen in a Third World country, but not the U.S. I would even like to get children involved by having ther Pam Fleming is a staff writer for

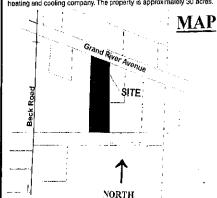
at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-

## "A mastectomy is the most disfiguring thing you can do to a female body."

Dr. Siddharth Sanghvi

## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the y of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 a 0 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to 7:30 PM. in the Novi Civic Center, 45:175 W. len Mile Hoad, Novi, Mil or consider ALADIN HEATING & COLLING, SITE PLAN 03-33. Jocated on the south side of Grand River Avenue Just east of Beck Road, for an approval of a Preliminary Site Plan and Spacial Land Use Permit. The developer is proposing a change in use from a label company to a neating and cooling company. The property is approximately 30 acres.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 1, 2003. NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LYNN KOCAN, SECRETAR (9-25-03 NN 86503)

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

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## Extreme makeovers: Novi dentists to donate \$25,000 in free cosmetic work

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Those who have watched one of the hottest TV shows, "Extreme Makeover," have seen what cosmetic and reconstructive dentistry

can do for a person.

Now, three Novi dentists are planning their own version of dental makeovers with a special Novi Chamber of Commerce promotion planned today from 5 to 7 p.m.

Drs. Ioel Toupin, John Toupin and Stephen Card, who practice at 42430 W. Twelve Mile Road in Novi, will give away five \$5,000 dental makeovers at the Oakland Chamber Network at the Emagine Theater located at Fountain Walk shopping center at Twelve Mile west of Novi Road.

The event, sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, is Oakland County's largest business card exchange. Novi Chamber members can meet fellow members

from 22 chambers in the network. Cost is \$15 the day of the event and can be paid at the door. Hop d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be

A drawing for the five \$5,000 dental makeovers will take place during the event. The gift certificates can be used by any member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, a nember of his or her immediate family, or an employee of a Chamber member.

The person who the gift certificate goes to is asked to at least con-tact the dental office by the end of the year to set up an appointment "They don't have to have the work done by the end of the year. ist make contact with us," Card

The dentists are also including a complete dental examination with X-rays valued at \$165 for each person in addition to the \$5,000 worth of dental work.

Lab technicians at Cornerstone Dental Studio, which is located directly behind the dentists' office, will also donate their time to the project. They will fabricate any crowns or veneers needed in the cosmetic and/or restorative work.
"We do a lot of things for the community, and we felt that this was away to give a gift to somebody that normally couldn't spend that kind of money. Also, the gift will go above and beyond what their insurance will cover," Card

something for the members, since this is our first year as Chamber "And, the gift is transferable, so don't know what we can do. This is a way to show people what are capabilities are," Dr. Joel Toupin somebody else can use if the person who wins the \$5,000 doesn't need it" he added.

We do smile makeovers all the time. It's something that can really change someone's life. That's one of the rewarding things about our

makeovers came from Dr. John Toupin.
"I was looking at the Novi Chamber of Commerce schedule, noticed the September 25 event and thought we should make it a point

to be there. John talked about how help people through this event," "I think the show 'Extreme interest in people's appearance and

uplifting one's self-esteem," Dr. John Toupin said, "I think this show The lab next to us does beautievolved from people who didn't feel good about themselves. We felt that business owners might want to Farmington Hills before moving to offer this to someone in their office their Novi location in December as a bonus and help a member of their staff feel better about them-2001, which features an "up north" atmosphere.

The dental lab, which used to be selves,

"I had one 15-year-old girl who was born with poor-looking enamed on her teeth. She would never smile "When your when she came in. We did a nice teeth are looking cosmetic makeover for her. Her parents said she really came out of good, everything her shell afterwards. She's totally blossomed and is even on the cheerleading team now. It's fun else seems to fall stuff to do. We thought if we could offer this, get our name out there into place."

and give something to the com

nity. It's a win-win situation for

everyone," he said.
"We were interested in doing

members. I think people really

"Dentists today are more than

natient's confidence and self-

letting the Chamber mem-

Dr. Joel Toupin

called Bridges Dental Lab, in Westland, moved in at the same time and changed the business

from Farmington Hills to Westland ist fill and drill," he said.

Dr. Joel Toupin said that smile for their lab work. Now, with the dental lab right next door, it's much

makeovers definitely increase a more convenient.
"We talked about getting together for years, and when this property became available we did it. It's working out so well," said Joe your teeth are looking good, every-thing else seems to fall into place. We're letting the Chamber mem-McCoy of Cornerstone Denta "You can handle cases righ n site."

McCoy said dental lab work is bers know that we're available for

these types of things."

The dentists also provide free very artistic. "It's not just stamped out. It's a

very detailed thing," he said.

"It's like sculpting or jewelry Although porcelain veneers hav been on the market in dentistry for making." about 20 years, the porcelain itself is better today, according to Dr. Joel For more information about cos-

metic and restorative dental work, contact Drs. Joel Toupin, John Toupin or Stephen Card at (248) 465-6310 or visit their Web site at www.free-whitening.com, Pan Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-

Citizans asked for input

for Land Use at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 at the Novi Civic Road The city is currently in the

process of updating its Master attend this meeting, become Plan, which is required every involved in the process and help Plan, which is required every five years, according to state statute

shape the future of their com-minity. For more information, visi Residents ideas opinions and feedback are important in the city's Master Plan Web site establishing a vision and Master at www.novimasterplan.org or

nity. Citizens are encouraged to

## LIBRARY LINES

### Novi Public Library

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile more information, call (248) 349-0720.

## Story Time notes

Fall 1 Preschool Story Times start September 29. Brochures listing the days and times of each Story Time session are available in the library. Beginning this fall, advance registration will not be

#### Middle school book discussion

Our book discussion group for teens in grades 7-9 meets for food, fun, and a lively discussion of "Skellig" by David Almond on Tuesday, September 30, from 4-4:45 p.m. No registration is neces-

#### Fall night sky

Mike Best, also known as "Carl Sagan with humor," translates the mysteries of astronomy into everyday English on Tuesday, September 30, at 7 p.m. Mr. Bes the director and principal rator for the Southfield-School. Please call the library to

Tot time Children ages 12-24 months are invited to join us for a half hour of

register for this free program, which is sponsored by the Friends of Novi Public Library.

stories, songs, and games on Saturday, October 4, at 11 a.m. caregivers only, please.

## Adult book discussion

Our October selection is "How to Be Good" by Nick Hornby. The group meets Monday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in the west side of library

#### **Evening story time**

Preschoolers and their families are invited to the library for 30 are encouraged to wear their wildest pair of socks to this pro-

#### Senior book discussion

Senior booklovers are reading "Looking for Alaska" by Peter Jenkins for their October meeting The group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday,

Did you know!

#### Design-a-plate days

Design-a-Plate days will be held Thursday, October 9, from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost

person or by calling the library.

Learn the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, supportive environ-ment on Wednesday, October 8, from 1-3 p.m. You will discover how the Internet works, practice about using search engines to find information. The class includes interactive discussion and hands

tent you find on the Internet on Wednesday, October 8, from 7-9 p,m. We will identify important characteristics in a high-quality Web page that distinguish it from other Web pages on similar topics. Hunds-on practice is included.

is \$6.00 per plate, payable that day. No registration is necessary for the general public, but groups that plan to attend should call ahead to make special arrange

A hands-on class designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse will be held Thursday, October 2, from 10-11 a.m. We will complete a self-guid-ed online tutorial, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. If you've never used a mouse, this class is defi-nitely for you! Please register in advance for all Internet classes in

#### Introduction to the Internet for seniors

## Evaluating information on



## Entertaining plans hit bump at city council

Crossing in Auburn Hills. However, Novi's arcade ordinance has several provisions that would make it difficult for Landau Strike to his this

Lucky Strike to hit it big.

A California entrepreneur wants to bring a new multi-entertainment concept to Novi's Fountain Walk development, but he's bumping agains

ground floor, 12 billiard tables

and 125 game machines. The business would also hold a

Class C liquor license.

The concept is similar to

Utica's Dave and Busters and

GameWorks at Great Lakes

Lucky Strike to hit it big.

The ordinance currently prohibits any arcade from being
open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30
p.m. on any day when any
school in the district is open. the city's areade ordinance.

Steve Foster and his wife,
Gillian, flew in from Lamphere, in a letter to the council, noted that this doesn't Hollywood Monday to join Jim Lamphere, director of property management for Southfield's Schostak Brothers & Company, take into consideration that Fountain Walk is a regional shopping center and that not all the school district schedule in asking Novi City Council to nodify it's areade ordinance vacation period, like spring They came away with a three-all tie, with council mem-bers Michelle Bononi, Laura break, at the same time.

Foster and his potential land-lords also want the city to amend the areade ordinance to Lorenzo and Siddharth "Mav Sanghvi voting no, leaving them to try again another day. allow people younger than 16 to be in arcades with a Class C liquor license located in shop-ping centers larger that The Fosters want to trans The Fosters want to transform a 64,000 square foot section of Fountain Walk into what they describe as a "upscale, sophisticated bowling center." Along with 16 bowling lanes on the second floor, the project would include a 250 seat restaurant on the ground floor 12 billiand tables ping centers lar 500,000 square feet. member Laura Council

Lorenzo said she was con-cerned that Lucky Strike is targeting children and encourag-

ing gambling. Foster called Lucky Strike an "interactive social entertain-ment" complex with "lots of things to do for people of all ages." He added that facility would provide games of skills that offer rewards for perform-

"Speaking from experience," said Council member Low Csordas, "it's not gambling Kids don't view it as gambling they're addicted to the chal-lenge." He added he didn't think the ordinance change

counter that it was a "departure from council proedure" adding that she was "not looking for

rush to judgement."

Despite the non-starter, the Fosters said they hope to oper a Lucky Strike in Fountair

Walk during the first or second quarter of 2004. space that had been occupied by Unit 48 Group, which walked away from the develop-ment earlier this year after

completing 85 percent of the contruction for a project known as Margarita Mama's. That said Lamphere has cost Fountain Walk owners somewhere between \$6 million and

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

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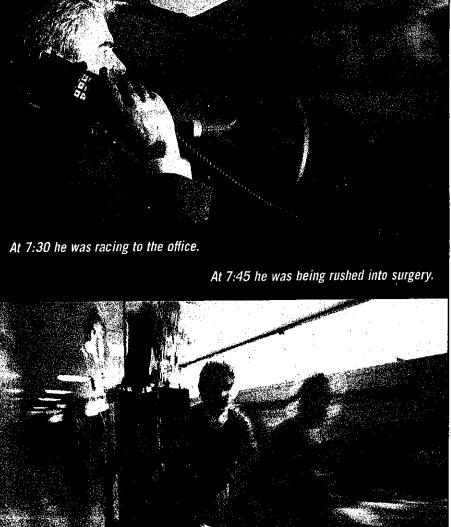
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trying to look at that information and figure out what we need to do better."

Quitiquit believes that the MEAP provides a piece of infor-

mation which she thinks her and

her staff need as far as what their school looks like and as far as what their students look like when

they get ready to leave Nov!
"Woods, What have they taught

these kids? She thinks that's good because they need to have that

of looking at education," Quitiquit said, "I think our teachers will

stand up to that challenge. It's a

different way of looking at how we educate our kids and I think all

of us are a little nervous because it is different and whenever there is

change, there is a little bit of anxiety, but I think in Novi we're very

fortunate because the central office staff has really come down

to really support what's going on' in the buildings. That gives you a little bit of a comfort level. We do a good job in Novi."

"I think this is a different way

## CLASS NOTES

## Bugs infest Novi Woods Elementary



Davies dress up as ladybugs during last week's Bug Fest at the Novi school and give a quick lecture on

ne of the creature's habits

A list of students and their roles in the BuoFest Welcome- Cheisea Kipp, Andrea MacDonough, Cara

Wang, Shelby Henley. Theresea Drafta The Daddy Longlegs- Allison Hartmus, Ally D'Annibale. Castille Asmann

Bugs- Zack Vidra, Abby

Water Boatman- Dylar Shepard, Curtis Herzog, Gary Hoen, Michael Zugaro Honeybees - Alexandra

DeLaCruz, Zoe Jenkins Butterflies- Jessica Jarvis Emily Sheeran, Lauren Fireflies - Shohei Havashi

Nathan Hauslein, Connor Williams, Kyle Gassel Inchworm- Derek Ince, Matt

Cockroach- Jacob Zimmer, Kiel Mennerich Ants- Jack Sinkovich, Pierre Sabagh, Mitchel Laybourn

Ladybugs- Andrea MacDonough, Cara Davies Wickham, Mark Scerri, Garrett Merchant, Alex Dixor

Dragonfly- Megan Miller, Carly Belsito, Katie Enright, Madelyn Haustein Crickets- Lucas Carey,

Tatsuya Furnoto, Akshay Hingwe, Samy Anabtaw Duncan, Talita Franco, Daniki Rodrigues Mosquitoes- Janell Ducker,

Michelina Ferrini, Ariel Rice Water Striders- Katie Seelenbinder, Ashley Miller, Angela Sherman, Danielle Johnson Conclusion- Andrea MacDonough, Chelsea Kipp,

There's something wrong when a brand new building, in this case Novi Woods Elementary School, gets hit with a bug infestation. Everything from honeybees to ladybugs to crickets to mosquitoes, just to name a few, were spotted crawl-ing around last Wednesday, but in an even stranger turn of events, these were welcome to the school.

The bugs were actually fourth grade students in costume. They were performing the second annual BugFest on the brand new Woods stage in the gymnasium, According to fourth grade teacher Michelle Donberger, BugFest is a dramatic eading of insect poetry. It combines science and language arts objec-tives together to give the students an exciting way to learn about insects and practice their dramatic reading skills. The students worked in natically and made costumes to go

along with their poems. Some groups have even made up sorigs, dance steps or hand motions to go along with their poetry. "We have four fourth grade classtwo weeks and included assigning poems to the students, practicing, adding motions, making costumes and dress rehearsal. Kids and parents made all the costumes.

Zack Vidra, Pierre Sabagh and

rooms that have been working on this," Donberger said, "Two put on a show on Wednesday and two put on a show on Thursday, it's kind of a combination of science and language arts, both. It meets our sci-ence objective because we're study-ing about insects and also with dramatic speaking, it hits language arts

geous new stage which we absolute-ly love and we're making the most

enjoyed the experience.
""It was very seary to do it at first.
Had lots of fun. I learned that work
pays off if you do good," Vidra said.
Starting out, Sabagh didn't really
know too much about bugs, but he
said he learned al lot. "I learned all
the main body narts and about the Donberger explained that the kids dramatically read poetry, they put motions to it, dance steps to it and the main body parts and about the different insects, like the water spi der and it was a lot of fun doing some of them put a time to it and they all really had a lot of fun with it. "It's a neat way to make learning more exciting," she said. "This is made their own costumes and people got costumes. We made ours and it was a lot of fun doing that." our second one, we did it last year but we had our performance in the ITC, so that was a little different. It's fun to be back at Woods on our gor-

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Jack Sinkovich, all fourth graders who participated in the BugFest,

enjoyed the experience.

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## Novi Woods curriculum right on target with state benchmarks much on it and lets just keep doing what we're doing," Quitiquit said, "Right now we are

This is the third story of an eight-part series on how each school in the Novi Community School District is dealing with the district's new "Refraining for the Future" theme. Novi Woods Elementary was chosen this week.

Much like Paul LePlae's staff at Orchard Hills, one of the biggest obstacles that the fourth grade teachers at Novi Woods obstacles that the fourth grade teachers at Novi Woods Elementary School face while trying to adjust to the Novi Community School District's "Reframing for the Future" theme, is finding the time to work together to come up with ideas. together to come up with ideas.

According to Jill Carroll, read-

ing specialist at the school, fourth grade teachers Dawn Wagner, grade teachers Dawn Wagner, Rhonda Hoffman, Sally Chandler and Michelle Donberger all get ogether periodically with her and Pam Poyrier, another reading specialist, to put together an assessment that they hope would mimic the MEAP experience for students. One major area that they focus on is writing, but they just

#### Room for improvement

Principal Pam Quitiquit is very pleased that her school's curriculum is pretty much on target with the state's benchmarks and that her teachers are making progress each time they are able to get together. Fourth grade teachers meet and plan out strategies to make it so kids are learning in the classrooms and to make sure they are still teaching the right materials, but she still believes there is room for improvement in certain areas. One aspect she said her staff needs to work on is how to analyze data because, according o her, it is a very specific kind of

"I think that Novi Woods needs some help in figuring out how to do that," Quitiquit said. "It's not because we are not capable of doing it, it just becomes a very complicated process. After 26 years in education, my feeling is, that's not something that we did for a long time. We just didn't do that, so now we're looking at all this data that's coming in and we have to figure out, first of all how we son it through and secondly, what we do with it?" a Quitiquit also believes that the

vidual school. The district is try-ing to work together at the ele-

ary level as well as the sec-

district is working as a whole and is not just isolated with each indi-

Novi Woods Elementary School students Rachel Bailey. left, and Marco Saicic work on simple mathematic equu tions during their class with second grade teacher Dawn Long. Long and other Novi teachers are implementing a Reframing curriculum to more closely fit what kids are taught with what's tested for the MEAP tests.

ondary level, but as far as Novi Woods is concerned, the staff is really looking at using the resources that are available to them as far as personned. them as far as personnel. Staff members are looking at trying to use people as effectively and as special issues that may warrant a different kind of program. "I think it will present chalefficiently as possible. Teachers do a lot of authentic assessment in

the classrooms in every single content area. "Personally I think the whole concept of "No Child Left Behind" is good because it helps the lower end children," Quitiquit explained, "I don't think that people weren't practicing it before because they didn't care about those children, it's just that having no child left behind makes us much more accountable. I think, now when I talk about the resources that we have in our school, the lower end kids is

where we need to put some of those resources. Right now, and I only speak for my building, I'm not sure that we're doing that as effectively and as efficiently as we could."

Challenges of the job

The challenge with the lower end students in terms of academ-ics is, figuring out why they're not making the grade and then to figure out how to devote the staff's services to them because obvious-ly, in a big classroom environment, it's not working. Quitiquit 

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lenges to us," Quitiquit said, "I know that Novi Woods and also non-English speaking population and we still are responsible for educating those children, but that Are we responsible for educating those kids? Absolutely, and we are going to have to figure out how to do it."

One thing that Quitiquit is not too worried about, however, is her school's curriculum. The staff took a retreat before the school year started to look at all of these issues and observed that the curriculum is very much on target with state benchmarks. That just confirmed that what is being taught in the classroom is the right thing, which in turn, made everybody feel confident that they were doing they should be doing. "I think that Novi Schools as a

whole is doing what it needs to do here," Quitiquit said. "If we are going to comply with them, what we are doing right now is exactly what we need to do. We're all

thinking a little bit differently about how we're delivering education and accountability issues."

#### Principals are leaders

Quitiquit explained that "No Child Left Behind" puts princi-pals in a new light. It tells principals them they are the leaders of each building and they are respon-sible for what happens in their schools, whereas before, they were more looked upon as man-agers of each building. "That's fine with me," she said. "I'm OK with that, I think we have become nore involved in the curriculum and the education of our kids. It's forcing us to be the educational leaders and that's the way it should be.'

Because most Novi elementary schools are K-4 buildings, teachscoring really low on, obviously we need to change our instruction on how we are teaching that skill," she said. "That's kind of what we ers don't have the opportunity to test students again in the fifth grade. Quitiquit compared the sitlook for and I think most elemenuation to weighing apples and oranges because after kids move tary schools look for that kind of pattern." Examples of questions that on to fifth grade, they have a difteachers should be asking are, 'Is ferent group of children in the fourth grade which must perform better then the group that moved there a certain pattern?," is there a on. She understands, though, that that is just the way Novi schools

thing, obviously we know how to do that, so lets not concentrate so we are teaching the benchmarks,

are set up.
"We need to just make sure that

do well on?'

are at." Quitiquit said. "We need to make sure that throughout the whole year we know exactly where our kids are at. It's not just

Quitiquit explained that she talks to her staff a lot about how the MEAP is about K-4 students.

"Is it a perfect world as far as how we do it? Absolutely not." she said. "I think because we have, done it the same way for so long

that we have just gotten used to

ticular patterns while evaluating

"Every year we talk to a group of kids, but if we see a particular strand, that year after year or even a couple years that the kids are

student performances.

about the MEAP."

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## Novi grad becomes director of Fine Arts for Farmington

### Cathv MacQueen Armstrong returns to her roots in Novi

By Ramez Khuri

Most people around here know about the reputation that the Novi Community School District has in terms of excellence, so it really shouldn't be a big surprise to hear on and becoming very successful in whatever fields they wind up in. It's always nice to read about

Cathy MacQueen Armstrong, a 989 graduate of Novi High School, has risen straight to the top in Farmington Schools. She is now the director of Fine Arts for the dis-- a job which demands a lot of responsibility — and she is enjoying her storybook life very

Armstrong's story started way back as a student in Village Oaks Elementary School, From there she went through the district and on to Ohio State for college. Having spent her whole life in Novi as a kid, she really had a sense of wanting to branch out. She was involved in music, which took her to a num-ber of different places, such as Detroit and Ann Arbor and she was very eager to make music in differ-ent kinds of environments as well.

She attended Ohio State because of a scholarship she received and carned her undergraduate and master's degrees there. When she was finished with her master's, finished with her master's, Armstrong decided that she really missed the Detroit area and wanted

As a teenager I wanted to go out and experience more of the world, hat after I felt that I basically experienced enough of it I just wanted to come home," she said.

At that point she found a job as a

band director in Warren and lived in Sterling Heights for a couple of years. From there she was able to get a teaching job in Farmington Schools as a middle school direc-

"I was there for several years and netually it's funny because my dad is a colleague of mine," Armstrong said. "I was working with my father Farmington, but as director of ine arts, I'm kind of his boss now."

Armstrong was awarded the job in early June this year. She was one of 40 people from all around the state who applied and according to her, the people who were interviewed were exceptionally well qualified, so it was a great honor to learn she had gotten it. Her prede-cessor was the originator of the

position and he was in being

very

demanding. She does all the elementary itinerary schedule for 14 schools, so she places every special teacher for every elementary school in the distriet, which is a big job in and of She is the director for all of the

fine arts, which includes all music, that's elementary general music, vocal music in the secondary and all the instrumental programs of band and orchestra. She oversees the K-12 art department, she oversees the theater and drama department, the dance department and she is in charge of all the equipment, maintenance and budgets surrounding all the inventory for the fine arts as well as three audito-riums. She's in charge of all the capital projects for all the auditoriums and all of the fine arts inventory, controlling and maintaining all those budgets, all the curriculum. all the initiatives, all the curriculum

and assessments. She also does a lot with promotion and recruiting of students in the line arts as well. "I would like to see continued growth in fine arts participation," Armstrong said, "I would like to really be on the forefront and keep abreast of all the current developments with what's going on with brain theory and the connection with fine arts and to be an advocate brain theory and the connection with fine arts and to be an advocate for fine arts programs not only in schools, but in the community as the course of the control of the control of the course of the

writing, standardizing, benchmarks

well."

That's what she's working on currently, but they're also in the midst of a major curriculum revision in Farmington Schools, so Armstrong is leading that.

The curriculum that we have Armstrong is leading that.

"The curriculum that we have been able to produce and to deliver in Farmington Schools is really on

the cutting edge of new developments in many different aspects of education as well," she said, fits.

first of all rewarding in and of couldn't be any happier because fits.

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Community Preschool. Armstrong couldn't be any happier because her daughter is erowing up in her That's something that we would around all over the country have purchased copies of the fine arts

Getting married

a tight-knit community. Most peo-

ple that we know have met their

spouses in some kind of musical performance group, It's such a

close community and we were able

to meet through family. We both had similar interests." Scott Armstrong, a bassoonist, is

have one or two specific cognitive disabilities which impacts their

learning. He is working with spe-cial education students in a very concentrated environment. He has been a professional bassoonist for

20 years in the Detroit area and has

been with the Michigan Opera Theater for about 15 years. He does

a lot of work with the shows that

come through town, like at the

Fischer Theater with the Theater

Musicians Association, and he plays occasionally with the Detroit

take care of, not to mention her

new job.

One of her main focuses on the

job is really helping teachers and

giving them the tools and the

Symphony as well.

like to continue to do and to pro-vide the students. People from the students of the students as aesthetic awareness connected to urriculum in Farmington because they use it as a resource and as a learning tool and as a model for those fine arts curriculum. I'm very this if the arts curriculum. I'm very the said. ness, try to promote participation in all aspects of the community.

## In the midst of all that work, Coming back to Novi

Armstrong managed to fall in love, get married and give birth to her first daughter, Madeline. She met After she had her daughter, Amstrong and her husband were looking for a bigger house to raise her husband, Scott, in a way that she described as typical for people a family. So, it was a good thing who are involved in fine arts.
"My sister was going to Wayne
State and she was in the instrumenthat while driving to her parents house in Village Oaks one night they noticed a house for sale on the same street, which they ended up tal program there and she met a guy and they were married and they said, 'my sister and your best friend buying. The house is the same ele-vation and floor plan of her par-ents' house. Armstrong and her family now live the same street that would get along,' so they hooked us up," Armstrong said, "He and I are both musicians. It's really funny how that happens because music and other areas of fine arts are such

"It's five houses down from my dad and my mom, and I couldn't be more pleased," she said, "It's wonderful for my daughter because she can see her grandparents every day. I'm confident about the school system having gone through it, and as an educator I know what's going on in the schools. This is really the

she grew up on in Novi in the same

Scott Armstrong, a bassoonist, is a teacher at Epon Academy in Birmingham, which is a private school that deals with kids who have one or two specific cognitive preschool program with Novi mail or rkhuri@ht.honecomm.net.

her daughter is growing up in her hometown and going through the same school district that she went

During the summer time Armstrong took her daughter over

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recognized each other," she said.
"He moved back and he had been

living elsewhere after he got an

education, and he decided he wanted to come back into the community as well. We were there

talking and we saw yet another

person we have gone to high school with. It's interesting that people who I went to Novi High

School with are coming back to

Novi with their children and living

in their old neighborhoods. We're

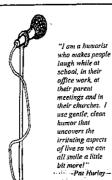
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moving back with their families.

think that says a lot about the qual

ity of schools and the quality of life in the community."

Armstrong is currently attend-ing Oakland University to earn a



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## Governor visits Novi to promote civic education

Institute wants students to become good citizens

Gov. Jennifer Granholm visited Novi Sept. 19 to lend her support to an international effort at improving young people's under standing of government and its

Civic Engagement at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi. State Rep. Doug Hart (R-Rockford), chair of The Civics Institute, and Brian Berce, president, hosted the

Organizers hope that this will be an annual event benefiting civics education for students. The goal of the Institute, a non-

profit organization based in ansing, is to build good citizens. "Over the next decade, The Civics Institute will literally make dreds of thousands of Michigan's young people more competent and engaged citizens,"

## Schools to be heavily

The Institute plans to provide students and teachers Michigan-specific state and local government curricula.

This will include lesson plans on

how to be effective citizen advocates, a State Capitol Speakers classroom speakers and regular Student Legislative Updates and student surveys.

The Institute will also offer an

online, student-run classroombased news service and advocacy ork and legislative opportun ties for young citizens to testify on issues important to them.

service and a global student congress will begin in 21 nations this school year alone.
"The Civics Institute has an

September 2000, Hart hired Berce as president of the Institute, During the winter of 2000 and spring of 2001, Berce worked to chieve nonprofit status for the

deficit in civic education.

Han, a former middle school

teacher, said before he ran for

political office he sensed that young people in Michigan had

almost no clue as to what their

state government did, how it

in office, he had more than four

Institute.
"We want to build good citizens. We want to work to ensure that every young person in the state, upon graduation from high school and college, demonstrates that he or she is a competent, caring and engaged state, national and global

citizen," Hart said.
"We want students to not only know how elected government works, but also to genuinely inter-act with it as well. We believe that the best way to learn about citizenship is to act like a citizen.

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most critical aspect of the Institute's programming.
"Everything we do is done through teachers in classrooms, whether it be interactive Web-based pro-grams or units with lesson plans,"

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"This is a convergence of my interests in education and governwere able to mee Grapholm. They also received a copy of the House resolution.

"We like chicks in charge around here." Granholm told the many other people."

"The result is that Michigan's Public Sector Consultants, a public research firm in Lansing, is aggressive technologically cut-ting-edge action plan to help our the Department of Education and

was also present at the event to lend his support to the project.

Social Security benefits Medicare and how we're going to npacted them and how they could fund all the things that are so con tral from the government. If we don't get them involved a ecome involved.

As a result, during his first term teenagers and in their 20s, we're in

dozen meetings with stakeholders in public education and Lansing, brainstorming with them about huge trouble," Ruff said.
"We want to provide some knowledge to the adults who run possible strategies that could be used to address the perceived K-12 this world of ours with an idea and a perspective about what young people think are society's prob-lems," Ruff said. "This year, the Institute hopes to In 2000, this process culminated

with a Dow Foundation grant. In pilot a state and local government curricula in at least 50 public school districts throughout school districts throughout Michigan, with the goal of getting it into a total of 500 school districts within the five or six years," Hart

said, Government teachers will need professional inservices on how to use the curricula because it is highly sophisticated and Internet-based, according to Hart. Some of the money raised at the \$250-a plate breakfast Sept. 19 will be used to fund these inservices. Ten people paid \$2,500 each to attend

#### House Civics Commission created

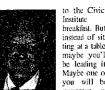
The Institute also recently creat-ed the Michigan House Civics Commission about seven months ago to give students a voice in the Michigan legislature. The Commission is a bipartisan group of lawmakers who enable students to present testimony on various ies that students think are

mportant. Since December 2002, the Commission held 14 public hearings at Michigan schools. As a result of a hearing at Forest Hills Middle School in Grand Rapids, Granholm recently signed a resoution to proclaim October as

Four Forest Hills eighth-grade girls who helped get the resolution passed attended the Sept. 19

"Our goal is to create citizens who are knowledgeable and engaged, who understand their government and take ownership in the affairs of their communities."

State Rep. Doug Hart (R-Rockford)



don't run for another seven and a

Commission members were

impressed with the amount of sci-

to you what you want to do with it.

entific information students provid-

governor of the state of Michigan, Just

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said. "We're just here temporar ity, waiting to pass the baton to you. I want you to be bold. Show some muster. It is difficult to go against the grain, it's difficult to be the first ship to cut the wake espe-

history books

Granholm

Product Safety Commission study that cited that in 1999, more than 3,400 pupils between the ages of 5 standing out," she said "But the great leaders in history are people who were willing to government." and 14 sought treatment in hospital emergency rooms for injuries relat-ed to backpacks and book bags. "The world is your oyster, It's up show some courage and stand up and say, 'The only way things are thing to do," Granholm said. Granholm said to the students. "There are thousands of blank pages of history waiting to be writ-ten. When your children go through

hing to do," Granholm said. 105, or by e-mail
Students from Michigan's Lake pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. City High School also came up with an idea that created a budget

want to make sure you're not



encourages the State Family mote and inform private

Doug Hart individuals. the distribution of prepaid phone eards and other services to National Guard members and mil-

ed when testifying before the Commission. Their arguments focused on a U.S. Consumer the Course of a U.S. Consumer the Course of a U.S. Consumer the Course of Representative had in the Michigan the Course of Representative had in the Representative mind when we established the Civics Commission," Hart said. "It's great to see students working

> going to get done is not if I go with the flow. And that is not an easy reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at



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## Novi School District set to receive \$286,866 from ISD

Oakland Intermediate **School District** to reimburse all county public school districts

By Ramez Khuri

The Novi Community School District will have some extra cash on its hands very soon, courtesy of the Oakland Intermediate School District. The ISD is set to reimburse.

28 local districts, including Novi, and two charter schools, for a \$9 million fiber-optic net-work that it installed using spe-cial-education and vocationaleducation money. The \$9 million is just part of a total of \$20 million which will be distributed to the school districts. The remaining \$11 million is related to a new budgeting protocol practice that the ISD installed in

According to John Fitzgereld, director of financial services for Oakland Schools, a fiber-optic that we would have to do next

remediate the funding sources to an appropriate level," he said, "We have contacted an outside firm that did those cost alloca-tions and they have worked with us to determine what is an appropriate level."

Oakland Schools has three operating funds at the ISD level:

General-education money; vocational-education money; and special-education money. The funding sources to build a \$30 million administration building and the fiber-optic network were from all three areas, but subsequent findings have come to the conclusion that spe-cial-education was over funded. Jim Koster, the Novi Community School District's assistant superintendent of busi-ness and finance, is welcoming

the money with open arms.
"The money is a one-time shot by the ISD," he said. "Just because we get it, we're not necessarily going to spend it because we don't know what the

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network was built and the funding used for it was predominantly special-Ed related.

"We have had separate findings that have directed us to the fulfact separate."

The work of the funding that have directed us to the funding stream of the stream of the funding stream of the funding stream of the stream of th the Intermediate School District as a result of them making corrections to their errors may help Novi in the future by not elimi-

nating programs.
Fitzgereld explained that the fiber-optic network is a large, countywide network.

"Novi has it's own Internet and connected network through-out the district," he said. "All the districts are like that, but this network we put in connects all the districts into one big loop. One of the main roles of the ISD is to provide economic efficiency, so through this process they now get different things through the network that they couldn't get before. They can all put the Internet through it and they will eventually be doing phone systems through it. It's very cost effective relative to having 29 smaller duplica-

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at

Earth Dome

Imagine being able to walk around

foot wide, air-filled globe of the

at the world from the inside out. That's what the students at Village Oaks Elementary did at the "Earth

Dome" presented by Mobile Ed

structed of a nylon material printed

Farth, in addition to showing the

areas, the globe depicted the vari-

tion, arid zones, ice caps, and gla-

trip around the world and also blizzards, tornadoes, and hurri-

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Productions last Monday. Each class was given a half hour tour of the dome which was con-



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Novi News staff will select the said the dialogue sessions are winner and a feature story and photograph will appear in the Novi News on the second Thursday of the following month. Thursday of the following month.

Those not selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Month interested in open, honest dialogue on diversity issues are encouraged outlend. Consultants from NCCI To nominate a teacher, please send the teacher's name, school address and the school's telephone

As a high school and elemen-tary teacher, Woodcock observed a similar lack of problem-solving

many dedicated teachers who do

#### All created equal

Walled Lake Schools is hosting the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCI) to present a three-part dialogue series, "Different People...Common Ground," on October 13, 20, and 27 from 5:30-9 p.m. at Walled Lake Central High School.

Alec Bender, Twin Beach Elementary principal and chair of the district diversity initiatives, beliefs and improve inter-group relations throughout our commuwill facilitate the sessions.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Alec Bender, by calling (248) 956number along with a statement of no more than 200 words telling us why this teacher deserves to be the Outstanding Teacher of the Month.

Please help us in honoring the

S.O.A.R., a three-session program, is being offered through Novi Community Education beginning Monday, September 29th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m The cost is \$69 with a materials fee of \$25. Materials include a study for structure of the study of the structure of the study of the structure of the study of the structure of the structure

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two-hour program that will be held on Wednesday, October 8.

The cost is \$20 with a materials

fee of \$10.

For more information, pleas

contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206, or

ued reference. B.E.A.C.O.N. is a

#### Chautauqua Express runs through Novi Woods

Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express encouraged the children of Novi Woods Elementary to "Discover Their Dreams" in an uplifting musical performance on Sept. 22. Not only were the children dren entertained by Louis' energetic musical style, they were told they each had special talents tha they should discover and develop. The program emphasized the importance of working hard to achieve goals and reminded children they are important - the "light of the world."

## Learn how to make homework enjoyable

Photo by Cindy Buckley

For many parents and students, back to school often signals the return to homework frustrations. Lost or incomplete assignments, relatively simple assignments that take hours to complete, rushing to finish last-minute projects, or power struggles between students and parents are among many of the common complaints that Susan Woodcock hears on a daily basis. The owner of Lighthouse Learning & Organizing Services, has designed classes that teach students and parents strategies for making homework time much

Troubleless

**Doug Scheer of Scheer Genius Productions** 

appeared as Les Troubles, Private Investigator at

listen to others, not to blame others, brainstorm

solutions together, and negotiate to solve prob-

Parkview Elementary School, He used comedy and

magic to teach students important lessons about respect and conflict resolution. Students learned to

more efficient, and consequently, more enjoyable. Two workshops are being offered locally this Fall. S.O.A.R. is a fun, interactive workshop for middle school, high

materials, take meaningful notes, effectively prepare for tests, increase reading comprehension, but my grades never scemed to reflect my effort," said Woodcock. "As 1 entered college, I learned and communicate effectively with many strategies that made my study time so much more effecand communicate electricy with parents and teachers. B.E.A.C.O.N. is a parent program that discusses strategies for effec-tively assisting children with homework, while avoiding unpleasant power struggles. Tips include strategies for scheduling becommend, organizing homework. tive. I was literally earning better grades in college than in high school...and in half the time."

and study skills among her stu-dents. She feels that these skills homework, organizing homework space and materials, balancing homework with free-time, and are not being taught in most class-rooms because of an already overeffective communication strategies between parents and stu-

fied Teacher and Reading Specialist, specializing in study skills and organizational strate-

Students will learn tips to manage gies. homework, projects, and extra-

**CITY OF NOVI** NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 4, 2003 CITY GENERAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that Monday, Cotober 6, 2003 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election. If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address you may do so at the following locations:

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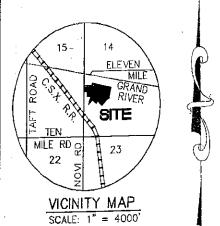
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(248) 347-0456 Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped. (9-25 & 10-2-03 NN 85953)

#### CITY OF NOV **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission for the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for line City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at 7:39 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil ocnosider MAIN MARKET CONDOMINUM, SITE PLAM 95-33M, located south of Grand Biver on Market and Main Streets, for a recommendation to City Council for an approval of a General Condominium. The applicant is proposing a condominium. The property is 20.65 acres.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45/75 W. Ten Mille Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 1, 2003.

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## A cool concept, but be cautious

If you're old enough to remember just how popular the Walled Lake Casino was around 40 years ago, then you'll probably be thrilled to hear about Lee Alan's plans to regive the netteriorment but revive the entertainment hot

spot.

The former deejay / television producer has already carned the approval of Walled Lake officials and made his

great idea - but more details are Alan is planning a multi-day festival around July 4 of next year. He'd like to bring in many of the rock and roll musicians

who played the former dance hall in the early 1960s. A circus, car show and children's activities are also in the

The 13-acre site is owned by the City of Novi, which bought it in the mid-1980s to rebuild the 13 Mile and Old Novi roads

Rolling Stones and Stevie Wonder. Like the fees those artists now charge, our popula-tion has also increased enor-

mously.

Traffic (and the necessary parking) were not concerns like they are today.

Alan has said that he is not looking for funding from either Walled Lake or Novi - just the

green light to get things rolling. We recommend both munici-Right now, it sounds like a Palities proceed as if the signal is yellow until some question.

> annual event, or are the plans to rebuild the venue to its former stature? Who are the acts Alan is

are answered:

looking to present? What kind of impact would this event have on Novi's Music

These are just some of the ouestions that need to be addressed. We like Alan's conintersection.

A lot has changed since Alan brought in the likes of the and how to meet them.

## GOVERNMENT

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

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## ()PINION

Remebering..



Vietnam veteran Mark Ratynski nods his head at the beginning of Friday night's National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at Novi's Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Ratynski is part of the Color Guard of the downriver chapter of the Vietnam Veteran's Association.

## LETTE

ship to many of them. If danger is impending,

there should be concrete barriers around the

What is the purpose? Evidently it is to pre-

How effective is the action taken? Really

not very effective. The harriers of fancy pot-ted plants could easily be circumvented by any type of vehicle. The allocation of handi-

cap parking on the north side of the civic cen-

ter. Thousands of dollars have been spent and

plished much, Your tax dollars at work,

## Novi attacked?

Ask any 10 people what they think of the threat of a terrorist attack at the Civic Center. Go out to the local grocery store now. All 10 will agree that the risk is non existent. Most

will probably be amused. If the civic center is a target, what about the high school? Are the students there less of a

Leannot concieve of one person in Novi who would think that blocking the front of the Civic Center is a necessary deterrent to terror-

cap parking to the southeast corner of the building does not keep public access any fur-ther from the building than the former handihandicap parkers been sorely inconvenienced in a show of activity that really hasn't accom-

## Thank you, Novi Police

The "Fall For Novi" event on Saturday, the 21st of September was awesome! It was great for my 5 year old son to be around the police.

The "Fall For Novi" event on Saturday, the 21st of September was awesome! It was great for my 5 year old son to be around the police.

They will only strong away. There is an election coming and accessing their council members have been in agreement with the actions of the city manager. If you was being renoval was being renoval to the council members have been in agreement. fire lighters and city employees in a relaxed disagree with the changes being made at the there wanted the front desk to be elevated and disagree was plenty to do and friendly clivic center vote accordingly. Bob Gatt, in his security glass installed to protect the clerks faces everywhere. Special thanks to Tom Marcus for those great Marcus Burgers, his his assessment. time and most of all, his smiles.

You Gatt that right

Marshall Solomon

lear down the wall At the Council meeting on September 22 I According to the thinking of the city manager and most of the city council, Novi Civic Center could be a strategic target for terrorist was very surprised (and happy) to hear Mayor Pro-Tem Bononi begin to question the city manager about the necessity of having the action. Therefore, strange things have been barricades in front of city hall. As every Novi happening around the civic center. Evidently our administration governs with a sense of fear. The dictionary defines fear as: painful News reader already knows, I have been the champion of the cause to remove those barricades and tear down that wall. The Novi City Hall belongs to the people of Novi and the people of Novi deserve to have close, friendly handicapped parking accessible to them.

At the Fall For Novi event just a couple feeling of impending danger. Therefore, hand-icap visitors to our civic center may no longer park in the spaces allocated to them on the north of the building. This is now a real hard-

days prior to the council meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Bononi didn't seem to agree with my ideas pertaining to this subject. Perhaps it was the dozens of senior citizens that supported me that day that changed her mind. I don't vent a vehicle containing an explosive from approaching too close to the building.

I was also surprised to hear the city manager say (I think I heard him say) that the barri-cades were not so much to prevent a terrorist attack as they were to prevent a "crime" from happening. Now, that's a switch, too. And, a switch that I am not buying.

The Novi City Hall is not a Best Buy store.

There is little, if any, chance that someone will use that road to drive a truck up to the front door and then break in. On the other hand, there are plenty of senior citizens and other handicapped people that want and need phished much, Your tax dollars at work.

In a reminisce of the Sandstone episode, which cost Novi many dollars and loss of parkland, common sense has once again cluded our city council. This is an issue that will not go away. There is an election coming soon. With the exception of Dr. Sanghvi, council members have been in agreement with the actions of the city manager. If you was being encounted members have been in agreement with the actions of the city manager. If you

ed, many of of the notion that it would be "user unfriendly" and would look too much like a fortress.

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And yet, they built a wall in front of the police station and blocked off the handicapped parking spots at city hall. User unfriendly? ress? Novi City Officials, tear down that

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## OTHER OPINIONS

## A new face for an old friend

promotional sales-oriented.

Jacobson's Stores, Inc., and I can tell you from personal experience that retailing is a tough way to

make a living.

At the same time, there is something deeply satisfying to many, many people to shop in a warm and stentive and knowledgeable sales

their inventory and have a sense of the ustomer's needs It is not an exper ence that is offere either by surfing the Web or by vis iting one or another of the giant box stores that have sprung up in recen

the opening of two Von Maur stores - both occupying Phil Power former Jacobson's

Livonia at Laurel Park Place and in ceed. "Now I won't have to go all Ann Arbor at the Briarwood mall
— is so interesting. Von Maur, a family owned company with head-quarters in Davenpon, IA, opened "People are thirsting for us — it's s first store back in 1872. It now and the two new stores are the company's first in Michigan.

I went over to the Ann Arbor around during the "soft opening;" the Livonia store will have its "hard opening" on Oct. 18. I was pleasantly surprised at what I found. Von Maur plainly has spent a ton to renovate the store: Floors are marble, with pleasing pastel bright and crisp; merchandise is isplayed in low racks: a piano plays in the background; sales associates, many of them former

pressure were the downtown mer-

practical matter, when a Wal Mart goes in to the outskirts of a small

town, you can expect the down-

town to be seriously damaged in

I used to be a board member of price items up to "bridge" (no cially stores in the middle could lyou from personal experience that retailing is a tough way to selection of shoes. Signs throughout the store urge shoppers to low prices. And on top of it al "Please touch the merchandise ... arose retailing on the Web offering You'll love it!" The company offers an interest-free credit card, 24 by 7 access and a vast range of items — all at the click of a mouse. And pervading everything has been free gift wrapping (you can choose from 12 different wraps), free the phenomenon of every day dis counting; most people won't buy stuff these days unless it's "on

on personal service. Price points are mid to upper the company believes in regular writes in the Sept. 22 issue of the New Yorker, "The choice is now Yorker, "The choice is now the service was the service of the New Yorker, "The choice is now Yorker," The choice is now Yorker, "The Choice is now Yorker, "Yorker, "Yor between Kmart and Prada, and the "fair" pricing and will not be heavily institutions that joined them together (i.e. old fashioned departmen stores) are finished. We've gone from shopping through trust to a culture of discounting and edge,"

Several people I spoke to remarked That said, I'd guess that retail-ing will continue to evolve rapidly. The generic box stores are going to discover that mere vastness of t how sad they and how hopeful they were that Von Maur would sucsize and range of low priced good isn't going to cut it — witness the recent success of Costco, where

you can buy \$30 cymbidium orchids in full bloom in addition to giant quantities of paper towels o boneless chicken breasts. And our emphasis on personal service," think there will be an increasing says Lori Abel, the Von Maur Ann proliferation of very tightly niched small specialty stores, often opersmall specialty stores, often oper-ating in downtowns, that offer a well edited selection of goods and Arbor store manager.
I've always felt the slot that Jacobson's used to occupy and that Von Maur is trying to fill was very important but threatened by forces beyond its control. First to feel the attentive service.

It is this emphasis on the human touch that motivates my hopes that Von Maur will succeed in occupy chants who contributed so much to ing the niche that was filled for so the ambiance of hometown com-munities. Companies like Wal Mart took dead aim at downtowns many years by stores like Jacobson's and that a sense of community will contribute to a rebirth of so many downtowns in small cities across America; as a

Jacobson's employees, are welcoming and attentive.

Von Maur offers a very large range of merchandise, mostly

short order.

Next came the malls, often with big department stores as anchors at either end. What the malls really and owns this newspaper, the would be owns this accompany that owns this newspaper, the would be big department stores as anchors at either end. What the malls really add, however, is provide enough the Board of the company tha

It is this emphasis on the human touch that motivates my hopes that Von Maur will succeed in occupying the niche that was filled for so many years by stores like Jacobson's and that a sense of community will contribute to a rebirth of so many downtowns across Michigan.

## Conference will join together two countries for endless possibilities

secretary general of the Arab

importance of the

day meeting beginning Sunday. The conference, which cost \$3

million to stage, is called "One

Possibilities," and is designed.

Beydoun said, to enable the policy leaders to put together an "action

a lot of business and professional

World, Two Cultures, Endless

Two years ago, in the aftermath of Sept. 11, Detroit's Arab community was under siege, under a microscope, and torn from without and within.

Amere Moussa, members now, and the ability to do a conference of this scope.

"We have changed and I think we want — we need to see real change in the relationship

For many, the issue was merely survival, and the way to do that, many thought, was to keep their heads down. The idea that they could counter per-ceptions by put-ting on a huge

Jack Lessenberry But that's exact-Commerce went to work. At the suggestion of the government of Bahrain, they threw themselves into planning a world-class interna-tional business conference. Nasser Revdonn executive director of the nber and a delegate to the Arab

"Our goal was not just to promote understanding and knowledge of our two cultures, though of course we want to do that," Beydoun said. "Our goal is to make this area a global leader, an national trade center, and to

bring jobs to the region."

They knew that wouldn't happen if they brought together a col-ection of third assistant ministers and some professors. So from the start their goal was to get world leaders: Secretary of State Colin Powell: Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi foreign minister; and Crown Prince Shaikh Sakman bin Hamad al-Khalifa of Bahrain.

To their own community's amazement, they got them, along with a host of other Arab dignitaries and top American corporate "The United States does \$55 and government leaders: Richard Wagoner, CEO of General billion in trade a year with middle eastern countries, and it isn't just about oil," Beydoun said. He Motors; Donald Evans, Secretary of Commerce, and the CEOs of companies like Hewlett-Packard, Boeing, Intel, Pepsi-Co. and a the Arab chamber four years ago, it had barely 100 members and

should know. When he took over "How did we do it? Well, we could not pay its bills. It has 1,100

change in the relationship between the United States and the Arab world." Beydoun, a 38-year-old Lebanese native considers old Lebanese native considers himself both an Arab and fully American; he has lived in this country, mostly in Detroit, since he was 4. Though estimates of the region's ethnic population vary, he maintains that the area has 380,000 Arab-Americans, easily edly helped. But the Bush Administration is community and the region; the President has trav-380,000 Amb-Americans, easily making it the largest concentrated Arab population outside the Middle East. eled to Dearborn,

That population, however, a city of less than 100,000 people more than once since the attacks.

And so a galaxy of business and government leaders will all crowd into Detroit and Dearborn, the informal capital of the North virtually as diverse as the United States, It include Shiites from Iraq

American Arab world, for a three-day meeting beginning Sunday. Beydoun hopes to bring them able living with and trading with the Middle East. That won't happen overnight, he knows. It will be many years before either commu

plan to enable a future rich with economic collaboration, cultural dialogue, and innovation." But he has converted one very That may happen — but clearly, nt non-Arab: Detroit types are also coming for the time-honored purpose of network-ing and maybe doing a few deals. As of last week, 740 had signed helping make the conference happen. When new mayors of Detroit take office, they have often gone up to pay the full price, \$2,250, to attend the conference.
Rubbernecking is a motivating factor also; some paid \$450 just to the factor also. ment and jobs. Some have gone to Germany; others to Japan. Mayor Kilpatrick thinks he sees a different future; his first trip was to attend a dinner with the heads of

nity recovers from 9-11.

state; it isn't every day you can-claim to have rubbed water glass-Details about the conference claim to have rubbed water glass-es with a crown prince. Most of all, this may be about breaking rum.org.

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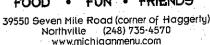
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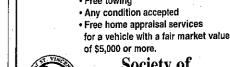






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"We're showing both of Jeff Daniels of Chelsea films Escanaba in Da Moonlight and "Supersucker," Jerome noted Penelope Spheeris of Los Angeles, who directed the come-dy "Wayne's World," and "The Beverly Hillbillies," will have two of her independently-made docu-mentaries at the festival.

"What you're doing is you're telling stories. That's basically what it comes down to. We're just telling stories using film and video," Jerome said.

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him with the festival, "Most of them have been working

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on the festival," Jerome.

After the festival, he'll be back "I will be shooting a documentary about road kill," Jerome said.
"I'll just leave it at that."

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## Promoter wants to bring rock and roll's golden era back to Walled Lake's shores

two weeks. Council member Laura Lorenzo said she wants to see more details on the project before she gives it a green light. While acknowledging that the Walled Lake Casino drew thousands of teens in the early 1960s. Lorenzo noted that roads in the area haven't changed that much and the permanent population has 1959,

grown substantially Still, Alan is planning a kick-if event for the festival in ovember at the Walled Lake City Hall. That event will be about the same time as the release of Alan's new book, "The Day the

Alan wants to put on a four-day event with '60s era bands, a cir-cus, amusement park rides, col-lectibles and food on the site of the old casino. As part of the festival Alan said he wants to rebuild The facade of the easino and the amusement park on the site, which the city has owned since Lake's 50th, to bring back some

g to assistant city.

order to reconstruct the intersec-tion of 13 Mile and Old Novi roads. Since then, the lakeside site

has sat vacuut.

Built in 1925, the sprawling wooden structure played hosts to performers like Artie Shaw, Frank Sinatra and Lawrence Welk in the 1930s and '40s. By the late '50s the Big Band era was over, tastes and times had changed and the casino closed and was sold in

In 1960 the new owners reopened the facility and brought in Alan to promote rock and roll shows. "The first week we had 500, 600 people. We had 1,500 the second. After the fourth weel ABC allowed me to broadcast my show from there," he told council members.

Over the next five years the Walled Lake Casino held shows three to four times a week drawing 3,000 to 4,000 people a show.
"After all these years," he suggested, "wouldn't it be wonderful during your 35th year and [Walled

the festival.

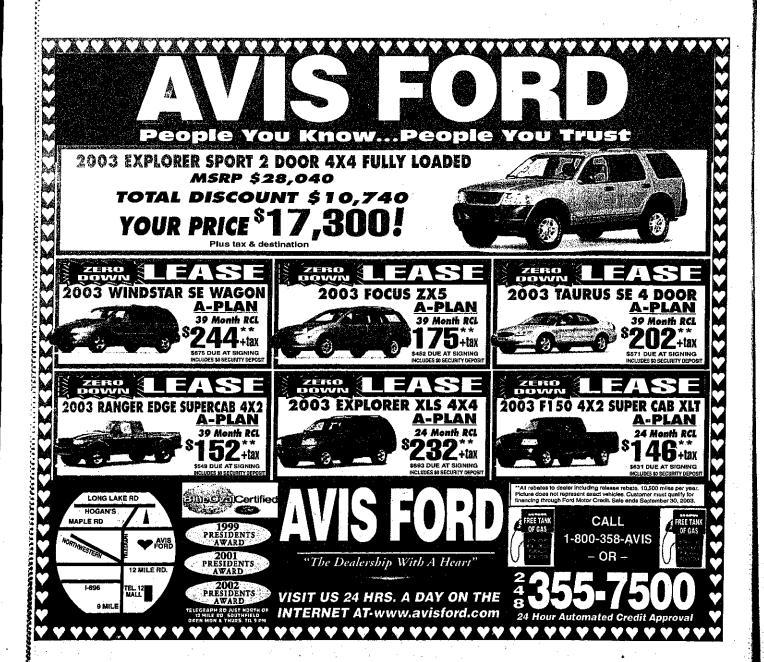
So are people like Peter Marshall, the original host of Hollywood Squares, Alan told Novi city council members that Marshall, who sang in a band in the early '60s, called him three weeks ago to say he wanted to perform at the event

According to Alan, about the only big names who didn't play the Walled Lake Casino in the early '60s were the Beatles and Elvis. He told council members that his live radio show, which followed American Bandstand helped make the area nationally known and introduced performers like Stevie Wonder to the world. Alan said his Walled Lake/Novi Music and Family Festival could put the national spotlight back on the area once again. He said HBO has expressed interest in doing a movie on the festival. Alan said if

Phil Foley is a staff writer for of the legacy?"
the Novi News. He can be reached
Tocal resident Carol Crawford, at (248) 349-1700 etc. 108 or at

the event is successful, he'd like





#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Marshall Field's Culinary Fare Activities

TIME: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: All events take

wise noted.

DETAILS: The Fare is filled with culinary activities including special seminars, demonstrations and appearances by chefs, authors

DETAILS: Cooking class are

equired; please call (888) 274-

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TIME: 6-9 nm DETAILS:\$15 per person- Must Pre-Register Join us in celebration as we follow the German tradition under the

Band will be here to perform. Includes ethnic German brats, beer, soda, music, yodeling, dancing and fun! Inclement weather- event moved to Community Center, 49015 Pontiae Trail, Must Pre-

PNONE: Register online at www.cityofwixom.com or call Parks and Recreation for more info. 248-624-2850.

## games will be at Hillside Middle School against Livonia Eagles, All Colts Alumni invited. Monte Nagler Photography Exhibition DATE: thru October 11 TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. DETAILS: black and white pho tographs of various subjects displayed in the new gallery. PHONE: 248-477-6620.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Vegetarian with Pizzazz Oct. 1

#### Lakes Baptist Church Marriage Video DATE: Beginning Sunday,

PHONE: (248) 624-2900

DATE: Saturday, September 27 TIME: 6:30 p.m. Live Jazz and Coffee Cafe; 7 p.m. Comedian Pat September 21 TIME; 6 p.m. LOCATION; Lakes Baptist lutley
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 W Ten Mile Road Church, 3009 Decker Rd., Walled

DETAILS: Crosspointe Meadows Church presents an DETAILS: "A Biblical Portrait evening of entertainment wa of Marriage" by Brute H. Wilkinson, a video series on mar-Emmy-winning comedian Pat Hurley, followed by an afterglow riage. Child care available, chil-dren's choir-music makers-grades live jazz and refreshments. PHONE: For reservations -

Stand Up Comic Pat Hurley

## Northville-Novi Colts Romeconing Pande/Football games DATE: Sunday, September 28 TIME: 9730 a.m., panade, 11 a.m., freshman football; 1 p.m., junior varsity football; 3 p.m. varsity football Dakland Chamber Network Busines Card Exchange DATE: Thursday, Sept. 25

TIME: 5 p.m.-7 p.m. LOCATION: Emagine Theaters, 4425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: cash bar, hors d'oeu-LOCATION: Starting at 8 es provided, advance paid resera.m. gather at Northville Downs parking lot to decorate cars, enjoy vations \$10, day of event \$15. PHONE: Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743. breakfast, parade route, through downtown Northville. Football

Send calendar items to Car Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail to estone@ht.homecomm.net

## merican Bistro Oct. 8

Earlier this year Clief Brady attended the Culinary Institute of America in the Napa Valley study ing French and Provencal Cuisine. Also known as Tapas, Appetizers She has incorporated this experi- or First Courses, mini portions of a special dishes with Mary Brady, executive chef and co-proprietor o Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro. A She has incorporated his experi-ence into her menu at her restaurant and now to us. Bistro Fare is dependent on seasonal foods cooked simple. It is eavygoing and versatile. Comfort food at it's finest. is payable to the instructor. Wear ortable, cool clothing and sensible kitchen shoes (no heels or open-toes). Classes are 99 percent ands on - you do the cooking with active instruction from Chef Mary. Bring your favorite knives. Classes will begin promptly at at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8:30 p.m. in the kitchen / cafeteria of Novi Middle

#### Cuisine of the Sun Oct. 15

Although no a strict vegetarian, Chef Mary Brady has been an advocate of a low animal protein diet for years. In her restaurant, Diamond conglomeration of many diverses foods, tastes, techniques and influences from the Greeks, Romans, Jim Brady's Bistro, many menu items are geared toward guests' with the same philosophy. She'll explore Arabs, and Franks who successively. the logic of today's new vegetarian cuisine and it's importance in our and economical cuisine that derives, society. Through demonstration and hands on you will learn to work its character from the best of natural ingredients including such basics as Garlic, Olive Oil and Aromatic Herbs. We'll create a wonderful using recipes from a variety of cuisines. Come hungry and leave meal based on Mary and Tom's trip (248) 449-1206.

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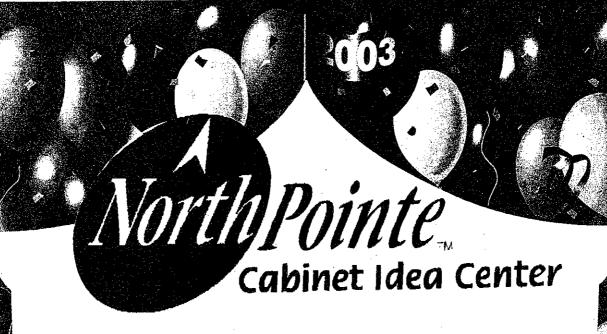
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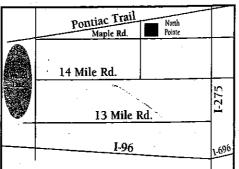
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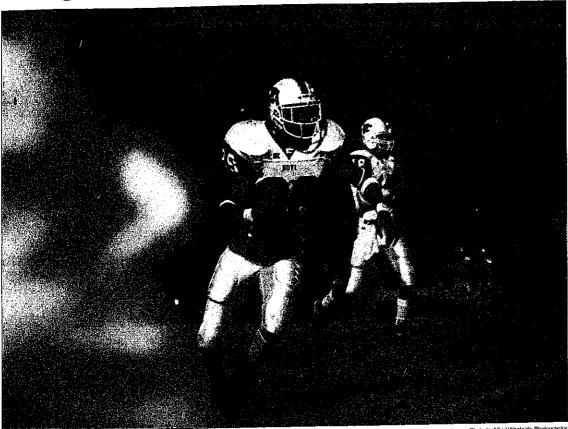


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Novi's J.W. Woods (above) bolts around the right side of the line as he looks for a first down against the Brighton defense. Novi won the game, 23-20 in overtime, marking their first win over Brighton since 1994.

## Novi earns first win over Bulldogs since 1994 season

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Well, it's about time.

The Novi Wildcats have been on the wrong end of their game against the Brighton Bulldogs 12 out of the last 14 games with their last victory coming in 1994 while John Osborne was still in

charge.
It's a new century now though, and Tab Kellepourey has been in charge long enough to know that 2003's victory, which came in the form of a 23-20 overtime win, is a sweet one

"It's a Friday night and the ors a Friday night and the scoreboard says we have more points than they do," Kellepourey said after the game. "Brighton is a tough football team and we knew we had to get it done knew we had to get it done against them. We're very happy to get this win."

Things weren't looking very

Things weren't looking very bright for the 'Cats though, at least not after Brighton's second play from serimmage. Brighton senior Chris Elsey took the hand-off around the edge of the line and broke free for a 70-yard jaunt before Jay Jandasek tacked on the extra point for a 7-0 lead over Novi—and the silence on the challens was opported for the sudsidelines was apparent of the sud-

Players didn't seem to know how to react after the defensive blitz found their squad staring at the numbers on the back of Elsey's jersey - but then it

mood.

became clear.

"We had to go out and make some plays," senior linebacker Josh Buck said. "Our defense got the first run but we caught on that first run, but we we had to buckle down and wanted to shut them down.



Trevor Hoover dives for the ball but can't haul it in as it bounces off his fingers in the third quarter of play.

And tighten their grasp they did — and nearly strangled them. The Novi defense, which has Dave Hartman calling in the blitz packages to the linebacker corps, held the 'Dogs to just three first

After the two squads traded possession a few times, the Wildeats' offense went to work and pulled through late in the second quarter. A 14-play, 66yard drive culminated with senior quarterback Mike Hart scampering around the left tackle for the one-yard score before kicker Mark Angelocci tacked on the PAT for a 7-7 tie with 3:13 left on

the clock in the first half.
"That was big for us," Hart

said. We knew we had to Brighton's lead climbed to 14-7 respond and we did. I think it was right about then we all realized through the uprights.

But Brighton hadn't come to that conclusion as of yet. With 12 seconds left on the clock and Novi back in possession of the pigskin following a 'Dog punt, a mishandle on the hand-off found the ball skipping across the turf and right into a Brighton defendand right into a brighton the 29-yard line. Two plays later, Brighton junior Adam Powell backed up in the pocket and threw a gliding pass down the center of the field to ony Besso, who hauled it in for the score with just one-point-six seconds left on the clock.

"It's tough to go into halftime down by a touchdown," Angelocci said. "I think it helped us get fired up for the second

The entire second half of the contest, besides a 41-yard Jandasek field goal with 7:38 left on the clock in the third quarter,

belonged to Novi
Following the 17-7 field goal, the Wildcats defense went to work, shutting down the Bulldogs with intense blitzing and three plays the resulted negative yardage. As the end of the quarter came and week

Novi's eyes turned to their quar-terback, who had stood in silence through the entire game on the

Hart marched onto the field with 11:32 left in the game and began the rally. Two plays later, he found his favorite target in Trevor Hoover, who snagged a pass in the middle of the field and jetted away for a 68-yard scoring strike to pull Novi within a field goal, 17-14.

goal, 17-14.

"We knew if we gave Mike the time, he'd make it work," Novi offensive/defensive lineman Mark Kaminski said of the time in the pocket Hart had. "Our line has grown as a unit and we play as a unit. Each and every one of us knows what we have to do, and I feel that we accomplished it

today."
Angelocci's kick-off fell in the hands of Elsey, who fumbled it after a slap by Novi's Chris Scott found the ball bobbling loose and bouncing into Andrew Gorman's hands. Novi went three downs and then attempted a 44-yard field goal that found itself sailing just left thanks to a harsh wind in the air.

'There wasn't a lot of time left and we had to get the ball back," Buck said of the Bulldog's next

The defense closed the gaps and found Brighton gathering only one yard after Sean Costello tore through the line and stuffed Powell's option for a four-yard

The 'Cats went seven plays on the following drive before stalling on a fourth and four pass. With only 3:57 left on the clock and the ball in the hands,

# the marbles

You have to admit it – this is the biggest game in the Kensington Valley Conference

The Novi Wildcats footunder the charge of Tab Kellepourey, will be hosting the South Lyon Lions tomor-row at 6:55 p.m. in what is



Eggleston

one to be a scoring extravaganza. The Lions will be bringing to town one of the most potent offenses the league has seen in a number of years, while the Wildeats will be

sporting their defense which they pride themselves with so much. The Lions aren't too shabby on the defensive end of the ball either. They held their first two opponents to no points in both contests. Novi has some pizzazz on the offensive assembly line, too. Mike Hart and Trever Hoover having hooked up on more than just a handful of touch-down passes this year and the Woods brothers are looking to break

woods studies and cooking to overed into some open field.

The key in this game comes down to which lines control their respec-tive aspects of the game. If the Novi defensive line, which has seen plendefensive line, which has seen plen-y of action and negative-yardage tackles and sacks this year, can pen-etrate and disrupt the pocket for Dennis Reedy, Novi has a neal good chance at winning this game. On the other side of that coin is Novi's offensive front. Led by junior center Ryan Pritchard, the line has

grown remarkably in the first half of the season. If they are able to keep Hart safe in the pocket as well as open some holes for their backs, Novi will find themselves in a situation with the opportunity to take away a victory through concise control of the pigskin.

In all truthfulness, this game could be for all the marbles. It's only week five, and the Wildcats could easily find themselves as king of the easily find themselves as a root of the hill if they win this one – or quickly sitting back in second place and hoping for an upset of the Lions by another team this year.

Now, I know as well as anyone

NOW, I KNOW as well as anyther that mixings are a bunch of non-sense. I wouldn't care if my team was ranked first or last, as long as they were playing the game. South Lyon, however, is ranked by the coaching association and have themselves a top-10 snot in division one. selves a top-10 spot in division one

Novi's players, fans and coaches just have to remember that a ranking doesn't mean a team is unbeatable; it just means some couch down the line put a number next to a squad and voted for them even though they've never seen them play. It's just an odd way of doing things, but unfortunately the only real way of

If the Novi Wildcats gridiron team can keep their wits about them and come into this game focused and ready to play some football, it's going to be one heck of a game. Being at Novi is always a help, and I'm hoping – as are the coaches and players – that the stands are going to

players—that the analysis ac going to be packed so that there is standing room only.

I'm picking Novi to pull off the "upset" in this one, though I hardly think it's an upset when both teams are as good as these two.

Novi 35, South Lyon 28





#### Josh Buck Football

If you were a running back and the hole in the line was suddenly filled with Buck, the first thought that should go through your mind is he looks like one heck of a player. Of course, that thought probably wouldn't be finished until after you were wing on your back and scanning the night sky. Buck was instrumental in helping the Cats to their first victory over Brighton since



## Rachele Folino

Folino scored 20 points in the Novi Wildcats victory over the very tough Walled Lake Central Vikings before adding 12 to her stats on the boards. Folino

notched 13 points in a recent win over the Northville Mustangs as well. The Novi Wildcats will continue to look to Folino and he shooting as she finds herself in the company of fellow cagers that



Novi boys back on track

game up at 1-1. The Novi defense buckled down follow-

ing the score, but the offense continued to have trouble get-ting things rolling in the right

score," O'Leary said.
With less than six minutes on
the board, senior Brad Simpson
earned an appreciative nod from

his squad and a sigh of relief from the stands as he scored on a direct free kick to put Novi up

for good at 2-1. Novi's play in goal was spear-

headed by Jason Ballantyne, who made three saves against the Eagles to ensure the victory.

The Wildcats (8-1) are back

in action when they host KVC

rival Howell today at 7 p.m. before visiting Saline Saturday and then Novi, which is ranked

fifth in the state by the coaches association, will visit Lakeland September 30 at 7 p.m. in

In a contest that proved much

easier than their victory over the Hartland Engles, the Novi Wildcats were able to substitute players quite liberally on their, way to a win over KVC for Milford September 28.

Harriers top Mustangs

another KVC contest.

Novi 4, Milford O

The Eagles took advantage of a great scoring opportunity and put the ball in the back of the net off a corner kick to knot the

when it comes to wins

because their opponents were still on track; A team gets a win because even though they are off killer, they are still better

The 'Cats first drew blood just nine minutes into the con-test as Matt Nickels opened the

scoring on a cross pass from Todd Janer before finding the net on a harsh kick for a 1-0

Jason Sierra was the next to

notch a goal, this one coming with 26 minutes left on the clock in the first half for a 2-0 lead. Mare Checcobelli took a

deflected back into the field of play where Sierra found it and rifled it past the Mavericks'

The Wildcats weren't done

overlapping run and received the pass from Nickels before floating a shot over the Milford goaltender to make the score 3-

When the second half rolled

from A.W. Stanek and slammed

a score home for a 4-0 lead and

Ballantyne combined for the

shutout between the posts while the 'Cats out shot the Mays 20-

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goalie for the score.

0 at halftime.

5 in the game.



Novi's Allison Greulich, left, backs in to the basket against a Walfed Laked Central

## Novi adjusts play, tops Northville Mustangs

scare in a game to get a team.

The Novi Wildcats girls' baswrong end of a deficit against s-town rival Northville hefore they were able to clinch the victory in a fourth-quarter comeback, 44-37.

comeback, 44-37.
"We just finally hit some shots," Kelp said of his team's 19-8 ran over Northville in the fourth period of play, "Our two big scorers finally started to

stellar for Novi since her artival on the basketball team, hit for

with 13 and Greulich collected homore Hope Morris did well, adding seven.

Kelp noted that while his girls had to fight back to get the win.

"It was probably the biggest crowd we've had this year," Kelp noted. There was defi-

White Novi has been on a fundamentals and just be more steady winning streak after polished."

The Wildeats will have Kim the year, Northyille has been Zarczynski back in the line-up the year. Northwith has been Zarczyński back in the inter-up after an arke injury found her and get it going where they wanted to. The result was the Muslangs fooking to prove something and the Wildeats almost playing as though they could take a win in stride.

"It told them they can't be:
"She played the entire game." She played the entire game.

I told them they can't be complacent," Kelp said of his (against Northville) and scored haff-time speech. Tevery game three points, had six rebounds, is going to be a battle and we have to fight to win. Northville charge and had two assists

was a great example of what can happen if we aren't focused."

As the Wildcats continued to win, they are finding their team to on our carious rankings.

The Wildcats visit Howell with the wind great continued to win, they are finding their team to one or various rankings. The Wildcats visit Howell wind 7 or m, before hosting

see just disappear. "We don't talk about any of

that stuff," Kelp said, "It's not ever mentioned."

Between their win over Northville and their first well, adding seven.
Kelp noted that while his girls
had to fight back to get the win,
they were helped along throughwill find themselves, buckling down their defense while work-

"The nine days between games is going to be crucial." Kelp said, "We have to clean

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Wildcats trample Brighton Bulldogs

The Novi Wildcars boys' season meant one thing to them it was time to refocus their

efforts on the season. Refocus and redirect their energy was exactly what this squad did as they marched to a perfect 15 points to Brighton's

Eric Joseph led the charge for the Wildcats, earning first place with an applaud-worthy time of 17:00, as did the sec-ond-place Mark Moore ond-place Mark Moore. Spencer Ornes showed some improvement, continuing his steady climb for bettering his times as he took third with a

Notching fourth was Amol Huprikar, who has consistently heen one of the top runners in the Kensington Valley Conference, He ran a 17:34. Justin Namm, a junior, collected a 17:36 to help the Wildeats sweep the top five spots.

Scott Bergeson took eighth in the meet, notehing a 17:50 | Invitational, the Wildcats 104 | or for his personal best time to brought out the best of the best | seggteston@ht.homecomm.net.

round out the top-10 for the Novi harrier squad. The Wildeats didn't have too much trouble with their Brighton opponents, but still find themselves looking up at Milford in the conference standing as the Mavericks remain undefeated the work.

havericks remain undefeated across the line for the Wildeats, its year.

Novi, however, has ceased to Novi, however, has ceased to worry about the KVC title. Instead, their focus is on pack times, team performance and, for long term goals, the Regional. Novi will return to action

when they visit the Hartland Eagles in a Kensington Valley Conference match-up Conference match-up September 30 at 4:30 p.m. On October 4, the 'Cuts will take a road trip and compete in the Oakland County meet at 10 a.m. Three days later, the much anticipated match-up against the Milford Mavericks will be

Catholic Central Invitational In the Catholic Central nvitational, the Wildcats

set his own personal record, as did Mike Wheat, who ran to 56th place in 19:24.

Kip Miller took third overall for the varsity squad, running a 19:26 to set his career best while finishing in 59th place while Scott Wagner took 63rd

with a 19:35. Steve Fannon set a personal best with a 19:48 to finish in 67th, while Brad Spisich look 79th with a time of 20:30.

In the junior varsity race, freshman Mike Beard paced the Milford Mavericks will be held at home, at Cass Benton, to set his career-best record.

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

## 'Cats can't slip past KVC foe

Not every meet can end in a win and not every runner can

cross country team, coached by Norm Norgren, knew that they weren't going to be the victor in each and every meet they participated in.

Against the Brighton Bulldogs, one of Novi's biggest rivals, the Wildcats fell 16-45 before participating in Invitational just four days later and finishing fifth out of 12

teams.

Irf whe Catholic Central Invitational, the Wildcats collected 117 points. Livonia Stevenson finished first in the Unite, taking a whopping 33 points, while Grosse Point South took 50 points for security. The Wildcats, who dropped to 2-1 in Kensington Valley Conference play, found place while White ran to a seventh-place finish with a 23:31. South took 50 points for sec-ond place and Farmington was third with 96. Taking fourth

Underclassman Scores

Novi was Grosse Point North. Patti Ramos finished in 12th place with a time of 20:46. Patti Ramos Inished in 12th
place with a time of 20:46.
Eight places behind her was
Bannatz, who recorded a 22:12 ntha White, who ran a against the Bulldogs, while by while Meghan Bannatz Schmitt ran a 22:26 to finish in 21:38, while Meghan Bannatz took 25th with a time of 21:54.

Novi was Andrea Kramer, who took 29th with a time of 22:07, while Erin Haynes took 31st with a 22:11. Sarah Schmitt, who has been steadily improv-ing this season, ran a 22:49 for 39th place, while Shannon Wagner took 45th with 23:08. Against the Brighton Buildogs, Novi had a good showing but it just wasn't enough to escape with the vic-

Also running a good race for

Laura Brunner had a good 104 or showing as well, taking 12th seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

Kramer took 13th in 22:05 and

action when they take to the

course against the Hartland Eagles in a Kensington Valley Conference match-up September 30 at 4;30 p.m. On October 4, the 'Cats will take a a.m. Three days later, the Nov ogs, Novi had a good ng but it just wasn't the Milford Mavericks will be held at home, at Casa Benton, at 4:30 p.m.

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September 26 or until leagues fill. There is a \$10 late fee which will be assessed after Sept. 26. and Home School.

The league for girls is based on grades fourth through sixth, while he two boys' leagues are for fourth/fifth graders and sixth/seventh graders

Novi soccer net-minder Jason Ballantyne makes a stab at a flying save during

armups before the Wildcat's home game against Canton in August.

The emphasis on the league is improving basic skills and develop-ing team play. Practices are expect-Kling, Concordia Head Baseball ed to be held once or twice a week school athlete looking to play colle-giate baseball. Players should bring beginning October 20. The eight game schedule is played primarily on Saturdays from Nov. 1-Dec. 13. For more information, call Dave Demattos at (248) 349-0203, ext.

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bit of a fluke.

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

In a game where a team loses

focus, usually three things can happen: A team takes a loss because their opponents were

wake-up call and manages to

pull out the win in the final min-

utes of the game. Well, the Novi Wildcats were

the lucky recipients of the third

possibility when they took on

Kensington Valley Conference foe Hartland September 16 and

lacked focus and didn't finish

out scoring chances," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said, "In

the first half, we missed three breakaways and hit the post

twice."

Matt Simpson put the first goal on the board in the game as he notched a score for the

Wildcats in the first half for a 1-

0 lead. Unfortunately for Novi, that was the only goal they would noteh in the first half of

play."
"In the second half it was

With one slight difference Hartland was in the hunt for a

definitely fun.
With the game tied up 0-0
through an intense first half,
the Wildcats knew they'd have
to adjust their play and come out with a surge of power to get the win - and that's what

and ricocheted into the net for the 1-0 victory.

Holding Northville to no points in a contest is a rare occurrence — especially in a game as intense as the Northville-Novi rivalry.

"My starting defenders, Brad Simpson, Trey love, Neil Kocan and Chris Fox, did an excellent job shutting down. hey did.
"Novi is always a grudge"Novihville coach
"Northville coach match," Northville coach Henry Klimes said, "We know they are going to play us tough. Both teams had the opportunities, but it was Novi excellent job shutting down the Northville offense," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "A.J. Glubzinski made five that made the best of theirs." Not to take anything away from Novi, but the Wildcats save for the shutout."

The Wildcats have had some found themselves scoring on a With 15 minutes left in the ontest, Todd Janer threw the

Cross-town rivalry can be one of two things. Fun or not so fun.

For the Novi Wildcats taking on the Northville Mustangs, their 1-0 win was definitely fun.

With the game tied up 0.00 toner committed towards the original flight path of the length of the

shot.

The ball rolled away from
O'Conner, hit the goal post
and ricocheted into the net for:

Klimes said. "Even though yet the way the kids played

> happy with Novi's perform Now, both teams will have the remainder of the season to improve their skills with the possibility of a grudge-match in the District playoffs.

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point guard Jessica Haggerty.
"She played the entire game

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rankings Kelp wouldn't mind to see just disappear.

"We don't talk about any of Brighton October 2, with the tip-off slated for 7 p.m. as well. All three games are conference

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sions. That led to a 9-6 first-quar-The Novi junior varsity girls basketball team won a thriller last week. 33-29, against nonter lead, Northyille responded in the second quarter and took a 20-15 halftime lead. The Wildcats tightened the gap with a stingy defense and trailed by just one league rival Northville. The point entering the final quarter, added five.

10 points on just 12 possessions in the fourth to squeeze out the victory. Stephanie Crawford scored 10 points to lead the Wildcats, Lisa Harden scored seven points, and Abby Greulic



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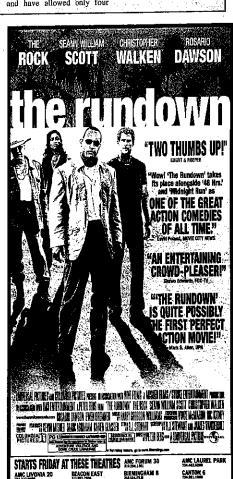


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## Wildcat Country: Novi gets big win over 'Dogs

Brighton looked to run down the clock with their ground game. The yardage gained, however The yardage gained, however, wasn't about to support that as Besso went for zero yards, five yards and negative four yards on the successive plays before the 'Dogs booted the ball away.'

Novi had just 3:02 left to tie the contest, and Hart and his gang went to work. The senior contestpack found Kerry.

marterback found Kerry Renizberg on the first play of the drive before two incomplete passes found the team facing fourth and three with just 2:19 left on the clock. Hart backed up in the pocket, looked to Hoover down the right side of the field and then turn to fire a bullet to Kreutzberg, who

ballet to Kreutzherg, who snagged it with a diving, mid-air catch on the sidelines for a five-yard gain and a first down. The following play found Hart tossing the ball towards the middle of the field where Angelocci was streaking towards. An early hit by a Brighton defender found the chain being moved on a defenchains being moved on a defen-sive pass interference and the 'Cats then moved the chains again after Hart hit Hoover for a five yard gain and then Buck pounded out seven yards on to back-to-back runs. After a spike to stop the clock lowing play also ended in an incomplete pass before

and two incomplete passes, the 'Cats called on Angelocci for a Jan-yard field goal attempt with just 23.6 seconds left in the 'Novi's turn on offense was game. The senior kicker watched the

ball get set by Kreutzberg on the left hash mark and booted a clean kick through the uprights

hold," Angelocci said, "I knew it was through the second I The senior lifted his arms in

the air as the ball sailed through the air, hitting the mark for the "That was huge," Buck said.

"I don't think a single person watching didn't hold their breath, It was intense." With 19,6 seconds left, the

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Bulldogs opted to let the time run out and go into overtime against the 'Cats. Brighton went on offense first, running at Novi with Nove Hellower for fire. with Nate Holloway for a fiveyard gain. The following play looked to be a touchdown as junior defensive back Kevin Cislo slipped on the defensive

much more productive thanks to a gift from Brighton. After a two-yard run by J.W. Woods, Hart's cadence drew a defender offsides to move the ball to the

clean kick through the uprights of sides to more the bar to the four-yard line.

"It was a perfect snap by (Ryan) Pritchard and a perfect come," Kaminski said, "We had a couple of penalties coming from the line. We made a few adjustments and settled down by the end of the game. There was no way we were going to get caught jumping in over-

The following play found Jarrell Woods taking the ball to the right side of the line and into the endzone for the four-yard score, led by a crushing block

"It was a sigh of relief," Hart said of the 23-20 win, "I saw Buck make that block, and the thole just opened right up."

Novi collected 322 yards of total offense with 209 coming through the air as Hart went 17coverage, but caught himself in time to twist around and dive to knock the ball away. The fol-Buck notched 22 yards on five

> Hoover was the leading receiver in the game, haufing in five passes for 88 yards, while Kreutzberg snagged six for 68, Angelocci grabbed one for 17 and Scott caught two for 15. Brighton's offense collect

234 yards of offense, with 197 coming on the ground,
The Wildcats (4-0 overall, 3-0
KVC) have their biggest challenge of the year coming up as they host the unbeaten South Lyon Lions (4-0, 3-0) tomorrow night with a 6:55 p.m. kick-off.

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Novi Wildcat quarterback #18 found lots of opportunity to go to the air against Brighton Friday night. The Wildcats won in overtime

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## **Not horsing around**

#### Equestrian team takes fourth place at Milford

The Novi High School Equestrian team competed in their second meet of the season September 20 at Milford and came away with a fourth-place finish in

The squad, which consists of a senior, two suphonores and a freshman, is coached by Nancy Burtka and found themselves reaching a team goal that was set in the first week of competition just seven days before their meet at

"We said we wanted to place higher individually," Burtka said of her squad, "Most of the girls actually reached that goal. Though our points were lower at times, we placed higher in most areas." Senior Mandy Church, who is

the team captain this year, led the team with 49 points, while sophomore Aimee DePotter scored 33.5

Jayme Barton, who is a fresh-man, scored 26 points, while soph-omore Dana Koenig scored 25.5. "I was very glad with how they did," Burka said. "After our first meet, I told the girls they need to

effort for the second meet. There were lots of improvement over just wee constant to the second index in the squad has had only two competitions thus far in the 2003 season, the year is almost over which are styles. They compete in Western and Hunt seats, while also "The

participating in garring events.
In the fourth year of existence at Novi High School, the equestrian team finds itself competing in Division C, which is part of the Michigan. Intersenolastic Michigan Horsemanship Association. Competing in the division with Novi is Milford, Lakeland, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake

"We have three girls that ride more than one scat," Burtka said. "The three of them ride two different seats. That is a great advantage, and allows us to enter different events and helps us compete at a improve on their placement. I was events and helps us compete at a very pleased with the additional little higher level within our divi-

"The season has only three meets," Burtka said.
The final meet is slated for Saturday and Sunday at the

they have only one show area, which limits the number of events we can do at a time," Burtka said.
That's a benefit though, as if one

of the multiple-event riders feels One of the reasons the Novi rid- they had a bad day, they can rectify

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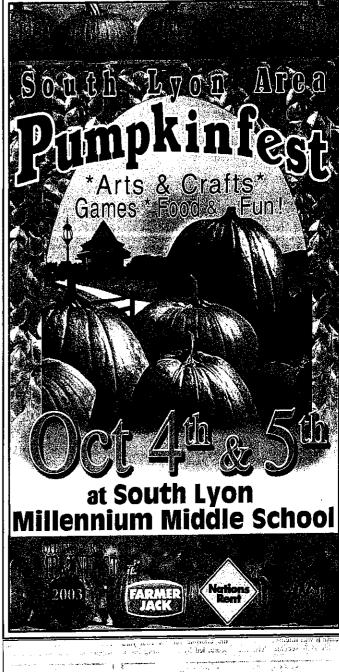
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# Simply dominating dual meets

Wildcat tennis girls making short work of KVC opponents

Tennis in Novi is definitely a growing sport. Not just in num-bers either — but talent as well. In what could be considered one of the most talented girls' tennis teams to ever grace the halls of Novi High School we the best fight of the night before find a squad that is not only undefeated in dual meets, but a

competitor in every tournament they've been in.

Under the guidance of coach Jim Banson, the girls recently crushed both Brighton and Lakeland 8-0 before taking sec-ond behind top-10 ranked Ann Arbor Huron at the Saline Invitational.
"We played some very good

matches," Hanson said of the Invitational, "Ann Arbor Huron is a very tough squad, and we had some good showings against them."

The Wildcars found three flights earning championship status in the tournament — four singles, one doubles and four

doubles.

At four singles, sophomore netter Diana Tieu had a good day, eventually topping an Ann Arbor Huron opponent for the flight championship, 6-0, 5-0 before she retired.

In the one doubles flight, Colons Brackman, and Emily.

Colene Brockman and Emily Hoft beat Saline's duo 6-3, 6-3, while Lauren Thomas and Becky Thomson beat their Livonia Stevenson opponents 6-1. 6-3 to earn the flight title.

At two singles, Lauren Carosio had a good showing. pounding her way through the ranks before eventually falling o a strong Ann Arbor Huron opponent in a tightly contested 6-2, 6-2 match for second place. Also earning second place in their singles flight was Anna

Avano Nakamura took second place after marching through the ranks. Their final opponent came in the form of Ann Arbor Huron, and Novi's due put up

eventually falling 6-3, 1-6 with the tie breaker going to Huron. "The Saline Invitational is set up so that if you split sets, there Hanson said.

"Basically, that means you have one chance and you can't be off your game the slightest or the entire flight could be decid-The third doubles team of

Amanda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover also had similar troubles as they took second behind Huron. Their match was split 6-7 (4), 6-2 before Huron won the tie breaker to win the flight. "Basically, the entire tournament was decided on two tie

hreakers," Hanson commented.
The one singles flight found
Ashley Glover taking sixth place after falling in her opening round to Huron, 6-3, 6-4. She fought through the back side of the bracket before falling to Saline, 6-3, 6-0.

The Wildeats are back in action when they visit the number one team in the state in Ann Arbor Pioneer today at 4 p.m. before Hosting Milford September 29 at 4 p.m. The 'Cats will then visit Pinckney October 1 at 4 p.m.

#### Novi 8, Brighton 0 Novi 8. Lakeland 0

Two Kensington Valley Conference matches and two big wins were what the Novi Wildcats were all about after



Novi's Lauren Carosio hits a forehand against Northville's Shannon Farris during an August home match.

team," Hanson said.
"Just rotating the line-up can be a big change that can mess up a team's ability to win."

The Wildcats didn't hesitate to take the win though. Against

The Wildcats were slated to

down-trodden Eagles last week.
Against Brighton, Hanson and the gang found them without two singles players due to injury.

the Bulldogs, Glover won first singles 6-3, 6-1; Carosio won at number two, 6-1, 6-1; Switzer carned a 6-1, 6-2 win at three singles; Ticu won 6-1, 6-1 in

Nakamura carned a 7-5, 6-2 win at number two; Cassidy and Pustover escaped with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-1 win at three doubles; and

tour singles, 6-2, 6-3.

The numbers were similar against Lakeland, but only three Eagle flights were able to score at all in the matches

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## Wildcats take tough loss to KVC Bulldogs

Whenever a team is as good as Novi's golf team is, they are in the hunt for the Kensington Valley Conference title.

Unfortunately, being that good also means every team in the con-ference is in the hunt to heat you. The Novi Wildcats, coached by Brad Huss, knows exactly what it feels like to be hunted —especially by a pack of buildogs. Novi fell

145-153 against the Kensington Valley Conference rivals, the Brighton Bulldogs, before mov-ing on to top South Lyon 146-159. "The loss to Brighton hurt, but we still played well," Huss noted. (Brighton's) score is by far the

lead the way, as he shot an impressive 35. Mark Eberline, Brett Jaussi and Mike Martinez

But, just because the Wildcats took a bump on the road that is the regular season, doesn't mean they visit Hartland Tuesday (after the aren't still expecting to be in contention for the Kensington Valley Hills.

good step in the right direction. Jaussi led the charge this time around, shooting an applaud-wor-thy 33 to kick the Novi link squad into high gear. Aytes, who has into high gear, Ayles, who has been playing some remarkable tennis this year, hit a 37 while Novi's ace shooter, Brandon Cigna, was back in form as he, R.J. Makoski, Eberline and the Novi News. He can be

in their conference, which puts them in second place. The win over South Lyon was a

"Obviously, we need to play well during this stretch," Huss

## Novi-Northville Colts Football.

Livonia Orioles 15

The story of this game was defense, offensive line play and special teams as the Northville/Novi Freshman Colts stormed to victory in a 26-15 win against the previous-ly unbeaten Livonia Orioles. Right from the beginning, the Colts defense swarmed to the

were expected to play at Dunham ball with its aggressive, blitzing defense. Led by their "A" team tacklers Kyle Brenner, Sean Conference title.

"We are still in the hunt." Huss said.

The Wildcats are currently 3-1 against Milford at the Links of Novi today at 3:30 p.m. before Novi today at 3:30 p.m. before Wagner, Benjamin Kozinski and Sam Tacconelli the defense set the tone, stopping the Orioles on the first series. competing in the Hartland Best Ball tomorrow, the Oakland County meet September 29 and Wasting no time, Jeffrey Hewlett swept the right end for a 23-yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage. Brad Currier made a splendid then against Pinckney September

reat tackles by Trevor Maresh and Derek Ince, both of who were all over the field and led the team in tackles. Now it was time for the Colts' explosive offensive line to take-over. Showing great intensity, blockers Brad Stegmeyer, Garrett Wiska, Jacob Bates, Robert Paciocco and Derek Mully opened huge holes for the backs. Stegmeyer, Wiska and Novi still swimming strong

> teams making the big play as Connor Pollifrone recovered an hitting tight end Maresh with a 45-yard touchdown pass. Maresh dodged, dragged and ran over a host of would-be tacklers for the score. Zachary

place in the 200 yard freestyle relay. Frankie Mastrangelo, Nick

The Colts will celebrate

Street at 9:30 a.m. and a home game against the tough Livonia Eagles at Northville High School Field at 11 a.m. Please 44:30. After an onside kick teamt the Orioles rough the

The visiting Colts received the opening kick-off with the opening play from scrimmage a perfect 25 yard pass to Tyler Scott. The initial drive was stalled at the Orioles 25 yard line where the ball was turned over on downs. The Orioles second play from was 65 yard score but was saved by a great tackle by a speedy Mark Heard. The march ended with the Orioles connecting on a 10 yard pass for the initial score. The first play after the kick-off was

the Colts on their own 48 yard line. After a third and 18 the Colts drive ended with a punt

Score.

Late in the second quarter the
Orioles completed a pass for 30 yard run from scrimmage for a 12-0 lead. The Colts Mark Thurman returned the ensuing kick-off to the 50 yard line. The with a touchdown on a quarterback sneak by Pat Schlenke, cutting the lead to 12-6. The Orioles scored on the very next

Orioles starting at their 40. The les to keep them from moving first play was a fumble for an eight yard loss. After a Colts first down after an Orioles punt penalty and several plays it was and Ryan Margrave made a and kicked the extra point for a 26-6 lead. The Colts went for it tory.

on a fourth and five only to be

At the start of the fourth and 12 the Colts Alex Thurman successive plays. After the

Homecoming September 28th, with a parade down Center Kyle Thiel. The Colts drove

## Livonia Orioles 6

the site of a game that featured strong defensive play from both teams with the Colts ending up losing 6 - 0 to the Livonia Orioles. The Colts defense was included the colts defense t

a Colts fumble that was recovered by the Orioles. The Orioles returned the favor with a fumble of their own recovered by Kolan Huacuja.

Home on a counter play and home on a counter play and made the tackle for a loss of one yard. The Orioles scored midway through the first quarter on a 38 yard quarterback bootleg for the games only by Kylan Huacuja. ter on a 38 yard quarterback
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Colts drive ended with a punt and still trailing 6-0. Two plays later the Orioles scored on a 65 where Jon Robinson made the varid not from terminate for tackle to save the touchdown On the next play the Orioles fumbled just before the end zone and Brandon Rydzewsk Colts preceded to put together an excellent drive that ended Orioles 22 yard line. There was only time left in the half for one play, which resulted in no gain.

The third quarter was a defensive struggle with each possession with a 30 yard bomb team having the ball for three

to a streaking Orioles wide receiver for an 18-6 lead. anything started. On the the Colts kicking off and the Good and Kinville made tacksecond down at the Colts 13 tackle on the Colts punt at the yard line. The Orioles scored and kicked the extra point for a start deep in their own terri-

The fourth quarter starts with the Orioles driving, eating the clock and scoring for a 34-14 down pass attempt the Colts were sacked and turned the ball lead. On the next kick-off that he colts, Steven Toth made a tackle to stop the Orioles. The point. After a Ryan Mullen kick-off the Orioles fumbled and were recovered by the Colts. won the tough game 6 - 0.

# HOME & GARDEN

ABONE TO PICK If your pet has some bad habits, don't get mad. Dig up some solutions. lemon-scented Pine-Sol and water," explains Huxtable. "I lilustration by Bob Campbell **2** The Fresno Be

THE FRESNO BEE.

The kitten is puring in your lap. The beagle is curled up at your feet. This is a good thing. Studies show that pets generally help people live better, tonger, less-stressful lives.

The bad news is that there are times our pets' behavior drives us up the wall, or fence, as the case may be.

sider what they do to — and in — our yards. Dogs dig up plants, prune bushes we don't want pruned, gnaw batio furniture and urinate on the lawn, leaving brown patches.

Cats scratch on immature tree trunks, use the flower beds as litter boxes and tightrope the tops of fences, driving dogs to barking frenzies. Some of the problems arise from our own pets, others come from the neighbors' animals.

If you've had pets for a long time, you know that some are more prob-

lematic than others. They're diggers, scratchers, chewers, barkers, howlers, jumpers, swimmers or wanderers.

Weighing in on the dilemmas posed by cats and dogs are pet owners and professionals Shirley Lehman, an owner of Kritter Sitters in Fresno, Calif.; Vikki

Campbell of Madera, Calif., a dog trainer; Kathy Huxtable, a Fresno dog behaviorist and nutritionist; and Brenda Forsythe, a veterinarian at Cedar Veterinary Hospital in

Huxtable empathizes with people whose neighborhood cats use their planting beds as litter boxes, She's experi-"What I have found that works best is a mixture of

mix the solution according to directions on the bottle for mopping, then I sprinkle the mixture on the ground around the plants. Cats don't like the smell." She says the application may have to be repeated every five days until the cat gets the message. "It's a conditioning process," she says. "They will return a time or two and then they will be gone and you can stop the application, unless some other cats disco

reality is, you

have to be

flexible."

Of ampbell dumps black pepper in areas in her rural yard that she doesn't want her cats or others' to use as public toilets. "When it gets wet, it is very effective as a deterrent," she says of the spice. "Two applications is usually enough." Commercial repellents are available in pet stores; however, Huxtable says, "I have tried them all, with about a 2 percent success rate."

Odor isn't the only thing that turns away cats. "They have very sensitive pads on their feet," explains Huxtable. "Grinding up orange peel and putting that in the flower beds works, too. The peel is unconfortable for them to walk

If neighborhood cats are annoying your dog by walking along the fence, Forsythe recommends surprising the cats with a squint from a hose or water gun. Going to the Dogs

Professionals agree that many dog behaviors can be modified by spending a lot of time with the animal, supplying it with chews stuffed with peanut butter or other food, training the dog to do its business in one area of the yard, giving it one place to dig and walking the dog frequent

Dogs dig and bark and chew because they're bored, want to escape,

are curious and/or lonely, says Forsythe, who has three dogs.

"They need a rich environment," she says. "And, the reality is, you have to be flexible. If plants or a tree are important to you, erect bar

riers to them until they, and the dog, are more mature."

What about the brown spots on lawns caused by urine? Pills are available at pet stores that can be given to dogs to neutralize the

To discourage excessive barking, the professionals recommend using citronella bark collars. When a dog barks, citronella — a scent dogs don't like — is sprayed. This

When dogs continually jump on people, fences or screen doors. Forsythe says to use the element-of-surprise approach: load a squirt gun with water tinged with vinegar (not pleasant to dogs), squirt the dog in the act and say force

fully, "No."
When it comes to preventing digging under fences, Huxtable recommends putting rebar in the ground 2-3 feet deep and 3 inches apart. Another option is to dig down about 6 inches and out 8 inches, then line the area with chicken

If you see your dog eating grass frequently, it could be a sign that the animal has an inflamed stomach and needs to

Dogs that jump or climb may just be looking for more room to roam. Huxtable says using the side of the house as a dog run could be the answer. The space usually is already enclosed on three sides, is long and may need only a gate. If

the dog is a jumper, a chain-link ceiling should be added.
"If people are gone all day and the dog is going to be destructive or otherwise get into trouble, often the best solu tion is to give him his own space where he can dig and enjoy

## Fido and the Futon

Pet owners make sure their homes are animal-friendly

By Cindy Wolff

SCHIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE
Pet owners go to great lengths to make sure their homes are animal-friendly, but nane have to live there, too.

mean that everyone lives in harmony. Chenille may look nice on a sofa, but it may become a magnet for pet hair.

After a year of cat and dog

oenails, that leather armchair could end up Faux ultra suede, which is made of poly-

ester and nylon, is a hardy substitute, says interior designer Jill Hertz. It feels and looks like ultra suede but is a lot more forgiving.

A sofa with a solid bench seat and a tight back is a good choice for pet owners. Some pets like to sit on the back of a sofa, and over time, can wear down loose, puffy cushions. hair that can get trapped between the cush-

Avoid any "nubby" fabric, because claws can get caught up in it, said Eunice Tenent,

nterior designer and organizer. She prefers linen or cotton fabrics with lots of throv blankets on top to give the pet someplace to

> gloss paint on the walls, because it's easier to clean. Also, avoid

Johnson-Bennett suggests little creative architecture to keep cats active. Create some tunnels made of cardboard boxes taped together. Cut a hole in the middle of the tunnel as an escape route in case two cats who don't like each other ente the tunnel from different directions

tower. So she added some silk tree branches

tower. So she added some slik tree orantines to the perch to camouflage it so the cat would have a place to hide.

"The No. I reason pets are relinquished to shelters is behavior problems," she said. "If you can do things to make your cat happier it's more likely to get to keep its home."

Outside the (small) box: Getting creative with less space

By Jay Dedrick SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE Writer Michelle Kodis has spent the past decade living in Telluride and Ridgway, southwestern Colorado spots where homes often seem so ... big. Perhaps unnecessarily

"It's sold to us that bigger is better, it everything from enormous soft driaks to enormous SUVs," Kodis says. "What's being fed to us in the media and other places is that a bigger house is better. But

With that in mind. Kodis began seeking out creative examples of small living spaces to feature in a book and came across such dwellings as a revamped prefab home in an Aspen trailer park, a Basalt cottage and a ened Telluride barn. Those th ured along with seven other distinctiv small spots from across the country in Blueprint Small: Creative Ways To Live

With Less: (Gibbs Smith, \$24.95). A smartly designed volume, thick with striking photos of cozy quarters, "Blueprint Small" walks readers through the homes visually while telling the stories behind

them. Extensive design plans are included, along

Most of the living spaces includ-ed have less than 1,500 square feet, the median size of a single-family home in 1967. That number has grown to 2,100 not square feet today.

"There's no rule for small in terms of a sciously, but subconsciously we feel better, number of square feet." Kodis says, "But

the question is, do you use all of your Why go small? While mega-mansions and three-story tract homes show no signs

lives, Kodis says. She points to Steven Liska, whose 1,600square-foot condo in Chicago is featured in the book. He left behind a 5,000-square

foot loft after deciding to purge possessions and reduce maintenance time and costs. "There are people who are just more nat-urally drawn to smaller spaces, which makes sense because human beings are nesting creatures," Kodis says. "We may

land is at a premium - can necessitate

small living quarters, too. Large homes are expensive to heat and maintain, Kodis notes, and they simply take

up more space than is necessary.

"It's important to think about your footprint on the Earth. If you're contemplating building a new house, it's more responsible to be thinking about how much earth you'll

"A big home might be a symbol of the

American dream, but it may not reflect day-to-day living — it might have a stupid floor plan. It's only reflecting an image."

## Martinez all hit 38s on the day. "We have a big week for us with Hartland and Milford," Huss seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. said of Novi's upcoming oppo-

SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildeats oirls' swim and dive team isn't hesitating to swim their best each and every meet and it has shown. The 'Cats, who are coached by

Larry Tchan, remained undefeated after topping Walled Lake Central 114-72 before tying Fenton 93-93.
In the 200, Emily Erickson led the charge, taking first with a time of 2:14.01, while Laura Lynch took second with a 2:14.34. Earning the third position to help Novi with the weep was Lauren Willson, as she

In the 100 free, Julie Schramm and Jill McNamara took first and cond with times of 59.60 seconds again taking a first, this time with chramm's time was 1:04.4 while

swimming in the 100 breaststroke, taking first in 1:17.17 while Colleen Patton notebod. Erica Hartland was the top

The Wildcats also swam away

Andrea Morabito took the top spot Earning second place in the meet was Brodfuehrer in both the 50 free

ond, finishing the 500 free in The relay team of McNamara, Hartland, Morabito and Erickson look second in the 200 free relay Schramm, Erickson, Brodfuehrer and Willson combined their talents for a 4:13.06 and a second place in

the 400 free relay. The Novi swim and dive team is on the road again, as they will be all year, when they visit Northville September 30 at 7 p.m. before visiting Brighton October 2 at 7 p.m.

Novi 93, Fenton 93

For Novi, the team of Moblo, Janine Waranowicz, Patton and Kristine Elrod took first in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:03.94, while teammates Schramm, McNamara, Hartland and Brodfuehrer took second with

a 2:08.84.

Elrod swarn well on the day, earning a win in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:23.61, just

ond with a 2:24.23. The Wildcats had one heck of a run in the 100 Colleen and Nicole Patton s and the 100 fly with times of 28.09 1:18.27 and 1:20.20 respectively. In the 100 yard backstroke, Schramm and McNamara went one

and two with times of 1:04.34 and The Wildcats had their fair share of Lynch, Brodfuchrer, Schramn and Elrod took second with a 3:59.26, while Erickson, Whitney

> place, notching a time of 1:07.51. Fellow Wildcat and top-shelf wimmer Lynch had an overall good day as well. She took second in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:08.41, while collected a time of 5:42.77 for second place in the 500

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Livonia Orioles 34 Varsity Colts 30

kick for the point after. The defense responde The defense responded again by stopping the Orioles, with blocks against the Orioles defensive front. Joe Carroll

reverse. That play set up a onerun by Quarterback Dawson Laabs.
The Colts were not done.

Vidra ended the Orioles attempt The second half featured great runs by Ryan Gardner, Cameron Thomas and Cormac Littleton, whose 34-yard touchdown run helped put the out of reach. Other great perlineman Alex Turner and Sean Wagner. Defensive standouts also included Michael Walukas,

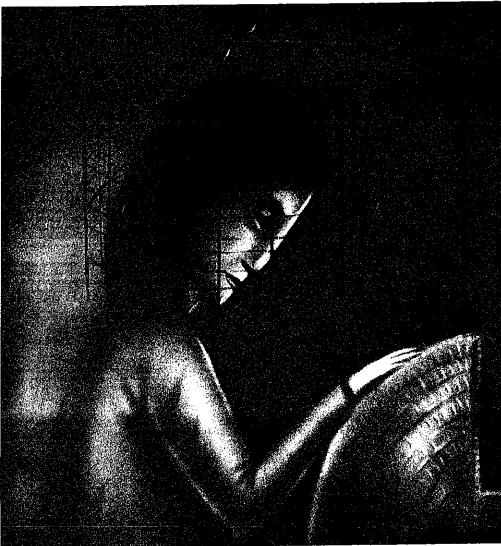
ran a sweep for a 53 yard score and they converted the kicked extra point for a 26-14 score. The fourth quarter starts with

from Tommy Storch to Tyler Scott cutting the Orioles lead to 34-30. After an onside kick attempt the Orioles ran out the clock and the Colts out of time for a 34-30 loss.

Junior Varsity Colts 0

quarter the defense forced the Orioles to punt after Nickolas Littleton made tackles on two punt, the Colts started at the

# HEALTH & FITNESS



# TRAPPED BY A DREAM COME TRUE

Motherhood can turn nightmarish for some, and a task force reaches out to help

Story By Chandra Harris ■ Illustration By Don Wood ■ Scripps Howard News Service

If she could move from one seat to .... Conant. said, "I felt embarrassed.

in one spot, crading what was sup-posed to be a bundle of joy.

Before her baby was born, she
But postpartum depression robbed her of the joy she should have been mrayed every night for a baby, even if feeling. meant enduring morning sickness

and weight gain. But afterward, her body stricken But afterward, her body stricken with flu-fike symptoms. Conant didn't know if the very thing she had prayed for wis a mistake.

"I was a mother who didn't know to make such a tiny little thing to make such a tiny little thing.

The contributing factors of PPD are sear clear but hormonal changes, life

stop crying," said Conant, of not clear but hormonal changes, life Knoxville, Tenn. She had no desire to stresses and the life change of giving

Knoxyille, Tenn, She had no desire to act or to shower.

Behind the fragile shell of mother-hood and the fake smiles. Comant was a mother in need of mothering.

No amount of research on the Internet, in baby books and magazines or phone calls to family gave through the property of the

Conant the answers she was desper-The recommended treatments arely seeking.

Now, at 38 and the mother of three hoys. Conant tells her story as the fuel ing, socializing with friends or a sup-

o fire a newly formed Postpartum
Depression Task Force of East Tennessee "so no other new mother has to wonder what's wrong with her.'

year old, and "I still felt like I was spiraling out of control," Conant said. "I and I would still be sitting in the same didn't say anything to my doctors. There were no support groups or any-one I could talk to.

another, Cindy Conant was having a good day.

Here I was with a healthy baby boy, who was predicted to have Down Most of the time she would just sit Syndrome. Many women would wan

■ Sleep difficulties

Lasting anywhere from two weeks

to up to a year after giving birth, post-parturn depression (PPD) steals the best parts of motherhood from 8 to 15 ■ Confusion or poor concentration ■ Nervousness ■ Over- or under-concern for the

■ Feelings of guilt

# Fear of harming the baby and/or yourself

Symptoms of postpartun

■ Uncontrollable crying

Lack of interest in sex - SOURCE: POSTPARTUM OF EAST TENNESSEE

and get help because I was a different person," she said, "I couldn't snap out of it."

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ent person," she said. "I couldn't snap out of it."
Fifty to 80 percent of new mothers experience the "baby blues" but are able to bounce back before the onset of next purely depression begins.

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Her first son, Zachary, was almost a rear old, and "I still felt like I was spined and I would still be sitting in the same are common afterbirth experience. It is labeled "normal and bambes" for a new mother to have a support "to any support "to place I was when he left for work,"

Conant said.

Accompanying those feelings can be a loss of appetite, sadness, confusion and crying spells for up to two weeks.

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"He wanted me to call someone after childbirth.

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early hadn't given her the opportunity to attend parenting classes and accept-ed the difficult birth experience she'd had and "finally just got outside and talked to others, I got better." Made up of health-care profession

high sacers told me about the baby blues, and I prepared myself for these feelings," Conant said, "Nothing pre-pared me for the type of depression I had." "My sisters told me about the baby

After she came to grips with the fact that Zachary's birth three weeks

als, educators and volunteers, the Postpartum Depression Task Force of East Tennessee hopes to be the 91 for mothers and their families suffer-

ing from postpartum depression.

The mission is to ensure no mother hits rock bottom or slips into the phase of complete isolation, accord-ing to program coordinator Stacy Hicks. "We want to be proactive in increasing awareness by educating

"The fact is the birth of a child is



## One-size-fits-all diet

By Joy Victory SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

During his lunch break, Robert Bolster has no problem sticking to the straightforward diet that helped him lose 30 pounds. The salad bar doesn't rate a second glance. tend, the 54-year-old physician prefers to chow down

on a chorizo tostado plate,

As Bolster eats the Mexican sausage, orange-tinted grease drips onto the dish. He hardly touches the comtostada underneath the fat-laden topping. He-skips the rice altogether but allows himself a few bites of refried

Bolster's diet philosophy is simple: Fat, good

Starches, bad.

And he's kept it up since 1998, when he first shed those extra pounds simply by ditching carbohydrate-heavy foods like pasta, rice and bread, he says.

Bolster, of Corpus Christi. Texas, is one of a growing number of people trying low-carb diets like the Atkins diet, Sugar Busters, the Zone and "Somercize" by TV personal Company.

nersonality Suzanne Somers. Low-carb diets, particularly Atkins, are popular for one reason: they give people permission to eat all the fat and meat they want. And unlike Weight Watchers or Jenny

Craig, there's no program to enroll in or meetings to attend. Anyone can try it (except for those with kidney disease, Dr. Robert Akkins warns), and most people lose tricks to the program of the progra weight when they cut out carbs.

Bolster, a family practitioner, believes in the diet so nuch that he's writing a book about it. For the first time, he said, doctors are taking notice of the diet first made popular by Alkins, who has been preaching his low-carb

nenu since the 1970s. The green light to consume fat and protein with aban-don certainly sounds alluring. But because carbohydrates are all but eliminated, the list of forbidden foods includes

spaghetti, mashed potatoes, sodas, beer, fruit, cookies dies and desserts.

Ouch. With that many no-no's, it's easy to see why most dicticians caution clients who want to jump on the low-carb bandwagon.

"People don't tend to stay on the (Atkins diet) for very long," warns diedician Ashley Musick of the Corpus Christi Medical Center, "People I know, they try it and they lose weight. But then they go back to eating how

they were."

Betty Peerman of Corpus Christi cut her carbs using the Somercize diet. She lost 30 pounds in three months. "Somercizers" are allowed to eat some whole grains with lots of fiber.

with lots of fiber.

This is an important variation to the diet, dieticians say, because some Atkins dieters get extremely constipated when they strictly reduce carbohydrates. (After dieters have reached their goal weight, Atkins does allow slow introduction of more high-fiber carbohydrates).

"You don't mix foods. You have fiber meals with no fat. Next meal, you can have high-protein meals with all the fat you want," Peerman said. "You don't feel deprived. This combination of food takes away your

desire for sweets. But you don't want it."

Georgia State University dietician Chris Rosenbloom said the low-carb diets' widespread success could reverse fat's bad ran. Scientists are learning that some fats can be very healthy, while others (like lard) generally have no health benefits.

"Like olive oils, the Mediterranean diet is higher in fat, but it's a healthy kind of fat. But the calories are impor-

## On the Web

Low-carb diet guru Dr. Robert Atkins' site is full of information on how to ditch carbohydrates:

online, but you can learn the major points of her

Fact Sheets provide a comprehensive look at

## Researchers say taking drugs via nasal sprays may become common practice

By Karen Hoffmann PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

The recent approval of an inhaled flu vaccine called FloMist by the Food and Drug Administration might signal not only the eventual demise of the flu shot, but

Nasal sprays boast a number of advantages over other Drug Delivery Focus Group of the American

First of all, they get around people's fear of needles.
"If you compare masal-delivery to an injection, the patient is going to be more likely to accept (the nasal) one of delivery" said Dr. Denise Sokos, assistant professor of pharmacy and therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. Nasal sprays let drugs reach the bloodstream rapidty

and thus take effect more quickly. Viagra pills, for instance, can take up to an hour to work, causing some men to become impatient, take more of the anti-impo-

University of Kentucky in 1999 developed a form of Viagra that could be taken through the nose instead by pill and that works almost immediately.

Stead on the mass overdose. Researchers at the University of Kentucky in 1999 developed a form of viagra that could be taken through the nose instead by its right of protection. Also, the nasal

Nasal sprays might also be used to deliver medica-tions that can't be taken orally, such as insulin and other proteins that are destroyed in the stomach and intestine. "The nasal mute is very much in research right now

very difficult to deliver other than by giving injections."

Here's a look at advances and issues in the development of nasal delivery drugs:

Nasal delivery offers particular advantages for vaccines. Injected vaccines cause an immune response throughout the body that provides protection from infection. Nasal delivery of vaccines not only produces this stick to the nasal cavity and promote its absorption.

systemic immune response, but also a local immune response in the nasal lining, providing an additional bar-

Also, the nasal passages are rich in blood vessels, which makes it easier for the drug to be absorbed into the bloodstream and cause the systemic immune

The convenience of using a nasal spray for vaccination is another benefit. ■ Challenges

The main problem with delivering drugs through a

Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. "Those are very difficult to deliver other than by giving injections."

anal spray is getting them to stick.

The nose is lined with mucus and tiny hairs called

cilia. "The mucus is a defense mechanism that the body uses to keep out particles," said Suman. The cilia sweep the mucus to the back of the nasal cavity, where it is swallowed, about every 20 minutes. A lot of a nasally ts are often added to sprays to help the drug

Most diabetics would prefer an alternative to their Other hormones

While Americans can take nasal calcitonin for osteoporosis, Europeans have a wider array of hormones that can be taken as nasal sprays. Among those are estrogen, testosterone, and leuprolide, a hormone suppressant.

Another good candidate for nasal delivery is pain medication. Instead of swallowing a pill and waiting half an hour for pain relief, a nasal spray would relieve pain almost instandy. Several already are available for migraines, like GlaxoSmithKline's Imitrex and Magnun's Migranal.

# MONEY

TIPS&IDEAS

## **Planning helps** whittle away medical bills

By Mike Schwartz

Debt-management counselors can give peo ple with big medical bills two reassu

the outset:
"There's no such thing as debtor's prison and they can't repossess your health," says Jeff Michael, director of education at Springboard Nonprofit Consumer Credit Management in Riverside, Calif. The worst-case scenario is a lawsuit and

bankruptcy, Michael says.

Avoiding that situation can be a challenge.

Dealing with doctors and dentists can be appredictable, he cautions. Some might work with you to devise an affordable payment plan. Others might demand total payment and threaten to call their lawyers.

Here are tips for negotiating a payment plan ■ Communicate with your provider. See if the clinic is willing to negotiate a lower price for services or cut you a deal on a medical bill.

Surveys show that about half of consumers who try for a payment arrangement get one.

Prepare a budget. Determine first how much you can afford to pay each month. Don't agree to pay more than you can honestly afford. It's better to tell a creditor you can pay only \$10 month than to promise more and not

■ Ask for a face-to-face meeting. Explain your situation to the doctor before treatment begins or ask for a special consultation to plead your case. Give honest reasons why you can't pay in full. The doctor may decide to conver

e rather than incur the expense of an attorned.

Hire a debt counselor. Organizations su as Springboard can counsel you and even do the negotiating. Seek help mainly for astro-nomical bills — the kind generated by a major operation or a lengthy hospital stay. Hiring an expert lets the bill collector know you're con-

sidering all options and won't be bullied.

Offer a settlement. This may be necessary if you've already fallen too far behind in payments or the health provider doesn't want to deal with you. In that case, the provider will likely sell the debt to a collection agency. If that happens, your credit rating will suffer some damage, Michael says.

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Chances are the collection agency paid 40 percent or less on the dollar to acquire the debt, he says. Michael advises offering to pay the collector 50 percent or less.

Be cooperative. Control your anger and

anxiety when dealing with debt collectors. Be courteous and prompt. But don't let anyone push you around. Also have patience. Getting out of debt can be complicated and time-con-

## Fear of losing insurance keeps workers stuck

By Victoria Colliver

As health care costs rise and benefits diminth, thousands of people find themselves stuck

in a job because of insurance concerns. In recent years, health care premiums have increased in double digits, causing some employers to shift a portion of the rise to employees through cost-sharing programs, higher co-payments and less generous benefits. So mee

employees are afraid that even if they get a new job in this "When people talk about offers health worries about insurance, the the economy about health care costs.

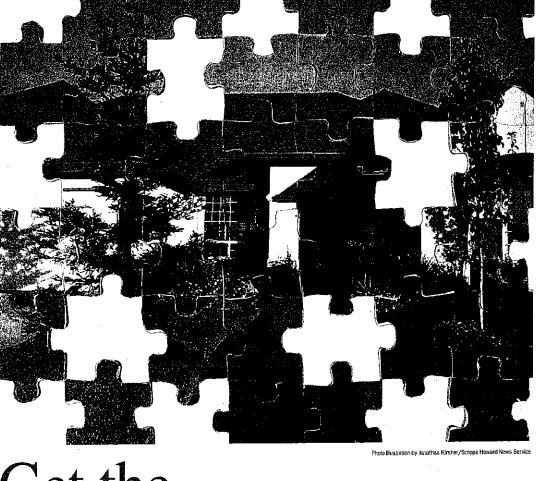
According to a poll by the Henry J. Kaiser Family they're talking about the same April, 32 perkind of surveyed were worries.

Mollyann Brodie Kaiser Family Foundation they might lose their health

care coverage, were very or somewhat afraid they'd have to stay in their current job instead of taking a new

one out of fear of losing health benefits "When people talk about wornes about the conomy and wornes about health care costs, they're talking about the same kind of wor ies," said Mollyann Brodie, vice president of public opinion and media research for the Kaiser Family Foundation, a health care "The job you have now may cover pharma-

centicals and the next one won I. The job you have now may have low cost-sharing and deductibles," said Karen Pollitz, project director of Georgetown University's Institute for Health Care Research and Policy, "There are a lot of reasons why you might be nervous about messing with your health care coverage and why you'd want to stay where you are and head down."



# Get the complete picture

Appreciation in property values can leave gaps in homeowners insurance coverage

By David Benda

You bought your home five years ago for \$130,000. Recently you've noticed that similar homes in your neighborhood are selling for well over \$200,000.

borhood are selling for well over \$200,000. While your home's appreciation has you giddy, you wonder whether the homeowners insurance policy you bought when you purchased your house will cover the cost to replace it today should it be lost to a disaster.

"I get that same question almost daily," said State Farm Insurance agent Jeff Avery of Redding, Calif. "They say.

My home is worth this value now. What exactly is my

insurance doing?"

Those types of inquiries shouldn't be surprising, con-

sidering home values in most areas have appreciated con-siderably over the past three years.

"We, as an organization, really hammer the point that every chance you get, make sure your homeowners poli cy is adequate to protect the biggest investment of your life," said Omar Morales, spokesman for the Insurance Information Network of California in Pleasanton.

First, though, let's talk about what your homeo

insurance policy will cover should you need to rebuild in the event of a disaster such as a fire. Homeowners policies cover the replacement-cost value, or the cost of construction, of your home — not the narket value. So let's say a house in your neighborhood similar to yours sold for \$230,000. That doesn't mean you'll get \$230,000 from your insurance company to

Ken Brown, an independent real estate appraiser in Redding, said the cost for a standard lot in Redding, for example, has about doubled over the past five years. rebuild should a fire destroy it.

Cost to rebuild

For a quick estimate of the amount to rebuild rur a quina escultate ut use amount or rebuild your home, the insurance information Institute suggests multiplying the local building costs per square foot by the total square footage of your house. Factors that will determine the cost to rebuild your home:

Local construction costs

. Square footage of the house

. Type of exterior wall construction

· Style of house

 Number of bathrooms and other rooms Type of roof

Attached garages, fireplaces, exterior trim and other special features;

Premium lots have shot up even more. Brown added.

But homeowners shouldn't fret too much about replac-"You can't lose the land" in the event of a fire, said Madelyn Flannagan, vice president of education and research for the Alexandria, Va.-based Independent

Insurance Agents & Brokers of America,
Many homeowners insurance companies — including
State Farm and Allstate — offer automatic inflation protection. The protection should keep your home up to-date

with increased construction costs.

pany that doesn't offer the protection as part of your basic coverage, your agent probably will sell it. Flannagan said inflation protection is worth the extra money.

"Especially if you're somebody who doesn't take the

time to regularly review your insurance policy," And checking your homeowners coverage every time you get the renewal packet to assure it's keeping pace with the value of your home should be a no-brainer.

Unfortunately, many homeowners don't take the time to do this, Flannagan said.

This is especially true for homeowners whose insurance premium makes up a portion of their monthly mort-

gage payment, Flannagan added. "You need to review your deciaration sheet on a yearly basis to make sure your home is insured properly," said Redding Allstate Insurance agent Carl Van Dyke. Both Ayery and Van Dyke make it a point to meet with

their clients periodically to review their homeowners cov rage.
Always tell your agent about any home im you have made, Flannagan said, adding that failure to do so could leave you underinsured. With interest rates at low

levels, home improvement projects have become popular.

The Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America report that remodeling projects increase the value of a home by more than 25 percent. A recent survey commissioned by the agents and brokers group says nearly 60 percent of homeowners who recently made structural changes to their homes — such as bathroom or kitchen remodels — did not update their homeowners

Flannagan suggests homeowners contact their agent

## Southwest Florida's largest air freight export? It's, well, bodies ...

By Steve Schmadeke

attorneys and business owners come to Florida to spend their golden years on came from "home." So when the time comes for them to shuffle off this mortal ty in the state

They don't like to tout it and the out of state. tourism board probably doesn't want you tourism board proposity doesn't wallt you to know, but the single largest export, unfortunately, is huntan remains," says Miller, general manager of Fuller Funeral Home's East Naples location, of cargo sent out of Southwest Florida International Airport in Naples, Fla.

Contrary to propular thought, human middle of April.

Contrary to popular thought, human remains — dubbed "HR: in cargo speak, are primarily moved in nondescript vans than hearses, with the exception of military remains. The remains are placed in a container designed to carry the body or a box that protects a casket. Containers

who died in Collier and Lee counties in 2001 were transported out of state, according to figures compiled by the Florida Department of Health. Collier that this particular market segment pro-County had the lowest

burial rate of any county in the state — 16
percent — and the coil, where are they buried? percent — and the fourth-highest percent-

stay quite busy from January until the middle of April.

designed to hold luggage and not bodies, each aircraft can only carry a maximum of two HR's, which can create scheduling

logjams.
"During the peak times, we're scram-

are moved with dolly-like devices called church trucks.

Almost 20 percent of the 7,825 people bling," Miller says, which means that a fair number of remains have what could be described as a frustrating final journey.

that this particular market segment pro-duces more than \$10 million in annual the airlines and a couple

outs and family ship-outs. Here's how Delta would handle a typical family ship-out: The funeral director the representatives working at a call cen-ter in Dallas. He gives basic details — by somebody's golf clubs?
"Only very, very seldom is that ever a

accompany them and whether the body has been embalmed.

(The last question is important because

containers with some type of cooling revenue in Florida, perhaps twice that, agent. If dry ice is used, there can be no pets in the cargo area because the dry ice releases carbon dioxide. Some funeral directors use ice packs instead.) A Delta Cares representative confirms

Orthodox Jews and some Muslims do not

that offer what amounts to one-sage to the contents. that offer what amounts to one stop shopping.
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are arranged —
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people think. "The only higher priority is customer's

# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

## NFIB UPDATE

## Health-care reform in 4,000

A while back-at least 3,700 years give or take a decade or two-mankind was already engaged in debates over the cost of health care. The first record of a public official kicking around the idea of regulating medical treatment and fees was Babylonian king Hammurabi who gave the world its first written laws around 1700

So no matter what excuse or legislative technicality those foot-dragging lawmakers in the U.S. Senate conjure up to avoid reforming the nation's health-care system, they can't say the issue has lacked ample discussion. credit is certainly due the U.S. House of Representatives, whose members took a bold step earlier this session to pass a bill that would allow small businesses to buy health insurance from their trade associations.

It could be that certain senators are unable to see the link between economic growth and health benefits. Most Americans know that ints. Most Americans know that when our small-business-driven economy is chugging along, it puts more money into the pockets of wage-earners, encourages consumers to buy goods and services and fattens the tax coffers of governments at all lovels. ernments at all levels.

It could be that certain senators could care less that small businesses create three out of every four jobs in America. Or maybe it's because some of those who serve in the upper chamber march to the tune of special interests, such as big business, big insurance and big labor, which can band together to buy low-cost, quality health insurance for their employees-an option not available to Main Street employers

Are those senators who are reluctant to give small businesses fair treatment aware that the single largest barrier to job growth among entrepreneurial firms is the cost of health care? Do they know that health insurers reaped more

that neath instrurs reaped mother than \$4 billion in profit in 2001, a whopping 70 percent increase over the year before? Have those indecisive legisla-tors in the Senate heard that one big company alone-Blue Cross (Plus Shield, expect in a prof. big company alone-Blue Cross/Blue Shield-raked in a profit of nearly \$3 billion while small firms were staggering under dra-matically excessive hikes in health care premiums? Or that the Kaiser Family Foundation reports health insurance costs rose 16.6 percent this year for the smallest

Association Health Plans can bring equity to the medical mar-ketplace by allowing small firms to collectively purchase afford-able, worthwhile health coverage. This crucial reform would open the door to medical care for mil-lions of American workers who their livelihoods lnterestingly, on one side of Washington, D.C, the U.S. Small Business Administration is gear-ing up to celebrate its 50th anniversary of service to the nation's entrepreneurs later this month. But at the highest point in the city, Capitol Hill, Senate efforts to help small firms by pass-

ing an Association Health Plan bill have fallen short.

King Hammurabi's code made All his subjects equal before the law. It's time for our modern law-givers in the Senate to put small business on an equal footing when buying health insurance. If unfairness was easy to see 4,000 years ago, what's delaying health care reform today?

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization found-ed in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

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Courtesy photos

Just some of the My Handyman technicians and their well-stocked vans.

## My Handyman grows from referrals

Local company, My Handyman, recorded record through the summer months. "I could not be happier with our results. Traditionally the summer is a slower time of year for our company," says Dayn Benson, owner of My Handyman, "but due to high repeat and referral work our business has nearly doubled from last year." from last year.

By focusing on the smaller maintenance and repair jobs, My Handyman, has created a suc-cessful niche for itself. "We stay away from large remodeling jobs like additions and kitchens that can drag on for weeks and months. This focus allows us to mornis. This focus arrows us to service our customers quickly, usually within a few days, and also lets us cater to the busy schedules of our typical client," remarked Benson. "We are in the business of providing time for time-starved consumers and skilled work for homeowners."

After surveying past con-sumers, it became apparent that

the appeal of My Handyman's services was the fact that they did the job correctly the first time and showed up to work when they promised. That is why Benson, adopted the slogan "On time. Done right." For his "On time guarantee," My Handyman offers a \$25 refund if a technician is late to a sched-

a technician is late to a scheduled appointment.

Andrea Morris, My
Handyman's office manager, says, "My job is fun because I'm
building relationships with people that I know we'll be serving
for years (o.come." for years to come.

for years to come."

Currently My Handyman is generating over 60 percent of its revenue from existing customers. One happy customer, Mike Brueger of Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor, said, "When you meet the men and women who work for Dayn Benson at My Handyman you are hanny to My Handyman, you are happy to turn your house over to them and head off to work. You can feel comfortable that they will do the job and lock up behind themDETAILS

My Handyman offers home and business repair and maintenance services with technicians who have a minimum of 10 years experipassed a drug screen and background check and wears a uniform while on the job. My Handyman guarantees they will be on time or you get \$25 off of your bill. My Handyman maintains millions of dollars of both liability and workers' compensation insurance and its employees are all bonded. You can contact My Handyman locally at (734) 662-5555 or toll free at (800) 770-4099. My Handyman also does busi-ness as Mr. Handyman in Livingston County.



owner of My Handyman, serves time starved homeowners with guaranteed appointment

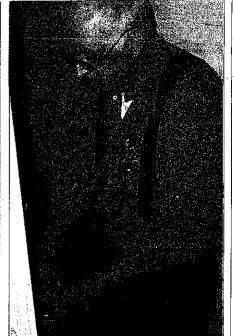
selves. They always put down protective drop-clothes and clean up afterwards. And when you come home the work is done. It's nice to have an operation with people you can trust, with uniformed technicians and marked trucks. It's truly a trust-

".worthy operation Benson offers t Benson offers the following tips to use when hiring a handy-

 Look for a company that invests in its future (marked vans, advertising, and referrals are good indicators that you will be dealing with a fly-by-

night company).

2. Get the right person. Ask if the company has do ground screening and drug test- ances and licenses. A handyman



One of My Handyman's skilled technicians, Lee Knepper, fixes a sticky door.

ing on its technicians.

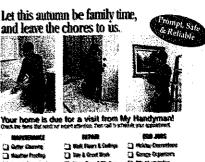
3. Experience pays, it does not cost. Ask about the experience level of the technician who will be coming to your home. Look for at least 10-15 years of professional experience

4. Protect yourself. Ask to see

should at least maintain a size-able liability and workers' comp insurance package.

5. Timeliness and flexibility. Find a company that can service you when and how you want to be serviced. A reputable company will offer guaranteed times as schedul









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