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Sam also offers the best of the best in grappling action with his All-Area Wrestling picks.

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Walkers honored for \$1M gift

Agreement signed at reception for Novi family

By Pam Fleming

Charles and Myrtle Walker, longtime residents of Novi, signed the paperwork Sunday making their \$1 million gift to the

Novi Public Library official.

The couple and their family members were recognized with a special reception in the Community Meeting Room of the

library that afternoon.

The Walkers have also agreed to match community funding up to an additional \$1 million through Dec. 31, 2005.

Those attending the reception included State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi); Novi Mayor Lou (R-Novi); Novi Mayor Lou Sordas; City Council Member David Landry; Library Director Brenda Evans; President of the Library Board of Trustees Terry Margolis, and other members of the board; and Treasurer of the Friends of Novi Library Barbara Bouett Brunett.

"As we gather here, we can't but realize this is spring — a time of renewal, rejuvenation and

hope. Novi is blooming, too," Cassis said.

Cassis commended Walkers and aumility in presenting the substantial gift to ibra-

library. "You're not C. Walker

asking for publicity. You're just asking to do something fine for the community which marks the kind of people

you are. ' Cassis said. "Mr. Walker, personally I want to say to you that you truly epitomize the work of a small busi nessperson who has endeavored and made his whole life about taking risks and securing prosperity for yourself, your family and your workers," she said.

"We are so grateful to you. You have weathered the ups and downs of many storms. You are also a reminder that our small business people like yourself are truly the backbone of America,"

"Our community and our state is richer, and our community is truly blessed. You are leaving us a long-lasting legacy. Now it's up to us to do our part. It is a pleasure for all of us to know you," she

"This is a great day in the City of Novi," Csordas said. "With their help, our library will grow along with our city."

Cassis and Csordas both presented the Walkers with framed proclamations honoring their gift. Margolis also gave the Walkers a plaque commemorating their donation donation.

In 1938, Charles T. Walker borrowed \$500 to start his first com-pany. In the next 66 years, he pany. In the lick to years, he received two patents and manufactured products such as brass and copper anodes, fuse bodies and universal vertical milling machines. Residents of Novi

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Life in prison

■ Sentence mandatory in murder of 2year-old girl

By Pam Fleming

Nikole Michelle Frederick, 24, of Novi, was sentenced to life in prison with no parole Tuesday afternoon in Oakland County Circuit Court for the first degree murder of Anne Marie Shawley, her 2-year-old stepdaughter.

Shawley died from massive head injuries at William Beaumont Hospital on Sept. 2, 2003, where she was transferred after Frederick and husband, John Shawley, brought her to Providence Hospital in Novi the

morning of Sept. 1. The girl suffered from massive head injuries, cigarette burns, and second degree burns to her legs and buttocks from a heating vent. She also had tearing around the lips and had two patches of hair ripped from her head when duct tape was wrapped around her head, according to police and

medical reports.

Shackled and dressed at her final court appearance in bright orange Department of orange Department of Corrections clothing, Frederick did not speak following her sen-tencing on the advice of her attor-ney, Michael McCarthy. She was moved to tears, how-

ever, at one point during com-ments made by members of Anne Marse's family.

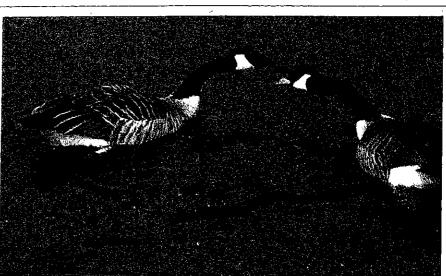
The little girl's father, John Shawley of Novi, was not present

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Nikole Frederick reacts as she hears graphic testimony of the death of Ann Marie Shawley during a preliminary hearing in Judge Brian MacKenzie's 52-1 District Court last October, Frederick was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday.



Sians of spring

A pair of Canada geese swim in a pond near the Novi ice Arena last week. With spring officially here, these geese and others will be busy building nests and creating lots of goslings.

Board makes recommendation for layoff of five administrators

A number of options still available to reduce the \$4.3 million budget

By Ramez Khuri

The Novi Community School District is facing a \$4,3 million deficit next school year - and the school board proved that it is not wasting time in reducing that amount by considering non-renewal of five administrators' contracts.

Just one week after Jim Koster. assistant superintendent for business and finance for the Novi Community School District, reported to the school board of education on budget matters, the board took its

first action to try to reduce the \$4.3

million deficit.

The district has been cutting the and is running out of areas to cut without getting into educational programs and administrative jobs. The latest decision by the board was to approve a resolution to make a recommendation to layoff the fol-lowing:

lowing:
• Belinda Seal-Sweet - adult education supervisor
• William Main - assistant direc-

tor of maintenance
• Jennifer Cheal - executive

director of instructional services

• Carol Diglio - Novi High School dean of students for attendance operation · Jamii Hitchcock - Novi High

The layoffs are not definite yet. Under state law, there is a process the board must use in order to termi-

School dean of students for student

ically get extended for one year. That is why the recommendation for layoffs was made before knowing which way the board will go to deal with the deficit. The district was required to advise the five

nate administrators. If the adminis-

trators aren't given notices within a certain period of time, they automat-

of the recommendation to board. done on March 22. The board

26. B. Schram March indicating nonrenewal is under consideration.

On March 26, Bob Schram, executive director of human resources gave a written notice of the board's consideration to the five adm

tors. The administrators now have right to meet with the board hin 30 days to be able to state why they shouldn't be let go.

why they shouldn't be let go.

After the 30-day period, which
would be April 29, the board will
either pass a resolution of nonrenewal or do nothing. If the board
does pass a resolution of non-renewal, written notice will be given to the five administrators at least 60-days prior to the date of layoff, which is

phosic to the day of tayon, which is targeted for June 30.

Schram explained that typically, in cases like this, where it's economic reasons for possible layoffs, people usually don't meet with the board to plead their cases. He said that the pental manufacture of the said that the pental manufacture is the said. that the next regularly scheduled board meeting after April 1 is April 22, which wouldn't be 30 days yet. That's why the board set April 29 as

another special meeting.
"That would be more than 30

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Independent contractor agreement OK'd

Administrators can work for district and collect money from retirement

By Ramez Khuri

The Novi Community School District Board of Education on March 18 approved an agreement between the district and Professional Contract Management,

continue to work and collect reurement money at the same time

The agreement will also help the school district to retain experienced administrative staff who may want to retire but also remain actively involved in educational leadership within the district and to have access to a quality pool of experienced administrators should an emergency situation occur in the future

According to Bob Schram, executive director of administrative services and human resources, is if a school administrator wants to retire and has worked for the district for many years, he or she can retire under the state of Michigan Public

go work for a private company out-side of education, in this case Professional Contract Management that provides emplo school districts on an independent contractor basis. That person can then continue working with the same responsibilities they had before - not as an employee of the

school district, but as an independ-ent contractor supplied by PCMI. The school district doesn't have to

The school district doesn't have to pay the retirement system or provide benefits for that employee. "It saves a significant amount of money and we can retain very effec-tive, highly experienced administra-tors who still have a lot to offer to

The advantage to the employees are, they can continue to work. doing something they are very effective at, and they can also collect their retirement."

The Novi district had an experience like this a few years ago when it needed an emergency employee at one of the buildings to cover for an administrator.
"We're familiar with this con-

cept," Schram said. "The reason we're taking another look at it now is, there was a Michigan Court of Appeals lawsuit last year by the me of Robert Mantei vs. the State

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School board recommends administrative layoffs

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days from March 25," Schram said. "That's when they would actually issue a layoff notice and make a resolution to implement the layoffs."

Koster once again stated last Thursday that a financial crisis looms in Michigan's educational system in the near future. He pre-sented his best estimate of what revenue expenses are going to be nex year and he even projected out a couple years beyond that. He tried to paint a revenue picture and an expense picture based on the worst-case scenario of the state.

In order to address the situation the board has come up with several options other than layoffs:

To implement a millage for "public recreation and play-grounds." Since the district offers an extensive community recreation program, according to Koster, it is logical that a millage could be levied for these programs, thereby lessen-ing the amount of necessary reducions in education programs To implement a pay-to-play pol-

icy for athletics and other extra-cui icular activities.
• To charge more money for com-

· To implement a schools of choice policy, where Novi Schools would allow students from other districts to attend their schools.

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"Those four areas could increas revenue." Schram said, "We have not been inclined to do schools of choice in the past and we always try to avoid pay-to-play type situations hat that's what we may have to ge

The board can look at other things as well, said Schram,

"We don't know if they will wan to use any of the fund equity or they want to keep millage or not be added. "Ti be rd isn't ready t ",millage or not," and isn't ready to decide yet wr is they want to make or how r pay each 'A, retireemployee benefits,

ment and salary."

The school board is expected to discuss the options during a public meeting tonight at the Educational Services Building located on Taft Road between 10 and 11 Mile Book The province begins 17.20 Roads. The meeting begins at 7:30

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Agreement approved

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of Michigan Retirement System Board, where the circuit court ruled in favor of Mr. Mantei, saying that it's perfectly legal for him to come ack and work in a school district as

At a time when the district has to look for creative ways to save money, the independent contractor agreement was a no-brainer. It's a win-win situation for the district and

mployees.
"The board did not appoint individual people," said Schram, "and no individual person has come forward saying they want to retire, but we will have a vehicle in place we will have a vehicle in place where if an administrative employee wants to retire and then become ar employee of PCMI, they could least

hat employee back to us."

By law, the superintendent can not participate. However, the agree ment can be used by any other administrator in the district, such as principals, assistant principals, assis-tant superintendents and directors

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Walkers honored for gift of \$1M

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since 1975, the Walkers want to see the library grow with the com-

"I've always liked libraries," Walker said. "This is truly spec-tacular to see this day. I'm a grateful man. I have been blessed to be successful in business over 65 years. This is an opportunity for us to give back.

He noted that he and Myrtle, his wife of 47 years who he ealls his "partner in crime," recently returned from a trip to China. "He truly is a self-made mar who took it upon himself to be involved in lifelong learning,"

Margolis said. She noted that the library will be renamed the Charles and Myrtle Walker Library in the future, and that the community is encouraged to make donations to the library. A special box is avail-able in the library for citizens to

drop off donations.

Friends of the Library donated \$2,500 to the capital improvement fund at the reception and made the Walkers honorary members of the

group.
"We're looking forward to working with everyone on this project," Margolis said. "We look forward to a greater and larger library in the future."

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A lifetime in libraries "You have the choice, and I have the choice to give to many organizations. I

Libraries have been a very important part of Charles Walker's life for many years. So much so that the 88-year-old and his wife, Myrtle, recently donated \$1 million to the Novi Public Library.

Born and raised in Detroit, his father, David, owned a shop that took nonferrous metal and reclaimed the metal for a local foundry. Charles Walker graduated from Northern High School in "I wished I had gone to Cass

Tech," he said. His education has been more

"My beginnings in the industry after high school was in the brewing industry. I went to brewer's school in Chicago to team the technology of making beer," he He worked for Zynda Brewing

Company as an assistant brew-master in Detroit. "After knowing the practice of it, I learned the technology of it." he said. Later, he became interested in the electroplating field.
"I sort of knocked around, calling on plants and got exposed to the copper anode business for the electroplating industry. I've been

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Charles and Myrtle Walker of Novi were honored by State Sen. Nancy Cassis, left, and Novl Mayor Lou Csorda, right, as well as members of the community for their \$1 million gift to the Novi Public Library Sunday.

plied electroplating materials to to Angola, Ind., to combine the with the electroplating materials to the electroplaters," he said.

The vas the year I established

Univertical Corp., which supmoved the company from Detroit

To Vagola, inc., to continue the total materials to the electroplaters, he said.

Five years ago, the family moved the company from Detroit plant, which was also moved chose my community.' \$1 million Novi Public Library donor

Charles Walker

from another location in Detroit. Although Walker's son, Chuck runs the business now, he is still engaged in a lot of the major decisions. Walker and other family mem-bers just recently returned from Suzhou, China, for the grand

opening International Charles Walker said the decision to donate to the Novi library came to him because three days a week he passes by the Novi Library because his dialysis treat-

ments are done at Beck and Ten Mile roads. "I used the library in Novi for meetings with lawyers and others. But they didn't have books on the technologies that I was associated with. I would drive

into Detroit and go to the engi-neering library section of the Detroit Library, which is very good," he said.

"Libraries were very important

were plans for a new library and

new books at the Novi library." So what does it feel like to know that the fibrary will someon the building?

"It's fantastic," he said. "Hopefully, I'll be able to go to the library on the days I'm not undergoing dialysis," he said. "Today I challenge those of

you who have the ability to sup-port this growing community and the need to have the resources the new library will provide," Charles Walker said at the

have the choice, to give to many

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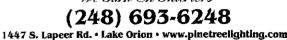
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barred from the courtroom several weeks ago by Judge Collects O'Brien after a confrontation with Schmidt and other family mem-

More than a dozen members came to the packed courtroom dressed in white T-shirts with a

black-and-white image of the lit-tle girl on the front.

Anne Marie's mother, Rueanna Schmidt, 25, of Emmett, Mich. addressed Frederick first

"Ann Marie was a precious little girl. She lit up the room when she walked into it. Her beautiful brown eyes shined with love. The day Ann Marie died, a big part of me died with her," she said.

Ann Marie may have meant nothing to you, but she meant everything to us. What you did shows hatred. Well, I have hatred — hatred toward you. I will never forgive you. You're a horrible per-

"You stole her life away, but you will never have her spirit," she

deserve the death penalty. Well, I don't agree. That would be too easy. You deserve to suffer just like Ann Marie suffered," she said. Atm Marie's stepgrandmother. Nell Schmidt of Emmett, the mother of Raeanna's second hus-

hand, Scott Schmidt, said the little girl used to call her "Gamma." Defense attorney McCarthy said, "I can tell you, judge, that whatever happened that night, that whatever she did, she'll never forget it. There's a sense of loss that she has suffered, too. She has experienced tremendous sorrow.

and that's not going to go away. I just want that human aspect of my she had no problem handing down

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the mandatory life sentence, "Your acts are reprehensible," she said, "fustice was served today," said for the sentencing, as he had been

Greg Townsend, Oakland County Prosecutor, "Ann Marie can rest in peace now, and the family can start grieving."
Townsend said this was one of

the most memorable cases he has handled in his 21 years as an attor-ncy due to the horrific nature of Novi Chief of Police Doug

Shaeffer complimented the detectives involved in the case. "I'm very pleased with the investigation and the high-quali-ty professionalism displayed by these officers. This was a horrendotts crime. Now we can look with a great deal of satisfaction

knowing that this lady will be spending the rest of her life behind prison bars." Shaeffer Detective Victor Lauria, one of the investigators, said, "We say that the punishment should fit the

crime. But I can't think of a pun ishment that a court could admin ister that would fit this crime."

Lauria said Frederick will be

incarcerated at Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township "All female state prisoners start there, where she will be evaluated and classified as a Level 5 — maximum security - prisoner," he

Lauria said this was the worst case of abuse he has seen in his 16year career with the Novi Police Department. "Anyone who's been on the force for any amount of time has witnessed brutal acts of one human against another, but noth-

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Life in prison | Child abuse can result from reacting instead of thinking

The death of 2-year-old Ann Marie Shawley at a Novi mobile home park on Sept. 2, 2003, and the sentencing this week of her step-mother, 24-year-old Nikole Frederick, for first degree murder in the crime, shocked the community. How could such a thing happen.

and what, if anything, could have been done to prevent such a terrible thing from happening? These are questions that family members, friends and members of the local community are asking themselves in the aftermath of this horrific crime. Shannon Tomkie, MSW, CSW, a

family and children's therapist at Providence Hospital for 25 years, said caregivers often react rather than think during stressful situa-

"I think one thing that happens is that people get overwhelmed with the tasks of care giving, and they just simply react. And, sometimes those reactions are extreme," she

said.
Tomkie said the types of injuries that led to Shawley's death although incomprehensible are not that uncommon in child abuse case his-

Burns, bruises, blows to the head or upper torso, broken bones -hese are not unusual in cases of extreme child abuse," Tomkie said.

Tomkie noted that answers to uch a child abuser's actions can often be found in their family histo-

abuse issues that they might have and rage. It's like the person situation progresses," she said.

If you encounter child abuse or if you or a family member need help, call one of the fol-

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ing, they're whiny and unreason-able. They haven't reached the age of reason, so their behavior can take care givers right to the edge," she added.

Parents and care givers, under the right circumstances, can cross the line and become out-of-control

angry.
"That's what's significant, and that's what's so scary, it's not being aware of the intensity of your own emotion as a care giver. You're being driven by this feeling inside of you, and you're not using rational thought in your behavior," she said. Tomkie said a very high percent-

age of people inflicting abuse on others have been abused thembreak that cycle of violence," she

woman must have been," she said, "She's earing for not just one, but "Two-year-olds are known for several children at one time. I'm not

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"People who have anger management problems get caught in a cycle of

stress and violence." Shannon Tomkie, MSW, CSW

venting, and these behaviors are a

and just kept going. She needed to

either remove herself from the situ

ation or seek immediate help, Tomkie said.

She suggests that parents, rela-

tives or care givers call a child abuse

hotline if they get into a situation in which they feel out of control. Finally, how as parents and care

givers, do we explain such crimes to

your children that bad things can happen in this world. There are peo-

problems. I guess all you can do is

give them a hug and tell that you

have a responsibility to act out of

"As a parents and care givers, we

can't understand it as a adult, so how do you explain it to a child?" Tomkie said. "Explain to

young people?

excusing this woman's behavior. It assess the situation at hand," she was late at night. She had a sick child to contend with and maybe left she had no one to help her." reflection of the degree of pressure that they're experiencing," she said, "This stepmother crossed the line

But why didn't she seek the help of Ann Marie's father, who was asteep in the back room?
"Perhaps the husband has an anger management problem as well. Maybe that's why she didn't wake

"There are a lot of circumstances that are not apparent on the surface. You don't know what she was dealing with," Tomkic said.

What should someone do if they suspect someone may be guilty of abusing a child?

handling their children properly, go directly to them, confront them about it, and ask them if they need help," Tomkie advised.
"People who have anger manage-ment problems get eaught in a cycle

of stress and violence. If you are one of those people or you know some-

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You've tried the rest, now try the Sandy Koufax diet

By Ernie Harwell

Did you know that 30 percent of Americans will eat everything on their plate — no matter how much food is there? When you consider the portions in restaurants have increased over the years, you can begin to derstand one aspect of our country's growing obesity problem

maerstand one aspect of our country's growing obesity problem.

Sandy Koufax, the great pitcher for the Dodgers, had a good idea about eating — and this was long before dieting got as popular as it is now. He'd go out to a restaurant and he would eat half of what was served to him, no matter what it was. If it was a 16-ounce steak, he'd eat a long to be a bound of some half and a help on the steak, he'd eat. served to him, no matter what it was. In twas a for-outer steak, nie de as a seak see seak, nie de as a seak see seak, nie de as a seak see seak se

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health, and finess advocate for Blue Cross Blue Stield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

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CLASS NOTES

Online teacher pays a visit

■ Classes popular among Novi High School students

By Ramez Khuri

Thirteen Novi High School stu-dents got a real treat when J.D. Birchmeier, and educator who had been teaching at Deerborn Divine Child for 30 years, came visiting their school on March 19.

Birchmeier, or Birch, as most people call him, is an online teacher for the Michigan Virtual High School as well and all 13 of them are currently enrolled in his

> Human Space Exploration and Astronomy online, lives in Canton and usually never sees his online students in person because there are so many of them scattered all over the state of Michigan. He communicates with them through communicates with them through e-mail and students work at their own pace to pass his courses.

> own pace to pass his courses. Since there are so many at Novi High, he was invited to come in to do a face-to-face session.
>
> "I wrote both classes," Birchmeier said. "Human Space Exploration is a little bit of history and how you manage to live in space. I started with an outline by space. I started with an outline by Lynn Bonduant, who works for NASA. He gave me the outline and we discussed that and by the time I was done I had 31 pages of material. That won an award last year from the International Society for Technology and Education for online education."

Junior Brian Harrison and senior Sam Muraliphar are enrolled in Human Space Exploration. Both are enjoying the course very

"I got into it just as an alterna-tive because I ran out of other classes to take," Harrison said. "It was good because instead of hav ing to pick one class, there it gave me a lot of options. It's a good class because it gives you a lot of freedom. If you're not motivated to work every day, with this class you can take a day off and still get your work done. It's very self paced."

A mentor at Novi High over-

sees that students are working on their separate curriculums each day. There is only one high school in Michigan that teaches Human Space Exploration traditionally, which is why the online version is

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so popular.
"I looked at the preview of the classes online to see which ones were good to take," Muraliphar said. "This one looked interesting.

There is a lot of things to click on and look at. It has gone really will Out leacher communicates. I don't think I would like to have a many of these classes (she were a many of the she were a she were a she were a many of the she were a m well. Our teacher communicates

with us very quickly. I think this class is better online, it would be hard to teach it traditionally." James Wheaton is one of Novi High's mentors. He explained that the program was originally devel-oped for smaller school districts, Novi, however, is not traditional in that sense. It has such a large student population, that it can offer many different classes, as well as the supplemental online

for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail of

"The students are very definite-ly succeeding," Wheaton said.
"It's a good supplemental pro-gram from what I can see so far.
It's not for everybody though. It, has to be a self motivated student who can come in and get them-selves to work."

Senior Hannah Irwin is taking Birchpunic's other course. Birchmeier's other course, Astronomy. "I took this class because it's my senior year and I wanted to take something new, she said. "I'm really into space photography, so I thought this would be for me. It's really great, everything is online and we all have the chance to go further in the subject if we want to because there is so much information on the web that's available. You can go at your own pace, which is really nice." Irwin described the class as a

"The students are very definite

nice break from the monotony of regular classes, "You get to go and do your own thing instead of getting behind," she said. "I wouldn't be able to sit at a computer all day though, I do like the regular classes too. These classes are good for more specific subject areas and Astronomy and Human Space Exploration are pretty spe-cific."

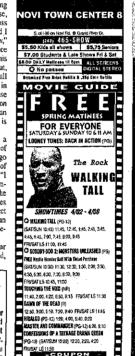
Harrison and Muraliphar agreed. "Online courses are good,



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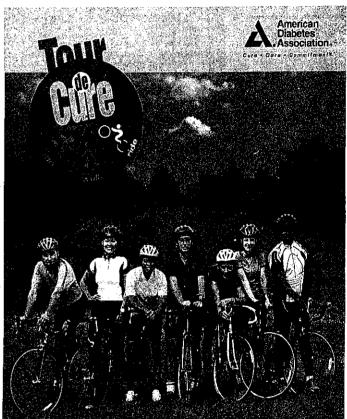
many of these classes take over a school." Muraliphar would also miss the es if she took all online classes "A classroom is one thing where you can talk to your peers, and it helps because there are a lot of kids in this online class, but i one to compare with," she said,

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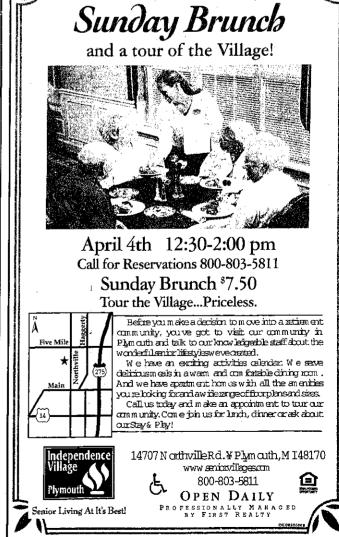




J.D. Birchmeier, Online teacher for Michigan Virtual High School (wearing the hat), poses with Novi High School students who are enrolled in his class. Pictured with him are, front row left to right: Robert Carter — 11th grade, Hannah Irwin — 12th grade, Lindsay Wegryn — 12th grade and Novi High Mentor Teacher James Wheaton Pictured in the back row left to right: Sean Costello — 11th grade and Brian Harrison







Two win Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Scott Davis and Kristin Thomas

By Ramez Khuri

The Third Annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest winners are in, and once again the Novi Community School District was represented well, claiming two

Novi Middle School eighth ed grades sixth through eighth and Novi High School 10th gradand Novi High School 10th grad-er Kristin Thomas won for the thrid time in as many years. She was among the Level Two win-uers, which included grades ninth through 12th. Each has won a \$100 U.S. Government Savings Bond, two B.D. Mongolfan Badheene dimer wift certificates. Davis write three paragraphs Barbecue dinner gift certificates with a prize pack, and an Award the Knights of Columbus April the Krights of Commons open.

Council meeting to read their essays and receive their prizes.

Students in grades sixth Knights of

invited to par-ticipate. The

this year was, S. Davis

'Why I Am Proud To Be An American,' Students were asked to identify, in writing, the reasons why they are proud to be Americans. Essays were judged on writing style, idea development, content, original thought and insight. "At my church they passed fly-

Davis wrote three paragraphs

about how the government works, how Americans unite during situ-ations like September 11 and the history of America.

The winning essays have automatically been entered in the continue to enter the contest, Knights of Columbus State of however. She said it just all



Savings Bond, State winners will be announced

different than last year," she said.

"I knew I wanted to enter again

win again," she said. "It's a great honor for me."

She wrote about what she sees is the most positive thing about being an American versus fiving in another country. Topics she mentioned included all the diver-

sity and all the cultures that are in America, how Americans have their basic rights spelled out and how life, liberty and pursuit of by the end of May.
"I was surprised when they told
me I won," Davis said, "I'm not happiness are guaranteed. In other countries there are dictators who take over. She also mentioned Thomas, who has now won the they have so much that they some-

"I was surprised and honored to

contest for three years in a row, was modest about her accomplishments. times take it for granted,
"I don't think about what I
think would win the contest when "This year the essay I had to I write," Thomas said. "I just write was about why I'm proud to be an American, so the content I had to write about was a little bit always anonymous... It's very because I like writing so much. I thought it was nice winning the last two years."

Thomas isn't sure if she will a mark that is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 ar by e-mail at

rkhuri@ht.homect

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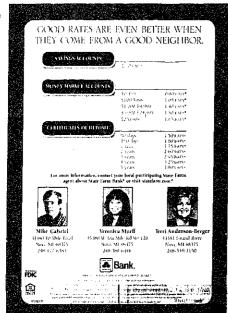
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PHONE: (248) 449-1206 for registration

On Campus

Thomas Philip Price of Novi was named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., for fall quarter 2003. Price is a painting major and is the son of David Price and Donna Price of Novi Novi residents Matthew Causley and Andrew Wilson, and Walled Lake resident Gary Hart, were named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for fall

2003 semester,
Novi residents Gregory
Heather Braziunas, Dustin Gress, Heather Haffer, Ryan Hatcher, Jen-Yuan Her, Mahesh Kumthekar, Janice Liao, James Morrison, Maanasa Muralidher, Erika Alpert, Vikram Balani Laura Ellison Adam Hersberger, Jung Kim, Amit Nagar, Jeremy Patt, Linda Piippo, John Rezkalla, Wagdy Sidrak Danielle Wahlstrom, Michael Donovan, Glen Guenther, and Donna-Klebba were among the graduates at the University of Michigan during December 2003



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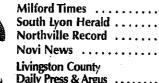


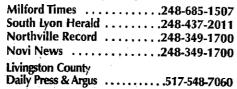


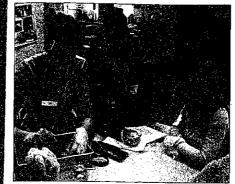
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Novi High students keep their eyes out for Parkview pupils

By Ramez Khuri

The 'eyes' have it. Well, not really. That should say the 'eyes' got it, as in, they got dissected at studied in a hands on manner Parkview Elementary School last

High School brought Novi High students over to the elementary school to perform sheen eye dis sections. The younger kids eagerly watched while the older kids dissected the eyes and at the same time explained what each a success, "It's really exciting,"

"Parkview contacted me because of the connection with ground and it's a great contact
community piece between the
two schools."

This was the second year in a
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the eye and how it works. Now with the dissection project with high schoolers, they actually were able to witness what they

dissected out and that will put the between Parkview and Bill real world connection to the Dunbar's science class at Novi High School brought Novi High work," Dunbar said. "For my kids, it's just a great experience to come over here and share what they know and play teacher for a day."

Dunbar said that the project is

he said. "If you look at the energy level in the room, the younger kids are really excited to see this their project with the human eye and understand what's going on, and my anatomy class." Dunbar said. "It's kind of a natural content of the c nection. We have the older kids, who have some experience with dissecting and the equipment and to some extent with the eye itself. The younger kids have done the come here and work with the second graders, kind of facilitations of a familiarized my kids with ing the lab for them. In the past what they would like the second have had parents do this, but graders to know and see, so we're just facilitating that in a

Deerfield, ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be Dunbar explained that because of their age, the elementary students are not allowed to use the

S.O.D. S. DEDING

Easter Brunch

Soldier pays a visit to Woods ■ Cousin of group and in 2003 he went to Iraq. Currently Dee is on leave until Easter Sunday, but it's possible he could return to Iraq Woods student reads to kids

By Ramez Khuri

Theresa Drafta, a Novi Woods fourth grader, had someone very special to share with her class-mates last Tuesday. It was kind

Dee, who happens to be a specialist in the United States with all the classes who attended specialist in the Classes with all the Classes with He is stationed out of Fort Campbell, Ky, which is an hour they see a lot of it on television, exit they see a lot of it on television, but I'm sure they never actually reharded in (248) 349-1700, exit they see a lot of it on television, they see a lot of it on television, they see a lot of it on television, and it is a lot of it on television, they see a lot of it on television, they see a lot of it on television, and it is a lot of it on the lot of it or of it of it on the lot of it on the lot of it of it on the lot of it of it on the lot of it on the lot of it on the lot of it on the l training with a special forces over there," Dee explained. "

News Anchor Devin Scillion, which he later presented to Novi of like show and tell, but instead of briaging a Barbie doll, or some other toy, Drafta introduced her older cousin, Rick Dee, to the school. ters to him, so he has been out there as well. He also said there is at least one and possibly up to three other schools he may visit in the near future.

Dee talked to the students

about the army's intentions in the current war with Iraq. He read a book entitled "A is for

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"Ricky (pictured) was 19 army, Here's my cousin, Specialist Rick Dee," said Theresa Drafta introducing

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Compiled by Ramez Khuri

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On a separate sheet, in 300 words or less, tell why you have nominated this individual, group or ousiness. Describe the nominee's major accomplishments, commitment, self-motivation, problemsolving skills, and measurable impact upon the community. Entries must be typewritten. Do not stable pages. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business minees, include a photo of persons participating in the volunteer activity

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Village Oaks S.P.A.R.K. Day a success despite power outage

Students learned much about science during event

After more than a year of planning, the first ever S.P.A.R.K. Day took place March 12 at Village Oaks Elementary School, Science Plus Activities Reaching Kiki day was an event that principal Mary Goedert had spearheaded at her pre-

introduce children to the many facets of science in a very informal, hands-on approach which would inspire and "spark" their curiosity. The second goal of S.P.A.R.K Day was to expand the children's career awareness by inviting presenters from throughout the community who use science at work.

With the support of the parent organization V.O.I.C.E., over 22 presenters from every walk of life were assembled for this very spe-cial day. The topics ranged from weather, forestry, recycling and ani-mals to germs, food, lasers and hydro-electric power.

Based on the subject area, the topics were classified by age appro-priateness of either (kindergarten, first, and second) or (third and (ourth). Each presenter was given a room and 45 minutes to introduce and talk about their subject area During this time, they engaged in vital conversation and various hands-on activities with their room of students. At the end of the 45 minute session, the school would fill with the chatter of children as each made their way to the next session. In total, each child participal ed in three sessions of their choice

Mary Ann Dunaj-Ring, from the Detroit Zoo, presented "Animal Wrappers." The children experi-enced the feel of a zebra, giraffe, moose, and polar bear pelt. They learned how hair or fur can keep an animal wann and that the colder the weather, the more dense the animal's hair. Fur also protects the animals from cuts. The children also examined feathers from various birds including a peacock, owl and duck. They were able to see how the feathers keep the birds dry. The children saw the skeleton of a snake and felt a real snake skin. Reptile skin, known as wrapper, helps to keep moisture in as a form of pro-

Nancy Kelly, a parent and science teacher, engaged a room full of younger students with her amazing light show. She explained the various parts of the eye and how light is captured.

The children quickly discovered the differences between transpar-

ent, translucent and opaque. Lots of giggles could be heard as the chil-dren's opaque bodies made the light go around their bodies and put hadows up on the walls.

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the dark room and lightly sprinkled fine, white haby powder over the beam. Because white light contains all the colors of the rainbow traveling in different waves, the waves of the white light could be seen. The same demonstration using a red laser showed no waves in the light.

The children enjoyed several hands-on activities with prisms, kaleidoscopes, and other reflective materials. And, finally, the students learned that Mr. ROY G. BIV is a great way to remember the order and colors of the rainbow-- Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet.

Greta Wicker, from the Ann vious school system, and she wanted the Village Oaks students to enjoy it as well.

The purpose of this event was to minerals, a magnifying glass, and a color flip chart. As they learned about the three different types of rocks - igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic - the children looked glass in hand, each looked closely for minerals that were crystals. It

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science was given a whole new life at Village Oaks. It became a truly fascinating and interesting subject as the students were able to see, hear and feel in the hands-on activ-

> "Science is in every part of life and can be a very fun subject, too! Especially when it is "S.P.A.R.K. ., in the dark!" Goedert said, "We look forward to next year, and

SPARK In the dark

No one could have ever imagined after more than hundreds of hours planning this very special event, that the flickering lights at the entrances to school were not a spe-cial effect for S.P.A.R. Day. Without invitation, Detroit

Edison played a vital rele on March 12. Apparently, a fuse (or two) had blown in the transformer. The school had partial power. For the

did not work. Many of the clocks and not work. Many of the execus stopped. The bathrooms were in total darkness. But the staff and par-ents of Village Oaks proudly said, "The show must go on," And, "on" it word.

With maps, schedules, and a case full of flashlights, everyone pitched in and helped. A main volunteer in each hallway, with a walkie talkie,

their chosen presentation by walking with their classmates or with the help of the many volunteers and staff in the hallways. Presenters stayed, even in the midst of black room and the meeting began. "Here classrooms, to talk to the children. Many times several teachers and parent volunteers shone three or more flashlights on presenters so the children could see their subject matter. No one panicked, Everyone

was evident that the electric would will you be at home to get them

ent when all the phone lines are was reached. (Yes, parents - emer-Kortlandt and Parn Neville, with the help of additional staff members prepared packets for each class-room. Rosters were updated with children who were sick for the day

or had older siblings so no two fam-

The verbal call went out through the hallways, "Calling all parents with cell phones, please report to the front office." Goeden was able to recruit one parent for each classis your script," It was all written out. What to say, what to do, the next

contact with the parent of each child and let them know the school off the bus?"
With each student's complete contact emergency sheet in hand, calls were made to every phone number provided until someone metabold (Vac paratte amount of the contact of th gency contact numbers are very important!) Children were kept in their respective classroom until

released as directed by the parent.

By early afternoon, the school Village Oaks Elementary handled "SPARK IN DARK" with comilies would receive more than one Village Oaks is truly a community of caring, dedicated families that work together no matter what the phe (which this day could have been). The very first S.P.A.R.K. will probably always be remem-

Bette Born is a PTO mother for Village Oaks Elementary School.



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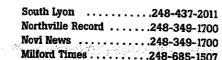
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Marching through books: A celebration of reading in Novi

March may be over, but that doesn't mean the celebration of the joy of reading should end too. Schools across the Novi Community School District took part in that celebration all month, with many author visits, activities and parties.

At Parkview Elementary School, authors such as Johnathan Rand and Rhonds Green shared their knowledge with the kids, while the PTO was busy preparing cupcakes for Dr. Seuss' birthday party. Students watched Dr. Seuss videos and explored the Dr. Seus

"Our parents come in as reading ambassadors and they begin reading books to students that hopefully, they will check out and finish themselves," Parkview. Literacy Specialist Wendy Gould said. "That's organized by our PTO. We also have a mystery teacher exchange where all the class room teachers exchange classes and go in and read a story to a different classroom. The kids don't know who that mystery teacher is until that person arrives at their door. The teachers and kids both like that."

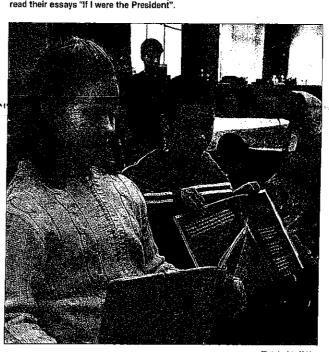
Gould also explained that Parkview also has a yearlong reading incentive program called the Bear Club and March is the last month for that. Kids are encouraged to enter the Bear Club banner contest and the best one is chosen to be a real banner, which is then put on display in the media center.

"It's a celebration of reading," Gould said, "March is a good time during the year to do it. It's between winter and when all the sports events start. Originally March Reading Month started with the governor many years ago. We have been celebrating March is Reading Month at Parkview since we opene 14 years ago."

Here's a look at what all of the other Novi schools did to celebrate March Reading Month.

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Orchard Hills students Jessica Smith and Kyle Clemmons read "Legend of Sleeping Bear" by Kathy-jo Waigin to other classrooms outside of Michigan during, a March is Reading Month teleconference last Wednesday morning.

Novi Woods Principal Pam Quitiquit celebrated March is Reading Month by reading "The Cat in the Hat" to stu-dents. The Cat himself and Thing 2 also showed up to encourage students to read. Pictured are second graders (back row): Lauren Matson, Jessica Parvana, Peter Tierney, Abby Patenaude, Jenny Chang, Jessica Ledesma (front row) Nicholas Cox, Jessie Belsito, Megan Paul and Ruiting



Jackie Purtan, from the WOMC Radio Station, visited the Novi Public Library to read to children for March Reading Month. This event is co-sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union and WOMC Radio Statio



reads to first graders in Kathy Siarto's room as one of the eaders on Community Reader's Day at Village Oaks.



athan Rand, the author of the Michigan Chillers book series and most recently the American Chillers book series, visited Parkview Elementary School last month, stressing to students the importance of following their dreams. He also told his story about how he became an author.

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One of the most important articles we've ever printed in this newspaper is on page 4.

The death-by-torure of 2-year-time that Shouler shocked in make growing in year tense.

judges. The obvious question: How could any human do that to anoth-

Read the page 4 story and you'll be a little closer to understanding.

Trust me - I am the

for 25 years, offers explanations. I have 6- 8- and 10-year-old children. There are times when the pressure of dealing with them is enormous - but realizing when you're reaching the breaking

oint is crucial.

I grew up with a father who had a tough time making that dishad a tough time making that dis-tinction. He's an ex-boxer who, at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or by e-73, could still knock the tar out of just about anybody I know.

old Anne Marie Shawley shocked everyone, even the hard-core around our house, and it's probacops, prosecutors and judges.

If made growing up very tense everyone, even the hard-core around our house, and it's probacops, why I rely on humor so much in my life now.

Tornkie explains how nany people, like many people, like myself, want to break that cycle of violence. Even though I love him enormously. I refuse to be like my dad. And my brother was so adamant

last person on this plan-et who would justify the actions of Nikole Frederick. Shannon Tomkie, a children's therapist at Providence Hospital would not be telling you these would not be telling you these things if I didn't think so. The story of Anne Marie Shawley has led me to tears more than once. PLEASE read the story on page 4 so there will never be another story like hers in this newspaper

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Photo by John Helde Blowin' away Enjoying Earth Explorers Day at Orchard Hills and seeing how wind (or breath through a straw) can cause erosion in a pan of Michael Tumminello trip allowed stuhow wind erodes different soils and minerals and also how earthquakes are transmitted

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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GUEST COLUMN

Cable access committee volunteers on your behalf

Have you caught all the great LOCAL programs that are on INFO TV-12? All of them are produced by volunteers who aren't necessarily professionals (although much of what you see looks just as professional as anything you'll see on any other channel). Our communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi have established facilities and resources to enable anyone an opportun produce television programming. That also

gives you, the viewer, an opportunity to see what's going on in "your own backyard."

It takes many volunteers to make all of this come about; not just the volunteers who produce, edit and host programs, but also the volunteers who establish the guidelines, pro-

mote the resources and lobby on your behalf for Public Access TV. In our communities, those volunteers are members of the Cable Access Committee

(four from Farmington Hills - Chairperson Pat Isham, Larry Bohner, Pauline Navoy and an open seat; three from Novi - Art Cervi, Elinor Holland, Pat Poirer - and two om Farmington - Jeannie Liming and Tracy

There is a variety of experience on the committee. This diverse group of producers, volunteers and average citizens is your direct contact to community access. If you have suggestions or input on how to make public access better in our community, don't be shy come to a meeting. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7 p.m. at the SWOCC Studios

Farmington and are open to the public.
The Cable Access Committee was formed to make recommendations to the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) regarding the use of the public access facilities, equipment and cable access

Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, which oversees the contract with the Cable Company pertaining to regulatory matters. SWOCC also operates and promotes the community TV channels for public, educational and government access, Farmington's The Great 8, Info TV-12, Novi 13, and

If you are interested in becoming active with SWOCC Studios, the CAC, are interested in producing your own TV show or volun-teering on one, please contact Melissa Cohn at (248) 473-2840

Melissa Cohn is the Community Relations Coordinator of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. at Novi The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at SWOCC Studios.

Be aware of building

During the week of April 4-10, building world will celebrate Building Safety Week to raise public awareness of building safety, and to promote the use, enforcement and understanding of the importance of building safety and fire prevention codes. "You Can Be a Part

of Building Safety Week" is this year's theme.

Building code enforcement is the job of professionals who work right here in Novi. We are an active member of the International Code Council, an association that develops Code Council, an association that develops building codes to safeguard the public in the buildings where we live, work, play and learn. Building Safety Week, which was first observed in 1980, and is sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, is an

opportunity to educate our communities. It is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building de

defense to protect the public. the city of Novi encourages the public to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community. The department takes appropriate steps to ensure that the places where the people in our communities

live, work, play and learn are safe by review- of the people, only the shouts of the hunters

struction of single-family homes and 666 permits for commercial activity. There were 26,960 "call in" inspections performed for building, plumbing, heating, and electrical.

The City of Novi Building Department now provides all residential forms and hand-outs on the City website at www.ci.novi.mi.us or at the Civic Center, which is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. You may also contact

> Donald Saven Novi Building Official

Save the doves

the department at (248) 347-0415.

The dove issue is coming out of the judicial committee and destined to be voted on by the full senate. This is an issue which will not go away quietly because the people of Michigan have made the dove their own.

Hunting associations have gathered 5,000

ing building plans, issuing building permits, and inspection buildings during and after construction.

More than 50 percent of the people polled are opposed to dove hunting. Michigan has protected the dove since the 1890s. Because 39 struction.

In 2003 the City of Novi Building tected the dove since the 1890s, Because 39 other states allow this hunting, Michigan need

Last year our family witnessed a dove pain making a nest in our hanging planter. Eggs were laid. Like Harton, the mother dove swayed in the breeze, endured the summer heal and a terrific wind-rainstorm. Eggs were hatched and my grandchildren had the pleasure of seeing the hatchlings being cared for by their parents. Three nights after the hatch, a skunk devoured the little family. The children witnessed a different side of nature. Without a bullet or gun, the dove population was down

Our legislation is planning to remove the doves from the protected category of songbird to being "our state bird of Peace". Now isn't that ironic. The mere thought of 5,000 hunters prowling the woods, fields and byways to kill their allotted limit of 900 doves per season is devastating. That is a staggering 4,500,000 doves and only a fraction of what will be

Contacting your senator via e-mail or phone just may put a stop to this legislation. Mary Elizabeth Braddock

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OTHER OPINIONS

State taking initiatives to cut mercury emissions

sions in the United States.

Michael Leavitt, came into

2018. But a couple of weeks

word for word by electric

power industry lobbyists.

So now the EPA has

announced an "extended com-

ing. I suppose we can confi

November, Meanwhile, the

Things are rather better in Lansing, Gov. Jennifer

ated sources of mercury pollu-tion in Michigan by 2020. In

Good-bye to perhaps the most

amazing person I've ever met

"Some of the candidates I've

she had walked

visit one of m

er she had

asked me

whether I had

chatted with

ed a ride somewhere, she said,

"How old is that lady?" a stu-dent asked me.

Last Wednesday, her heart

stopped beating at last, a few months short of her 93rd birth-day. Among her last visitors

were two other promising young women: Gov. Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Sen. Debbie

licly they would never have got-

ten where they were without

President Clinton's specchwrit

pretty well, and wanted some advice. The President had

highest civilian award, the

ers had been told I knew Millie

decided to give her the nation's

Presidential Medal of Freedom

what he could say. That August, 6 feet, 2 inches

to place the medal around the

no, she felt like walking.

"Only 90," I said.

some of them. When I asked

any promising

across campus to

been proudest to work for, like

Geraldine Ferraro, lost," Millie

a glass of wine one night at a

hangout near campus. "You learn in losing, and you build on it, and you never give up." That morning

But in fact, it was deeper than neck of Millie Jeffrey, all of 4

ly expect such a new rule

according to the National Wildlife Federation, which has

Michiganders, I'm an avid fish-

Some of the happiest times of my life have been spent on rout streams in the UP (Upper Peninsula, that is) with my father's old 8.5-foot Leonard bamboo fly rod in hand. And there is nothing on earth that makes better eat ly caught 12-inch Brook

Trout, fried up gently next to And like many others in our state. I have been eating fish from our lakes and streams for fear of mercury built up in the flesh. In fact, Michigan

Phil Power

has had since mercury advisory recommending reduced consumption of walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike,

muskie and lake trout.

Evidence about the harm mercury does has been building for many years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention places mercury poison high on the list of environmental pollu tion. And in January, the CDC published a study estimating that one American woman in 12 of childbearing age has mercury levels in her blood above what the EPA thinks is safe for

A scientist with the Environmental Protection Agency scientist recently esti-mated that 63,000 newborns each year are at risk of permaient developmental disabilitie

from mercury poisoning.

Now mercury doesn't nor mally occur in fish. Instead, it comes from mercury in the air, which falls with the rain and enters lakes and streams, where-it gets into the fish. And it's clear that the main source of mercury air pollution is smoke from coal-burning electric power plants. They release 42 percent of all mercury emis-

The late Bella Abzug put it

best at a roast years ago for the

scenes woman in Michigan his-

ory,
"In the beginning, God creat-

ed man," she said. "To make up

like for once, men got the short

for this, She gave us Millie."

If that was true, it seemed

end of the stick.

what less than 5

amazing person

She was one o

losest aides, and

the first woman

to head a major

the United Auto

Workers' union.

secure equal pay and equal treatment for the thousands of

plants during World War II, when she was head of the UAW's women's department.

women who worked in the war

She helped a young Democratic candidate for presi-

dent, fellow named John F. Kennedy, win over suspicious

labor and black support in Michigan in 1960. She ran his brother Bobby's presidential campaign in the state in 1968. Years later, at a feminist

neeting, she told a female

member of Congress that the time was right for a woman on the national ticket. She then

hrew herself into making that

appen, and it did.
"Without Millie, a woman

ndidate for vice president

uld never have been possi

raldine Ferraro, would say.

ive been, "You can do whatev-

't mind who gets the credit."

you want, as long as you

" that same woman

She had helped

Jack Lessenberry

have ever met.

feet tall, was,

Mildred Jeffrey

most influential behind-the-

reducing mercury pollution a tions for state action to reduce top priority. The amount of and eventually eliminate mer mercury released makes you blink: 48 tons every year! cury pollution from coal-fired Yet there is no federal regula-Former State Sen. John H. tion dealing with mercury emis ("Joe") Schwarz — a practicin physician and now a
Republican candidate in the 7th
Congressional District — is a sions from power plants. Back in 2000, the EPA

group to make recommenda-

to issue tough member of the work group. With Schwarz involved, I'm rules to require coal-fired elecemerge will be both tough and slash the mercu-There is nothing mysterious ry emission rate Not surprisingly, some in the elecabout the technology to scrub mercury out of coal smoke. More than 90 percent reduc-

tric power industry were not pleased, and the tions in mercury emission have been achieved in nearly a dozer coal-fired plants across the United States, An outfit in Administration Michigan called We Energies has moved with all deliberate plans to install such technology slowness on the at its Presque Isle plant in The new EPA administrator, Of course, there are at least

two problems. First, anti-mer office boasting that new EPA rules would cut mercury emissions by nearly 70 percent by cury technology costs money How much depends on whos arguments you believe, but many experts say installing ago, the Los Angeles Times reported that political appointces topside in the EPA scrubbers likely would not add more than a couple percent to the average energy bill. Second, had ignored previous scientific eliminating mercury pollution studies on mercury pollution and refused to authorize the economic and scientific work to from Michigan power plants is ssential — but we still will ge underpin the new rule. Some of plants in other states until the language in the new rule turns out to have been written tough federal regulations are adopted and enforced. So while the Washington

bureaucrats, political appointees and lobbyists do their occuliar dance, we have a ment period" for whatever rule it is thinking about promulgatgood chance of actually getting something done here in Michigan. There are advantages, it seems, to a decentral ized federal system. Though an enlightened federal government really would offer the best mercury continues to fall from advantage for all.

Phil Power is the Chairs of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He Granholm says her overall goul is to eliminate all human-generwould be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppow-

threw his head back, gave her a

big hug and laughed with gen-uine delight.
"OK," I asked her later.

Millie grinned. "Mr.
President, many say that if you were the candidate, you'd have

As usual, she knew her man,

But unlike many older peo-ple, Millie doesn't dwell on the

past. She always wanted to talk about what was going on new. During one of the last times we talked, I asked what she thought

She smiled, looking a bit like

More of the same," sh

said. "Tougher questions than we faced in the '30s, in a world

infinitely more complex, more dangerous, more challenging." When the Equal Rights

Amendment had finally failed,

never be won.

Ruth Gordon in "Harold and

"What did you say to him?"

been re-elected."

the future would hold.





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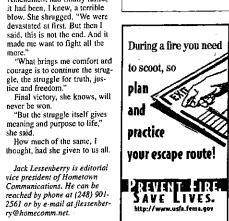




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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friends of Maybury meeting DATE: Thursday, April 1 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Public

Library
DETAILS: Discussion of speciming events PHONE: (248) 348-2687

"Rose Workshop Roses-West Rose

Society

DATE: Thursday, April 1 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Community Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi. DETAILS: Pruning, Fertilizers. Sprays. Top American Rose Society members will demonstrate and unswer your rose ques-tions: Jon Bradley on pruning, lerry Carney on fertilizing and Art

Oberlin on spraying roses. PHONE: Calt (248) 449-4626

Celebration on Ice

: and 6 p.m. - LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena -DETAILS: Sixth annual ice show features skaters of all ages who train at Novi Ice Arena. It is sanctioned by the United States Figure Skaning Association and presented by The Skating Club of Novi and Novi Ice Arena, Skaters ranging from age 4 through adult will be performing in groups and as soloists, and the show is complete with costumes, professionalighting, sound and props.

PHONE: Tanimy Liptak, (248)

Youth Fly Fishing School DATE: Saunday, April 3 TIME: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center, 3577 Sleeth Rd., Commerce Twp., just

east of Wixom Rd. DETAILS: Sponsored by Michigan Fly Fishing Club, Cost is \$35 per student (non club mem bers), free for club members, Allstudents must be accompanied by their parent or sponsor and bring eye protection and a hat or cap.

"The Power of His Love" Cantata DATE: Palm Sunday, April 4 TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Faith Communit

of the Faith Community Choir

DATE: Monday, April 5

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Town

author Andy Griffiths, Andy Griffiths is a best-selling kids author from Australia. The Day My Butt Went Psycho!, his first title published in the United and sign his new book Zombie Butts from Uranus at Borders

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15 and 21 TIME: Varies according to

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April 18

TIME: All days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Expo Center DETAILS: Over 300 nationally recognized craft designers and fine artists from 39 states and Canada. Demonstrations and entertainment. Tickets are \$6. under 12 free, Parking free

PHONE: 1-800-210-9900 or

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Presbyterian Church, 44400 West
10 Mile Road, Novi.

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CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY **USE PERMIT** TUP 04-010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Erickson Retirement Communiti requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construc-tion office trailer at 41229 Fox. Bun Road in the Fox Run Developmen his would be issued for the period from the date of the meeting until Api

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

This request will be considered at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to April 7, 2004.

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States, was an overnight success, appearing on the New York Times bestsellers list within a week of its release. Griffiths will read from

Response and Preparedness "Skywarn" Classes DATES: April 6. April 7, April

DETAILS: Skywarn is an effort space available. PHONE: Call (248) 858-530 to

DATES: Friday, April 16. Saturday, April 17 and Sunday,

Comic Storytelling
DATE: Friday, April 16
TIME: 11 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Senior

DETAILS: Master Kyoraku is from Tokyo, Japan. He is a mas-ter. His performance will be interpreted by suzukimyers.com of Novi. While his language is

opportunity to get a look at this popular form of story-telling out-side of Japan. Admission is free. PHONE: Rachel Zagaroli, (248) 347-0403 or at

zagaroli@ci.novi.mi.us before

Novi Borders Bookstore Happenings DATE: Friday, April 16 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Town

DETAILS: Meet author Richard Kincaide. Richard Kincaide will sign copies of his new book The Gods of Olympia Stadium: Legends of the Detroit Red Wings. Author Richard Kineside brings to life what was at once the most glorious and the most tumultuous time in Detroi hockey history, the original Six

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Team in Training
DATE: Wednesday, April 21
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Ten Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: Join Team In Fraining, the worlds largest endurance sports training pro gram, and help support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society visit www.teamintraining.org/mi or email Hemandeze@lls.org. http://www.teamintraining.org o

Novi Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual Charity Auction DATE: Saturday, April 24 LOCATION: Botel Baronette,

DETAILS: Partial proceeds from this year's auction will bene-fit "Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit." The organization provides bedtime

essentials for a good night's rest to grade school children in need throughout Southeastern Michigan. PHONE: (248) 349-3743

Career Opportunity Forum

DATE: Thesday, April 27

TIME: 5:30 p.m., hors d'oeuyear and wine; 6-7:30, presenta-

Financial for Lutherans and its Eastern Great Lake Region

Regional Financial Office (RFO) at 39500 High Pointe Blvd., Suite

300, Novi DETAILS: Forum is targeted at women looking for a new avenue in the workplace. It will feature 10 female financial associates who will give brief presentations

on working in the financial servic-PHONE: Peggy kalis, (248) 380-4300 or peggy.kalis@thrivent.com

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DATE: Wednesday, April 28 TIME: 5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room

"Hollywood Nights" 24-hours Marathon
DATE: Friday, April 30 until
Saturday, May 1
TIME: begins 10 a.m. Friday,
ending 10 a.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Emagine Theatre,
Fountain Walk in Novi, 1/4 mile
west of Novi Rd. at 12 Mile.
DETAILS: Benefitting DETAILS: Benefitting Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, participants raise a minimum of \$94.70 in pledges, bring the money in and then sit back and watch as many movies as they want in 24 hours. Food provided, Must be 18 or older to

participate. PHONE: 1-800-825-2536 or

Boost Camp Day DATE: Friday, April 30 TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Providence

Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. DETAILS: Sponsored by Providence Center for the Healing Aris. A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, informa tion and a new perspective on bealthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants. Cost is \$45/person. Open to the public.

Boy Scouts of America, Fly Fishing

Merit Badge Program

DATE: Saturday, May 15
TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Plymouth Twp.

CITY OF NOV REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronnisch Construction Group i NOTICE IS HEHEBY GIVEN that Honnisch Construction Group is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction office traiter at the Beck North Corporate Park. This would be Issued for the period from the date of the meeting until November 1, 2004. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. At written competer should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and

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Readiness

• Thursday & Friday, May 6 7 — Deerfield Elementary ündergarten Readiness Vednesday, May 10, 11, & 12

Park, 43250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (between Beck and

Kindergarten Readiness

DETAILS: All BSA troops in the area, along with club members children and non club members children are invited. Cost is \$35/student, non member and free to MFFC members children. A \$5/person fee for Scouts. All ten requirements for Merit Badge will be demonstrated, discussed and applied. Event is for ages 10-17, lunch will be provided along with refreshments. All students must have eye protection and head pro-

<u>on-going</u>

call Dale Ross, 734-420-2233

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DATE: On-going LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington DETAILS: Have you wondered

in for an up close and personal look at SWOCC Studios, your local community television studio. SWOCC offers tours to many organizations such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and service clubs. The groups also have an opportu-

public access channel, INFO TV-PHONE: Melissa Cohn at (248) 473.2840 to schedule your group

Oil Painting/Sculpture Show, "Escape to Tranquility" by artist Theresa

DATE: through April 9
TIME: 5-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox An Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Avc.,

DETAILS: Free, gallery hours, р.m. PHONE: (248) 465-5455

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program DATES: now through April 10 LOCATION: Church of the

DETAILS:Parishioners and youth group are raising funds for the program. If you would like to Providence Center for the Healing Arts make a denotion, please drop it off at the church. This has a dou dents to develop compassion an learn the value of helping others

cause. PHONE: (800) 456-5413. Acquetic Music Jam Session DATE: the second Wednesday

LOCATION: Mill Race

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railer at the Bristol Bulks at 30297 Pennington Lane. This would be
issued for the period from the date of the meeting until April 8, 2005.
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fure located within 300 feet of interoundary of the property being con-sidered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7 2004 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written com-ments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to April 7, 2004.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship Service
DATE: every Wednesday
TIME: 12:10-12:50 p.m. LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 46200W. Ten Mile Road (between Beck and Taft Roads), Novi DETAILS: Come and share your

lunch hour with God at a worshi rvice that includes scripture and PHONE: (248) 349-1175 or

Free Blood Pressure Screening DATES: every Monday TIME: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. DETAILS: This service will be

vailable until Jan. 31.

LOCATION: Charter House of Novi, 24500 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, M1 48375 PHONE: (248) 477-2000

Dakland County Health Civision Child

DETAILS: Free wellcare checkups, immunizations, physical exams, guidance/referrals on behavioral, learning, and health PHONE: Oakland County

Program Coordinator, Child Hea! Clinics, (248) 858-1380.

Tuesdays at Assarian" DATE: every Tuesday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi DETAILS: Variety of activities

Center for the Healing Arts. Aug.

24 City Council Budget

Business Referrals

	City Council Budget	Council Chambers	9 a.m.
	City Council	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
	Parks, Recreation and Forestr	y Commission	
		Council Chambers	7:30 p.m
	Good Friday	City offices closed	
ļ	Planning Commission	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
i	Historical Commission	Civic Center	10 a.m.
i	Ordinance Review Committee	Council Chambers	6 p.m.
ł	City Council	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
	Library Board	Council Chambers	7 p.m.

Civic Center

26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy, Ceramics. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiae Trail. Wixom (Parking is behind the church)
DETAILS: You are welcome to

come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvest

Adoption Playgroup
DATE: first and third Pridays of the month

TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbre Rd, between 10 Mile Rd, and Grand River Rd.) DETAILS: We are a not for prof it, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together.

Our twice-a-month meetings pro-vide families with the opportunity share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and locations. PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau (248)

887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248)

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, CITY OF NOVI MEETINGS - APRIL

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Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi.

Storm Water Management & Watershed Stewarship Committee 7 p.m. 28 _Planning Commission .,Council Chambers7:30,p.m.

45175 10 Mile Rd. TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.

DETAILS: Meeting of local pro-fessionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and cager to bring you qualiied business leads. PHONE: (734) 462-6460

DATE: first and third Tuesdays LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

ctivities room TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and prac-PHONE: Call Colleen at (248)

Breast Cancer Support Group DATES: second and fourth

Tuesdays LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sina DATE: Friday, April 2, Saturday, April 3 and Sunday, April 4 Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital. TIME: Friday, noon-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: There is no need to LOCATION: Novi Expo Center DETAILS: Featuring more than 200 exhibitors displaying the products, services and technology for kitchens, baths, windows, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and

call ahead and register. PHONE: (248) 937-5017 Dakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE; ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East Wes TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth

preparation, labor and delivery, care

of the newborn baby, breastfeeding,

bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or

New TOPS chapter in Novi DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook

TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30 DETAILS: \$20/yearly member-ship registration, includes hand-book, \$1/meeting. New members

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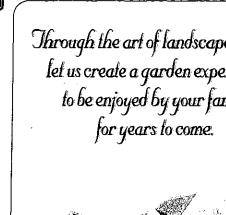
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SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

Sci-fi action film "Hellboy" begins during the final days of World War II as the Nazis attempt to use black magic to aid their dying cause. The Allies raid the camp where the ceremony is taking place, but not before a demon - Heliboy -has already been conjured. Joining the Allied forces, Hellboy eventual-ly grows to adulthood, serving the cause of good rather than evil. As an adult, he is ultimately sent on a mission that brings him back to the Nazi wizard where it all began. "Hellboy" is a Sony Pictures release and rated PG-13 by the MPAA for sci-fl action violence and frighten-

ing images.

Julia Stiles stars as in the romantic tale "The Prince and Me" as a free-spirited American college stu-dent, who beginning her post-sec-ondary education at an Indiana university. She meets and falls in love with one of her classmates, but doesn't know is that he's actually a doesn't know is that hes actuarry a Danish prince, Frederick (Luke Mably), who's spending a year hid-ing in America disguised as a regu-lar guy. 'The Prince and Me' is a Paramount Pictures release and rated PG by the MPAA for some sex-related material and language.

In this animated musical comedy set in the wild west, "Home on the Range" the story of a herd of cows

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Brighton Call Pete at 248-486-5780 who band together to save their farm. The widow owes a \$1000 mortgage on the farm and has no way to pay for it, and the cows get wind of the trouble. Fearing that they'll be sold to the local meat-packing plant, the cows, led by Dame Judi Dench, seek to find a way to earn the money. "Home on the Range" is a Walt Disney Pictures release and rated PG by the MPAA for brief mild rude humor.

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Adventure "Walking Tall" stars

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as

Chris Vaughn, a retired soldier who
returns to his hometown to make a
new life, only to discover an old
high school rival, Jay Hamilton

(Neal McDonough), has closed the
once-profitable lumber mill and
unred the town julia a holbed of surned the town into a holbed of criminal activity. The place Chris grew up is now overrun with crime, drugs and violence. Chris gets himself elected sheriff and vows to shut down Hamilton's operations.
"Walking Tall" is a MetroGoldwyn-Mayer release and rated
PG-13 by the MPAA for sequences of intense violence, sexual content, drug material and language.

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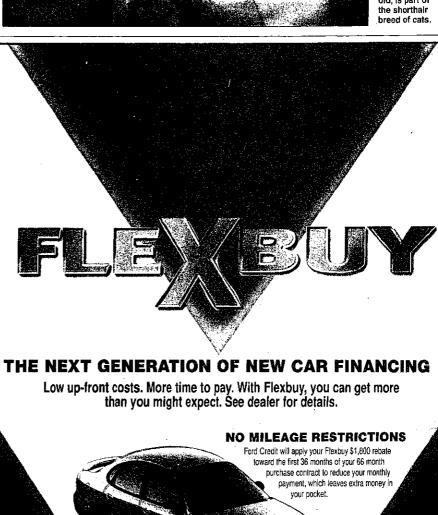
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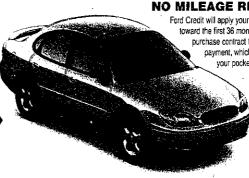
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MICHIGAN HERITAGE

Photo by John Heider

Sassy Clare Wiper, of Leamington, Ontario, snuggles up to his sphynx cat Sassy Pants Be Gone" during last Saturday's Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers' show at the Novi Expo Center. Sassy Pants, seven months old, is part of the shorthair





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Fric Hansen earns All-Area honors for wrestling squad

This was an obvious choice this year as Hansen has proved himself to be one of the top wrestlers in the area time and time again. He was the only Novi grappler to earn first-team honors, but a few others were select-

Hansen is in good company ranking up there with the best of the best of his conference as well as from Northville. Something tells us he's right at home with these peers.

- See Page B6 for details

Honorable Mention Wrestlers for All-Area

- A.J. Morris, Senior, Novi
- Jason Sierra, Senior, Novi
- Scott Bergeson, Senior. Novi
- Bill Riegner, Senior, Northville
- Ben Mason, Senior, Northville
- Steve Minier, Senior, Northville
- Andrew Burdick.
- Freshman Milford ■ Jacob Makowski, Junior, South Lyon

Like autographs?

If you haven't heard of Mitch Majer, you probably live under a rock. But, just in case, here's a refresher course: Mitch is a local graduate of Novi High School who played a slew of sports for the Wildcats. He went on to play baseball at the University of Toledo after turning down an offer from U of M in the ways of that sport they call football. The decision must have been the right one as Mitch was drafted in the first round by the Kansas City Royals last year and is playing

Triple-A ball right now.
Well, as luck would have it, we came across 45 cards that Topps made of Mitch and we sent them out to have them signed by our local pro. He did just that and now we're going to give them away. Stay tuned to this sports section to find out the when, where and how to get your hands on one of these highly collectable pieces of Novi sports

JV scores

Want to see you junior varsity or freshman athlete getting their names in the sports section? It's rather easy to do, actually...just drop Sam Eggleston a line at segaleston@ht.homecomm.net to

Players of the Week

Check back next week for the spring season's first players of the week. This is quickly becoming one of the favorite features in the Novi News and we don't expect that to chande.

'he athletes just keep getting better and better and that is shown by just how good the Novi sports teams have become.

Don't be upset if your favorite athlete isn't listed a particular week — they have all season to try to get their nod. Just for the record, the decision isn't made by the coaches or parents or players
— it's done by Sam Eggleston, the writer for the Novi News sports section. No nominations are accepted for the honor as he makes his choice based on week to-week performances.

Did you know?

Novi has a rugby team? Well, sort of. The Northville-Novi Knights Rughy Football Club is a team that allows players from Novi and Northville to play with each other instead of against on a field of highly competitive and highly entertaining play.

Don't know squat about the sport? Who cares! The players and coaches are ready and willing to teach able-bodied athletes the ins and outs of the game as they look to challenge for the state title this year.

If interested hunt down your local rugger and let him know. He'll be quick to get vou started and on your wa the sport that sprouted from soccer and gave birth to American

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NOVI NEWS

Thursday, April 1, 2004

FOOLS FOR

Call them what you will, but these Wildcats are geared up for spring sports

It's that time of year again and everyone is trying to get out and play some sports — outside! Have they taken the time to look out there? It can't decide if it is going to snow, rain, hail, blow like heck or freeze with ice pretty much on everything.

Yet, not a single Wildcat seems to care, Why? Well, the truth is, they're all out athletes and it would take a lot more than just a little weather to stop them from getting on the fields of play right now! A season of being cooped up inside is enough to drive any one of these athletes crazy, and the first chance they get to really come out and play they are going to take it, that's for sure.

■ The Novi baseball team is looking pretty darn strong this year. With hurlers like Mike Hart and Billy Morrison leading the way, it shouldn't be a surprise at all if they end up running the board in the Kensington Valley Conference. Their goal this year is to win their fifth-straight confer-

ence championship and then move on to bigger and better things in the state tournament. See story on page B3.



The Wildcats will be sure to let everyone know that they don't mind being considered as one of the top soccer teams in all the land. In fact, they have one of the best soccer players in all of the land in Maureen Pawlak. Even beyond Mo, they have players like Nikki Hermann, Kristi Timar and Coleen Kristi Timar and Colcen Brockman to make some major noise

this year. This could be the season for coach Brian O'Leary and his gang and they aren't about to let it slip through their fingers. See page B2.

■ There's no doubt about it — the golf team is ready There's no doubt about it—the to play some serious matches this year. With just four seniors, the young squad has leadership and plenty of youthful enthusiasm to carry them this year. Of course, it doesn't hurt to have major dedication and talent to go along with that. The team, which is coached by Deb Harris, will find themselves competing in a very

themselves competing in a very strong field of Kensington Valley Conference teams this year and probably doing quite well if they can keep the strokes to a minimum. Story

■ The lacrosse team at Novi has one thing to say for themselves: They are a whole new team with a whole new attitude. After a

lousy season last year cramped their style, the powers that be in Michigan lacrosse banished the Michigan lacrosse banished the Wildcats to a season of playing Division II teams instead of Division I like Novi was used to. First-year. Novi coach Brad Muston isn't too happy about that, but he's looking to make sure that his squad makes enough noise to get themselves back on track and back in the ranks of the top teams in the state by the time the MHSAA takes over controlling the party as of real spaces. Don't be survised if

ling the sport as of next season. Don't be surprised if the Novi Wildcats bring a lot more than these teams in Division II are used to seeing. Muston was a member

of the state championship squad at Novi High and is looking to get his team back to where they used to be in the rankings. See page B2.

Can you imagine what it must be like to be the following act of a team that made the state be like to be the following act of a team that made the state finals for the first time in school history? That's what the boys' tennis team is going through, but they don't mind. They have seven returning players from last year's team and will be looking to get themselves back in the running and into the state finals well again.

and into the state finals yet again, First, they have some things to take care of, like winning the KVC title yet again and figuring out just how to jockey their line up for the best results. One singles player Suraj Ramachandran and two singles star Prasuna Venugopal will be looking to lead their highly talented team to the promised land yet again. Story on page BS.

Tover 100 girls! Can you imagine having to keep track of that many athletes at one sporting event? Novi's girls' track team boasts nearly 120 girls this year and has implemented a new captain system to bring 12 of them on board to help control the force that they have trol the force that they have built! Expect this team not only to be big in numbers, but big on talent as they look to finish in the top three in conference

play this year. That won't be an easy task to do, but it is definitely something this group of girls can accomplish if they put their minds to it. Story on B5.

Boys are ready to make noise in track

By Sam Eggleston

With nearly 100 kids out for the with nearry 100 kins out for the boys' track team, it seems that the word is spreading at Novi High— track is king among spring sports. The team, which is coached by Bob Smith, will be looking to be

just as competitive as ever and hoping to expand their horizons

"We're well rounded this year," Smith said, "We don't have any stellar events."

That is a point that could proba-bly be argued, considering the squad returns juniors Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar to their distance events — two individuals who carned All-State status in

cross country.

"That's just business as usual in the KVC," Smith laughed. the KVC," Smith laughed.
"Everyone has a couple of those guys in this conference."

Though that isn't far from the truth, the distance events for the Wildcats will no doubt still be at solid foundation for the rest of their team to be built on.

"We're actually pretty solid all the way around," Smith said. "Our sprints are solid and we're actually very solid in many of our field Including the throws, which will

be headlined by junior Ryan Pritchard this year.

"When he's on mentally, he's really a force." Smith said. "He's just starting to realize his potential now, I bonestly think he'll be a success this team with he's." success this year, which will make him a better athlete all the way nd, including on the gridiron." the long jump, the Wildcats

In the long jump, the Wildcats will have Carl Yiu leading the way while Brandon Carnegie, Mark Saurer and Eric Zhao will do their best to challenge Yui in each meet and push each other.

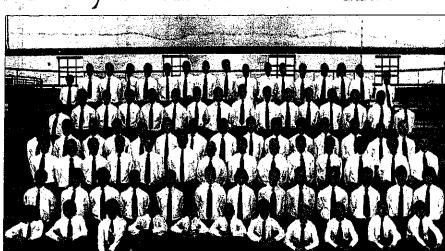
The pole vault finds three sonh omores in Chris Alberty, Dan Coleman and Chris Machisak looking to make height this year.

They worked extremely hard in the winter and did more pole vaulting than any athlete I've seen in the off season," Smith said. "I expect they will be jumping well."

The high jump finds Brad Spisich leading the way, but Saurer won't be too far behind him. "Spisich' is capable of 6-feet in the near future," Smith noted.

In the middle distance events, Smith said he expects Trenton Sisson to lead the pack.

"He really wants to own that event," he said. "He does every-thing we ask in training and that is really kind of awesome. He's



The Novi Wildcats boys track team isn't kidding around when it comes to numbers or talent this year - they're stacked in both.

extremely dedicated. Steve Fannon and J.W. Woods will also look to challenge in the 400 and 800.

Huprikar and Moore will have plenty of runs in the mile and two mile, and Huprikar is expected to see time in the half mile along with fellow harrier Spencer

In the sprints, Justin Davis, Josh Woods, Chris Dalton and David Carnegie will most likely

lead the way.
"I expect them to earn a lot of recognition this year," Smith said. 'They'll probably end up minning eyond high school. They're real-that good."

In the hurdles, Yui and Saurer

will be looking to lead the rest of the Wildcats in the events. The captains on the team this year are Scott Bergeson, Eric Tingwall, Bo Xiao and Saurer

"This is a very deep team and a very talented group of athletes," Smith said. "We should have some good meets and will look to be qualifying a lot of runners for the state meet based on times

The team's goals, like every year, are to challenge for the Kensington Valley Conference title and qualify as many athletes for the state finals as they can.

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK ALL HOME MEETS AT NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

l	ALL HOME MEETS AT NOVI HIGH SCHOOL				
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	Opponent	Start Time	
	3/30/2004	Home	Northville	3:30 p.m.	
	4/6/2004	Away	Howell	4 p.m.	
	4/10/2004	Home	Novi Relays	10 a.m.	
	4/22/2004	Home	Lakeland	4 p.m.	
	4/23/2004	Away	Harrison 9-10	3:20 p.m.	
	4/27/2004	Away	Brighton	4 p.m.	
	5/1/2004	Away	Holly 9-10	10:30 a.m.	
	5/4/2004	Home	South Lyon	4 p.m.	
	5/6/2004	Away	Hartland	4 p.m.	
	5/8/2004	Away	Sunshine 9-10 @ S. Lyon	9 a.m.	
	5/11/2004	Home	Milford	4 p.m.	
	5/14/2004	Away	Stevenson Invite	4 p.m.	
	5/18/2004	Away	Pinckney	4 p.m.	
	5/21/2004	Away	Regionals	2 p.m.	
	5/25/2004	Awat	KVC	2 p.m.	
	5/28/2004	Away	Oakland County @ Milford	3 p.m.	
	5/29/2004	Away	Freshman County @ Milford	9 a.m.	
	6/5/2004	Away	State Finals	TBA	

Coach brings new Home games playe attitude to lacrosse

Wildcar, Jacrosse team has a help the squad climb back to the

guidance of tirst-year now the South Lyon coach Brad Muston, is looking to bring their talent level up and earn a place back among the elicities indicates that the feeling is Muston impred ship on After a dismal showing last

year, the powers that be in facrosse chose to knock the perennial contenders down to Division II pool play instead of "South Lyon" Division I as they have always been.
"We're not too happy about time with them. When this job

that," Muston said, "I guess opened up, I recognized it as a sometimes you have to take a couple of steps back to go forward."

The squad found a way to a vested interest in Novi and 1

prove themselves though. In their mandatory schedule, they play Division I teams across the board, but in non-division play they have scheduled a Division 1

they have scheduled a Division 1 squad in every available slot.

The Novi Wildeats would no with doubt step up and be the first to doubt step up and be the first to doubt step up and be the first to they are younger guys, but defend Muston's choice. They are younger guys, but defend Muston's choice. They they are gounger guys, but defend Muston's choice. They they are gounger guys, but defend Muston's choice. They they are gounger guys, but is looking to as leaders.

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By Sam Eggleston ing to Michigan and coaching the young South Lyon squad.

It's on signs, it's on T-shirts and it's in the air—the Novi wildcats facross team her a like the state to return to his roots and Parker Beard, locy Dominick. Kevin Gee Left will be a like the state to return to his roots and Parker Beard, locy Dominick. Kevin Gee Left will be a like the state to return to his roots and Parker Beard, locy Dominick. Kevin Gee Left will be a like the state of the

Policicchio, Denis Berry, Robbie completely new attitude and they're determined to win.

The squad, which is under the guidance of first-year Novi Carter, Jacob Haf, Karill Revin Lucas, Kyle Safford and Corey

seniors and a good core of juniors," Muston said. "The good thing about this team is that three-quarters of the juniors have varsity experience.

We are a young team, but an experienced team as well."

The sophomores that made the cut under Muston's new regime were Scott Smith, Matt Thrush, John Favorite, Scott Moran, Bobby Watts, Brian Putvin, Nick Shafer and Jon Moses.

Two freshmen also made the team, Travis Blackledge and Jimmy McCusker. "They worked real hard and

what has been said stops going around."

They worked real hard and stood out above everyone else,"
The Novi Wildcats would no doubt step up and be the first to defend Muston's choice. They are younger guys, but defend Muston's choice. They it some rough times on the At this point, the lacrosse

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At this point, the lacrosse of our team," he said, "In early join starting goalie Simone to make up the main members of the defense and the guys Muston is looking to as leaders.

"As of right now, they are the order of our team," he said, "Once than a greatly improved. This team lacrosse — won 10-of-13 face-offs and scored a goal of his offs and scored a goal of his offs and scored a goal of his offs.

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3/29/2004	Home	East Grand Rapids	7:30 p.m.
3/31/2004	Away	East Grand Rapids	7:30 p.m.
4/2/2004	Away	St. Mary's	7 p.m. 🕠
4/6/2004	Home	Catholic Central	7 p.m.
4/20/2004	Away	East Grand Rapids	7:30 p.m.
4/21/2004	Away	Grosse Pointe South	7 p.m.
4/28/2004	Away	Farmington -	7 p.m.
4/30/2004	Home	Huron Valley	7 p.m.
5/5/2004	Away	Troy	7:30 p.m.
5/8/2004	Away	Bloomfield Hills	1 p.m.
5/11/2004	Home	Ann Arbor Huron	7 p.m.
5/12/2004	Home	Ann Arbor Huron	TBA
5/17/2004	Home	U of D Jesuit	7 p.m.
5/19/2004	Home	Grosse Pointe North	7 p.m.
5/22/2004	Home	Cranbrook Kingswood	1 p.m.
5/25/2004	Home	Lansing Waverly	7 p.m.
5/27/2004	Home	Bloomfield Hills	7 p.m.

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HOME GAMES PLAYED AT NOVI MEADOWS STADIUM

Costello, Freers and Safford goals and had an assist in a vic-

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Not High School and a former state champion with the lacrosse squad, and his arrival lacrosse squad and his arrival lacrosse squad and his arrival lacrosse squad squad his arrival lacrosse squad

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Wildcat soccer team looks to be the best team in the Kensington Valley Conference

for title of Miss Soccer

By Sam Eggleston

This could easily become a shining star in the state, season in which title dreams are made of for the Novi Wildeats has been her soccer girls' soccer team.

The squad, which is coached by Brian O'Leary, graduated just four seniors from a squad that went 15-3-2 last season.

Nikki Hermann is Last year, they beat Brighton and Northville for the first time before winning the Kensington hack this year and will be moving from forward to midfield this Valley Conference and the Districts - this year might not

us of returning players along with some talented younger players." O'Leary said. players." O'Leary said.
"Leading the way are my three captains. All are seniors that will be starting for their fourth

And it sure doesn't hurt that one of those seniors captains is also on of the best players in the

6/8/2004

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has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer for the Spartans of Michigan State next

Last season, Pawlak scored 30 goals and 18 assists to bring her three year total to 99 goals and Though Pawlak may be a

eareer can't dim the

year.

much different.
"We have a very strong nucle—
"O Leary noted. In her three years, Hermann

can't be ignored on the list of who is who in Wildeat soccer Stephanic who is who in Wildeat soccer this year.

"Colene is the third captain Colene Dougherty as the flash-

Pawlak up date for Miss Soccer this year."

"Maureen Pawlak is a candidate for Miss Soccer this year."

O'Leary said of the senior who goals and 25 assists in her three goals a

have plenty of expe-"She is a very talented player rience and maturity to lead them, but they have the youthful enthusiasm as well. "We picked up six very talent-

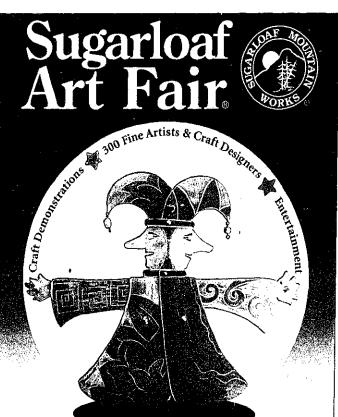
has notched 52 goals and 51
assists — and that's with an
injury that hampered her much
of last year.

And Colene Brockman sure
And Colene Brockman sure joined forward

and is back to reprise her starting defender this year. Also during which we hope to accom-

easily the most potent team in the Kensington Valley Conference this year. Juribut forward Kristi Timar has been a feeshman, is looking to be a Ttoher, who are up from the junior varsity squad where they saw out last selson due to injuries as a freshman, is looking to be a "It should be a good season "It should be a good season as freshman, is looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a looking to be a "It should be a good season to be a looking to be a look

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Experience makes 'Cats a KVC favorite

By Sam Eggleston

The goal this season is a simple

team, coached by Rick Green, is well aware that a 40-game sensor means one thing — a state finals berili.

"Or first goal is to win the KVC first and our second goal is to win the state championship," Greens aid. "That's our ultimate goal was a construction of the state championship," Greens aid. "That's our ultimate goal was a construct, and some pitching ability as well this account of the wild cats, a senior, will be showing the fact that they don't be a constructed from the opener.

And some solid relievers as well. Senior Dan Morrison is already throwing harder than have been conditioned." The problem for the Wildeats, and no doubt a large obstacle, is some pitching ability as well this

every year, to win a state nampionship," The Novi Wildents

may not have a good idea of where they shape up for goal number two as of right now, but the preliminary examination of the Kensington Valley Conference finds them the likely team to emerge would mark their fifth straight

year with that honor. "We've won it all four years hat I've been here," Green said. "I'd like to see us get another

The Wildeats have 13 returning junior Billy Morrison and senior to work with an a lot of fun to be than I'm worried about when

and a change up, has already signed a letter of intent to play for

up mid-80s fast balls with a split beat this year finger and some good off-speed Though him

Nickels, Sleve
Gawronski and
Chris Scott could
lead the way in
slugging, while Josh
Buck is batting better than ever
according to Green.
Adam Brandau,
Adam Brandau,
spaine is swipping
that is on Green's mind at this
noint With 11 of his 16 players.

Margrave while adding juniors Ryan Regan and Cal Depotter and

Though the Wildcats look to be the favorites for the conference and a change up, has already signed a letter of intent to play for it's not going to be easy. Eastern Michigan University next season. Morrison, on the other man, Howell and Brighton are hand, is just a junior and putting going to be two tough teams to

Though his squad hadn't been pitches.
"With two pitchers like that,

On the offensive end of the game, it looks as Field in Northville, Bicentennial though Cislo, Park and possibly a couple of Nickels, Steve dates at Eastern Michigan

Adom Brandau, also a senior, is swinging smoothly, as junior Zach Flavin.

The Wildcats also return Adam Zora, Kerry Kreuzberg and Kyle Managam and the adding invited in the control of t

"This is their big senior year, so we really hope they stay focused," Green said. "Senioritis could really make a difference with us this The Wildcats have 13 returning senior Tyler Sarrant.

"These are some great kids," two of the best pitchers around in Green said. "They're a lot of fun year. I'm worried about that more

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

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4/5/2004	Away	Walled Lake Central	4 p.m.
4/7/2004	TBA	Lakeland	4 p.m.
4/19/2004	Home	Country Day	4 p.m.
4/21/2004	Away	Brighton	4 p.m.
4/23/2004	Home	South Lyon	4 p.m.
4/24/2004	Away	Salem HS	TBA
4/28/2004	Away	Hartland HS	4 p.m.
4/30/2004	Home	Milford @ Bicentennial Park	4 p.m.
5/1/2004	Away	Fenton	10 a.m.
5/5/2004	Away	Pinckney	4 p.m.
5/7/2004	Home	Howell	4 p.m.
5/12/2004	Away	Lakeland	4 p.m.
5/14/2004	Away	Brighton	4 p.m.
5/15/2004	Away	Northville	11 a.m.
5/19/2004	Away	South Lyon	4 p.m.
5/20/2004	Home	Hartland	4 p.m.
5/22/2004	Away	Lake Orion	11 a.m.
5/26/2004	Away	Milford	4 p.m.
5/28/2004	Home	Pinckney	4 p.m.
6/1/2004	Away	MHSAA Pre-Districts	TBA
6/4/2004	Away	MHSAA Districts	TBA
6/5/2004	Home	Districts	TBA
6/12/2004	Away	MHSAA Regionals	TBA
6/15/2004	Away	MHSAA Quarterfinals	TBA
6/18/2004	Away	MHSAA Semifinals	TBA
6/19/2004	Away	MHSAA Finals	TBA

Wildcats win first game of the season

In a season where the Novi

Arbor on Sundays through May

16th. Skating times vary from week to week.

Additional information is available from AAFSC Synchro

erin@hockettes.com or Debonaires team member Donnie Durant at (734) 434-7076.

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cooperaton with the Novi Ice

Arena, will be sponsoring the 6th Annual Ice Revue Friday and Saturday. The ice show, which is

Celebration on Ice

Blanc didn't come with their best - time this season so it shouldn't be

In a season where the Novi continual drizzle," Novi coach Wildcass girls' succer team is looking to establish themselves as a dominant force among their peers, a win in the first game was a great way to start off.

The Wildcass escaped a strong Grand Blanc team March 27 as they carned a win in their ropening as the propers of the contest with about 10 only allowing four shots on the goal," O'Leary said. "Sophomore point and the season and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," O'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this season and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," O'Leary said. "We have a many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this season and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this season and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game, o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game," o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game, o'Leary said. "We have a lot of depth this eason and can easily play as many as 20 players in a game, o'Leary said. "We have a lot of the contest with about 10 and alternative and the lot of the contest w

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"We played pretty well for a first game that was played in a continual drizzle," Novi coach galves a gan well as galves and the same of the galvest much.

middle." reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

The Wildcats (1-0) will have a 104 or by e-mail al job in taking on the very talented seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

"Nikki Hermann, paying mid-field this year instead of forward, did a great job of controlling the

In her first showing of the sca-son in a new position, stellar sen-ior Nikki Hennann made it clear Mustangs in the District finals to

that she can play any where on the end Northville's season.

SPORTS SHORTS

Brancos Tryouts

conducted for the 2004 U8 and U9 Northville Bronco Tournament Baseball teams. Tournament Baseball teams, able from AAFSC Synchro The shows are at 7 p.m. Friday Children who qualify for the U8 Director, Erin Donovan at at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday. ouse league, and who will be 8 years old on August 1, 2004 ryouts for the US team will be held on April 3 from 5-7 p.m. and April 4 from 3-5 p.m. at Henningson fields.

Children who qualify for the League house program, and who will be 9 years old on August 1, 2004. Tryouts for the U9 team will be held on April 3 from 3-5 p.m. and April 4 from 1-3 p.m. at

Henningson fields. For more information, call Eric Stegmeyer at 248-891-1333

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The Artic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, located at 4415 Michigan Avenue, is offering a Spring Learn to Skate program for vari-ous levels of instruction. Tot Time is held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, chasses for Learn to Skate will be held on Thursday and Saturday. A new Adult clas is starting this ses-sion on Thursday from 6-7. All classes are eight weeks, starting on April 3rd and ending June 5th,

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Wildcats will build on strong foundation

By Sam Eggleston

If there's one thing a team needs to improve, it's a solid foundation to built upon. The Novi Wildeats girls soft-

ball team has just that.

return 10 play ers from last what they have to

eason and are together a year marked able competi-

"We got together as a team advantage for the Wildeats is definitely their ability to crank therland said. "One of our top out the hits — but their pitching and set up some goals," Sutherland said, "One of our top goals is team unity."

As with any sports team, internal squabbling can tear them apart, and Sutherland said that his squad is determined to stop that before it happens.

Along with team unity, the squad hopes to have a 75-percent

he one of the top teams in the Kensington Valley Conference in terms of standings. The squad will come out with some strong bats this year led v none other than senior Sarah Thelen, who has been a four-year player on the varsity squad. Senior captain Kim Zarczynski will be looking to crank out some hits with her impressive bat speed through the zone

while a slew of other players

have potential.

"We've got a few players that can get base hits," Sutherland

Another strength the veteran squad brings to the diamond this year will be their speed. The Wildcats return some of the

ers in the con "They know what bases and will they have to do in look to take advantage of aux. that. "We'll game situations and they know incorporate the

do to win." Sutherland Kevin Sutherland Summer noted, Novi Softball Coach As of right

> shouldn't be very shabby either Junior Alyssa Wagner, who seems to have been playing var-sity forever, will take on the brunt of the pitching duties. Sophomore Brittany Stefanson a newcomer to the varsity team, will see some time on the mound as well.

winning average this year and to The captains on the team this year are Zarczynski and senior Sam Stricker, but Sutherland said that he will depend on the entire senior class to do their part in leadership. Other seniors include Thelen, Rachel Good, Lindsay Troher, Kristen Lindsay Troher, Kristen Giacobbe and Courtney Kolb. The juniors on the team are Wagner, Sara Bielski, Andrea Jirasek and Beth Mall while

Stefanson makes the squad as

the lone sophomore

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In the conference, Sutherland said he expects to see Brighton and South Lyon fighting for the top place, but he hopes his squad can bring some surprises into their schedule and rank up

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there with the best.

It sure doesn't hurt that his squad is jammed with experi-

"The returning players are very strong and if they put together some consistent play, we'll be a strong team as well," Sutherland said, "They have a lot

for the Northville Record and the Nort News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at segof knowledge and (former coach) Sunny (Jones) taught them well. "They know what they have to enced players and all of them are do in game situations and they gleston@ht.homecomm.net

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Sam Eggleston is the sports writer

Novi ready for links

By Sam Eggleston

There is one thing for sure - this squad isn't about to go quietly into the

night. The girls golf team, coached by Deh Harris,

worked hard over the summer and geared themselves up for a successful season for the

2004 campaign.
"We are looking forward to on the team that work hard and want to show they car make a difference."

The seniors on the squae

are familiar names to many who follow Novi golf. Laura Vaughn, Rene Schmitt, Jennifer McKenna and Rebecca Hughes will be leading the way as the eldest members of a fairly-young squad, Both McKenna and Hughes have taken up captain duties, while Vaughn is a four-year member of the var-

sity team "She has great potential and we're counting on her for leadership and scoring," leadership Harris said.

The juniors on the team will also bring some strong play to the courses this

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spring, Jessica Westfall, Audrey Oh, Erika Takeda, Lindsey Haslett, Jacquelyn Chudy and Sara Celeski make up a very strong core group for the season to be built around, "The juniors are coming or

strong and will be key to this year and next," Harris said. "The dedication from them will be so important to how we do in And don't think Harris isn't

raking notes.
"Audrey Oh has one of the best fundamental swings on the team," she said, "Sarah, Lindsey and Audrey are key to stepping up to a new level. This will be their time to see where they car

Deb Harris well as contend against their worigott coach conference opponents and have Novi goll coach

where they can

youngest members of the squad.
"We have a strong freshman group coming in." Harris said.
"Four players in particular that are showing high interest and skill in the sport are Asako, Brenna. Lindsay Celeski and Ashlev." "Sarah, Lindsey and Audrey are key to stepping up to a new level. This will be their time to see

this team make all the difference in the stanza that will amount to take the team now their season.

Goals for this year are no and in the future." doubt to show a marked

> a good showing at the regional tournament at the end of the

take the team now and in the future."

The Wildcats aren't afraid to show their hand—which indicates they are building for the future as well as today. Seven

The Wildcats aren't afraid to gram this year. Asako Akamatsu, Wissy Broadwell, Lindsay Celeski, Kaylynn Cesarz, Yoodure as well as today. Seven

The Wildcats aren't afraid to gram this year. Asako Akamatsu, Writer for the Aroth Wilde Record and the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, e.u. Rd or at (248) 349-1700,

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By Sam Eggleston

The Novi hoys tennis team s coming off the heels of their first-ever state berth - a players were major contenders feat they hope to repeat this year with a strong core of

returning players. The tennis squad, which is coached by Jim Hanson, returns seven players and have six up from the junior varsity program. The team also boasts two freshman that impact right out of the

gales.
"We've got some experience back and Coach Hayward sends me a number of JV players and we always have a very good JV team," said.

"We're not looking to rebuilt, we're looking to win the KVC title again." The Wildcats have won the title for the past two years and with talent this year, and runwill be looking to do so again as their number one goal this like reading a starting line up season. Their second goal is to qualify for the state fournament Seniors Drew Doster, James look to be fighting for the title yet again with Novi.

with a good showing in the Regionals.

The names on the tennis team year, while junior Richie this year aren't to be scoffed at -- and even the JV kids who have moved up this year bring plenty of athleticism to the Namm, a junior, will be look-

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funny!

squad, ing to earn a slot on the dou-Suraj Ramachandran, a sen-bles squad, as will returning ior, comes back to fight for his spot at one singles against jun-ior Prasanna Venugopal. Both vie for a position as well. Sophomores Eric McQueen

in the KVC last year, with Ramachandron earning runner-up honors and Venugopal win-contributions, as will freshman ning it outright. Kevin Lai. The third singles position seems to be that of Roshan Ramachandran's — a freshman. "I'm pleased with how things are going so far," Hanson said, "The kids up from IV are going "We wouldn't have freshmen to help us and the two freshmen are definitely solid tennis play on the team if they couldn't

those to come out and make an play good tennis," Harson said.

"We have two on the team back, we should have a very this year and both are good and competitive team. going to contribute to Novi loaded un their non conference schedule this yes taking on teams like Catholic sophomore Kyle Central, Northville, Ann Arbu Goodman looks to Huron, Cranbrook and a tour be ready to play against some of the tougher players in the conference and

to see where you stand," Hanson said. "If you want to improve your game, you need beyond after having a successful junior The doubles teams are loaded to play better teams. It als

the title yet again with Novi, Milford and Brighton leading the way this year.

The team will be playing all

the junior varsity leam.
"It doesn't matter where we

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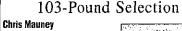
 Earned championships at Oakland County, KVC and district ournaments in 145-pound weight class, going 52-3 overall

• Placed fifth at state tournament

ind second at regional tournament

• Set school records in single-seaon and career victories, and single

"When the dust cleared very few ibstacles were left standing," Phil Rashid Lavericks head coach John Krame aid. "Phil broke almost every school record this year on his way to 52-3 record. His best quality was his technical prowess with the control of the control



Soobomore

 Placed second at district tournament, third at KVC tournament and ourth at Oakland County tourna

"Chris has one of the bigges hearts on our whole wrestling team," said Lions head coach Jeff into the sport. He doesn't slack off Chris Mauney



112-Pound Selection

Joel Schanne

Senior Northville

· State tourns ment qualifier in 12-pound weight class

• Team captain

"Joel is a real good leader." Northville coach A.J. Grant said. He always made sure that the younger wrestlers were helped and worked hands-on with Colin Appleford most of the year. He emembers what it was like to be a small wrestler too, and he didn't Joel Schanne



mind helping him out. Joel is real good at learning moves. If you show it to him once, he's going to go out and hit it on his first try. It didn't take long for him to figure out which moves he was good at and he led the team with 86 take downs

119-Pound Selection

crestling and his ability to share that with his teammates,

James Hanlin Junior Milford junior

 Regional qualifier at 119 junds, went 39-12 overall Placed fourth at district tourna-nent and fourth at Oakland county

"James' strength was that he was great shape and was very mental-strong," Mavericks head coach John Kramer said, "He came back iron behind many times this season James Hanlin for the victory. He also has a great work ethic in the practice roor



125-Pound Selection

Eric Hansen Senior

· Regional qualifier at 125-pound · Team captain

"Eric was an integral part of our team for four years, Novi coach Brad Huss said, "He holds a 3.96 grade-point-average and was a leader for our team. He had a strong enior year, leading the team with 6 pins and earning a 29-15 record Eric Hansen his season."



130-Pound Selection

Eric Mogan Senior South Lyon

District champion at 130 unds, went 40-11 overall · Placed second at KVC meet

works really hard in practice," said Lions head coach Jeff Archey. "He came on really strong at the end of the year, and I think he got it set in his head that he could beat jus about anybody. He's a great Eric Mogan wrestler on his feet and he's tough



135-Pound Selection

Milford

• KVC champion at 135 pounds. * Placed 4th at Oakland County

"Tony's best quality is that he doesn't care who he wrestles," head oach John Kramer said, "Whether ou are All-State or not he will wrestle his best against you. This helped him win the league in one of he toughest weight classes."



140-Pound Selection

Nick Ochadleus Senior

Milford

 KVC champion at 140 pounds, rent 50-6 overall · Placed fourth at state tournanent, third at regional tournament, cond at Oakland County tour

"Nick was the first part of one of the states best 1-2 punches.
Mavericks head coach John Kramer

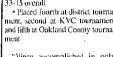
Nick Ochadleus said. "His ferocity on the mat is

what propelled him to All-State status. He would just keep coming at his opponents and wear then down. He was the most entertaining wrestler to watch."

152-Pound Selection

Vince Rhodes

· Regional qualifier at 152, went



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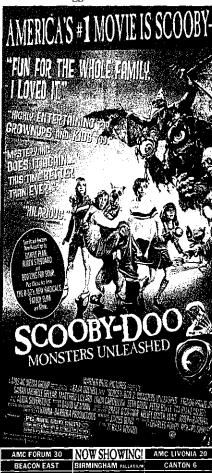


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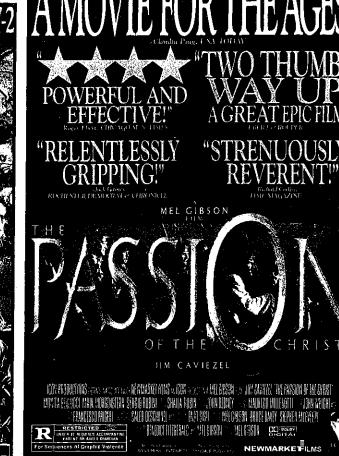
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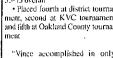
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tree years of wrestling what most re unable to in four or more," tent for us this year, and was a good

while Matthew Weaver, of Detroit Renaissance, the University of Michigan and the Detroit Kreichelt has afready clocked a low 27 in the 200 in time trials and is expected to be seen as a blur in the 100 and 200 as well as an achoring both sprint relays. The track team won't just be led by coaches either—the can always and the series of the coaches and the coaches are the can always and the can always and the coaches are the can always and the coaches are the can always and the can always and the can always are the coaches are the can always and the can always are the can always are

to do anything from the 200, hur-

led by coaches either — the captains on the squad will be expected to do their fair share as well. Seniors Devon Rupley, Courtney Bzymek, Lauren Rocco and Andrea Watts will have the tast of leading by example on and off the track. "All fur leaders are talented, dedicated and determined to make the most of their last season as a Mustang," Smith said.

The best sprinters to come through and 3200 relay and is one of the members of the squad which members of the squad which went to the state meet last year in the relay event and currently bolds the school record. Gavin specializes in the two mile run and has already has some impressive showings at this point in the year.

Others who will support the long-distance crew will be made fill the varsity slots is still undetermined."

The goals for the squad are quite simple this year.

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experience. Rocco is a third-year to be solid in the hurdles this member of the team and is known year. Watts and Kari Oshanski - like they were with the highly

mile, while four-year member
Watts is a hurdle and high jump
specialist.
This year's roster consists of
ial." Smith said.

dling crew.

"We currently have about 12
girls who have hurdling potential." Smith said.

all of our very talented cross
country feam running track,"
Smith said.

In the events that have tradi-

"Even though the numbers are "Not only are the numbers up from their seventh-place showing a lot of talent," Smith said,
"There is a lot of talent on this

Dave Morantes

160-Pound Selection

State tournament qualifier in

"We were confident in Jeff's abil-

ities all year," Northville coach A.J. Grant said, "He's been solid all year and beat some real good wrestlers.

Jeff is a hard worker and has a lot of

back. He really helped the team and

· Placed second at KVC tourna-

ment at 215 pounds, going 32-11

Placed third at Oakland County

"Dave's best quality was his abil-

ity to get the pin," Mavericks head coach John Kramer said. "Every win he had for the past three years

Milford

was by pin."

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

nt won't be one either.

This year, numbers won't be a

from last season, but there is also

team and a lot of talent that will

And when there is a lot of tal-ent, there is a need for coaches to

keep it on track - something the

Mustangs also have this year, Ian

University, will coach the dis-

tance and mid-distance core.

carey, of Plymouth Salem High

soon be discovered."

just deal with it and bring himself Jeff Ponder

showed them that heart plays a big part in success."

215-Pound Selection

heart and determination. His hea has a lot to do with his success. If he was ever down on points, Jeff would

squad seem to be talented enough to score points.

make the most of their last season are Bzymek, as a Mustang," Smith said.

Bzymek is a four year member of the track team who specializes in the sprint races, while Rupley is an All-State 800-meter runner and can run the mid-distance races well with her four-year cares even with the four-year of the track team who specializes in the sprint races, while Rupley is an All-State 800-meter runner and can run the mid-distance races well with her four-year or the state mean special service and send more abletes to the state meet this year. Ashtey Wilbanks.

The Mustangs are also looking as Alustang track runner after transferring from Divine Child last year. Andrea Moehle, Liz last season we had four the proposition of the state meet this year, and Kelly Hardenbergh are going 3200 Relay). Watch for the girls on the major players as well—just to turn some heads this season as the construction of the state meet this year.

Ashtey Wilbanks.

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dles and all the way up to the last year - return to lead the hur-

problem for the Northville mine freshman, a whopping 45 sophomores, 31 juniors and just program. Come to think of it, talprogram. Come to think of it, talprogram, Come to think of it, tal

expected to contribute in the hur-The Northville squad, which is low at the top and the bottom, the dle events. talent definitely isn't," Smith noted, "This season, the Mustangs will strive to move up rehash that role again this year. The mid-distance and distance at the conference meet last sea-son. This will definitely be one of the more talented teams that Northville girls' track has had yet again.
"Distance and mid-distance

since I took over the team three years ago." events have always been our strength and will continue to be The difference this year com-this season," Smith said. Rupley leads the talented pack pared to when Smith first arrived is the fact that all areas of the of mid-distance runners and will

also run the 400 and 3200-meter relay. Backing up Rupley in the The sprinters this year will be 800 will be a ton of talented led by three freshman in Emily
Kreichelt, Julie Foucher and
Bryn Smetana — who are both
outstanding cross country runners
"Over the last two weeks, they

Cheetahs track and field club, have shown how talented they core base along with Rupley.

to be major players as well - just

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171-Pound Selection

Senior

Steve Zwolinski

• Went 21-17 overall at 17:

"Steve's probably our best all-around wrestler," Eagles head coach Ed Oerther said. "He a smart

wrestler that doesn't just go out and muscle people around. He's good on his feet, and he's a natural

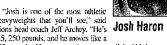
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South Lyen *State tournament qualifier at heavyweight, went 42-11 overall

vith 33 pins
• Placed fourth at regional tournament, third at district tournament, second at KVC tournament and

heavyweights that you'll see," said Lions head coach Jeff Archey, "He's Josh Haron 189-pounder. He gets great leverage on all the kids he wrestles. His su

ess came from stepping up and realizing he had to work



Heavyweight Selection



events — the Mustangs are looking much improved.

potential from returning thrower Jenna Sieloff with Emily Weaver

Tracey Garfield, Trish Brownfield, Kerry Zearnecki and

a slew of others backing her ur

who also is the junior varsity

goalie on soccer. Watza currently holds the middle school shot pu

Sieloff, Brownfield and Christina

In the long jump, Erica Dobson returns as the top Mustangs in the event while Keys, Ashley

Wilbanks and Majewski will play

supportive roles. The high jump will once again find Watts leading

not only her team but the confe

The pole vault, which has been

part for the Mustangs' squad, is throuted with potential this year

thanks to return of senior Amanda Crawford, who has

event. Sarah Tochman and new-

to turn some heads this season as

ence again this year.

Shot and discus have drawn



will be back to defend their title

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• Placed fifth at Oakland County ournament at 189, going 33-16

our-year letterman on the team,"

Mavericks head coach John Kramer

said. "He was a quiet young man who let his wrestling do his talking for him,"

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Gas saving tips reduce pain at fuel pump

The average cost of gasoline in Michigan has risen almost 21 cents per gallon since the first of the year, according to AAA Michigan

Consumers who fill up once a week with self serve regular unleaded fuel are spending any-where from \$8 to \$20 more a

month on gas.

Paying higher gas prices for a couple of months will likely have only a minimal effect on consumer's pocketbooks, but some experts



predicting that prices won't decrease sig-nificantly until Day.
What steps

conserve

Mary Davis gas—and save money—over the next several months? Consider these tips from AAA Michigan.

 Keep tires properly inflated, You can improve your gas mileage by as much as three percent by keeping your tires proper-ly inflated. Under-inflated tires can not only wear out tire tread and lead to blowouts, they can cut fuel economy by nearly a half percent per pound of pressure below recommended levels.

• Unless your owner's manual specifically says to purchase mid-

grade or premium gasofine, fill up with regular low octane fuel. Using self-serve regular fuel com-pared to premium can save you an

average of 17 cents per gallon.

• Check and replace air filters regularly. A clogged air filter can reduce your vehicle's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent.

 Don't start your car in the morning and leave it running. An idling engine consumes one halfgallon to as much as one gallon

 Accelerate gently, brake grad-ually and avoid hard stops. You'll not only conserve fuel, you'll reduce wear and tear on your det rid of the junk in your trunk. An extra 100 pounds in the trunk reduces a typical car's fuel economy by as much as two percent.

cent.

• Try to combine as many

errands as possible into one trip. If you must make multiple trips, try to avoid driving during peak rush hours. You'll spend less time sit-ting in traffic and consume less fuel.

Avoid loading items on your vehicle's roof rack. While a roof rack provides extra

rack provides extra cargo space, when loaded it decreases your fuel economy by as much as five percent. You can improve your fuel economy by placing items inside your trunk,

placing items inside your trunk. Once you've transported the items, remove them from your trunk immediately.

If you own more than one vehicle, consider designating one for weekend errands and outings and the other for driving to and from work. Reserve the vehicle that the first heat miles have for that gets the best mileage for activities that require the most driving.

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At Raney's Rainbow Gardens, 57707 Ten Mile Road just west of Milford Road in South Lyon, patrons will find greenhouses full of impatiens

Raney's offers spring's dash of color

By Annette Jaworski

It may not look like spring outdoors, but a walk through Raney's Rainbow Gardens in South Lyon should erase any doubt that spring is on the way. Aisles of greenery and blooms are ready and waiting to get customers in the mood for garden-ing. Mike Raney, of Raney's Rainbow Gardens says it's the perfect time to stop by and check out what's new and exciting for

spring.
"We have a pleasant shopping experience. There's a million



Planted at Raney's Rainbow Gardens, Anna Cameron has deep roots at the business. Anna is

Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

the great-granddaughter of the founder, Ray anev, granddau Tony Raney and daughter of Rick and Michelle Cameron.

New and exciting plants and products are available each sea-son. Come in to check out their annuals, with many new additions as well as proven winners from petunias to scaveola. Look for new varieties of ivy, Jackson Perkins roses and coleus.

Ornamental grasses in new Ornamental grasses in new shapes and colors are a hot tend in land design, said Raney, and a great way to add interest to the landscape during fall and winter. They carry literally hundreds of varieties, including a new variety with a fiber optic look. You'll also see the old-fashioned

favorites being rediscovered like snapdragons and verbena. Don't forget, Raney's special-Don't forget, Raney's special-izes in perennial plants that return year to year in your ga-den. They carry literally thou-sands of new and old favorites including the "perennial plant of the year," the Japanese Painted Fern. They also carry a selection of new woodland water garden-ine plants. ing plants.

Deck and patio containers are another popular trend in garden-ing. They're colorful, creative and easy to maintain, he added. and easy to maintain, he added. Whatever your taste, Raney's Rainbow Gardens has a container to suit your outdoor décor. Their versatile collection offers everything from "old scale to upscale," to accommodate their distributions of the properties and easy with the control of clientele's eclectic tastes. With the combination of pots and col-orful plants, the possibilities are

"We can help you to create your own, or we'll have a wide selection ready to go at reason-able prices," said Raney. "If you don't have time, we'll do it for

It's part of his philosophy to make gardening fun and conven-ient. People don't want to fuss, but they want the beauty, he

observed.
"When I focus on things, I remember that people are in a hurry. They have fots of other things to do," he said.

Raney's is family owned with a tradition that hails back to Mike's father, Ray, who started the business in 1951. Initially, they offered produce and goods like a farm market. They've never strayed far from their agri-cultural roots, according to Mike. In fact his father, Ray, remains active in the business along with his brother, Tony. Their foundation in farming is why they're able to offer highquality plants at affordable prices. Everything there is grown from seeds or cuttings. "We're able to maintain the

high standard of quality because of our years of experience," said Ranley. "We're hands on here. One of us is here every day."

They also have unlimited access to technical knowledge within their staff and outside informational resources, Customers are able to take advantage of the employee's problem solving and creative abilities. Mike Raney has a degree in horticulture from Michigan State and several members of the staff are master gardeners. All employees are chosen with a love and enthusi-

chosen with a love and enthusi-asm for gardening that they share with their customers.

And because they grow every-thing on site in their 50 green-houses, everything is readily available in one spot. If it's not on display, just ask. During the planting season the staff works hard to get customers through the checkout line and into their

The customer can find exactly what they want, with a variety and quality the big box stores can't match," added Raney.

A blue Lase Cap Hydrangea provides a beautiful blue hue among deep green follage.

When it comes to nursery needs, they offer your favorites as well as a lot of rare and unusual woody ornamentals such as new hydrangeas and lilacs that will light up the landscape when they're in bloom. There are also general landscape needs and sta-ples such as plants, evergreens and flowering shubs. Don't for-get the supplies while you're there. Pick up the fertilizer, soil, mulches and pest control while you shop.

you shop.
"We have an emphasis on quick and easy ready-to-use products from a time saver standpoint as well as earth friendly and environmentally sound materials," said Raney.

He reminds that it doesn't have to be spring or summer to drop by; they're open year round, There's always new and interesting plants or garden accessories to enjoy. They're also a great

source for gifts for all occasions specializing in holiday and gar-den-oriented accessories, flowers and plants and a perfect stop for a Mother's Day gift. You'll find a heautiful selection of garden accents including statuary, trellis and wall art. When it comes to and wall art. When it comes to floral design and arrangements, they take the time to add special touches and quality you won't get at the big boxes or garden centers, according to Raney.

Raney's Rainbow Gardens is centrally located at 57707 Ten Mile Road just west of Milford Road in South Lyon. They're minutes from other nearthy committees from other nearthy committees.

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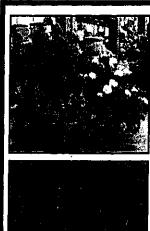
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