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Wildest Domination

Just what are Novi's inten-tions in the Kensington Valley Conference this year? It seems the soccer team has full inten-tions of being one of the most dominating teams ever to play in the league. If that's the case, then they're on the right track.

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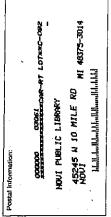
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Council again denies liquor license request

By Pam Fleming

Members of the Novi City Council revisited Hooters of Novi's request for a liquor license transfer for the third time Monday night, denying the request again

in a 4-3 vote.

Charles Lane, the Clinton Township attorney representing Hooters, said Tuesday that a law-suit will be filed against the city in Oakland County Circuit Court by the end of the week or next week. "There's no rush, We will ask the court to grant us the fiquor license transfer due to the fact that we've met Novi's criteria for the

recense transfer due to the fact that we've met Novi's criteria for the granting of a liquor license. We will also be seeking damages for lost profits," Lane said. The reconsideration of Hooters'

request at the May 3 council meeting came after council members denied Hooters' request for a liquor license transfer from R.H.F. Enterprises, Inc., 2635 E. Highland, to 44375 Twelve Mile, Suite G-155, at Fountain Walk, at their April 17 meeting.

"Obviously, they were afraid by the press that they were receiving that their position was unsupport-ed. They felt it was necessary in order to protect themselves from a lawsuit to restate why they were denying the request and try to put it on legal grounds," Lane said.
"They didn't have much to go
on in their denial," he said.

Those voting to approve Hooters liquor license transfer

Hooters' liquor license transfer included Mayor Lou Csordas and Council Members Kim Capello and David Landry.

Those voting to deny the request included Bob Gatt, Lynne Paul, Laura Lorenzo and Toni Nagy. No votes changed from the April 17 meeting.

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Photo by John Helder

Science comes alive

As it's perched on her arm, Alexandra De La Cruz gets an up close look at "Oliver" the military maccaw par-rot during last week's visit to Novi Woods school by Science Alive. Students also got to watch as a threebanded armadillo waddled around on their desktops.

Dealing with deficit

Board puts two renewals and one new millage on June ballot

By Ramez Khurl STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community School District Board of Education was quite efficient in conducting its business last Thursday. During a special meeting at the special meeting at the Educational Services Building, which only fasted at hour, the board made two imporconsiderable impact on the district in the near future.

The board decided to but two miliage renewals and one new miliage on the June bailot and layoff four administrators (see related story) in an effort to cover a \$4.3 million

According

Jim



J. Koster

tendent business and finance, the two millage renewals are basically non-issues. When the state changed the way schools are financed in 1994, Novi was allowed to levy 18.00 mills against

"non-homestead" properties and 5.49 mills against "homestead" properties (current state law, however, only allows the district to levy 4.0411 mills, a 1.48 mill reduction against "homestead" properties). That same year, Novi voters passed these millages for a period of 10 years

the millage renewal propositions will be on the June 14 ballot. Koster said that these renewals are very critical to the

district, as they gen-erate over \$20 mil-

Each year the state determines the amount each district receives on a per-pupil basis. This amount is the sum of the non-homestead

taxes and an amount from the state. State law only allows Novi to levy a miliage equal to \$591 per child. As more homes are built, the tax

base increases, but the amount per child never increases. Thus, the millage rate continually declines. "Even though back in 1994, they

said they said we could levy 5.49

ELECTION

Administrators whose salaries total over \$314,000 to be laid off

By Ramez Khuri

Facing a \$43 million deficit next school year, the Novi Community School District Board of Education passed a reso-lution Thursday to layoff four administrators with salaries total-

· William Maln - assistant direc

r of maintenance - \$52,699

• Jennifer Cheal - executive director of instructional services 2004 NOVI \$111,449

• Carol Diglio -Novi High School dean of students for attendance operation - \$75,035 • Jamii Hitchcock

- Novi High School dean of students for lent activities - \$75,035 Originally, the board was consid-

ering laying off five administrators, but decided to reduce that number to

four.

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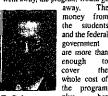
Schram said Adu Resources Bob Schram said Adult Education Supervisor Belinda Seal-Sweet (\$63,145) was dropped from the list because that program is funded by fees from students and fees from federal government

programs.
"We have determined that there is enough revenue to keep Belinda on board," Schram said. "If she went away, the program would go away. The

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B. Schram

the program plus her salary." Under state law, there is a orncess the board must use in order to terminate administrators. If the administrators aren't given notices within a certain period of time, their contracts automatically get extended for one year. That is why the recommenda-tion 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 administrators of the recommendation to the board, which was done on March 22. The board then passed a resolution March 26. indi-

to excel

Baggett wins transportation award

By Ramez Khuri

It's always an honor when someone is recognized for doing a good job at their place of work. That's why Novi Bus Driver Pagie Baggett, Walted Lake Bus Driver Clara Arnold and Walled Lake Bus Neurotheke Skirkly Depringer Dispatcher Shirly Derlinger should feel proud to win the Oakland County Excellence in Transportation Award for this

School year.

The award ceremony is held once a year at a different loca-



year it was April 21 at the Costick Center Farmington. Winners are nominated their peers. They

tion. This

P. Baggett receive a plaque with their names, another plaque which is placed in their department for all to see and a nice dinner to top it all off. Baggett, who not only is a bus

driver but a bus trainer and the union steward for the drivers. explained that a winner is picked annually based on the number of nominations they get.

"I felt really good to win, but
I was totally shocked I won,"
said Baggett. "I went on vacation and when I came back they
said I won it. It felt good to know that a lot of nice letters vere written saying that I'm

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Movie marathon for money

Benefit for children with leukemia

By Duane Ramsey

Movie lovers took advantage of an opportunity to participate in the "Hollywood Nights" 24-hour Movie Marathon at Emagine Theatres in Novi to benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) weekend.

Participants were required to raise a minimum of \$94.70 in pledges for donations to the Children's Leukemia Foundation for the chance to watch as many movies as t wanted during 24 hours, begin-ning at 10 a.m. on Friday. The 134 participants raised a total of \$23,000 for the CLF at

the movie marathon, surpassing the \$16,000 collected at the event in 2003. People came from as far as Eastpointe and Grand Blanc to participate in the fund-raiser.

"We were very pleased with the outstanding response and the amount raised," said Jim Blackledge, marketing and pub-lic relations director for the

Diane Fickany of Wixom raised the largest amount with \$1.560 in contributions. She said about 30 people responded to an e-mail she sent asking for donations to it.

"It's always nice to contribute

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This year marks the award's third in existence and Baggett's first time winning it. "I try to be a team player. Any job you need done, I try to help take care of it and I try to keep a positive attitude. Kids always come first." Amold has been a bus driver for Walled Lake Schools for 10 years

She was also shocked to win.
"I'm thrilled," she said, "The Walled Lake Bus Drive Clara Arnold and Walled Lake Bus Dispatcher girl who nominated me is a new driver. I was so overwhelmed because I think it was just a won-derful thing that she did for me. I think it's a great thing for them to do this for the drivers... It gave me a huge boost. I was very surprised because our job is, as far as I'm concerned, one of the best jobs Pagie Baggett. you can have. I work with greateling as well.

cople. I love my boss. No two lays are the same."

Last year Walled Lake's head secretary and head mechanic won the award. This year it was a driver and Shirly Dertinger, who drove for 20 years before becoming an office dispatcher. "I was quite tickled when I won," Dertinger said, "I was very impressed that a few peo ple nominated me. It's quite an

ionor to be picked." Dertinger explained that drivs is a very grueling job. ing a bus is a very grueling job, but being in dispatch is also gru-

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Shirly Dertinger earned Oakland County Excellence in Transportation Awards along with Novi driver

"You have to deal with a lot of different elements," she said. "Instead of just the roads, you deal with the parents, you deal with the coaches that are upset because the bus isn't there yet, and you deal with the drivers who are calling in because of the roads. It's quite different

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at 110 or by e-mail rkhari@ht.homvcomm.net

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Pagie Baggett

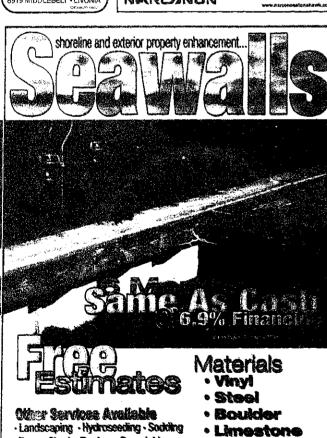
districts that are almost dead. Before Novi gets to that level, this board has to give the community a choice. By the ability to do this, the board has to

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Recreation," which are currently

funded by the district's general fund. The idea is to levy a recreational millage for those services, thereby

diverting the money raised to educa-

tional programs.

"We're not alone. There are quite a few districts that are doing this right now." Koster said. "We have

his community recreation portion of

the budget and we have all the stuff around it - like the heat, the lights,

all the custodial services - that we

provide to keep this thing going... all

the outdoor maintenance for recreations to do all the softball, soceer and other activities. All that kind of

suff which is done on our facility

which our community uses is com-

murity recreation.

Koster said that the community

vote on June 14 will basically deter-

"I think that if people understood that this is and why we're doing it

Libink they would vote yes for it." he

said. This is a last ditch effort, with

in the legal limits of public schools, to seek that millage. I think the board would be remiss if it didn't give the

community that choice. There are

nine the survival of the district.

"This is a last nills against non-homestead proper mus against non-nonesteau proper-ties, another law in the state says that Novi can't levy 5.49, but it can only levy up to 4.0411," Koster said. "We ditch effort, within the legal limits of can't levy any more than that right now in 2004. The board is asking for another 10 years, which would be public schools. the same funding that we had since to seek that 1994. They put that on the ballot for millage." As for the new millage, the state

tax code, originally written in 1917, states that a school district may levy Jim Kaster a millage for operating systems of "public recreation and playgrounds." That means there are portions in Novi's budget labeled "Community Novi Community Schools assistant superintendent of business and finance

> instruct the community about it, so the people can make a wise choice. If they didn't, they would be critirized for not offering the choice. If this option is there that would pro-hibit the decline of the instructiona component of the students, this board has an obligation to give that to the community as a choice. Those who don't give that choice are remiss in this day in age."

ard capik (dries & cracks)

We "Flash" all exposed fascia board so that water

sidention. Schram then gave a written notice of the board's con-sideration to the five administra-tors. The administrators then had what could happen in the near

. If the two millage renewals the right to meet with the board within 30 days to be able to state why they shouldn't be let go.

After the 30-day period, which was last Thursday, the board passed would still be in effect. However, the two deans at the high school will be retained.

• If the two millage renewals a resolution of non-renewal of four administrators. Now, a written notice will be given to the four at

and the new millage do not pass. the board will have three options They can elect to keep the two deans and spend more of the off, which is targeted for June 30.
According to Schram, none of fund equity; they can get rid of the positions; or they can keep one and not the other. Since the four are now offiindget situation.
"The employees had the

cially laid off, the board now has the option to rescind the layoffs, meaning that they can be called back to duty after July 1 if the the board during that 30-day period. Typically when you ter-minate somebody it's because of tinancial outlook improves.

Ramer Kluri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at obviously not the case at all," Schram said, "What the law



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L. Lorenzo

officer, Hooter record is terrible, and I think it will attract a younger crowd."

Although the decision to deny the

request initially took place at the

council's April 5 meeting, with a tie vote of 3-3, the council decided to

postpone the vote until the April 17

riecting because Council Member

Lynne Paul was not present. Paul subsequently voted to deny the request April 17.

Lorenzo, who made the motion to

deny the request Monday, said she

would have negative impact on the health, safety and welfare of the cit-

izens. She cited the numerous liquor

She also suggested that Novi police would be diverted from other matters if a Hooters restaurant

What about the possibility of

Hooters having a restaurant in Novi without a liquor license?

"In all likelihood, if we don't

have a liquor license. Hooters will

the new restaurant to another loca-

that doesn't rule it out. Any decision

weynake is based on economics. We

'Toni Nagy said she could grant the liquor license transfer if it was

"No, not at the present time, but

sful in the city, but we still

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T. Nagy

the application.

B. Gatt

career law

residents are entitled to their it's a legal one or not," Nagy said, "and I don't believe the busi ness meets the

L. Paul "I feel its

any place but Fountain Walk. Maybe we still have a yes vote in

"We would very much like to say

to the public that we're opening on May 15th, but we're not. Disappointed? Yes," Lane said.

"Fountain Walk is a \$170-million

project. It's huge, and it's going to need somebody to draw people to that facility. It needs more than just

ice cream shops and popcom. It's a

misconception that it's just for chil-

dren. It's an entertainment complex for everyone. It's a new lifestyle

According to Lane, Fountain Walk management wants someone who's economically solid and

"It's too bad that some council

members feel they can make a better business decision than the Fountain

Walk management as to who would

be good tenants or not," Lane said. Linda Busse, marketing director for Fountain Walk, said, "Fountain

Walk is a shopping and entertain-

ment center and, as such, our plan is

to offer a variety of restaurant options, with Hooters being one of

them. This summer, three more

restaurants will hopefully be open-

ing, and Hooters is just one piece of

would draw people to the area.

Novi," Lane said.

mall," Lane said.

"I will be sup-

porting the motion [to deny] the request - cit-ing lack of

"It is statutorial that we have local approval. The Commission cannot override a local decision."

Council again says 'no' to Hooters

ate area.

L. Csordas

"If legal action is filed, the city will pay the price, no

matter what the

Linda Wood, secretary to the director of licensing, Michigan Liquor Control Commission

city uses in granting a liquor license

approval or transfer include that the

menu of the restaurant in question

be both unique and in contrast with other establishments in the immedi-

dard." Lorenzo said. She said the restaurant would also not have a positive effect on the surrounding

neighborhood, particular the chil-

dren in the city.

Gatt, who seconded the motion to deny, said, 'They had nine fiquor

license violations in only a couple of

that Hooters does not offer a unique

menu with Buffalo Wild Wings in

the same complex.

Landry, who did not support the

motion to deny, said, "I believe we

do not have the right to say no to this project. The talk in this town has been nothing but about Hooters late-

ly... It doesn't appear that the rea-

sons being given [to deny] are the real reasons," he said. Capello said, "A!! we've heard

lately is Hooters, Hooters, Hooters.

You'd think that nothing else is

nearby.
"What is the distance between the

our restaurant component.

"As far as Founding Mail response Paul noted that one or the concerning a liquor license or concerning the industry of participation of pushess of the pushess of the pushess of pushess."

continue to which through the issues license transfer is that the business that they re dealing with the plan is that have a similar type of business.

Paul said that the uniqueness of the business in question was an important factor in her decision, and

"Hooters fails to meet this stan-

that the busines is sexist, that it exploits women, and that they don't like the sex-ual message that it sends.Why don't we say that if that's the reason

D. Landry

currently Building Departs

cant has met all the requirem

Lorenzo said she believed that for

the city council to approve the request would hamper local efforts to prevent drinking and driving in

"Serving alcohol is an awesom

responsibility. Hooters has a terrible track record both here and out of

state. To minimize that flies in the

face of those efforts to reduce drink

ing and driving. It sends a mixed message to the citizens of Novi," she

said.
"It is statutorial that we have local

ride a local decision," she said,

the city.

K. Capello

I can't suppor don't believe our ordinances say that we can."

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approval," according to Linda Wood, secretary to the director of licensing, Michigan Liquor Control Commission, in Lansing.

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The Novi Chamber held it's 12th Annual Charity Auction on Saturday, April The event, held at the Hotel Baronette, was a great success, according to Nikki Pearse who served as event

The Chamber is grateful for the participation of Mayor Lou Csordas, who served as honorary chair and auctioneer: WDIV Weatherman Chuck Gaidiea, who was master of ceremonies for the evening; and for the many businesses and volunteers who helped make the evening a success.

Major sponsors included: Mercury and Gander

Gold - Bob Selfers Pontiac GMC Isuzu, Hotel Baronette. Novi Expo Center and Johnson's Printing Services. Silver - Community Financial, Novi News Providence Hospital, Twelve Oaks Mall and UAW Region 1.

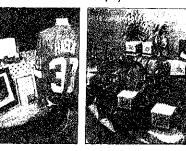
The Chamber holds the Charity Auction each year to raise money to fund operating expenses as well as to benefit a designated charity. This year's charity recipient was "Sweet Dreams Detroit" an organization dedicated to providing sleep essentials to



Professors of Jazz at keyboard donated by Piance Nation. Bob Sellers, Republic Bank and



Above, Novi's Petland brought a pair of attention-ge ters, pupples, for those who wanted to bid on their live auction Item: \$800 toward the purchase pets or prod-





Diamond Castle Jewelers donated a 1/2-carat, brilliant-cut diamond that was hidden among 100 cubic zirconias. Those feeling lucky enough to find the real gem could purchase a rock (and a glass of champagne) and keep their fingers crossed until the end of the evening. The lucky winner was Terri Bowen, pictured above (left) with her husband, John Bowen (Novi Expo Center), and Clay (City of Novi) and Jennifer



Kathleen Donnelly, founder of Sweet Dreamzz Detroit, gave a heart-warming presentation on how her organization evolved and where the night's



Above, WDIV weatherman Chuck Gaidica goes over the evening's agenda with Nikki Pearse, chairperson.

Right, the dessert table drew a long line after the live auction. Sponsors for the sweets included Bob Sellers Pontlac GMC Isuzu; Brit Irrigation; Cityscape Architects; Enterprise Rent-A-Car; Hotel Baronette; Ramco-Gershenson; Marty Feldman Chevrolet; Republic Bank; Ronald Baldwin; TDS Metrocom; Tetra Tech MPS; and





Above, Lou Csordas, mayor of Novi, did a wonderfi (and hilarlous) job of serving as the auctioneer.

Left the auction was a great success due to the efforts of many, including Cheryl Traver, Isha Mathur, Christy Seaberg, Julia Peter, David McClymont and Lori Gestro.



Nora Champion, president of the Novi Chamber of



Art Johnson, of Johnson's Printing Services, greeted folks.

Peggy Hayes, from 12 Oaks Mall, helped with check-in.

Movie marathon tor money

to such a good cause. This is the perfect event for us because we love going to the movies," said Frickany, who participated in the event with her friend, Elaine ourth straight year.

Fickany won a one-year pass for two to Emagine Theatres for her fund-raising effort. She is working with the theater company to figure out a way to share the passes with the people who contributed to her donation.

Michael Head of Commerce Township raised \$150 through contributions from his coworkers at Lakeland High School where he is a teacher and student activi-

works as a billing analyst in Southfield.

S stay all right and watch as many movies as possible with her two friends from Redford and ent movies playing in 18 theaters for the fund-raising event for CLF.

million of funding on new passen-ger vehicles for MDOT employ-ees instead of road projects like

the Wixom Road interchange is

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irresponsible. Cassis said.

Farmington Hills. Hinchman at Emagine Theatres located at "We were pleased to participate works as a billing analyst in Fountain Walk. They also enjoyed in this event for such a good cause

Movie-goers enjoy the 10 a.m. show of "Envy" last Friday at Novi's Emagine Theater as part of its 24 hour movie marathon fundraiser for the Children's Leukemia

foundation had raised approximately \$23,000 in pledges by noon.

Sen. Cassis: MDOT shouldn't trade new roads for new rides

happen. While in the House, she amended the MDOT budget to add a study of the Wixom and

indation of Michigan. Movie marathon spokesman Jim Blackledge said that the

and hope the participants enjoyed our beautiful facility," said George Yarbenet of Grand Blane, general manager of Emagine Theatres in Novi.

Yarbenet said that the theaters sively for the participants in the CLF event. It required having a

'smarts' to fend off West Nile mosquitos

head outdoors the Oakland County Health Division would like to remind you to use "Mosquito Smarts."

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weather and stagmant water,
while heavy rains flush mosquito breeding sites reducing the number of adult flying mosquitos. Public health officials arge indi-viduals to take precautions to minimize exposure to mosquitos and protect themselves from WNV. Don't wait until mosqui-tos are present, it's important to

Nile Virus throughout the year. "We've had a very dry start to the season. The Health Division continues to stress prevention to avoid mosquito bites, especially when attending outdoor events," stated George Miller, manager/health officer of Oakland County Health

Division. Reduce your risk of West Nile Virus with the three R's -Virus with the three R's Reduce, Repel, Report:

 Reduce standing water in your yard. Empty water from mosquito breeding sites, such as flower pots, pet bowls, clogged

Spring is here, time to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather. However, before you • Minimize activities where mosquitos are present, such as

with insect repellent containing no more than 35 percent DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). directions to use.

 Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors.
 Maintain window and door screening to keep mosquitoes out

of buildings.

Report dead crows to Oakland County Health Division's West Nile Virus hotine at 877-377-3641.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a infected by biting a bird that carries the virus, WNV is then spread to humans through the bite of the infected mosquito. Most people who are infected and body aches. However, in some individuals, particularly the rain gutters, swimming pool cov-ers, discarded tires, buckets, bar-www.co.oakland.mi.us/health.

Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, is co-sponsoring several bills that would provide more legislative would provide more legislative to the sport of the project inclusion into the 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan. Wixom Road interchange is critical to the health, safety, and economic development of the Novi Transportation often points a fin-

legislative approval before issuing bonds for local projects. "MDOT is an agency that col-

responsibly." our crambling roads and bridges."

Cassis has been working with Cassis said. "Washington may Cassis has been working win local leaders' and community members since 1997 to make the Wixom Road construction project while in the House, she local property with they see the state spending gas-tax money on new rides instead of new roads." lects taxes from everyone and reports to no one," Cassis said. "Antics like this make it clear that legislative oversight is needed to cusure taxpayer money is being used in the most efficient and effective manner possible."

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Timothy and Karen (nce

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son, Zachary Lukas Hill, on

April 15, 2004 at St. John

long. He joins brothers Alex, 6,

and Nicholas, 4.

Proud grandparents are

Lawrence and Delphine

Kopchia of Dearborn Heights

and Barry and Joann Hill of Roseville. Great-grandmoth-er is Eleanor Wojcik of Warren.

ENGAGEMENT



Art and Lyn Fischer of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Brian Fischer, to Hillary Oosse, daughter of Larry and Shan Oosse of Grand Rapids. The groom-elect is a 1998 grad-

nate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is ourrently employed as an electrical engineer at ESYS Corporation in

of Kenowa Hills High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as a Spanish teacher at Reells-Puffer High School. A July 2004 wedding planned.

IN THE SERVICE

Selection was based on the

individual's exemplary duty per-tormance, job knowledge, leader-ship qualities, significant selfmprovement, and other specific

Air Force Senior Airman Base, Colorado Springs, Colo. Carolyn A. Space has been named She has two years of military the lunior Enlisted of the Quarter. She is the daughter of Edmond

L. and Kathleen A. Bennett of Woods Court, Walled Lake.
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from Walled Lake Western High ichievements and notable accorn- School, Wixom, and received a

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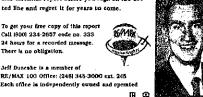
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OBITUARIES

Wayne Edward Vicklund

England, formerly of Novi, died April 5, 2004. He was 59. Mr. Vicklund Mr. Vicklund was born September 29, 1944 in Saulte Ste.

Marie, Mich. and grew up in Oak Park. He graduated from Howe Military School and obtained an electrical engineering degree from Michigan Technological University. He retired in 2001 from Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit after working 35 years. He specialized in power engineering for large industrial facilities and taught

eminars for engineers.

He became an Engle Scout and was involved in Boy Scouts with his son, Kevin, and enjoyed the outdoors, camping, river rafting, off-roading and traveling cross-country. He also enjoyed the Southwest, photography, working on the computer, electronics and studying history. After he retired Hospital, Detroit. Zachary weighed 8 pounds and one ounce and was 19 1/4 inches

he enjoyed gardening and travel-ing around Europe with his wife, Survivors include his wife. Asha of Bedford; his mother, JoAnna Vickland of Johnson City, Tenn.;

one son, Kevin (RoseAnna) Vicklund of Novi; two stepsons, Michael and Sean Ghulam-Qudir of Bedford, England; one sister, Vicky (Ron) Franks of Johnson City: a nephew and niece. Auron and Alexis Franks; many cousins, John and Althea Rozeboom, Diane Collinson, Kit and Jeff Crawford, their families; and numerous other family members and friends,
Prededing him in death was his

father, Wayne L. Vicklund; his grandparents, John and Renzina Rozeboom, Bertha Jenkins and John Vicklund; his foster grand-mother, Maryetta Hoadley; his aunt, Helen Hoadley; and his fosA graveside ceremony was held May 1 at Sedona Community Cemetery, Sedona, Ariz. Memorials may be made to the

Boy Scouts of America Clinton Valley Council, P.O. Box 43-1173. Pontiac, Mich., 48343 or to Howe Military Academy Boy Scouts, c/o CPT Brad Seibel, Alumni Office, Howe Military School, P.O. Box 240, Howe, Ind. 46746.

Rvan Kvie Pheiffer

Ryan Pheiffer of Novi, died May 3, 2004 at Children's Hospital of Michigan. He was 27. 1976 in Wayne, Mich.

He had been employed by the computer industry as a technician and was a member of the Church of St. Alexander, Farmington Survivors include his parents, Bob and Paula Pheiffer; three brothers, Scott (Trina) Pheiffer, Todd (Shannon) Pheiffer and Rory Pheiffer; one sister, Kellie Pheiffer; his grandparents, Paul and June Schmid; and two nieces,

Breana Pheiffer and Alyssa

Visitation will be Thursday, May 6 from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. and Friday, May 7 from 2 p.m.-9 p.m. at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., Farmington. A scripture service will take place Friday at 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. at the Church of St. Alexander, 27835 Shiawassee Rd., Farmington Hills with Father Jim Wright officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home,

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Blackthorn Concert

The Friends of the Novi Public Library present Blackthorn in concert at Novi Middle School on Friday, May 7. at 7 p.m. A popular Southeast Michigan band, Blackthorn combines traditional Irish music with some of Ireland's best contemporary songs. All Friends' members will receive one free ticket in the mail; Friends' membership

begin at \$10 per year Individual tickets for non members are \$15, and can be ourchased in person or by call-

Mother's Day Closing

The library will be closed Sunday, May 9, for Mother's Day. Teen Volunteer

Opportunity

The library's Youth Services department is looking for teen volunteers to help with our Volunteers should be in the 6th grade or above and be able to

work two hours a week from June 21 to July 30.
Applications will be available in the library beginning Monday, May 10. For more

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Big Kid Story Time

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Evening Story Time

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BUSINESS

Alcan Automotive opens bumper plant

tion line for aluminum bumpers.

ny hopes to build up to 50 to 60

employees as the business expands. Michael P. Kelly, vice president,

Alcan Automotive, served as master

of ceremonies for the grand open-

Michigan site now North American headquarters

By Pam Fleming

Alcan Automotive rolled its firs aluminum bumper off the produc-tion line at its grand opening Wednesday in Novi.

The new manufacturing facility is located at 46555 Magellan Drive Drive and north of Twelve Mile

In a letter to guests at the opening, Travis Engen, president and CEO of Alcan, Inc., said that while modest in scale, this new plant ranks high in importance for the company.

This is the company's first production facility in North America

for lightweight structural assemblies and the headquarters for Alcan Automotive in the U.S. A sister plant will open in Quebec, Canada, later this year as

part of an integrated North American strategy.

The two plants represent a \$30 million investment to serve the

growing lightweight structural sub-system market in North America. The company has already earned supply agreements for several vehicles and will produce 300,000 bumper beam assemblies a year, with the capacity to make a million a year as well as other aluminum

Dale Ewing, general manager for Automotive Structures North America, has been with Alcan for ibout seven months and previously rorked for Tower Automotive This is an exciting day for us,"

Ewing said at a press conference

prior to grand opening ceremonies. "This plant is really Alean's first step into the aluminum structure assembly business in North America. This is a product category that we've had tremendous succe with in Europe, and we are a leader in the industry. We're not, only intending to grow our business in this area but also in other lightweight structural products.

Production at the 52,000-squaretime positions in Novi. The compa-

Successful aluminum-intensive vehicles currently on the market include the Jaguar XJ, the Audi A8, the BMW 5 series among others.
"We will supply aluminum to virtually all of the OEMs [Original Equipment Manufacturers] and Tier I's [Jeading automotive suppliers].
Evans said, He noted that Audi is

Others attending the event includod Michel Jacques, president and CEO, Alcan Engineered Products; Hugo Hagen, president, Alcan Automotive Structures; David Landry, Mayor Pro Tem, City of currently the leader in the use of lightweight structures in automo-"I think aluminum has finally Novi: Ken Rogers, executive direc tor, Automation Alley; Kathy Blake, senior vice president of Business Development, Michigan Economic reached a critical mass in automotive. We're not have to push it, but instead, we're responding now to

Development Comoration: and inoniries," Evans said. Europe is the leader the use of aluminum in automobiles. "We see that gradually spreading. We think Richard B. Evans, executive vice president, Alcan Inc. Evans said that the company, which operates in 60 countries on all that will expand beyond Europe," he continents, has almost tripled its revenues in the last three years—from \$7 billion to about \$20 billion. the work with the will be with the will be will be about \$20 billion.

He noted that the firm was also be sustained growth in aluminum in recently named the most admired metals company in the world. "Alcan is the leading supplier of aluminum to the automotive industry, with \$1.2 billion in sales last year," Evans said, which represents a 25 percent growth in 2003.

The firm operates six business groups, four of which sell to auto-

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the automotive sector," Evans said, ular crashes and that European driv-ers have lower auto institution rates vehicles.

Rick Rottman, maintenance technician, adjusts drill settings on Alcan's new produc-

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Point A Luggage opens

Michael Zucker, vice preśi-

Pro, Swiss Army and Zero

Haliverton. and that Dan Clay Point A Luggage stores were president and COO. first introduced in fall 2002. Other stores are located in The Mall in Columbia, Md.; Tyson's Corner, Va.; The Florida Mall in Orlando, Fia.; and Copley Place

"It makes perfect sense to bring the Point A Luggage con-cept to Twelve Oaks Mall," Zucker said, "As the premier dent of merchandising and mar-keting for Samsonite Company Stores, recently annuanced the opening of Point A Luggage at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The store is bear in

The store is located on the second floor of the mall across from The Gap.

The retail outlet, which opened last week, is the first opened last week is the first opened last week.

The Cooker restaurant on 12 Tennessee, closed last week. An travel accessories and writing instruments, Zucker said. The store's premium brands include Tumi, Kenneth Cole. Samsonite, Hugo Bosca, Travel cated that Henry Hillenmeyer

"As you are aware, the Company filed Chapter 11 Bankruptey in May of 2001," wrote Clay. "After a history of

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Business Briefs

inprofitable operating results, the Cooker has been unable to secure any additional funds."

The Board of Directors has made

to cease operations at all our existing

estaurants," added Clay. Bair chairs ITSA Board

Brent Bair, managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County, was recently elected chair-man of the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society of

nate the devel- Return. opment and Guests booking Novi Country deployment of Inns & Suites Summer Family transportation—BookBreak Package will receive a nologies

CITY OF NOVI

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE

ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appeintment to the Beaulification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Economic Development Corporation, Historical Commission, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, Planking Commission, Stormwater Management & Watershed Stewardship Committee and Woodlands Fleview Board.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in voluntering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available.

allow time for scheduling interview appointments.
Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, June 14, 2004
beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers; interviews are scheduled
for 15 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

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Systems in the U.S. The society works closely with the U.S. Department of transportation on projects and programs in support of the national TTS

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The hotel's "Book It and Return" rogram.

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national and international companies — For each book returned to a Country. involved in ITS development; universities; independent research organizations; public interest groups "I believe we have barely

scratched the surface in terms of the efficiency. We stand today at the dawn of a new era in which technolrather a driving force," Bair, said. can be contacted at (248) 596-9800.

chairman at the ITSA annual meet-ing in San Antonio, Texas. He was ice-chairman of the Board for the previous year and has served on the

> Novi hotel promotes reading Country Inns & Suites hotel in

package that encourages reading over the summer months. The hotel's Summer Family BookBreak Package began May I.

The popular book "A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning" by Lemony Snicket is

the first in a series of best-selling, humorously melodramatic tales about the misadventures of three orphaned children.

orprised children's

The package coincides with the introduction of a new children's book section of the hotel's in-house lending library, "Book It and Ratters"

We learned a lot about our Canadian customers from this survey, said Karen Mac Donald, direction of communications for Taubman.

lending library loans books to guests based on the assurance that they will return the book on their next visit. Inns & Suites hotel in North America, the company makes a \$5 donation to ProLiteracy Worldwide, an international nonprofit literacy organization. To date, the hotel chain has contributed about \$46,000 to the

organization.
To make a reservation or for more information about the Summer soon be enjoying faster and more family BookBreak Package, visit efficient Secretary of State services,

Bair was elected ITSA Board Canadian men are top

likely to return from a U.S. trip toting shopping bags? According to a new survey, the biggest Canadian spenders in U.S. malls are British Columbians, people in their 30s and

40s, and — surprise — men.

Those are just a few of the intriguing facts uncovered by a recent survey of Canadians from all provinces, conducted by Maritz: Thompson Lightstone for Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and/or manages 31 premier U.S. shopping centers in 13 states, including Twelve Oaks Mall. The figures in this release relate to

the approximately 600 survey participants who reported shopping in a U.S. mall during the previous year. All amounts are in Canadian dollars.

More than half (55 percent) of the Canadians who buy in U.S. malls are nien. These men also outspend their female counterparts when they cross related tech-special family rate (average rate—the border. The survey found that in special family rate (average rate the border Ine survey found that in \$105; varies by properly and location; rates are subject to change); free stay for guests 18 and under with an adult; free breakfast; and book bag full of surprises, like a Lemony Snicket activity book, coloning gadget, fattoos, do do shaper/boxkmark and more. of respondents spending more than

> So what are Canadians buying south of the border? More than four out of five (84 percent) buy new clothes and shoes. But women are still more likely than men to buy apparel and footwear (90) percent vs.

Secretary of State services expand

Oakland County residents will

"The Secretary of State should be

commended for her efforts to bring

customer service up to speed without using more taxpayer money," Cassis said. "This is the kind of efficiency we could stand to see in more areas of state government.

Under a plan announced Monday, an SOS PLUS office will be located n Northville-Novi, The redesigned SOS PLUS offices will offer additional full-time staff, on-site customer-service representatives, improved facility access, less walting for customers, self-service sta-tions allowing customers to renew tions allowing customers to renew registrations on credit cards and

more.
The SOS is scheduled to open its first redesigned office within 90 days. All new SOS Plus and SOS Super!Centers are expected to be open by the end of the year, Further information on the new Northville-Novi SOS PLUS office will be

New features at SWOCC

Looking for something to watch on TV? Put down your remote and click on www.swocestudios.com to that he guide to what's on local channels Farmington Hills 8, Info TV-12, Novi 13, and Farmington 15. SWOCC recently joined the World Wide Web, and for the past few Channels Farmington Formula (Control of the Past Few Channels Farming Control of the Switzer Channel Channel Control of the Switzer Channel Ch months stuff has been designing the site to be informational and easy to read. At the touch of a button, learn about workshops and weekly programs schedules for the four access channels, rental fees for remote equipment, studios rentals, and nformation on becoming a previously possible

With the increased network SWOCC Studios underwriter Learn about the people behind the SWOCC scenes. Read their bios, see capacity, the company will imple-ment several new Web-based applications that will open the door for photographs and e-mail them with a new technology innovations and The Cable Access Committee and educational opportunities for center staff, children and families SWOCC Board meeting minutes are

also posted. For producers and resi dents who drop off tapes, download parent portal that will enable famiand print the Application for Cablecast right from the site. The program schedules for each lies to have instant online access to their children's progress at the cen-ters throughout the day, such as channel are posted at the following

times: INFO TV-12, 12 a.m. - 8 a.m., 12 p.m.-1 p.m., 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Novi 13, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., Farmington 15, 12:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., ents and paying bilis online. 12 p.m.-1 p.m., 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Novi 13, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., Farmington 15, 12:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. If your non-profit organization has a message they'd like posted, please send it to Melissa Cohn at

mcohn@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us.

AT&T announced recently that

AT&T wins contract with

tions across the United Stat

places MCI as Childtime's primary

Childrine and Tutor Time Learning

Centers with secure, high-speed online connectivity, helping the

company manage and process a

higher volume of business-perform-

ance data, such as center-based human resources and financials, than

Childtime is developing a new

Childtime

Moving is considered to be among the most stressful things a person can do—right up there with getting married, changing jobs and having children.

But, it doesn't have to be, according to Melanie Bergeron, who heads the nation's top franchised moving company, Two Men and a Truck has won a two-year, \$4 million net-working contract from Childtime Learning Centers Inc., a leading International. Planning ahead and focusing on the family's individua provider of childcare and preschool educational services headquartered in Novi, to integrate and standardize communications at 340 center loca-

Day and Labor Day, That's about half of all the moves that will be undertaken in 2004. May, designated With this contract, AT&T disas National Moving Month, starts the busiest moving season of the

network services provider.

AT&T will provide a wide-area network (WAN), integrating Childtime's headquarters and 340 company-owned locations operating under the Childtime and Tutor Time Learning Centers brands. The WAN moving companies up to six weeks in advance of the move and begin families with three-bedroom home or larger ask for an on-site estimat "essentials" box that will be the las loaded on the truck, making it easily

Started as an after-school endeav or for two high school boys, th has grown to become the fifth larger moving company in the U.S. will 120 locations and more than 820

The Novi Iocation of Two Men and a Truck is at 43000 W. Ning

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On behalf of the entire medical staff, I'd like to take an opportunity to thank each of you for your commitment to excellence and the difference you make in the care for patients throughout this Health System. You combine training, professionalism, and deep personal caring to help deliver some of the nation's most advanced health care. The Health System is what it is, in large part, due to your efforts.

During this week of celebrating the nursing profession, my colleagues and I would like you to know that we are inspired by your expertise, awed by your abilities, and proud to work with you. Congratulations to all of you during Nurses Week.

Danell A. Campbell, Jr., MD Chief of Clinical Affairs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that J C Penney of Twelve Oaks Mali is requesting a Temporary Uso Permit to allow placement of a rolloff dumpster and from 10 to 15 temporary construction material storage traillers. The dumpster and traillers will be located in the parking lot adjacent to the J C Penney Store. This permit would be issued for the period from the date of the meeting until August 29, 2004.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 12, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Decartment 45.175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil. R827.6 address all communications to Denise Anderson at the Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

trucking planned activities and FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hagopian World of Rugs is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for a Memoria Day weekend tent -alle. The request is for the tent sale to be held a 43232 Newhold Mile Road. This permit would be issued for the period of May 27 through May 31, 2004.

May 27 through May 31, 2004.

A public hearing meeling to consider this request will be held at 11:15 am on Wednesday, May 12, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Read, Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. 48375.

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS **SOCCER UNIFORMS**

CITY OF NOVI

TUP 04-018

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for SOCCER UNIFORMS according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.
Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Thursday, May 20, 2004 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI CAROL J, KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Novi. MI 48375-3024 All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding m. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

"SOCCER UNIFORMS" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER AND MUST BLAM THE NAME OF THE DATE.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all oldernative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

Notice Dated; May 3, 2004 (5-6-04 NN 130021)

CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SAD 171 - Woodham Road Water Main

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for SAD 171 – Woodham Road Water MaIn according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Sealed bids will be received until 3:30 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Wadnesday, May 26, 2004, at which time proposals will be opened and ead. Bids shall be addressed and delivered as follows:

CITY OF NOVI

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile 75

45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Novi, M. 46375-3024
All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding irm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "SAD 171 — Woodham load Water Main" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The projects consist of construction of 8" water main, bituminous road mprovement & appurteanace.

cipal Items of work and approximate quantities will include

Principal tierns of work and approximate (<u>SAD 171 - Woodham Road Water Main</u> B' Water Main Fire Hydrant Assembly 8' Gate Valve in well 24" x 8' Tapping Sleeve & Valve in Well 1" Type K service leads And related items 1,233 LF

1' Type K service leads
And related items.
Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the City Clerk or at the office of the Engineer, Anderson, Esketien & Westrick, Inc., 52445 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, Michigan 48165, between the hours of 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on and after Wednesdey, May 5, 2004. They may be obtained from the Engineer upon payment of \$40 pers 4s non-refundable. Documents may be mailed to the prospective bidders upon request accompanied by an additional

upon payment of \$40 per set non-refundable. Documents may be mailed to the prospective bidders upon request accompanied by an additional payment of \$10 per set non-refundable.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Qualification & Experience Statement, certified check, cashler's check, or a satisfactory bidder's bond in the amount of at least \$5^*\circ of the total bid, drawn payable to the City of Novi as security that if the Proposal is accepted, the Bidder will exacute the Contract and deliver acceptable proof of insurance, Performance and Labor and Matteriats Bonds within 14 calendar days after the award of the Contract.

Proposals which have been submitted shall not be withdrawn after the time set for opening of bids and shall remain firm for a period of 90 calendar days after the opening of bids.

The City reserves the right to except any or all atternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any marrier deemed by the City, in its sofe discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR (54-604 NN 131129)

Wanna see your name in print?

your name or a friend or loved one's name in print?

Well, now you can with a new business called PageOne, created business called PageOne, created Novi resident Chief During. Well, now you can with a new business called PageOne, created by Novi resident Chris Davis.

Davis, who recently non-mass editor of the Northwile Record to embark on the new home-based business, is using his skills in the newspaper business to build a front page of a newspaper that can make the state of the same it and liked it. People kept saying, You really should do this for money." Davis said.

He made other newspaper front the same is a said to be said.

ent, anniversary, retirement, graduation, promotion or what have you - "any occasion you can think of that's deserving of a gift but you want something very personal," Davis said. Davis officially incorporated the business with Oakland County s of last week and already has

person's special birthday, engage-

several jobs in the works. He originally wanted to name the business FrontPage but dis-covered that MicroSoft has a piece of software by the same

"I didn't want to cause any oblems by using that name, and of jumped out at me, Davis said. I got the idea for the business

(5-6/13-04 NN 131086)

that featured the employee to out-

pseudo front page that featured his wife, Emily.
"I was running short of ideas for her 25th birthday and came up with this as a gift. My friends saw

graduated from Harvard and for a friend at his bachelor party.

Davis, a resident of Novi his whole life, graduated in 1992 from Novi High School and carned a degree in journalism from Central Michigan anywhere the

University.

He's been in the newspaper six and a half years. He's excited

about the new business. "I realized that I'd put in my time [at the Northville Record], and it was about time for me to be moving on. I wanted to do something I felt passionate about and that I could have fun with. My goal is not just to be selfish and indulgent in creating these, how- chasing one of the unique gifts ever. I really want to partner with school districts and charities and

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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

CALLED TORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Filease Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER S O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerks office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks offices are open for registration. This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

ADDENDUM
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial
Election of Oxidand Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.
ONLY REGISTERED SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL
ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45/75 W. Ten Mille Road, Novi, MI to consider STE PLAN NUMBER 04-05. OLIVER HATCHER BUILDING, IOCATED ON. THE WEST. SIRE. OF MEADOWBROOK, ROAD BETWEEN ELEVEN MILE AND TWELVE MILE ROADS, FOR A PRELIMINARY, SIRE PLAN, WETLAND, PERMIT, WOODLAND, PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. The applicant is proposing a 29,452 square feet speculative office building. The subject property to 9,098 area.

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All into rested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Pfanning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION JOHN AVDOULOS, SECRETARY

LOCATION

(5-6-04 NN 131520)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commissi

Northville Record. For a long give 10 percent of the profits back time, it was tradition to give a fake front page of the newspaper Clients provide their own pho-

tos. The front pages are 11 X 17, in full color and designed using professional newspaper software. "It's the same program that real

Davis explained. Davis' slogan for the new business is "Where the news is you."
"Your 15 minutes of farne car last forever," he quipped.

> offers a choice of about 50 different mat colors and several metal or wood frames. Cost for each starts at \$125, with framing an "I can also ship the front page anywhere the customer wants,

short as 24 hours for an unframed page," he said. Framed works take a couple of weeks.

Davis noted that he can work with the gift giver if he or she wants the front page to be a sur-prise. "I can be as discreet as needed," he said.

A Web site for the business, www.yourpageone.com, should be up and running by the end of the week. Those interested in pur-

newspapers use to design. It looks like a real newspaper. It makes the recipient the star of the page, with the emphasis on the individual,"

Photo by John Heide some of the "fake-front" for his Page One business The newspaper page can be framed or unframed, and Davis based in Novi. Davis is the former editor of the Northville Record.

site, e-mail at pageone@att.net or on his cell phone at (248) 320had his own business. and turnaround time can be as

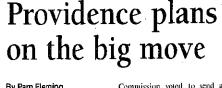
"I hope to have some fun with it, and, hopefully, other people will, too. There is nothing like this anywhere that I've looked," he said, "It's a unique business hecause it's tailored to the indi-vidual."

> for the Navi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at 105, or by e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

By Pam Fleming

ic and treatment center comcan contact Davis via his Wel-

> for at least a 40-acre site.
>
> A public hearing took place at the Novi Planning Commission's April 7 meeting on the amendment to the ordi-nance that will modify the stan-dards for the height of inpatient



Council approved the first readng of an amendment to a zonordinance Monday night hat would give Providence Hospital the go-ahead to increase the height of its building at its Novi campus.
Plans at the hospital at Grand
River Avenue and Beck Road are to have a two-story diagnos-

The ordinance amendment would change the maximum building height from 65 feet to 115 feet as well as provide appropriate setbacks between the hospital and residential property. The amendment also states that such plans must be

hospital facilities in the city's Office Service Commerical

positive recommendation to city uncil on the matter.
"I think this is a good project

I want Providence to come t

our community. John Aydoulos

from the planning commission approves of this, and be is an architect who designs health care facilities," said Council Member Lynne Paul. Larry Helman, representing Providence Hospital, said that the six-story structure need extra height because of the

patient floors. "We have met with the fire marshall, and we're excited to

be here," he said.
"This will be another for our city," said Counci Member Tony Nagy, "I think it looks really good."
Helman noted that hospital officials do not anticipate increasing the height of the building beyond the maximum of 115 feet suggested in the

"I really think this is going to



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Medispa a first

A local physician, Dr. Sheryl Conn, has opened the first medispa business in a day spa facility in Michigan when she recently began operating out of Salone Nadwa in Novi.

"We're the first day spa and medispa to offer both services in meaning to other count services, and Nadwa Yono, owner of Salone Nadwa in the Novi Town Center on Grand River. "The spa business has become more medical in the past two years with the two businesses coming together." usinesses coming together. Dr. Conn came to the spa look

ing to branch out of her family practice and to begin performing medispa treatments that are not conducive in a medical office. Those medical treatments must be nerformed by a physician or under the direct supervision of a doctor

"My patients at the clinic were asking me to do laser skin treat-ments and microdermabrasion," said Dr. Conn, who practices out of the Medical Clinic at Northville, "I think patients prefer to have those type of treatments performed in the more relaxed atmosphere of a spa setting."

The medispa business includes medical skin evaluations, micro-dermabrasion or exfoliation of the skin and chemical peels with ultrasound, baser hair removal and vein therapy, according to Dr. Conn. She decided to bring those medical services to the day spawhere many potential patients for those treatments are already cus-

"I recognized a growing desire of men and women for maintaining or reestablishing vitality and beauty to their skin," said Dr. Conn, who became experienced

Ladies Crosses



Nadwa Yono (left), owner of Salone Nadwa, observes a "MegaPeel" skin treatment performed with ultrasound equipment by Dr. Sheryl Conn on an unidentified

meluding microdermabrasion and glocolic peels with ultrasound, and laser vein treatment at

Since her medical practice is in

Northville and her new business is within Salone Nadwa in Novi, Dr.

Conn has close ties to both com-

munities. She lives in Novi with

her family and her children attend Northville Schools.

Dr. Conn received her under-

graduate degree from the University of Michigan and grad-uated from Wayne State School of Medicine.

Yono opened Salone Nadwa in

Novi 10 years ago and expects the spa business to grow from the additional medispa business.

"Spa services aren't just for women anymore," Yono said. "It's

becoming a trend for men to come to the spa for stress relief and wanting to look younger. Men

actually need skin care treatments

more than women because their skin is dryer and deeper than a

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the procedures rather than have a packages. For Mother's Day technician doing some of those procedures." Dr. Cann said. "It's anusual for doctors to

operate lasers for hair removal and vent treatments," she added since it is not required for doctors to perform those procedures in Michigan.

She began offering medispatreatments on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Salone Nadwa on April 15, Dr. Conn reported that business is picking up very quick-

Dr. Conn said that she could perform any anti-aging treatments in the day spa that do not involve surgery. She also plans to intro-duce Botox and collagen filler procedures in her incdispa business this summer.

Her business also offers several heatity to their skin," said Di.

Conn, who became experienced
with microdermabrasion, skin

Clinical by Innovative Skincare. peels, laser hair and vein removal. She said the medical products go peers, taser nair and vern removal, and mediciacial products, and mediciacial skin care products.

"What makes my new business unique in the field of aesthetics is unique in the field of aesthetics is unique in the field of aesthetics is that 1 am a physician consulting with the client and performing all of special medispa treatment of special medispa treatment.

Gifts For The Mom You Love

Swinging Chandelier

Earring 58999 &Up Try to cut down on unnecessary meds

By Ernie Harwell

There's no question about it. Everywhere you turn these days there's another advertisement for this or that new pill or ove the-counter medicine. And the medicine aisle in the local drug store contains tens of dozens of medicines just waiting to overwhelm the next unsuspection shopper.
Everyone needs to take over

the-counter medications once in white. But I think the average

things with a little effort.

For example, if you tend to get heartburn, you can take a good look at the foots you're putting into your body. It's possible that a better diet can help with the another allergy pill. you reduce your reliance on avoid taking another allergy pill. bookstores or by calling (800) those antacids. Also, if you have We all want to feel good all 245-5082.

the Novi News

sense to try to do it "au natural whenever we can. And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

he Detroit Tigers" for more than four decudes, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and filmess advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local

Emie Harwell, "the voice of

teacher Ainsely Sontag, an infor-mance concert "combines per-formance with informing. It brings the music and concepts that students are learning in the class-room onto the stage." Nearly everyone reads audience observes some of the methods students employ to train their ears, read music, keep a beat, play an instrument and express

Students

learn much

By Elaine Maylen

about music

through activi-

First and second grade students from Deerfield Elementary School recently held two "infor-

mance" concerts to show their

themselves through movement or

on subdivisions of time (fractions) which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

Learning to read music is like learning a foreign language. Most

Deerfield "informance"

musical terms are in Italian, German, or French. The symbolic notations are a highly developed orm of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. Learning the semantics of music is learning a universal language.

Scientifically, music is specific

families what they have being learning in music education. and demands exact acoustics. A According to Deerfield music conductor's full score is a graph where frequencies, intensities volume changes, melody, and har mony simultaneously interact following an exact time schedule.

Music has a historical component as it often reflects the events, attitudes and culture at the time of

its creation. Music is physically demanding too. It requires fantastic coordina-tion of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addiDuring the Informances, the

carefully and follow directions. Elaine Maylen is a PTO Mother

Learning basic nussic concepts relates to everything else a student is expected to learn. Music is mathematical as its rhythms are based

During the Informances, the students performed 11 songs. Each student had two opportunities to demonstrate the specific skills they learned from the song. During the "Sound Song." students sang several verses of thyming lyrics centered on specific word families Learning word families before students learn to families helps students learn to read and spell. An example would be the "op" family which might include words like hop, shop, mop, top, etc. Near the end of performing the "Sound Song," stu-dents were challenged to come up with a word family and develop a

water a word aming and develop a verse on the spot. Learning to square dunce during the song "Yankee Doodle," students worked on hearing and responding to eight-beat musical patterns. Following the square dance move-

SCHOOL BRIEFS concerts held at Deerfield

CLASS NOTES

Outstanding Novi teachers

The Novi News will recognize monthly a local teacher for his or her excellence he classroom. Nominations can come from students, Senior honors program teachers, parents, administrators or com-

munity residents who have contact or knowledge of a teacher's classroom activawards senior honors program will be a little shorter this year. The event is on Thursday, May 27 and News, Cal Stone, 104 W. Main, Northville, M148167; fared to (248) 349-

9832; or sent by e-mail to estone@hthomecommunet
Thedeatine for communications is the last
who won multiple awards will now day of the month. The Nort News staff receive his or her awards in one will select the winner and a feature story and photograph will appear in the Novi News on the second Thursday of the following month. Those not selected as the

Outstanding Teacher of the Month will be considered for subsequent mantis.

To nominate a teacher, please send the teacher's name, school address and the American Meteorological Society's

school's releptione number along with a statement of no more than 200 words Physical Foundations o telling us why this teacher deserves to be the Outstanding Teacher of the Month.

The Novi High School academic

instead of calling each student up

Susan Wainwright, fifth grade

shortened

Malarkey representing Novi

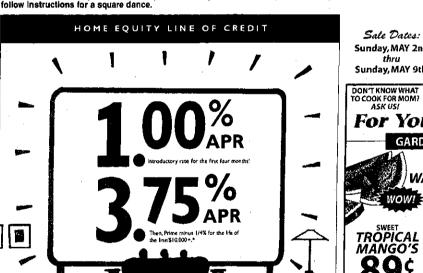
Maríanne Malarkey, a fifth grade teacher at Novi Meadows, is one of the three teachers selected from Novi to represent the district as a candidate for 2003-2004 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the

Pennycuff picked

Laura Pennycuff, fifth grade Foreign Language teacher at Novi Meadows, was selected as a participant in this summer's Educators to Jupan Program. She will spend two weeks in Japan touring schools and



Photo by Etaine Mayler Afreen Qadeer and Krystina Giroux respond to an eight-beat musical pattern as they



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On Campus

Novi resident, Gracie Denton eceived second place at Michigan nterscholastic Forensic

Middle Level held at the

the daughter of Robert and G. Denton Huron Valley Catholic School,

Michael Garabelli was recog Novi residents Kristen Gacobbe, Megan Hsu, Alison Sansom and Elizabeth Song of Novi High School, and Sheer Joychan of Ladywood High School, Livonia have been named as National Merit \$2500 Schularship Winners for 2004. The National Merit Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous

Nova resident David Pridmore was among the graduates at Hope College during spring 2004 com-ment criterit exercises.

Jennifer Chidsey of Novi partici nated in Central Michigan University's Alternative Spring Break, 2004, She totored elementary students in Plant City, Fla. She is the daughter of Judith and Frederick Chidsey of Novi.

Novi residents Gregory Brainnas, Dustin Gress, Heather Haller, Ryan Hatcher, Jen-Yuan Her, Mahesh Kuntthekar, Janice Liao, James Morrison, Maanasa Murafidhar, Erika Alpert, Vikram Balani, Laura Ellison, Adam Hersberger, Jung Kun, 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, Ann Arbor during spring 2004 commencement

Albion College students wer recognized three local students for their academic excellence at the College's annual Honors Convocation held earlier this nonth. The award winners recog-

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Angela Doolin was recognized or her academic excellence with the John Wayne Stringer Award for Journalism , Doolin was also recently inducted into the College's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honorary socie by for students who have actively contributed to campus life and cholarship.

Doolin is a senior majoring in English and psychology. She is the daughter of Leon Doolin and Geraldine Sims-Doolin of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

nized for his academic excellence with a Morley Fraser Leadership Award and a President Bernard T Lomas Project 250 Award. The "P250" is the College's highest award given to undergraduates in recognition of their contributions to the campus community. The Fraser Award honors sophomores who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, leadership in campus life, participation in College activities and service to

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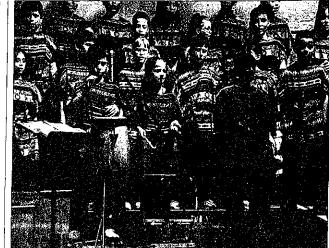
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Kortlandt is a junior majoring in chemistry and mathematics and is completing the secondary educa-tion program. He is the son of George Kortlandt und Patneia Kortlandt of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Novi resident Ashley Moore has received the Achievement Award from Olivet Nazarene University Kankakee, III. Her sister, Ambe Moore, has received the Oliver Scholar Award from Offset Nazarene University. They are sen iors at Northville High School and Their parents are Steven and Tina

Vacation in Your

Back



it's a small world, at Village Oaks Village Oaks third grade students celebrated the theme,

"It's a Small World ... Tales to Tell," by performing the musical "Children of the World" and displaying related artwork they created. The festivities took place at the Fuerst Auditorium on the High School campus. Ir the musical, the children sang traditional folk songs from China, India, Japan and Ghana. with accompaniment from the third grade instrumentalists on had a part in the musical singing in a small group, speaking, dancing or playing instrumusical, everyone enjoyed the Art Show featuring the stu-



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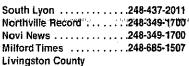
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Orchard Hills invades McDonald's

First grade teacher Becky Hurst takes a well deserved break after serving up the Big Macs. Here, she joins some Orchard Hills students, Matthew Weber, Evan Nielson, Jeffrey Weber, Nielson's little sister and Daniel Lumley.



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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home lowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers

There's still room on the ballot

The filing deadline for the apcoming elections is fast approaching. Candidates have until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14 no complete the necessary paper-work. The primaries will be held Aug. 3 and the elections will be

Locally, this is a chance for residents to step up. Get informed. Get involved. Instead of complaining at board meeting that the overall direction of the community is wrong, take a stand. Those already filed to run this sommer and fall need challengers. Having multiple candi-dates with different opinions force residents to take notice, pay attention to what all the residents want to do, then decide for themselves how they want their town

ship to progress.

And without serious challengers, incumbents - or unoposed newcomers — will likely est on their laurels throughout

the campaign season.

The next few months is a prime. time for candidates to beat the streets to find out what the residents want. And that's important While individual decisions cannot always be based on a mob rule mentality, general guiding princi-pals can be shaped through soliciting public input. Like shooting

fish in a barrel, getting resident opinions is so easy to obtain dur-ing the election cycle if candidates meet residents while stump

ing for votes.

Without opponents, that intimate interaction is limited, if not eliminated.

eliminated.

A larger pool of candidates, theoretically, increase the number of ideas and issues brought to the forefront. New and different approaches to issues creates a well-thought plan to tackle the issues facing local communities. And a lively election helps draw

out those approaches.

There's a lot of issues going on in our communities. From diminishing state revenues to exploding commercial and residentia growth, important decisions are of the townships 20, 50 years

There's plenty of people who have pulled filing petitions but have yet to turn them in, complet ed. And there's others who have been mulling the idea of running. Well, it's time to get off your duff and make a decision. Now's the chance to help shape the future, a much wiser approach than sitting back and blaming everyone else for whatever concerns may arise.

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Deerfield Elementary School student Nevedha Duraimurajan pets "Streak" a llama during an assembly at the Novi school. Representatives of Topliff's Tara, a Williamston bed and breakfast and Ilama farm brought Streak and Zach, center, to the school to teach the kids a few things about llamas like that they typically live in aftitudes ranging from 6-14,000 feet, flve 20 years, and their diet consists mostly of grasses.

GUEST COLUMN

Is new millage a loophole in Prop A?

tricts had to begin living within their means us average families have to. Under Proposal A of 1994, school operat-ing millages were climinated or banned and

replaced with a state foundation grant that

was funded with an increase in your state

sales lax, Tobacco taxes and other taxes. However, your elected school board,

unable to contain costs and live within its

means, has found an obscure 87-year-old

law, Public Act 156 of 1917, which will

allow them to legally subvert Proposal A of 1994 and levy a new operating millage for

The new operating millage, if passed, will

generate about \$1,900,000 in new revenue which the school district will use to replace a

like amount of current expenditures used for

community recreation programs.

This shift and shaft simply double-dips taxpayers because the state will not propor-

tionally reduce its state foundation grant or

about to get double-dipped if Novi School's recreation millage passes on June 14th. The school district wants voters to approve about a 1.0 mill school operating millage increase for "parks and playgrounds" which will cost homeowners an additional \$100 a year for a \$200,000 home.

Novi currently has an extensive community recreation program which is funded through the district's \$6,700 per pupil state foundation grant. You are already paying for

. Over the years, the Novi Schools have vol-untarily instituted many non-essential quality-of-life coramunity centered programs like recreation. This community spirit by the Novi Schools was commendable. The cost of maintaining and staffing of

these programs and facilities are very expensive. Prior to Proposal A of 1994, the Novi Schools could afford to maintain these programs as long as district voters would approve the incessant annual Headlee overrides and millage increases for school district

Back then, any defeat of those millage elections seemed to go hand-in-hand with threats and the dire consequences of pay-toplay and/or the elimination or cutback of bussing, athletics and many other non-essen-tial school programs.

If you watch the statements coming from

school officials today, they are right back to

their old tricks.

grab, quite simply, allows you to pay twice for the same services. Legal? Sure! Wise, When the original architects and authors wrote the Proposal A Constitution Amendment back in 1994, they failed, through an oversight in due diligence, to amend the 1917 law allowing additional school operating millages. They have pub

the reliance from local property taxes to a large increase in other state taxes, school dis-

School district widely defeated a similar recreation millage scheme when some of the original Proposal A authors threatened a law-suit and publicly questioned the recreation

The Fowlerville School Board quickly tlip-flopped and voted not to put a similar recreation millage on the ballot last March when news stories broke that exposed how the millage subverts Proposal A of 1994. Also troubling is the fact that Proposal A

promised more equitable funding per studen between Michigan school districts. This millage if passed, will give Novi Schools an additional \$300 in per pupil funding over Oakland County's other school districts. Novi residents should contact their state legislators to repeal this operous legal loop

hole in Proposal A. This millage scheme reminds one of the French Controller General back in the 17th Century, who said "Taxation is the art of so ount of feathers with the least

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LETTERS

Polls place to speak out on war

This morning when I opened my paper and read the headline that nine more of our young people had died in Iraq, I felt my despair deepen. I thought not only of these, whose lives have been sacrificed. I was against this war from the beginning. Now there is the sense that if we leave there will be many citizens of that country who will be in grave danger because they welcomed our intervention. So, here

we are, stuck in a morass. What to do? I feel helpless, My only on. I will vote my conscience when I go to the polls. My vote will echo the sentiments of many citizens of the world, not only in our country but in other countries who believe that this war was not well planned, well thought, or

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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OTHER OPINIONS

One year later, similarities in Iraq and Vietnam remain

eral deficit is at record-setting proportions, the product of the recession (now ending) and the

Bush tax cuts, together with very

large extra expenditures — sorr of them hidden — for the war

and for reconstruction in frag

Deficit spending usually results in inflation, and big deficits ust ally result in big inflation. And

the standard way to control infla-

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Secretary Don Runisfeld wen

when they asserted that the fragis would welcome our troops as

"liberators" and greet them with

most fragis regard us as infidel

invaders instead, and that a

majority wants us out of the

country PDQ, even though they recognize our departure would probably make them less safe.

A last parallel has to do with troops and leadership. American

Police chief will help to get

Detroit back on right track

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the time. Then

two years ago, a

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her to come back as an assistant

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Then last fall,

Oliver, who had

been contraver-

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sial from the start, attempted to board a plane with a loaded

the end of his Detroit career.

appointed Ella Bully-Cumr

handgun in his luggage. That was

Thirty years earlier, she had been

beater, a skinny little git! from a

a ticket taker in a neighborhood

pulled up, and a policewoman in

full uniform emerged. Elia was

transfixed, "It was nothing I

up to that moment." Thereafter she couldn't think of anything

She worked her way through

force, did most of the major jobs,

college and law school on the

was shot at; learned the ropes.

ment she took over las

Except no one really can learn how to be chief. And the depart-

November was under fire indeed.

Federal investigators said it was the most troubled they had ever

seen.
Two embarrassing "consent

decrees" stipulated that Detroit's

years. That came after the U.S.

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could ever think about be-

Last year at this time, she

force, she thought for good

never expected to be sitting here. Five years ago, she left the police

that knew one another, and if it is Department of Justice charged

Dick Cheney and Defense

fight us to the death

flowers and candy. Recent polls dem

lels between Iraq and Vietnam The column provoked a lot of reaction, pro and con. Some of the criticism was justified: How could I possibly write about the

paratiels between Iraq and present war? Some of it was merely attacks on my character for questioning ou government. Yet pointing to

the two wars is those who do not

Phil Power

Last week marked one year carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, underneath a banner that hosster declared an end to "major combat" in Iraq.

So this sounds like a pretty good time to review the parallels I noted between Iraq and Vietnam, and see where we are today. The strongest had to do with the economy. During Vietnam, President Lyndon Johnson's policy was that we could have both "guns and bet-ter." Rejecting tax increases to pay for the war paved the way for rapidly increasing budget deficits. which in turn helped drive inflation up, causing the Federal Reserve to eventually push up interest rates to double-digit levels. All this triggered the devas-tating recession of the early 1980's.

Today, economists are warning recognized the war was probably of a "fiscal train wreck." The red. " 'the wrong war at the wrong time

This has been a rough year so far on the mean streets of the Motor City, with the homicide rate bafflingly skyrocketing even

Some of the murders have been

Jack Lessenberry

as the population continues to

particularly harrowing. Two

young cops were gunned down in cold blood after a

routine traffic

stop. A man tor-

four of her kids to

death with a pipe.
By last week,
Detroit had

recorded over 135

murders, up near-ly 50 percent from a year ago.

many as in New York City, which

This has made for a rough bap-

lemography different, as

duced as the first top cop in

Detroit's first Japanese police

chief. Detroit Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings is always intro

Motown who is a woman. Make

the married a black GI from

Detroit, and her heritage is a big

part of who she is.
"Every day I look in the mirror

- I have my mother's eyes. My

mother is my heart," she says. But she no longer speaks a word

been back to the country she left

ner mirror, she usually checks he

tome computer for the grim tall

nany murders, "If you look at

the homicides in the city -- most

are not random. They are people

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Dystrophy Association

re is no one factor I can

of the language, and has never

in 1959 before she was two

from the night before

see," she says when asked

American troops in Iraq are han-dling their difficult, dangerous and subtle mission with profes-sionalism, loyalty and courage. I hope when they come home

whether safe, wounded or dead - they are treated as the heroes nearly all of them are (despite the apparent disgusting mistreatment of prisoners by a few) and not as objects, or political pawns. The current attempts to censor photographs of flag-draped coffins is yet another indefensible attempt to sugar-coa the fact that brave men and women are inevitably harmed when they go to war. And as to leadership: President

to understand the Johnson disappointed an entire nation when he tried to mislead us that there was "light at the end of the tunnel," when he knew that was not the case. In the case of Iraq, we are by now all familiar with the fundamental misjudg-ments and intelligence failures that led President Bush and his advisors to invade Iraq in the first place. Their arrogant assumptions about our success and the way we would be received in Iraq and Vietnamese regarded American troops as little more than the newest round of western colonialthe Middle East generally have a great deal to do with the inept way the war and especially the st invaders and were prepared to occupation was planned and the ceaseless ongoing attempts to cover up the real costs and soft-

peddle the bad news.
President Johnson was driven from office in 1968 because his conduct opened up a "credibility gap" between his presidency and the American people. We all should hope President Bush is wise enough to avoid a similar

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that Detroit citizens were subjected to "excessive force, false

arrests, illegal detentions," and

police who routinely violate con-

stitutional rights.
Citizens complained of cops
who gunned down people need-

lessly. Cocaine disappeared from

a locked room in the aged and dank police headquarters on the fringe of Greektown, a place

where insulation pokes through

None of this fazed Chief Ella "I would call it a department

walls and wires hang crazily

undergoing change," she says,

"But it is a reform that was long

Those standards are meeting

with some resistance. Last winte

choosing her words carefully

and maintaining standards.

more police presence on the

streets. The police union protest

"But what I am going to do is redeploy resources back into

of her 4,000 cops manning desks

that is; put more on the streets

She can make the change on her

own. But what isn't clear is how

Detroit is a city of broken fami-

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black middle class is now flecin

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Jerry Lewis,

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rnuch good that will do.

The real problem is that

lies and increasing poverty.

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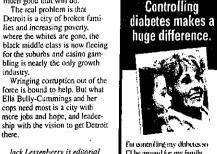
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lakes Area Morning Connection DATE: Thursday, May 6. 1809 Haggerty Rd., Commerce

DETAILS: Come and welcome one of our newest members to the Chamber while you network with fellow chamber members PHONE: (248) 624-2826

Friends of Maybury State Park Meeting

TIME 7 p.in. LOCAHON: Northville orgroundy Library DETAILS: To finalize summer

PHONE: (248) 349-2687 DATE Himsikay, May 6 LOCATION: Nov. Communit

DE LAILS: Joe Rajus will pie ent a program of low to plant and maintain to oes in contanects. Sognifican PRONE 2487/47 (408)

Irish Concert

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Wixorn Road DF EAT S. Michigan's popular bish baral Blackthron is coming to Soci, unxing fish times and Library members and \$15 for nonembers Membership is \$10. PHOM (248),349,6720.

Novi Lioness Club Enchre Tournamen DATE Saturday, May 8

HMF, registration, 7 p.m. 4: 175 W. Ten Mile Rd. DEFAILS, Win great prizes, team play, same partner all night, pizza available, \$100person, \$12/at

19HONE: to pre-register, 248-

First United Methodist Church of lorthville Youth Musical "Only Jesus"

DATE Sanday, May 9th TOCAHON: Novi High School TEMLS 5 pm, and 7.00 p.m. youth, 7th - 12th grade, from many -

12-Planning Commission

Council Chambers-7:30 3-Parks, Recreation and

Forestry Commission-Council Chambers-7:30 7-City Council-Council Chambers-7:30 n.m.

19-Library Board-Council Chambers-7 p.m. 20-Historical Commission-Civi Center-10 a.m. 20-Ordinance Review

Committee-Council Chambers-6 p.m. 25-Storm Water Committee-

Civic Center-7 p.m. 26-Planning Commission Council Chambers-7:30 31-Memorial Day

communities. Advance tickets \$6.00 Some free, unreserved seats available on first come/first serve

Gardemers of Northville and Novi

248-348-4853

Date: Monday, May 10 Tune: 6:30 PM Location Northville Library Details: The Gardeners of Northville and Novi invite you to attend our evening program
"hostas for everywhere" with guest speaker Linda Rose. Into: Call 248-348-2426 or visit www.gardenersofnorthville-

American Red Cross Blood Drive DATE: Monday, May 10, 2004

TIME: 2-8 p.m. LOCATION: Crosspoin Meadows Church Offices, 39830 Grand River Ave. Suite B1-C. Novi. MI (just west of Haggery) DETAILS. For further information call (248) 427-27(0).

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce New

TIME: 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. 1 OCATION: Chamber Office. 305 N. Pontrac Trail, Ste. B. Walled Lake. DETAILS: We encourage all new members to attend. Current

members are also welcome invited

KINDERGARTEN INFO

Important Dates coming up for children attending Novi Schools Kindergarten 2004-Thursday & Friday, May 6

& 7 — Deerfield Elementary Kindergarten Readiness Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, May 10, 11, & 12 Parkview Elementary

Presents The Langsford Men's Chorus DATE: Saturday, May 15 TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. (248) 348-7757.

DETAILS: Free will offering.

Also featuring guest tenor soloist Terry Williams of the New Hope Baptist Church of Detroit. The Langsford Men's Chorus comprised of 30 men is conducted by Mr. Steve SeGraves and accompa-nied by Mr. Walter Cory. The group was formed in 1999 to carry on the outstanding choral music radition established by the late Dr. Barry M. Langsford at Wayne State University for over 50 years The concert will include music styles varying from classical to popular spirituals.

Boy Scouts of America, Fly Fishing Merit

Badge Program

DATE: Saturday, May 15

TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

LOCATION: Plymouth Twp. Park, 43250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (between Beck and Sheldon).

DETAILS: All BSA troops in

the area, along with club members children and non club members holdren are invited. Cost is 5/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 protection. First come, first serve. PHONE: To RSVP by April 15. call Date Ross, (734) 420-2233

Arxival Flea Market/Used Car Sale DATE: Saturday, May 15 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: 6000 Bogie Lake Rd. in Commerce Township, S of M59 and N of Wise Rd. on the west side of Bogic Lake Rd. DETAILS: Music, crafts, used

PHONE: (248) 956-5300 Novi Theatree Auditione: Rin Van Winkla DATE: May 18 and 20 TIME: 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Stage DETAILS: For All actors ages 7-20. All actors pary a fee of \$140 to

Faith Community Presbyterian Church Annual spring nurmage sale DATE: Thursday, May 20

Mile Road Novi MI 48375

PHONE: 248 349-2345

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Oakland Physical participate. This theatre program is staffed by professionals and is totally self-funded. Therapy, P.C., 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi PHONE: (248) 347-0400.

DETAILS: There is no fee for class. Information in this class will give an overview of musculoskeletel conditioning for cycling. The emphasis will be on stretching and TIME: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. LOCATION: 44400 West 10 strengthening exercises for n commonly involved in altered

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Wixóm 3rd Annual Founders Day

DATE: Sat. May 22 TIME: noon-3 p.m. LOCATION: Gibson House 49805 Pontine Trail. Event Parking: Wixom Road South, (turn eross from Total Sports. west) across from Total Sports.

DETAILS: No Charge, Enjoy

entertainment and activities for all ages related to the 1800-1950's Activities include: storyteiler, ven-triloquist, petting farm, sheep shearing, blacksmith & tin smith, wool spinner & candlemaker. amique car & tractor display, kids train rides & craft tent, miniature train display, kettle popeora demonstration, dulcimer instrument olay, Sarah Banks Middle School. ixom and Loon Lake Elementary chorus groups will be performing. PHONE: Call 248-624-2850 or

website:www.cityofwixom.com.

Collection of Water Colors by Jane

DATE: Saturday, May 22 TIME: 1 p.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center PHONE: Jane Horan at (248)

Betroit Area Haiti Mission Golf Event DATE: Saturday, June 26 TIME: shotgun start at 1:15

p.m.: free driving range use before LOCATION: Coyote Golf Club. DETAILS: Proceeds will be used to aid the neople of MireBalais, Haiti through Church of the Holy Cross in Novi. Sponsors and foursomes are being

ought (dinner only is also avail-PHONE: Laura Wake (734) 254-6353 or Steve Akey (248) 353-

Heron Valley Sinal Hospital Pickles and ice Cream Bewl

DATE: Saturday, August 21 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: All Star Lanes,

Walled Lake DETAILS: A benefit for Harris

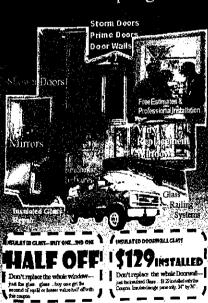
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LOCATION: Assarian Cance

Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi DETAILS, Variety of activities

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PHONE: (248) 465-5483.

Women's Prayer Support

LOCATION: Harvest

Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac

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926-8332 or by e-mail at harvest

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PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248)

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each month TIME: 7-9 n.u

473.2840 to schedule your group

LOCATION: Mill Race Historic filtage. Cady Inn. just north of Main Street on Griswold in Northville DETAILS: Bring your traditional acoustic instrument and music to

For more information, contact Mary or Eric at (248) 760-9694 o MaryH@twmi.rr.com

Warship Service

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

lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and holy communion. PHONE: (248) 349-1175 or www.churchoftheholyeross.com

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DETAILS: We are a not for profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet a specially designated times and

PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

Business Referals

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 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 aud eager to bring you quali-fied business leads. PHONE: (734) 462-6460

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

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your commun cation skills, voice your opinion. polish your presentations and practice leadership PHONE: Call Collect at (248)

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.

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New TOPS chanter in Novi DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook

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ties. For further information, visit the Novi Public Library,

located at 10 mile and Novi Road, or call (248) 349-0720.

nembers of the Friends and for \$15 to others.

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Topics will include childbirth

bottle-feeding, information about

keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is

maration, labor and delivery, care

DETAILS: There is no need to

DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Mendowhrock Rd. Novi TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30 a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20/yearly member-Maple, Walled Lake taught by Public Health Nurses.

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awareness about steps women can take to improve their health. As part of that observance and to encourage women to visit their

health care professional for their annual exam, May 10 has been designated National Women's Check-up Day. Providence's Nurse Navigator is available at 800-806-2229 to answer questions about

health screening guidelines for women or to help locate a health

Providence is sponsoring a series of lectures on topics related to women's health, beginning the Wednesday of Women's Health Week (May 9-15) and continuing every Wednesday of the month.

The lectures will be held at Providence Park in Novi, Conference Room C, at 7 pm:

• May 5 - "Menopause: Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask," Judith Brysk, MD - Common symptoms, treatments, hormone replacement, alternative/complementary

approaches.

• May 12 - "Nutrition for Women," Beverly Cameron, RD -What is a healthy diet for women; what vitamins and supplements

are important and useful.

May 19 - "Breast Cancer, Bernadine Sherwood, RN, OCN -

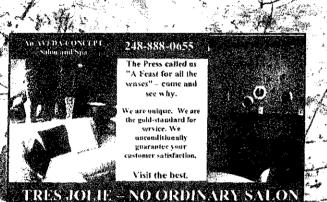
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· May 26 - "Dealing with Leaky Bladders," Robert Dodds, MD

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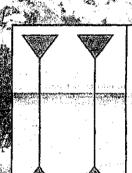


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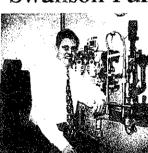
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a residency training program.

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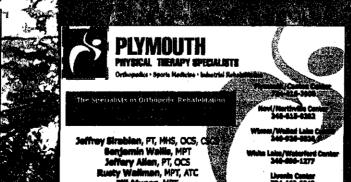
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Novi Theatres to present 'The Prince & the Pauper'

dentical twins Josh and Blake Gronlund of Walled Lake

ferent background who exchange lives when they exchange clothes. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12

starting at 5 p.m. May 14.

Prichs of Novi as Thief #3; Sean

from Walled Lake cast in play's lead roles

By Pam Fleming

If there was ever a play made for identical twins, "The Prince & the Pauper" is it.

Now, Josh and Blake

Gendand identical twins from Walled Lake, will have a chance to do perform together when the Novi Theatres presents this play adapted from the late author Mark Twain's classic story on the Novi Civic Center Stage. Performances are at 7:30 p.m.

May 14 and 15 and at 3 p.m. May

strange phenomenon that occurs when two young boys from dif-ferent backgrounds become friends. When commoner Tom play the lead roles in the upcoming performances of "The Prince & the Pauper" May 14-16 by the Novi Canty and Prince Edward exchange clothes, they end up Theatres. Josh plays the Prince, and Blake plays the Pauper. The children's play is about two boys from dif-

exchanging positions, too.

Nothing Cauty says can convince the Court that he isn't their lawful prince and heir. And, poor Prince Edward finds life as a beggar boy pretty rough.

The boys have many difficul-

ties until they manage to once more exchange their clothes and resume their original roles in life - each a better person for having lived for a little while in someone else's shoes.

Tosh Gronlund plays the Prince, and Blake Gronlund

plays the Pauper. This is the

plus lines, include Tim Markham Skaglen of Novi. of Novi as Miles Hendon; Devan Malone of Northville as Lady Olivia; Brianna Blossfeld of Novi as Lady Gwen: Krista Tice of Novi as Lady Jane; and Courtney Morelock of Novi and Old Biddy.

Lindsey, Smith of Novi and Emily Pasek of Northville.
Those who play prisoners in the play include Michael Cauci:

Tickets are \$10 in advance and the play include Michael Cauci:

12 at the door. At-the-door

Canty: Fisten Asman of Anxie as Bet: Haley Parker of Novi as Sassy Girl.; Max Shanker of Novi as Jailer; Jacob Blossfeld of

Other supporting roles include https://doi.org/10.1009 Abby Reichard of Northville as Mrs. Hohbs; Joey Leppek of Novi as Thief #1; Zach Steiber of designer, are active in Wayne Northville as Thief #2; Carly State University Theatres' pro Hagenian-McDonald of Novi as Guard #1; and Brandon DuBois of Novi as Guard #2.

Maritee Dechan and Alice

Ensemble roles, which means they have four to 10 lines, include Enima Walter as the Page group of adult actors who the Novi Incurrent musical and street talkers/court members and st

Street vendors/crowd members us the fuxury of a large cast, and include Alyssa Muller, Ashley we always choose classics with a Skaglen, Lesley Harrington and big name appeal. By now, many

Sarah Letson of Novi as Mrs. Luther; Ally D'Annibal; Brooke located at 45175 West Ten Mile Maisch Katie Step Eponton Boad of Non-Formore informa Walter, and Sammy Meisel of tion call (248) 347-0400. Walter; and Sammy Meisel of

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Create the Illusion of space

If prospective buyers have to perform gymnastic moves to avoid running into extra furniture and boxes, you may have to wait a while before you sell your house. Consider storing items temporarily at a friend's house, or rent a storage unit. Organize junk depos-itories like closets, basements and attics. To create the illusion of space, don't cram a lot of furniture into a small room and de-clutter as

much as possible.

Bric-a-brac and too many personal items are also detractors. From the minute prospective buy-ers walk into your home, you want to them to be able to imagine themselves living comfortably in the house surrounded by their belongings and keepsakes

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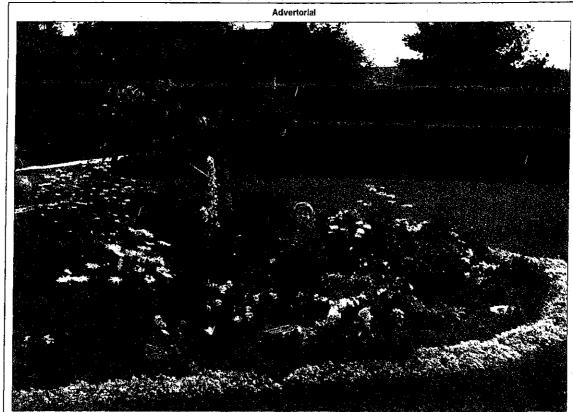
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Do you want beautiful flower gardens but don't have the time or know how? Jodi Slankard, owner of "Everything Grows" in South Lyon will

h help, Everything Grows

imagine Howerbeds that bloom from spring until fall! Imagine houquets of your own fresh cut roses, peonies, lilaes and liftes gracing your home! If you don't have the time and

If you don't have the time or If you don't have the time or talent for gardening, you can still enjoy the beauty of a blooming garden, says Jodi Stankard. You don't need a green thumb, You don't need to lift a finger. Just give Jodi a call at "Everything Grows."

She knows there are a lot be known there are a lot be seen le but love flower garden.

people that love flower gardens but simply don't have the time to plan or plant. It's her goal to make your yard as pretty as a

"My specialty is flower gar-dens," she said, "and I prefer to use powerful combinations of perennials, annuals and buibs to provide a dramatic effect throughout the seasons." Jodi Slankard, owner of

Jodi Slankard, owner of "Everything Grows" in South

from design to fail cleanup. Or you may choose the services where you need help, including design, installation and maintenance. Just sit back, relax and let

nance. Just sit back, relax and let her do the work, so you can enjoy beautiful outdoor spaces filled with vibrant colors and memorable fragrances. "Jodi's expertise in planning ensures that you'll get the desired results for your garden. How does this happen? First, she'll sit down with you to find out your likes and dislikes in plants and colors. Then she'll consider color schemes, such as a monochromatic (shades of the same color family) or polychro-matic theme (opposite sides of the color wheel). One of her favorite combinations includes yellow and blue. Most impor-tantly, she considers the location of the garden: sun versus shade, "The location of your garden

is the most important factor. Most plants need six hours of sun," said Jodi Charle sun," said Jodi. Shade gardens are more difficult to plan, with fewer options for the selection of plants that bloom, However, shade gardens can be beautiful. One thing that distinguishes her gardening work is her use of annuals to accent the perennials and provide all season color. "I and provide all season color."
like to mix them with perannials
and bulbs so there's always
something blooming," she
explained, Jodi also prefers to
edge her gardens with sweet
alyssum, which gives a prettier
look than rubber tubing or plastie frencing.

tic fencing.

Having colorful blooms Having colorful blooms through all seasons is a signature of her work. She views flower gardens as a constantly evolving work of art, with new shapes and colors as it matures. "Your garden is like a watercolor painting, only outdoors."

Customers will find that she's flexible; they can pick and choose from her array of servic-es. She understands that many clients prefer to do some of the

or maintenance. She's also happy to work with any size gar-den or budget. "Some people want immediate

results so we use larger plant sizes. Or I can use smaller plants to help them stay within their budget. Ull tell them what they can expect," said Jodi. She considers trust one of the most important elements with her customers. Reputation is cru-cial in her line of business, she says simply, "I do what I say and

I'll do it when you want it done." Even though you may enjoy gardening, Jodi's background as a master gardener can give invaluable input on selections of plants that will thrive in your garden location. A garden designed by a professional also looks more planned instead of

just a haphazard design.
"If there's a lot of colors and all kinds of textures it can be chaos," she pointed out.

Along with a bubbly sense of humor and love of flowers, you might say she has a passion for roses. The South Lyon area resi-



Jodi Slankard will make your home more beautiful with blooms of color through the seasons.

dent actually comes from a family of "rosarians," including her mother, grandmother and great

mother, grandmother and great aunt.

"I love growing roses in Michigan, and they're not as tricky as you think, although they are heavy feeders and need lots of water," said Jodi.
"They're one of the few plants

that bloom in most cases from June until November." She enjoys cut roses in her home throughout the season. This sea-

throughout the season. This season, she's planted 12 new bushes in her yard, thanks to gifts from her husband and mother.

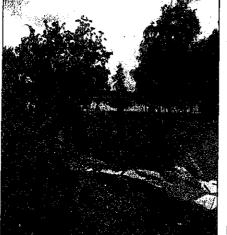
Jodi is proud of the background and training she received as a Michigan master gardener. This also includes donating her time as a volunteer in the companity including teaching class. munity including teaching classes, working with Girl Scouts and planting and caring for the memorial garden at the South Lyon United Methodist Church.

lodi shares the Irish blessing for gardens that her grandmother passed to her mother and to her: "The kiss of the sun for par-

The song of the birds for

minh.
One is nearer God's heart in a garden

Than anywhere else on carth. For beautiful blooms contact Jodi Slankard at Everything Grows at (248) 437-7739.



"Your garden is like a watercolor painting, only out-doors,"says Jodi Slankard, owner of Everything Grows.

TIPS FROM JODI SLANKARD OF EVERYTHING GROWS

Se The biogrest obstacle we tace in Michigan is an irregular rainfall. Most gardens need at least an inch of water a week. Hanging baskets dry opt guickly and can need watering once, sometimes twice a day on a hot or windy day, she added.

88 West and south facing beds also need extra attention with

Efertilizing is key to bigger blooms. If in doubt, add a balanced fertilizer (10-10-10) to your beds in the spring per instruc-tions. Everything Grows uses Osmocote a slow-release fertilizer that lasts a few months

露Plants that do well in full shade; hosta, bleeding hearts, fox glove and astillbee.

🛱 Starting with a good base is the most important step in planning a new bed or refurbishing an existing bed. This time of

year she hauls a lot of peat, compost and manure 👪 Take heart if you're a novice or experienced gardener. It's like a constantly evolving science project. You have to be flexible with gardening and try different varieties and species until you get the right combination for your site. And every year you should and a new variety.



Mixed results for Novi

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITTER

The good, the had and the ugly? Nah, it was more like the win, the loss and the in-between. The Novi Wildeats tennis team,

which is coached by Jim Hanson, took a win, a loss and a tie against Lakeland, Brighton and the very competitive Ann Arbor Greenhills,

respectively.

Against Lakeland, the Wildcats pounded out an 8-0 victory over their conference foes.

"I thought Lakeland's singles

"I thought Lakeland's singles players were very competitive," Hanson said. "They made the kids work for their points. Those were good wins for us in all four flights."
All one singles, Suraj Ramachandran went 6-0, 6-3 over Lakeland's Bill Lloyd while Roshan Ramachandran took a 6-2, 6-1 win over Collin McNut at two singles.

The thirt singles flitting found.

The third singles flight found Lakeland's Artem Emelianov falling to Kyle Goodman, 6-2, 6-1, while Justin Namm pounded out a con-vincing 6-1, 6-1 victory over Chris Johnson to sweep the singles flights. The doubles found the Wildeats

earning even more convincing wins. The duo of Drew Doster and James Peurach made short work of Dan Kessler and Erik Morschead, 6-0, 6-0, in the first flight. Two doubles was much of the dame as Kevin Lai and Eric McQueen earned a 6-0, 6-1 win over Kyle Miller and Pat Okar. Richie Fetters and Jeff Korby

were more than happy to do their part at three doubles as they topped Drew Wagner and Cameron Houghtaling, 6-0, 6-0. Fellow Wildcats Ryan Hefferman and Solomon Zheng earned a 6-1, 6-0 win over David Beattie and Scott Robinson at fourth doubles as well.

In some exhibition play, Lei Bei, a senior, beat Bill Woodard in one

a senior, near our woodard in one game, 8-1.
"Our depth has always been a strength of ours," Hanson said. "I think Lakeland is headed in the right

think Lakeland is headed in the right direction. This win wasn't as easy as it looks on paper."

Against Brighton, the winning was even harder. The Wildeats put up a 5-3 loss against their biggest rivals in the state and will have to look to the conference match to get it hack.

"We played well and so did Brighton," Hanson said, "This one always comes down to one or two matches. This time, Brighton camed

Novi lost in the second and third singles flights as well as in the first second and fourth doubles flights Two of the losses came via three-set

two of the fosses came via three-set matches.

At first singles, Suraj Ramachandran camed a big 6-3, 6-2 win over Jeff Lisiecki while Goodman scraped out a 6-1, 6-0 win over Chris Walker at fourth singles.

The only doubles victory came from Fetters and Korby, who have been playing some convincion ten-

been playing some convincing ten-nis at third doubles. The duo beat Alex Shikany and Jon Walker, 6-2,

Against Ann Arbor Greenhills ---

Against Ann Arbor Greenhills—which is ranked at the top spot in Division IV—it seemed both teams played to their best potential as they came away with a 4-4 tie.

The victors for the Wildcats weren't always clear cut and neither were Greenhill's. Out of the eight matches played, four came down to three sets and two had to have tie-bustless.

Roshan Ramachandran corned a victory at three singles as he defeated senior Stephen Chang, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Goodman was just as impressive, beating senior Aaron Dayton in three sels, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-3 to take fourth singles.

In three doubles, Fetters and Korby were once again golden. They beat Jake Izenberg and Zach Froelich, 6-2, 6-3, while Heffeman and Namm combined talents at atourin doubles to beat Spencer Armour and Daniel Beef, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

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WILDGAT DOMINATION

Soccer right on target to conquer Kensington Valley

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

NOVI NEWS

Just what are Novi's intentions in the Kensington Valley Conference this year? It seems the soccer team has full inten-

the soccer team has full inten-tions of being one of the most dominating teams ever to play in the league.

If that's the ease, then they're on the right track.

Novi outscored their last four Kensington Valley Conference opponents, 32-1, to help keep their record unblemished in league play. The Wildeats, who are Wildcats. The Wildcats, who are coached by Brian O'Leary, pounded out a win over Milford, 10-0, after beating Brighton, 5-0. The squad also topped Hartland, 9-0, and pounded South Lyon, 8-1.

Against the Mavericks of Milford, the Wildcats looked like a team bont on downing.

like a team bent on domina-tion. After scoring triple goals in the first three minutes of the contest, the final outcome was crystal clear for the Novi

squad.
"We scored three goals in minutes of the

"We scored three goals in the first three minutes of the game and never looked back." O'Leary said.
Stephanie Crawford was stellar, scoring four goals and two assists on the night while Moe Pawlak scored one goal and added three assists. Junior Chelsea Attych had two goals while Colene Brockman. while Colene Brockman, Kellie Walker and Lauren Troher had a single goal each.
Earning assists in the victo-

ry were Kelly Hebert, Brockman, Troher and Sarah

Between the posts was none

Between the posts was none other than the always-solid Amanda Church, who carned the shutout in the victory over the Mavericks.

The victory brought Novi's record to 8-1 overall and 4-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference. The squad is currently ranked third in the state by the coaches' association.

by the coaches' association. It hasically seemed like a week were Novi could do no wrong — and it always helps when you can notched a shatuar victory over your bit-

ter rivals The Wildcats slipped past the Brighton Bulldogs, 5-0, in conference play last week. The squad jumped to the lead after scoring near-identical goals about five minutes apart

in the first half. The first was a cross from the corner that came off the foot of Kristi Tirnar to Aliyeh.



Continued on B2 Novi's Kellie Walker tries to get foot on the ball during a home game against Hartland.

'Cats prove competitive with Brighton

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Taking on the Brighton Bulldogs is never an easy chore— but the Novi Wildcats girls track and field team seemed up to the

Though they lost to their rivals, 88-49, the Wildcats were all the better for giving their all in the showing and taking away invaluable experience in trade.

We showed that we, as a team. are committed to working to improve our program," Novi coach Marsha Reid said, "The girls are showing great progress and really continue to give 100-percent at all times."

The biggest highlight of the

meet came in the pole vault as the Wildcats swept the Buildogs. Jenn Mehl, a senior, went 10-feet to help beat Brighton while Margeaux Reizian cleared 7-6 for

second place. Taking third and securing the clean sweep of the event was Christina Thompson, who went 7-0. The other field events proved to Bella Feldbaum went 15-1.75 in the long jump to secure a victory in the highly-competitive event while Thompson took third with a leap of 13-10.75.

In the high joint — and with no surprise here — Christina Lis took first with a jump of 4-11 for first place while Mehl cleared 4-9 for place while third place.

"I am really proud of them and their efforts this year," Reid said of her entire squad.

The throwing events were as competitive as ever, but Novi's Latra Vandersteen made some noise with a throw of 28-feet in the bot out for second place while shot put for second place while securing a second-place finish in the discus with a hurl of 79-9.

improve and are showing it with a great dual performance from Laura Vandersteen in the shot put and discus with two second places in those events," Reid said. "Jen Rowe also did a nice job of getting us points in the discus with a (personal-best) throw."

Rowe took third in the discus with a throw of 78-8 to secure

third place.
The only Novi victory in the races came from Emily Reid in the 110-meter high hurdles. Reid ran to victory with a time of 17.20 seconds to secure the win.

"Emily Reid proved her strength in the huntles as one of the better hurdlers in the KVC by winning the 110," Reid said. "She

In the 300 hurdles, Reid put up a time of 53.34 seconds for the

second-place finish.
Allie Sisson isn't afraid to show she's vying for one of the top sports in the conference in her favorite event — the 400-meter dash. Sisson took second place with a time of 1:04.

Also taking a second was: Feldhaum in the 100-meter dash.

Feldbaum in the 100-meter dash. The senior ran a 13.46-second race to secure the second spot. Andrea Kramer was probably the biggest personal success story for the Wildcatts. She put up three personal-best times in the 800, 1600 and 3200-meter runs, to the 1600 Kramer took second place. 1600, Kramer took second place, a time of 12:39 in the two-mile run for second place.

"Patti Ramos continued to show she is a great asset in the distance with a third-place finish in the 3200 meter run," Reid noted of the senior captain's time of 12:42.

Novi also took second in the 4by-100 relay, the 4-by-800 and the 4-by-200.

Trent Sisson Sanior Track and Field

It isn't every day that a school gets an athlete like Sisson. Not only is he a future football player, but Sisson was of the area's best bockey goalies during his junior year. He is also a too track athlete His specialty is the 400-meter.



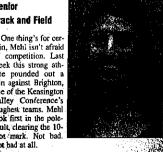


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Jena Mehl Senior Track and Field

tain Mehl isn't afraid of competition. Last week this strong athlete pounded out a win against Brighton one of the Kensington Valley Conference's toughest teams. Mehl took first in the polevault clearing the 10-foot mark. Not bad.



'Cats crush rivals

Continued from B1

who headed the ball into the net for the score. The second was a cross from Hebert to Pawlak, who also used her head for the quick score and the 2-0 lead.

The second half found the

Wildcars scoring with about 20 minutes to go as Crawford took a pass from Pawlak, dribbled for a moment and fired home a clean goal for the 3-0 advantage, Novi upped the ante once again on a kick by Timar off a rebound from a saved Pawlak header.

A 4-0 lead and time expiring was ball deep in the Hartland end during a home game. the situation the Wildeats were hop ing to have when the game began, but the squad added an insurance goal just to be on the safe side. With three minutes left in the contest, Pawlak scored on a nice slot pass from Timar for the 5-0 final.

"It was a game that we surprisingly controlled for the most part," put an exclamation mark on it. Katie Walker and limity Esbrook. O'Leary said. They were a big, strong, physical team, but we were much more athletic and better

At this point in the season, get-ting the weather to cooperate is a

With rain - and sometimes

even snow — to contend with, coupled with unseasonably cool

temperatures, a 60-degree day at

the end of April is sure a treat.

And the Novi Wildcats girls' golf team took advantage of every bit

of it.
"The team is truly a team,"

Novi coach Deb Harris said.

Different players step up at each meet. They are winning as a team

The Wildeats looked quite

impressive as they took on the Brighton Bulldogs and escaped with a 203-214 victory over their

Freshman Softball

Overall Record: 7-1-1

The Novi freshman softball

team continued its winning ways last week with a resounding dou-

ble-header sweep over Milford, 8-0 and 23-8. In the first game, Rachel Burns earned the shutout and struck out 17 batters. Top hit-

ters were Kelly Hogan with six

hits, and Rachel Burris and

Amanda Diacono with four hits each. Julie Schramm, Amy Bielski, and Emily Jilg added

three hits each, and Claire

DePotter chipped in with two.

Junior Varsity Lacrosse

Underclassman Scores

chore in itself.



Wildcat Chelsea Atiyeh (#7) tries to get a handle on the

Rain, rain, please go away

By Sam Eggleston

second. Novitook third in the tournament based on final points.

When the weather gets tough, some teams have to get going.
The Novi Wildeass were more than happy to first another Novi Invitational Tournament this past Saturday, but they weren't so the number of teams in the finals and the head-to-head results. Scarbolm was crown the champing but they weren't so the finals and the head-to-head results. Scarbolm was crown the champing but they weren't so the finals and the head-to-head results.

not me courts due to rain," Nort read a few in the finals, reach first Hanson said. "We were about two-thirds finished with the tournament and didn't have a number of matches completed when it started to rain hard and didn't stop.

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started to rain hard and didn't stop for about a day."

Rochester. Their foe would have been Brighton had the rain not with nothing they could do to deter the shower, the tennis teams in attendance tallied up the existing points and determined Birmingham Scaholm the champinated out prior to their finals. It just goes to show no one is immune to the weather.

ons while North Farmington took - match against Seaholm. That was second. Novitook third in the tour-ament based on final points.

also the case for Kevin Lai and Eric McQueen, who had topped

Invitational Tournament this part finals and the head-to-head results, Saturday, but they weren't so Seaholm was crown the champi-happy when Mother Nature decided to rain on their parade — er, their tourney.

"We didn't get started until about 10 a.m. because we had to roll the courts due to rain," Novi not the theory of the Nature and the Wildeats weren't playing some impressive tensis of their own. The squad had about 10 a.m. because we had to roll the courts due to rain," Novi that the Nature and Solomon that a few in the finals.

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Soccer team dominates Kensington Valley foes

The Novi Wildcats soccer three assists. team, coached by Brian O'Leary, is making domination a household word this year and they've with some big wins over their conference foes this year. In two recent games, the "Cais pounded Nicole Baratid were credited with an assist each

opponents to help them keep their run in the Kensington Valley

"The team is truly

Deb Harris

Novi Golf Coach

Conference a convincing one.

a team. Different

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the Huron Valley Unified Team

the Huron Valley Unified Team Friday night. At the end of the first quarter the Unified team led 2-0. Novi came into the second quarter fighting with Nick Zaroya scoring Novi's only goal of the game off a pass from Jason Dudek. Despite a determined Novi offense led by Kyle Potocki. Robert Napier, Derek Lynch and Nick Mason batthre the Unified.

Nick Masson battling the Unified

back with two more goals in the

second half to end the game with a 4-1 win. The Wildcats will take

team and all

contributing.'

Wildcats top Brighton on links

leading with two goals and three

A slew of Wildcats were able to
get their names in the hox score.
Chelsea Atiyeh, Kellie Walker, goals, the South Lyon goalie played an excellent game and saved many breakaway and point-blank shots," O'Leary

Pawlak added two goals in the skilled." Hartland, 9.0, and topped a tough In goal, Kim Herbst made five south Lyon tearn, 8-1.

Against the Eagles of Hartland, Novi found Moe Pawlak scoring for the Novi News. He can be while Kirisi Timar noteded two rat segglestome hithomeromment.

Hartland, 9.0, and topped a tough In the win and Timar notehed one of her between the posts to preserve the shutout victory for their squad, In an assist, while Lauren Trober and Athych added a single score of their own to the mix. Earning easies were Sarah Schmitt, who from the Lions with Crawford had two, and Colene Brockman.

Scoring for Novi was Jennifer McKenna, who recorded a 46 on the day, while teammate Asako The Wildcats also brought, a

Akamatsu shot a 51 to help her squad to victory.

Lattra Vaughn carded a 53 on the day, as did Audrey Oh to round out the scoring members of the team.

Playing the course but not score.

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Lindsey Haslett shot a 53 while Brana Omitine vectorided a 54

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Hughes. Chody recorded a 55 on - Erica Takeda notched a nice

the day and Hughes was right on her fall with a 57. Celeski rounded out the scores in

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Basketbali camp

The Novi Wildcats girls' basketball team will be holding summer basketball camp for inter-ested players from third grade through incoming ninth graders. The camp, which costs \$126

school programs.

Campers get a T-shirt, a basket ball and a certificate of comple-

players. There will also be tro-phies given out for various con-tests throughout the week and individual awards. The camp will consist of two sessions each day from June 14-18. The first session — for third through fifth grades — will no

from 8:30 a.m. until noon while the second — for sixth through ninth — will run from 1-4:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the high school field house each day. email bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us Registration begins May 3 and can be achieved by calling (248)

Novi takes two losses

It wasn't the week the Novi Wildcats softball team was really hoping to have, but it gave then plenty to look at in ways of improvement and strengths.

The Wildcats, coached by

Kevin Sutherland, fell to two of the top teams in the Kensington Valley Conference, South Lyon and Brighton.

The Lions took advantage of

the learning curve the Wildcats are experiencing right now and earned a 6-0 win over them. Beth Mallo, Andrea Jirasek and Sara Bielski all went 1-for-3 in the contest while the strong bats of Sarah Thelen and Courtney Kolb

"Our bats aren't coming around good right now, but I'm sure that will change in the future," Sutherland said,

both went 1-for-2.

Against Brighton, the Wildeats put up a stronger fight but still ended up on the wrong end of a

SPORTS SHORTS

Summer Basketball Camps All of the basketball camps are

directed by Novi High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Pat Schluter, Schluter was Coach of the Year 2003-2004, and is also a Physical Education Teacher at a Physical Education reaction in Novi Meadows School, Camps will be assisted by Novi will be assisted by Novi Basketball Coaching Staff and high school players. All camps will be at the Novi Middle School gym unless noted · Novi Wildcat Boys Basketball

Camp, Grades 3-9 Participants in this camp will receive knowledge of the game of basketball, as well as instruction to aid in the development of their playing abilities. Emphasis will be placed on all phases of the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and defen-sive concepts. Smdents will be grouped according to age, size, and ability. Gyrn clothes and shoes are required. All partici-pants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Please include adult T-shirt size (S,M,L,XL)

when registering. Fee: \$126.00; June 14-18, Class #2340.401, Grades 3-5,

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Shooting Camp, Grades 3-9 This streeting camp will be packed with instruction, techniques, and the drills a playe needs to shoot the basketball well Emphasis will be placed on 3 point shooting, free throws, shooting of the dribble, and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required \$63.00; July 26-30,

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Class #2354.401, Grades 3-5. 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m Class #2351.402, Grades 6-9.

10:30 a.m.-noon
• Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Basketball Camp, Grades K-2. Learn the basic basketball skills and build your confidence. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-ups and shooting, Gym clothes and shoes are required. Held at Novi Meadows 6th Gym. Fee \$63.00; July 19-23,

contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206. Registration begins May 3.

per player, focuses primarily on the fundamentals, but advances further for the older players to the point that the incoming freshman will be taught the offense, defense and team philosophy of the high

tion for attending the camp and will be taught by varsity coach Bill Kelp as well as the varsity

Ioss and they take it right to heart.

The Novi Wildeats baseball took the victory on the mound took the victory on the mound took the victory on the mound was Billy Morrison, who whifted eight batteriand took as weeks ago and haven't bothered to look back a variety of pitches as well as ters to help keep his squad perfect in the conference.

With so many seniors on the most older the rescheduled game

4-0 advantage in favor of the Cats firm grasp on the conference right on the scoreboard, Novi made sure now, they can't let up no matter who free play.

wraming freight train of dominia-tion and crushed every team in their path since. "Danny could have probably beat anybody that day," Green The Cats, who are coached by Said. "I think he was throwing a

Rick Green, lit the sky up with some lightning-fast pitching and some thunderous hits-as -they slammed Brighton, 12-1, before crushing once-ranked Harland, 15-4. The team added the finish-too much of a challenge for the

ing touches to the week with an 11-0 spanking of Milford.
The victories pushed the Wildcats to 12-1 overall on the also earlier this year. Novi put up a 15-4 score against one of the few

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Wildcat Steve Gawronski takes a cut in a late-April game at Ford Field in Livonia

Wildcats still undefeated in KVC

Geez, these guys get one little plate.

Senior hurler Danny Morrison streets on the mound. since as they've elimbed onto the winning freight train of domina-tion and crushed every team in their neth force.

year and 6-0 in the conference.

Doug Benton being impressive at

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Against Milford, the Wildcats
found both Matt Nickels and the plate, Nickels went 2-for-3 Eagles at all as Kevin Cislo, a jun-

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with three RBIs while Benton ior, pounded out three hits and but don't put these teams away, they cranked out two doubles on his ted in three RBIs, Zach Flavin had might come back on you. Most of sway to a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate.

Senior hurler Danny Morrison

On the mound was Billy Though the game was mined the process.

team, taking a commanding lead - cramp their style as they went on

want us to put the teams away,"
Green said, "The teams in the
KVC just don't give up. We were
up 5-0 on Hartland and the next
thing you know it's 5-3. If you

"All the teams are going to

can sometimes lead to the players going out of focus.

"When we get a big lead, I want us to put the teams away," to have a deep pitching staff and

the process.

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Signs, signs not enough signs

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No responsible small-business owner would dure post such a sign on the front door of his or her shop. After all, the key to being a successful entrepreneur is attracting customers.

But more than two-thirds of American small-business owners are, in effect, turning customers away because they fail to take advantage of the technological revolution



Data Corporation (IDC), more than two-thirds (67 percent) of the nation's small firms don't have

Web sites, so the increasingly techno-savvy customers of today have no idea these firms exist. That's startling in the Internet age, especially considering that the IDC survey shows 41 percent of firms that launched a Web site reported higher sales.

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IDC says the main reason cited
by small-business owners for not
creating a Web site is a lack of
money to hire information-techmoney to fire information-technology workers and to buy the necessary equipment. Tight budgets are a way of life for these firms, which employ more than 99 percent of the nation's workers. Their stim profit margins and other operating efficiencies leave little available capital for such activities.

activities.
As the U.S. economy begins to gain traction on the road to recovery, it is imperative that both the federal government and the infor mation-technology industry lend a

helping hand. One step Co step Congress could take is to make permanent a tax provision that allows small firms to expense \$100,000 of new equipment pur-chases per year. This temporary measure was passed in recogni-tion of the vital benefits small business provides to the American economic infrastructure, but the provision is set to expire at year's

Simultaneously, the informa-tion-technology industry should work to educate small businesses about ways to take advantage of available technologies. More capital for purchases would be a boon, but without the knowledge to apply technology to their benefit, owners will continue to miss

key opportunities.
To their credit, some leading firms in the technology sector have reached out to small business with innovative educational programs. Last summer, Dell unveiled an 18-wheel mobile "classroom" loaded with technology solutions for small business-es. The company's "Total Business Tour" brought not only the latest technology, but also experts to assist entrepreneurs in their own communities. But the task of bringing millions of small firms up to speed is massive and

firms up to speed is massive and time-consuming.

Lawmakers and technology experts have an obligation to play a key role the encouraging programs and policies that will ignite greater innovation and growth by the nation's Main Street firms. Entrepreneurs should be unhinhered in their efforts to do what they do "best" errow create new they do best: grow, create new jobs and provide meaningful livelihoods for themselves, their families and their employees

One certain way to spur the suc-cess of those millions of small firms is to aid them in erecting more signs that read "Open for Business. Please come in electronic highways and M Streets of the World Wide Web

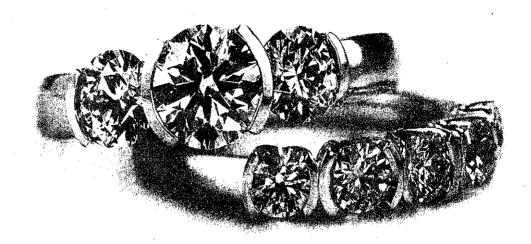
Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partison organization foundnon-partisian of ganization found-ed in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals.

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How did the Hearts on Fire diamonds receive their name? When they are viewed upside down under a small ProportionScope, the diamonds will reveal a pattern of eight

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and each Dream takes over four times as long to produce than ordinary diamonds.
"Most people only dream of owning one. Then too, when Hearts of Fire artists presented their idea of the square diamond with its perfect symmetry and polish to the top gemological laboratories in the world, most cutters said. "You have sort to be cutters said, 'You have got to be dreaming,'" Rottermond related. Hearts on Fire also went on to

create a companion piece - a per-fectly cut round Dream dia-

'Dream is truly a standard of excellence, and we are honored and proud to be carrying Dreams and Hearts on Fire diamonds. Dream is more than a diamond... it is a work of art," Rottermond concluded.

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The art of picture hanging

The look of a room hinges on placement

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Q: We have a lot of watercol-ors and prints inherited from various relatives. I need some hints on how to work them into our rooms, over tables and beds. There's no space to hang a big wall of art, so they'll have to go

wait of an, so may it have to go in groupings of two, three or four.

A: The basic guidelines for successful picture hanging have to do with proportion and halance. As a rule, you want to add vertical movement to your rooms, so think of hanging things up, rather than across, the walls. rather than across, the walls However, if you have just one sizable painting, it should go at eye level, about 5 1/2 feet from the floor. When you hang art over a table or chest, the bottom of the frame should be 8 inches to 12

inches above the furniture.

In the large traditional bed room in this photo, designer Lori Lennon, ASID, has used three very different picture groupings that show how to arrange multi-

1. Avoid hanging two pictures the exact same size together.

Better to include a third piece.

Look closely at the far wall and you'll see two like pictures. hung one above the other, with a smaller sunburst to relieve the arrangement. On the other side window, notice how the lampshade works into the

arrangement of three pictures.

2. If you have two pictures of different sizes, put the larger one

on top. Three pictures of equal size can be hung side by side. 3. In a grouping, establish and maintain at least one straight line, vertical or horizontal. The eye craves some hint of order. In the fivesome over this bed head, the frames of the outside pictures



With a new room, it's important to pre-plan your wall arrangements.

are aligned at top, bottom and in the middle of the grouping.

Q: Where do home design

trends start: A: Fashion ideas blow in from sometimes surprising directions, but one sure source is High Point, N.C., the little town that calls itself The Furniture Capital of the World. And with good reason: Every spring and fall, some 80,000 designers, manu facturers, furniture retailers and journalists pour into High Point for the largest wholesale home furnishings events in the entire world. They come to see what's new and exciting for homes alf over the globe. Some highlights from the spring 2004 market: More domesticated celebri-

ties: Anyone who is a name is lending theirs to chairs, sofas and such. Liz Claiborne licensed a collection for Lexington Home Brands that's as conservative as the company's fashion apparel, Charlie's ex-Angel Jaclyn Smith (see her in "The District".

on CBS) put her touch on eight new categories of home products, including wallpapers and fabrics, lamps, area rugs and table linens. Presumed angels Andy Warhol

and Ernest Herningway are still making names for themselves in home design (for Sphinx rugs and Thomasville Furniture). Even Robin Leach risked becoming more rich and famous by showing up for LaMarche mirrors and frames. Uber-designers: France's

internationally renowned Jacques Garcia presented the ne plus ultra of refined classic design in an exquisite new collection for Baker Furniture. And Raymond Waites, the man who virtually invented the American Country look a quarter century ago, celebrated his 30th year in the industry by adding Imperial Russian to his already polyglot design vocabulary.

kitchen where you'd go to buy your sofa and chairs. A sure sign that family living

spaces are morphing into today's kitchens, manufacturers such as Pennsylvania House (new Summer Retreat collection) and Stickley (new granite-topped oak or cherry island) are offering work island dividers to comple

ment the style of your other home furnishings.

Lighthearted lamps: Designers are looking at floor and table lamps in a whole new and amusing way. Hanging lixtures are in the picture, too. For example, Arteriors of Dallas covered um shapes in stitched leather, pleated shades horizontally, wrapped them in embossed mos eroe, and used linings of red silk

to create a totally romantic glow. Engelite dispenses with lamp bases altogether: They have it made in the shade, literally, with glowing fabric stretched over small and tall frames. Anothe small and tall frames. Another innovator, Currey & Company, wraps stings of crystals to aged brass chandeliers, and conjures branched, faux twig fixtures

Bulbs generally can bloom again

Q: I was given half a dozen oots of blooming bulbs between Christmas and Easter. I know that Ull get a few more for Mother's Day. Do I throw them out or wait until next fall or spring to plant them? Can I rebloom them in the house? Basically, is there life beyond this one blooming? A: Round two is coming up. Most of your bulbs can do this

again next spring if you handle them right. If there are green them right. It there are green leaves on the bulbs, keep watering them to keep them going until they go out. If the plant has dried up, water the soil the day or so before the big journey. It makes them easier to get out of the pot. The time to plant the bulbs is now. If you wait mild fall they will have bulb wan until fall, they will have had months of no photosynthesis and no food storage. Having a spring performance is chancy. If you wait until next spring, the bulbs will resemble little shrunken heads and resemble little shrunken heads and be as useful. The goal is to return them to the wild to run free until spring. They need this lime to store energy for blooming and need the cold winter dormancy to make it happen. Choose a spot in the garden and be sure to place the bulbs deerege than they were in the bulbs deeper than they were in the pot. Daffodils and tulips should be six to eight inches deep and small-er bulbs should be closer to the surface. These should be placed ahout three or four inches deep. Remove the hulbs from the potting mix and place in the soil. You can mix in a bit of bone meal at the time of planting, if you choose. Water them well and leave them alone. If they produce more green leaves, that's fine, it's also fine if they don't. If we have weeks if little or no rain, water your sleeping beauties. Expect that daffodils will be the most successful at returning year after year. Tulips will probably not be too spectacular and continue to decline each year. It's just the way of the tulip in Michigan. Hyacinths will took a bit looser with fewer blooms each year. Crocus and some of the other lesser bulbs will be just fine. If



you have paper while narcissu they are a "one bloom" item. They are too tender for Michigan winters, if you keep them in the house, they will grow lovely foliage and no flowers the next year. Don't try to rebloom these current bulbs in the house. Start over with new ones in the fall if you want to do this.

Q: Why do some garden maga-zines talk about adding manure or compost to a garden? Bag fertilizer has way more nutrie and is easier to apply. Plants can't tell the difference in nutri-

A: Plants may not know the difference but the soil does. It's lied to those two magic words, "organic matter." The addition of organic matter does several things. It adds small amounts of slow-release nutrients. It adds water-holding capabilities to sandy soils. It breaks up the compaction of clay breaks up the compaction or cray soils by adding air spaces. It keeps those valuable worms, soil insects and microorganisms happy. When all these things come together, it creates plant health. Healthy plants produce more and are better able to resist or recover from insect or disease damage, It's also wonder-ful exercise as you shovel and till in your soil improvement goodies. Continue to add bag fertilizer but get a soil test to determine what's needed. That goes for lime especially. Good soil can go bad and bad soil can get worse with the misuse of these concen-trated products.

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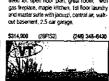


























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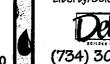
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