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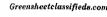
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She wasn't kidding

Novi Middle School teacher Claudia Wiseman reacts as her last few remaining locks are shorn off at the end of last Thursday's talent show. Wiseman volunteered to have her hair cut off by students if they raised more than \$1,000 for Relay for Life. – Page IIA

15 MINUTES WITH ...

Blair Bowman

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Tomorrow morning, with shovel in hand, Blair Bowman will break ground on his new exposition center, but how much do you real ly know bout this

Novi busi nessman? Find out what makes him lick and a whole lot more.

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Postal Inform

New expo center in the works

Officials to break ground Friday on new \$18M facility

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

The long-awaited groundbreak-ing of the first phase of the new \$18 million exposition, convention and conference center in Novi kicks off tomorrow. with developer Blair Bowman leading a flagpole dedication. The new center, whose name

has not yet been released, will be

the second largest banquet and conference facility in the state, second only to the Grand Center in Grand Rapids. Bownan, managing partner of TBON L.L.C., the company that will oversee the center, recently selected Clayco Construction Company Detroit, headquartered in Livonia, as general contractor for the center. Elected officials will join

for the center. Elected officials will join Bowman at 9 a.m. to break ground on the new center. Novi Mayor Lou Csordas will serve as the groundbreaking's master of ceremonies.

Officials will help Bowman dedicate a flagpole at the site in honor of Michigan men and women who have served in our

Livonia-based Clayco Construction Company Detroit has been chosen as the general contractor for the new exposition center on Grand River Ave., west of Taft Road.

Capitol. The 320,000-square-foot proj-

ect will feature 26-foot-high ceil-ings in 214,000 square feet of exposition space, as well as a fullservice banquet kitchen and

nation's armed forces. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-11th Dist.) will provide a flag that was flown over the U.S. will

vehicles.

40.000 square feet of meeting and conference rooms The first phase of construction ill include parking for 2,550

The project is being privately funded by Bowman and financed through Standard Federal Bank. "This project represents the culmination of many years of

planning, yet it required no tax-payer funding to make it happen," Bowman said, adding that the center should be complete in 14 months.

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The new exposition center will receive a 8-year tax abatement from the city.

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Contestants hope to 'survive' TV tryouts

Post Bar's tropical theme makes for a perfect venue

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

The Post Bar in Novi was transformed into a Hollywood casting studio as about 150 brave souls came from across the area for the CBS reality TV show "Survivor" tryouts June 16.

"Survivor" tryouts June 16. The last person standing at the end of this show, which airs early 2005, wins \$1 million. A mother-daughter team showed up from Northville to tryout. Jessica Maynard, 22, who has a summer job with the Northville Public Schools, said, "I really want-ed to do this because I've never done anything exciting. I've always been in the same town and done the same thing over and over, I'm just looking for something real-in exciting to do."

thing over and over, I'm just looking for something real-ly exciting to do." Maynard's mom, Debbie Erskine, 49, an office man-ager among other jobs, said she wanted to do something out of the ordinary before her next birthday. "I'm doing this because I'm going to be 50 in March, and I've never done anything wild and crazy in my life." This is the adventure of a lifetime for Jim Stryker, 38, a security guard from Roseville. "This is change to do something that's fun and toral.

This is a chance to do something that's fun and total-

"This is a chance to do something that's fun and total network" ly different from anything ive done, said Stryker, "Tim an Army brat. I've grown up all over Pre lived all over the United States, I've lived in Germany, and been all over Europe. But nothing Tve ever done could compare to being on "Survivor." Stryker admitted it would be fun, and said it's not when were the mean the total is not the strength of the stren

really even the money that makes it so attractive. "I really don't watch a lot of reality TV, but I've been tooked on "Survivor" since the first season," he said. "]

love the show. My wife and I sit there and yell at the TV screen."



Photo by John Helder Northville High School alumni, Kate Hammond, left, and Jessica Maynard talk about why they interviewed for a slot on CBS's "Survivor" last Wednesday at Novi's Post Bar.

because it has a tropical look," said Arin Towns, an account executive at CBS Detroit. When "Survivor" hit, it was really just a summer replacement show, according to Jim Balistreri, direc-tor of marketing, CBS Detroit. It wound up turning around the network. "Now CBS is the number one network" network'

Steve Horaney, 37, of South Lyon, who works for a local automotive components supplier, said he came for the tryouts because, "My children have been hounding

do this. They heard about the tryouts when I was out of town last week traveling. I returned home yesterday, and they basically said I had to come try out." Horancy said be'd be a good contestant because he's and with second

good with people. I'm always looking for compromises, different ways

to do things and making things happen," he said.

Council denies Fox Run's liquor license request

Members can't justify giving last one to retirement village

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Fox Run Village residents will have to continue enjoying their cocktails in their apartments or on the grounds instead of in the retirement community's two restaurants

The Novi City Council denied the community's request for a Class C liquor license Monday, citing the fact that there is only one left to grant. The motion to approve the request failed in a 2-

Mike McCormick, executive director of Fox Run, 41100 W. Thirteen Mile Road, went to bat for the residents, explaining that having a glass of wine with a

meal would enhance their lives. Fox Run has two dining ven-ues — the Fireside Dining Room, which seats about 275, and the Hunt Club Cafe, which seats about 80.

"Obviously, we're disappoint-ed," McCornick said Tuesday. "We really feel that having a liquor license would provide our residents with another socializa-tion opportunity. We understand, however, that there aren't a lot of fouor licenses, and that part of liquor licenses, and that part of liquor licenses, and that part of the criteria is that the business is alcohol-dependent. Clearly, we're not dependent on alcohol service, but it is an important part of our culture," he said. Fox Run opened its doors June 30, 2003, and has almost 300 residents, with about 2,300 expected within the next five years

Entrance deposits at Fox Run, which are 100 refundable, range from \$110,000 to \$390,000, depending on the size of the unit. There's also a monthly fee

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"Your business is not dependent on alcohol to be a success."







fect venue for the tryouts.

with the palm trees in the outdoor bar was appropriate, at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

selling the company to Dick's

Sporting Goods, Inc.

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Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She 'it's a large location, and also the style of the building can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail Laura Lorenzo Novi City Council

ġ R LOTXXC-48375-Ŧ LIRGEY 8 MILE location PUBLIC N 10 By Pam Fleming TAFF WRITER HOUT HOUT Galyans Trading Company, Inc., announced Monday that it has entered into a merger agreement,

Galyans enters merger agreement with Dick's Sporting Goods the south side of Twelve Mile Road Each chain west of Novi Road. The two-story Galyans Sports and Outdoor store at Fountain Walk has one Novi

opened in October 2001 and covers 83,281 square feet. Each store employs about 200 people. In terms of any specific plans, it's too early to predict what will happen

to the individual stores until the deal to the individual stores unit increa-is finalized, according to a spokesperson at the corporate office in Plainfied. The merger agreement could take from 90 to 120 days to be completed.

s has a store in Novi at The Novi store features a climb-Fountain Walk shopping center on ing wall and all types of sporting goods, including apparel and footwear. It's billed as a store with 40 specialty shops under one roof. Other Galyans stores in Michigan

are in Lansing and Grand Rapids. There is a Dick's Sporting Goods store located at 21061 Haggerty

store focated at 21061 Haggerty Road in Novi. According to the terms of the agreement, by June 29 Dick's will make an offer to purchase all out-standing company shares, followed but a second the screece of Colume by a second step merger of Galyans with a subsidiary of Dick's.

Galyans' directors approved the merger agreement with Dick's and agreed to recommend that company

shareholders tender their company shares in Dick's offer and vote their company shares to approve the merger.

The Galyans store at Fountain Walk has always been a draw to the white has always been a characteristic of the center. Our expectation is that they will still be here and continue to experience the strong sales that they have in the past," said Linda Busse, marketing director at Fountain whether Walk

Galyans, with corporate offices in Plainfield, Ind., near Indianapolis, is an active lifestyle retailer that focuses on the latest in sports, fitness, out-door recreation and apparel.

Founded in 1960 in Plainfield, The Limited purchased the firm in 1995 Freeman Spogli bought a majority of the company in 1999, and the chain completed its initial public offering in June 2001. Galyans now operates 47 stores in 21 states.

Pittsburgh-based Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. is an authentic full-line sporting goods retailer operating 169 stores in 27 states throughout the castern United States.

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By Pam Fleming ued from front page

that ranges from \$1,250 to \$2,000 that includes utitalities, cable releviinal inclusion infinites, caule refersion sion, maintenance on the apartment, property layes, one meal a day, transportation and other amenuties. The operation will have a \$75 million a year budget when built out and employs 1 300 people. The community has a bank, small grocery store, salon, medical center conference center, and other lea-

This is a valuable commodaty and it is almost an incentive to come here," said council member I aura Lorenzo 'If it was a license transfer. I

would have no problem with it, but this is the only one we have left. You business is not dependent on WDSN. alcohol to be a success," she said, Council juender David Landry ioned Mayor Loa Csordas in vu-Twould like to see an establish-inent who's avested in Novi get the

license. You've made good on every promise you made, and I think this would be a good way to reward you," Landry said. There will be a lot of restaurants and bars requesting this beense, so F

will not be supporting the motion, said council member I ying Paul The only way the city could posably acquire another fiquor license which are based on population, is to authorize a mid-decide census. The last time, the city ordered a middecade censis was 1995, which cost about \$40,000.

"You bring value to our commu-nity. I think being able to have a dunk with dinner is a matter of dig nity," Csoulas told McConnick mig, Contactor from the ormick. Connect member Bob Gatt said when he thinks about going out for dinner and drinks that I'vy Run-Village doesn't come to mind "It's not on the same scale as a regular restaurant. I can't support you claiming our last liquor license," he

hand value.

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Metro Detroit agencies, so I do some modeling and acting. The world of entertainresident says it ment is treating me pretty good. I'm learning a lot and having a lot of fun," Black said. takes 'spirit' to Black said he has even bigger dreams for the future. "I won't let 'Survivor' be the get selected biggest thing to ever happened to

me." he said. "Survivor Africa," filmed on a game preserve, aired a month after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Clarence Black, the contestant tamous for stealing some bears in the show's third season, "Survivor Africa," was on hand June 16 at the 2001 "It was a weind time combined with the fact that our show was so Post Bar to privide monif support

harsh. We didn't have any water. It to thuse and tioning for the show. A resident of Rochester, the 27-year-old who graduated from Derroit Country Day School and attented Hillsdate College, was born and raised in the area. It will first time people were saying, 1 marry Kelly Cole Aug. 7 in Rochester. said. "But it made the experience dif-"I've been in Michigan my whole life. The furthest Eve even - ferent, because we all share the pain been from home was when I was on -- of that now."

Survivor," he said. He's working with UPN Detroit He realized on the third day be was suffering from dehydration and hunger when he started hallucinatand is on sports radio 1130-AM ing. "I actually looked up and saw a McDonald's. You fade in and out," "Everything for me is just going mazingly well. I'm also contracted Black said. through a couple of different talent "I'm banging out with the poten-

Photo by John J

know. Do your best and everything

New expo center in the works

will work out.

'Survivor Africa' contestant lends moral support

Kristen Kukhahn, right, chats with "Survivor"-survivor Clarence Black after getting his autograph during last week's cattle call for future Survivor members at Novi's the Post Bar.

Black said. "There's such an energy when' we're all in the same room." tials," he said. "It's weid because it's like watching my kids. They're coming up to me like I'm their dad and asking. 'Itow can we get on this show?' I'm like, "Son, I don't here "Survivor" family, which totals 112 people to date. The show schedules regular reunions for the former cast members, "There are former of a weats blanced for the He noted that he is now part of Pam Fleming is a staff writer for

schedules regular reunions for the former cast members. There are four or five events planned for the the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or air pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. coming year, so we're excited about

hat," Black said. So, why does Black think he was

selected by the "Survivor" produc-

rs as a contestant? "My best friend says that I am

either unique or crazy or uniquely

cruzy," Black said. "They're looking for people who

have absolutely no consciousness of the world around them. They're

looking for people who really don't

care about conformity or about how

hey're perceived. They want peo-

ple who live for the moment, the adventure, the challenge.

"You don't always see it translat

ed on the show, but if you were to' sit down with each 'Survivor' con-

testant, you'd find that the one thing

they all have in common is that they

all rejoice in the endeavor and have

an appreciation for hit," he noted. "It's not just about jobs an

money, but about things that nurture

our spirit and soul. The people who go on 'Survivor,' you can see their spirit. That's what it's all about,"

ciation for life," he noted



Three words to variety of things that we get to see and deal with. There's an associadescribe you: Fair, loyal and tion for everything, and there's a show for everybody. It's the same thing over and over again, but it's Person who also different every time. Also, just most influenced working with our staff, the city and all the different promoters of the you: I would say both my parents different shows, certainly my father from the Least favorite aspect of job: Of business side of

late, it's been all the red tape and all the details of getting [the new exposition center] under constructhings and see ing what he's accomplished tion. But now that we're actually and working with him, bu under construction, it's pretty exc ng, so all that's in the past also on the family side of

Biggest challenge you face: We are a private operator in what is normally a publicly subsidized things, my mom influ-enced me a

usidized. So, concern over and dealing with the potential of additional government-subsidized com enough time in the day. Too many directions, too many things going If you could have any other job: I think I would be a captain on and that's a tough thing. What's your greatest fear? Personally, my greatest fear right What's your best advice: It's

cussions even to date about

kind of an old cliche, but to keep pressing and going after what your dream is. Work at it, oldest son and



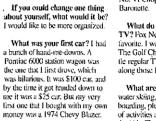
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lot. I'd like to think that I have a our competitors is government-sub-sidized in some form. There are good mix in spending time with the family and making sure I concen-trate on that as well, which is most important.

Quality you most admire in a person: I would say loyalty. What is your pet peeve? Not

on sometimes leaves loose ends

now is that two of my kids -- my



daughter — are going to be travel-ing outside of the country over the summer. Blair Jr. is going to

Europe with the "People to People"

group and MacKenzie is going to Australia with the same organiza-

What's your most treasured

oossession? Definitely my family

the time we get to spend together

and the things I get to see and

favorite movie. I really enjoyed

other comedies, like "Caddy Shack," "Animal House," and "Monty Python and the Holy

Austin Powers movies, as well as

What kind of music do you lis-

ten to, and who are some of your

me knows this, is the Bare Naked

favorite artists? My very, very

favorite, and anybody who keep

watch,

Who are your favorite writers? I don't do a lot of reading, but I would say Tom Clancy's novels when I do get a chance to read. What are your favorite films? "The Big Chill" is my all-time

and hanguet center in the new building that we had to kind of put a second phase approach to because of budget concerns. I'd also try to find some additional charities to work with and do some philanthropic work. And remember that chartered yacht deal? I think I would take that yacht trip around the world.

Interview/photo by Pam Fleming

Hometown: Farmington Hills, two. Steve 'n' Rocky's Rock Appetizer Platter, which is awe Michigan Where do you live now: some, and then the Surf 'n' Turf at No. VI Chophouse in the Hotel Genoa Township, and we've Baronette. been there for eight years. Education: I oraduated from What do you like to watch on Michigan State University TV? Fox News Channel is my favorite. I watch that all the time with a degree in finance and The Golf Channel, I watch very lit the regular TV. I'm pretty boring then went on to the University of Detroit School along those lines. of Law and graduated from there. I passed the bar and What are your hobbies? Golf, water skiing, snow skiing and snow boarding, plus sports recreation type was admitted to the court but never practiced. of activities and spending time with Community involvement/ the kids. They keep us going ---activities: I'm on the watching their hockey and soccer. Providence Hospital If you won \$10 million in the Advisory Council and am a lottery tomorrow, what would past chairman of the Novi you do? What I probably would do is build out the expansion that we have planned for the conference Chamber of Commerce. I'm

Ladies, I like Dave Matthews and

John Mayer, I like oldies a lot, too, like the Beach Boys and Bob

Seger. But I will also tell you that

went and saw Kid Rock, and I didn't know what to expect, but that's a talented individual. I liked him.

What's your favorite restau-

rant/meal? I'm going to mention

also a board member and past chair of the Michigan International Association of Exposition Managers. I'm a member of the Novi Rotary Club, and the Novi Expo Center sponsors several Novi baseball and hockey teams

Faith/religious affiliation: Presbyterian

continued from front page noted that the city though, because they hold more needs a new exposition center 'Fay revenues to the city without - because the current facility is toonational and international events," the abatement have been calculat-small and lacks parking, easy ed by the assessor's office at s76,124 a year when the applicant need another 200,000 to 300,000 Bowman said. Mark Tomasik, regional vice the n president, Clayco Detroit, and project executive, said Clayco will 2005." applied for the abatement. Tax rev- square feet of space," he said. The current center also has too many columns, and the location of entrances and balarooms could be mues to the city with the abateuse tilt-up construction that the difference in annual revenue to the city \$31,625 a year. However, better, according to Bowman, involve pouring concrete panels on the site, then tilting them up and locking them into place. This In Metro Detroit, the Novi Expo Center is second in size only to trol and permits Clayeo to advance even with the abatement, the projcert should generate more than there and a half times the tax revthe project schedule. "Clayco has been successful enue generated from the current - Center in Detroit,

during the construction phase of a million visitors. The cent project," Tomasik said, "And tim-ly books more than visitors. The center curr ing is critical on this project since the new exposition center is already accepting bookings for the market for about 250 total. the market for about six weeks. "The building is available for The 50-acre site, with Interstatesublease, with a long-term lease 96 frontage, is located on Grand River Avenue between Beek and Taft roads in Novi. The second available. Outlot development opportunities are also being explored," Bowman said. phase of construction includes a hotel and an additional 500-plus Parn Fleming is a staff writer for

Bowman said the current Novi at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at





Bowman

Parker, 5

Ace: 43

DETAILS

Full name: Blair Matthew

Marital status: Married to

Children: Blair Jr., 14;

Barrie 20 years on June 22

McKenzie, 12; Grant, 9;

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PUBLIC SAFETY

ROAD UPDATE

10 Mile closure postponed The closure of 10 Mbe Road between Joins Road and Chubb Road in Lyon Township has been postponed from June 21 until July 6 by the contractor working on the oad on behalf of the South Lyon 'ommunity Schools. The road will be closed so it can be widened and reconstructed in t of the new high school. The toad Commission for Oakland

County has issued a permit to the school district to close the road, Once closed the road will anain closed until approximately

During the closure, the detour sented, Cassis called on the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to expedite oute will be Milford, Grand River and Beckroads the installation of the new traffic light. According to MDOT, the Remember, no lefts at Grand

River/Novi The Road Commission for

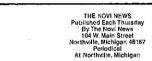
Oakland County (RCOC) reminds motorists that all left turns at the Grand River Accune/Navi Road section in Novi are currently prohibited. The left-turn prohibition is necessary as part of the ongoing recon-struction and widening of the inter-section the lanes are being widened at the intersection, but no additional lanes are being added). Once initiated, the left-turn prohibi tion will be in effect for the duration of the intersection project. which is expected to be completed in November

As on alternative to left turns at the Grand River/Novi intersection, motorists can use Hint Street, Main Street/Market Street and Town Center Drive/Crescent Blvd, to maneuver around the intersection. These routes will be posted ondetour signs at the infersection Beginning in mid-to-late July Grand River will be completely closed immediately west of Novi

culvert under the road can be replaced The Grand River/Novi project cost is approximately \$2 million. motorist must slow to a safe speed

New signal at Wixom/J-96

A much-needed left turn signal light is scheduled to be installed at

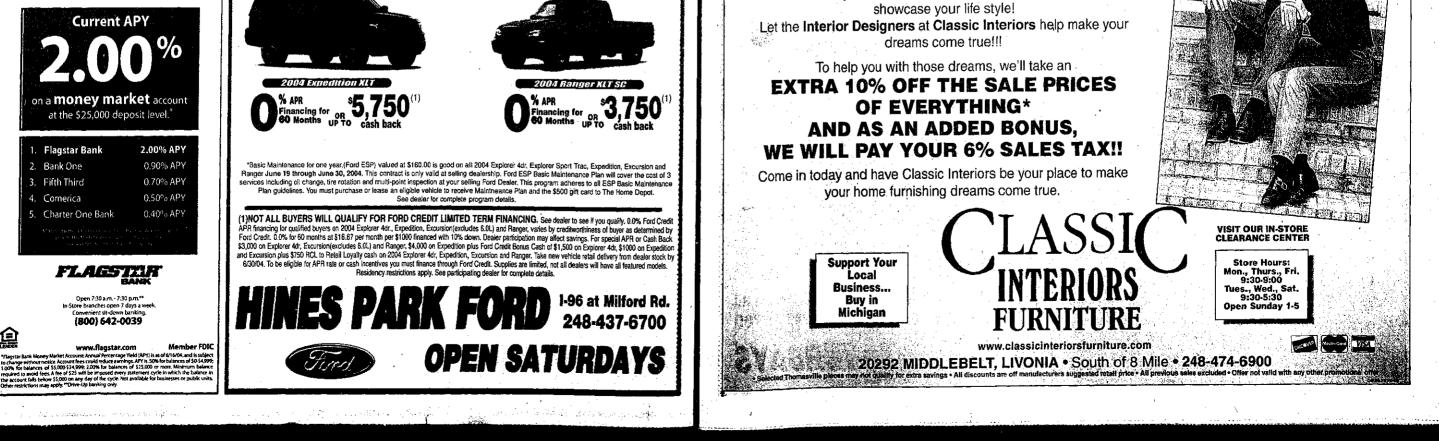


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School yard drug arrest What curb? The officer then stopped the driver of the Oldsmobile to see A 17-year-old Novi man was arrested for Violation of the Controlled Substance Act for was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Lique at 2:12 a.m. June 13 at Novi why he was on school property after school hours. Upon conmarijuana possession at 12:48 tact, the officer noticed that the a m. June 9 at Thorton Creek driver was visually nervous and Ten Mile roads. Elementary School on Nine Mile Road. He said that he was up at school to meet a friend before the area of Novi Road and Main Street when he received a report While providing extra patrol heading home. The officer from another officer who saw a for the school, an officer asked the man why he was so noticed a 1987 maroon Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera pull nervous, and he said that he was just tired. The officer then asked the black Dodge Ram drive over a curb and then a median while leaving the parking lot of the into the parking lot of the man if he had any marijuana in his possession, and the man said Post Bar The car pulled up to another he had some a quarter of an ounce in his duffel bag. The pickup drive over the median also reported later that an unidentified woman told police,

parked vehicle in the school lot The Oldsmobile attempted to leave when the officer tried to marijuana was found undermake contact with the two neath the driver's seat. parked vehicles.

school.

POLICE REPORT

light should be operational in two weeks and will be a permanent left torn signal.

The light is being installed due

to safety concerns that arose when the 12 Mile Road entrance to east-bound 96 was closed, forcing traf-

access ramp. For the duration of the

construction project, vehicles must turn across traffic to access cast-

"Closing the ramp has caused

serious congestion problems and long delays, making it difficult and

dangerous for drivers to attempt a

left turn," said State Sen, Nancy

Concerned about the safety

issues the new traffic situation pre

stion moblems and

bound Interstate 96.

Cassis, R-Novi,

fic to use only the Wixom Road

Take note of new law Motorists who fail to exercise due caution when approaching a tow truck or a Freeway Courtesy Patrol van providing roadside assis-tance now face the possibility of spending 90 days in jail and being fined \$500. Public Act 19 of 2004, passed in February by the Michigan Legislature and signed in March by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, took effect June 2. It extends to tow

frucks and MDOT Freeway Courtesy Parol vans the same protection that covers police cars, fire tracks and other emergency vehi-The law mandates that a motori who sees a vehicle ahead providing roadside service must move over me fane from the scene of the

issistance being rendered, if possi ble. If moving over is not possible because of traffic in the adjoining Road as part of this project so that lane, the motorist must reduce speed to a safe level, given traffic and weather conditions, before passing. On a two-lane road, the

The contractor doing the work is the Six-S Inc. company based in Waterford Townsip. until past the service vehicle. Under the Michigan Vehicle Code, a per-son who does not move over or slow down when approaching and/or passing a stationary, author

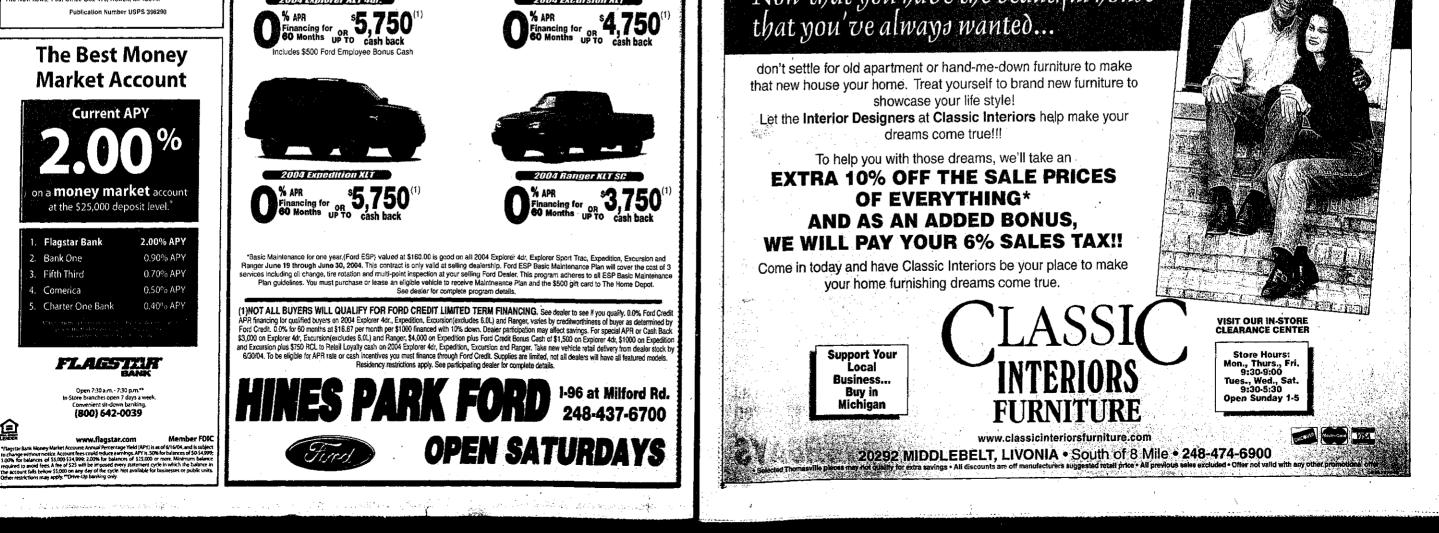
ized emergency vehicle is guilty of a mixdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and/or the Wixom Road/I-96 interchange, imprisonment for up to 90 days











COMMUNITY

Going solo

Retired Novi librarian learns to fly

pants of the truck were creating

When the officer pulled the driver over, he found a car with five white men in the vehicle and noticed a strong odor of

intexicants coming from the

vehicle. The driver's eves were

bloodshot, and his speech was also slightly slurred. When

asked if he had had anything to

drink, the driver replied that he

had drank two beers about one

or two hours ago. Results of a blood alcohoi

test yielded a level of .12 per-

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A 24-year-old Wayne man

An officer was on pairol in

The officer who noticed the

who were on footbeat patrol

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near the Post Bar, that the occu-

By Pam Fleming She also started the Senio Chizens Book Discussion Group in January 1990, which is still going strong. "I have about 25 Learning to fly an airplane isn't people who attend the meetings the second Thursday of each something that one normally thinks about when it comes to month at noon at the library," she But Pauline Druschel, recently said. She is also involved in the Friends of the Novi Library and retired assistant director of the Novi Public Library, is doing just

as recently elected secretary "Now that I'm retired, I She just successfully completed spend more time flying, I think her first solo flight June 3 at the Dick is excited about me getting my license, too. We hope to fly his Bonanza to Alaska next sommer Livingston County Airport. Druschel started taking flying 'lessons when her husband, Dick,

on vacation," she said. Now Druschel's completed her a professional pilot for General Motors for more than 25 years, bought her ground school classes for her birthday in April 2003. solo flight, she's able to go up by herself all the time. "Seeing the state of Michigan She started taking classes in May from the air is pretty neat. After

all the rain that we've had, you could see the flooding and all the damage to the area, especially around Jackson and Hamburg," "It's exciting. It's been a challenging and rewarding experi-fence. I want to stick with it and she said.

get my private pilot's license," she said, "There's no way I'd stop at this point. I'm just now getting the opportunity to apply what I've "Flying gives you a different viewpoint. It gives you a chance to see the terrain from a different learned. Flying is like other learnperspective." Druschel's instructor is Ron

ing experiences where you learn things in increments and then Megesi of Livingston Flight Inc., based at Livingston County finally get to apply it." Druschel says when she carns her pilot's license by late summer for early fall, she and her husband Airport, Megesi was a Novi res dent for 23 years and just moved to Livingston County a few years ago. He's been an instructor for 22 years. will be a two-flier family. "He used to fly the GM executives

around," she said. She retired from the Novi Public Library in November 2003, and he retired in wonderful instructor," she said. She said she was a little nerv-May 2004. ous before her solo flight, howev Druschel worked at the library

for 20 years and developed the outreach program for the library, solu flight is a little nervous because the responsibility for flynow known as the Specialized ing the plane is totally on your Services Department



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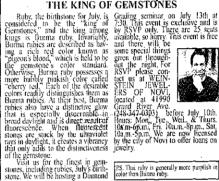
Pauline Druschel behind the controls before her first solo flight at the Livingston County Airport. Druschel recently retired as assistant director of the Novi Public Library. She should earn her pilot's license in a few months.

me well, and I had no problems, 1 didn't want to stop," she said, "It challenging aspect of flying." "Timing is crucial, and you have to be very focused. It's

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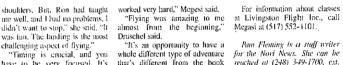
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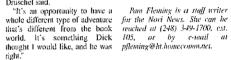






shoulders. But, Ron had taught worked very hard," Megesi said, For information about classes





Jeannette Tiso of Novi High School was honored in the Youth Volunteer category of the HomeTown Heroes Program, co-sponsored by United Way of Cakland County and Observe & Eccentric newspopers. Tiso has her own clothing company, Vintage Guru, where she designs, sews and sells women's clothing. Wanting to use her sewing ability to volun- tcer and help others, she started last

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Tiso's a hero

Jeannette Tiso of Novi High

Warm where sewed hats cancer

J. Tiso patients. Tiso recruited help from fellow students with sewing the hats and solicited donations from businesses to help fund the project. Tiso deliv-ered the hats to area hospitals such as Providence of Novi,

Sparrow Hospital and Mott's

Children's Hospital. She has also volunteered at Providence Center for the

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Milford boy wins Detroit Tiger tickets in HomeTown contest

By Alleen Wingblad

His brothers took a pass, but Milford resident Andrew Bellanti stepped up to the plate in honor of his dad and ended up scoring four box sent tickets to the Detroit Tigers June 27 game at Comerica Park, Andrew, 8, submitted the winning entry in HomeTown Newspapers "Best Dad" contest — surprising him and his parents. Mike and Julie Bellanti. "When my mom told me I won, I

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ran down the stairs screaming to tell my dad," Andrew. "I said 'We won! Mike Bellanti and son We won four Tigers tickets!" I was surprised, but I think it's pretty cool." Andrew. Andrew learned of the contest Julie Bellanti said she didn't-

from his mom, who read about it in the Milford Times. "She asked me and my brothers if we wanted to do ii. My brothers didn't want to, so 1 in their family of five boys. "Any decided to try it - 1 just like writ-ing," he said, "It was pretty hard to write it, but 1 mostly just got some block from waren." (I's exciting. And he has a lot of enthusiasm for these block for more aven.") ideas from my mom." kinds of things.

Spider-Man swings into Walled Lake Northern

By Paul Green The Lakes Area Arts Council is proud to present a special big-screen showing of Spider-man on

Tuesday June 29 at Walled Lake The event begins at 6 p.m. in Northern's lobby. There will also be a presentation of films from the standard films from the standard films from the the event begins at 6 p.m. in Northern's lobby. There will also be a presentation of films from the standard films films from the standard films films from the standard films from the standard films from the standard films from the standard films f personal library of Brian and Heidi Gabels who are on the Board of Directors for the Arts

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Mike Bellanti said he found i "very touching" that Andrew would enter a contest, singing his praises. "It's quite an honor. It's these little things that make all the difference," he said. "And I think it is awesome. Hours Andrew is a happy kid, always willing to help around the house. And he's a joy to have around." The feeling, obvious, is mutual, "My dad is a good dad. He does a lot for me," Andrew added, "He takes me a lot of places, plays patt-put, we go out to lunch every month or every week. He is a good dad." Besides his parents, Andrew shares his Milford home with his

brothers Brandon, 12, Jordan, 11, Jacob, 4 and Christopher, J. A home schooler, Andrew enjoys ice hockey, roller hockey, riding his bike --- and spending time with his dad.

expect Andrew to win but that the recognition is a thrill for him, espe-cially because he's the middle child Aileen Wingblad is a reporter for the Milford Times. She can be reached by phone at (248) 685-1507 ext. 22 or by e-mail at awing-blad@ht.homecomm.net.

The event is designed to show-case the newly formed Arts Council to the community and get moviegoers excited about the June 30 release of the nuch-antic-pated "Spider-Man 2" in which Tobey Maguire returns as Spider-

Area Aris Council. The event is co-sponsored by the Walled Lake Public Schools and C3 Ministries and is open to the public. Seating support to local programs that

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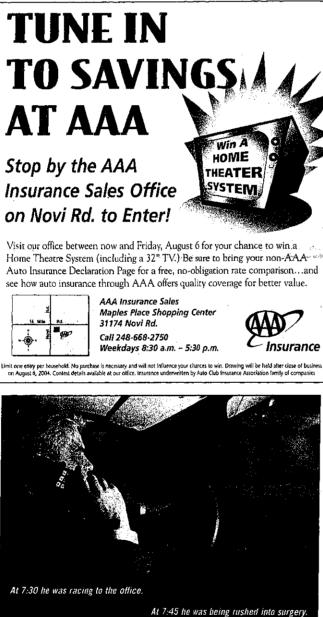
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clean, plain white clothing item, and decorate it at our



BUSINESS

INCAT may expand, earn tax credits from Michigan

By Pam Fleming

audience participation. No reg-istration is required for the 45-minute program, which is for

and overseas, In connection with such an Novi City Council members expansion, INCAT has applied, and will be considered for the State of recently approved a major agree-ment for the INCAT company's business retention and expansion plan in Novi through the state's Single Business Tax credit program, INCAT, a global firm founded in Det and howfunctional in trading Michigan Single Business Tax cred-its through the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, a division of the Michigan Economic Development

1984 and headquartered in London and Novi, is a technology software and consulting business employing more than 600 people in North Such approval depends upon INCAT securing a local commitment to participate in funding in conjunction with the state's contri-

America, Europe and the Pacific Rim, The Novi office employs about 300 people, and the firm wants to add 300 more jobs in Novi The city wants the firm to stay in Novi because the company's expansion would mean additional personover the next five years. If the proposal is approved by the state, the state would credit \$20,000 al property tax for the city, Instead of proposing to grant a tax abatement to INCAT, the city would

to the city as a result of enhanced pay for infrastructure and other building/planning permitting proce-dures, with the remaining \$30,000 to be secured through selected altervements in the city's right-of way next to the proposed expanded facility. Financial support for technology

Richard Helwig, city manager, explained that \$10,000 would come from the waiver of building permit structure would be funded by the Novi Economic Developm Corporation. Based on information from the fees and that the Novi Economic

Development Corporation voted at state and INCAT, the return to the Development Corporation voted at its April 20 meeting to contribute \$20,000 from its funds to support this program. "They have about \$30,000 now," Helwig said. The state's Single Business Tax is a significant cost of business that INCAT would not face in locations outside Michigan Ta meet this discity in terms of property tax pay-ments is estimated to be \$46,682 over the next five years in addition

to the current property tax. In 2003, the INCAT property at 41370 Bridge Street off Meadowbrook Road south of outside Michigan. To meet this dis-Twelve Mile Road, had a city real crepancy, the state has a program that provides tax credits to even the comparable cost of business and Another \$16,915 was paid for busi-ness personal property. If the firm leaves, the city would lose this revretain and grow quality jobs in Novi. Rowever, the tax credit requires local participation. INCAT officials propose to retain enuc

Through the tax credit program, the state would provide about \$13.345 million worth of credit to and expand its Novi location but are NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI

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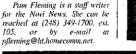
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considering locations in other states INCAT over five years. The exact terms of the credit would be negot ated between the state and INCAT Cynthia Grubbs, MEDC, explained to city council members at their June 7 meeting that if INCAT reneged on the deal and decided to move to another state of overseas that the company would have to pay back the money that they had received through the tax credit program.



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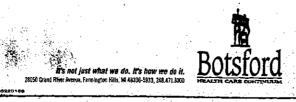
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Green was named Guest . Relations Employee of the Year for 2004 from the Michigan Hotel, Motel & Resort Association, The award was presented May 25 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn but it was in April that she found she

had been nominated and had made it as one of six state-wide finalists. "Just being nominated was flatng, sne said. "I was nappy just ay I was a finalist." Joe Felice, Hotel Baronette's Guest Relations Employee tering," she said. "I was happy justto say I was a finalist." front office manager, nominated her of the Year honors.

after he and General Manager Lenny Williams agreed she sur-passed the hotel's expectations. "At our hotel we teach customer

service and Terri certainly exudes gate pass and returned the suit to the service and terri certainty shows guest, total customer service," Williams guest. said Last Sweetest Day, a husband

Green has demonstrated her cus-usande Sourdesting romanice in the Kim Baker is a University of tomer service skills on numerous room for his wife so Green put rose. Michigan-Dearborn journalism sta-

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when her name was announced," Williams said, "This is the first time Terri Green beat out five our hotel has had such an honor. Green said her friends, family and co-workers were all instrumental to

her receiving the award but she room. Without hesitation, she drove especially credits her late father for to the airport, completely unfamiliar with the new terminal, obtained a setting an example for her. "My dad would give the shirt off his back and he always did a lot of things or me, she said.

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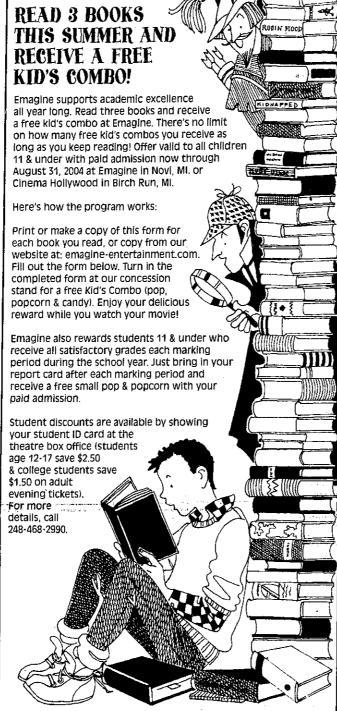
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draws more than 650,000 visitors per month – for around \$10 per month, Taylor said.

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said Taylor. As an added bonus, listings and



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see it my way? Photography exhibit impresses By Ramez Khuri

Can you

Not true

Members of Novi Meadows' fifth grade camera club Anybody walking into Novi Meadows may have noticed an impressive looking photo display hanging up on the wall. Most would probably think it was done by pro-fessionals who get paid big bucks. Not true. point to some of their work on a bulletin board. The club, organized by teacher Renee Balthrop, will start again next semester, with the usual waiting list of eager Ansel Adams aspirants.

est in photography that they will take with them throughout their lives, whether it be in their chosen field or as a hobby." Way I See It.' "I receive so many compli-ments from colleagues and par-ents in passing," said Balthrop, "I It was actually put together by future professionals - lifth and ield or as a hobby." ents in passing," said Balthrop, " The exhibit, entitled "Can You ee It My Way?," presents photo-the wonderful things I hear. They sixth graders who are involved in SIXID graders who are involved in the after-school photography club at the school.
The exhibit, entitled "Can You wish the children could hear all See It My Way?," presents photo-tarthe school.
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See It My Way?," presents photo-dents. They are affectionately childre "TA-DA!" photos.
First for 30 sixth graders. According to Photo Club Leader Renee Balthron erther are so may inter-the glagaed to there in a wurder to balthron erthere are so may inter-the glagaed to there in a wurder. challenged to shoot in a way that was new to them and to try some-Balthrop, there are so many interested students in the photo club, that unfortunately she is not able to include them all. She does,

The section of the children of dents replaced their "TA-DA" photo with another photo as they come with some basic knowledge f how to use a camera, along apply. I try to build on that with activities, games, and projects that teach them about different types of cameras, how to take a better picture and how to take a picture Balthrop said.

Last year's was Snap Decisions and the year before it was called It Matters to Mc. Another was 'The in a way that is new to them too. Hopefully, they leave the club with an inter-

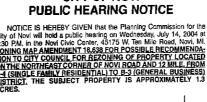


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Just in case Novi residents Three students from Novi High School have returned fr were wondering how the pasintense competition in Nashville. sage of the two millage propos als will affect their yearly taxes Tenn, that they have been preparing for since September, Brian Renner, Bessie Song and Jake Piper, all seniors, made here's a breakdowr Last year, a Novi resident paid \$404.11 on a \$200,000 home for the renewal millage. • This year the resident will pay \$380 plus \$98 for the new ecreational millage for a tota of \$478. Since the millage rate of the

renewal mills" decreased from 4.0411 mills to 3.8 mills, the resident will actually only pay an increase of \$73.89. Novi Woods awards \$500

scholarship Novi High School graduate Matthew Nickels returned to Novi Woods on June 7 to read the essay that won him a \$500

scholarship, The Novi Woods PTO awards a scholarship to a graduating senior who attended Novi Woods and fulfills requirements, including a written essay on Life's Journey. The scholar-ship was awarded to Nickels at the High School Award Ramez Khuri is a staff writer

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at Ceremony held on May 27. nninet.

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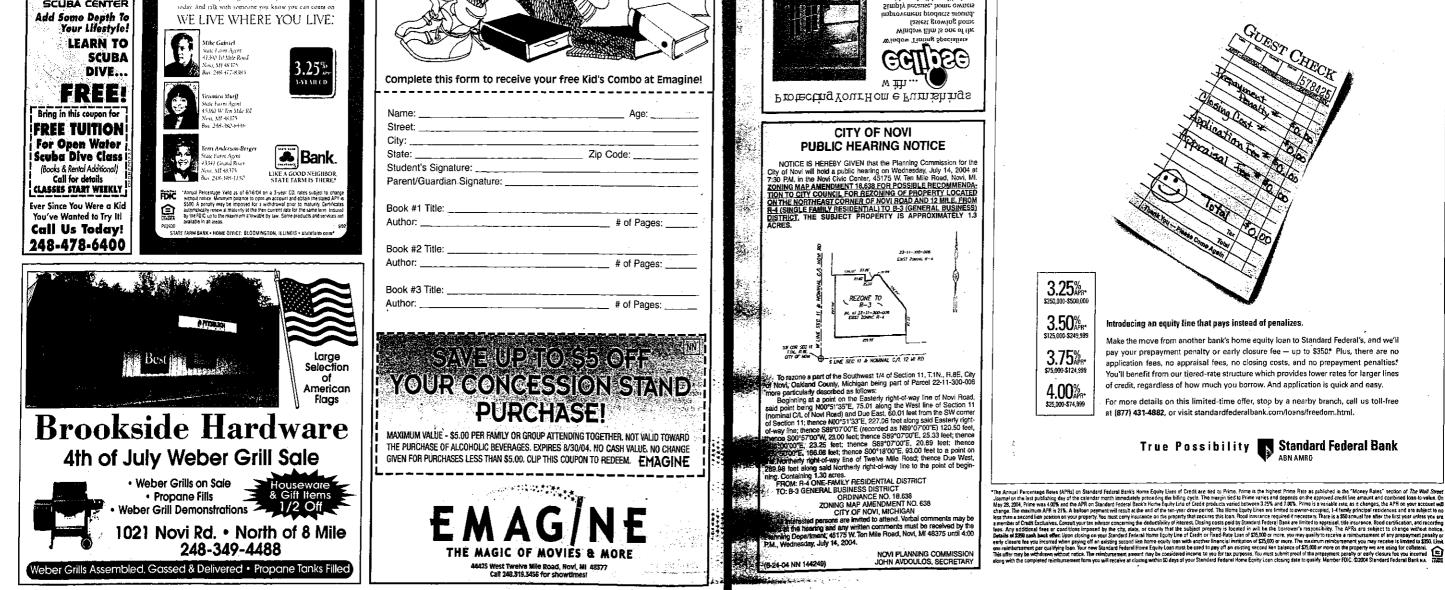
it through competitions held locally in the winter and then competed in March against Harpist heading to 2,000 students to carn the right Colorado Novi High School Freshman to represent Michigan at Katherine Oppermann has been accepted to the Harp Program at the nationally recognized sum-mer music school, Rocky DECA's 58th Annual International Career Development Conference, held May 1-4. They joined over 550 other students from 86 high Mountain Summer Conservatory schools and area career centers in Steamboat Springs, Colo. this in Michigan to compete against 13,000 fellow marketing stu-

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Anneliese Woolford of Novi, This spring, Madonna was among the graduates at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. University's Legal Assistant Program held its first induction ceremony for the program's honor society. Members of the studentduring spring 2004 commencement exercises led Legal Assistant Club estab-Novi resident Ganesh lished the criteria for membershi Chakravarthy Ryali was among the graduates of The University of in Lambda Epsilon Chi, a national honor society for legal assistant students. Honor society memore Oklahorna during spring 2004, must maintain a 3.5 GPA and meet a community service Susan Ellen Thomas, a former nent. This year's inductees included 2003 graduates Amy Smith, Commerce; Kim Espy, resident of Novi, received the master of divinity degree and was awarded the Columbia Graduate Northville; and Argean Fellowship on May 16 during rgeropoulos, Novi. commencement exercises of Columbia Theological Seminary Novi resident Matthew T. The Columbia Graduate Lewis has been named to the Fellowship is awarded annually to Dean's list at the University of a student who has demonstrated Northwestern Ohio, Lima, Ohio exceptional academic ability. The for the March 2004 session. citowship may be applied to any advanced degree beyond the Master of Divinity, Thomas, who 1999 Novi High School graduate Jun Myers has graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree in computer art from the school of visual arts in Manhatan. She is in holds the B.S. from Madonna University in Livonia, enters the Master of Theology program at the 99th percentile of her class Columbia Seminary this fall, based on recognized artistic Novi resident Stepher Takayuki Charette, a clarinet Novi resident Ronald Redferr student of Linnea Nereim, was among the graduates at Northwood University during received a bachelor of music degree on May 15 at the Cleveland Institute of Music spring 2004 commencement exer-BENEATH THE CLEAN, YOU'LL FIND SPARKLING CUSTOMER SERVICE.***

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By Rebecca Miller PECIAL WRITER Students sat excitedly in antici-pation June 10 as they awaited the performances of the middle chool's annual variety show The mixture of talent that hit up the stage ranged from singing, to band performances, to Indian dancing, to poetry reading. Seventh gruder Monica Ayala could share with the rest of her classmates her love and talent to "It was a lot of fun, I like singing, and I'm glad I got to show everyone my voice," Ayala said, Auditions for the show began back in mid-may and preparation ťun. continued with rehearsals all the way to the last minute. Teacher Karen Thatcher headed the production and admits the amount of vocation put into the show was great, but it was time well spent. "It takes a lot of work, but it's definitely worth it. It was great seeing all the hidden talent that you don't get to see in the classroom,' Thatcher said. next year. Students agreed with great applause and expressed their enjoy nt with cheers ment with cheers. "It's a lot of fun, you get to see a whole lot of creative things you never knew people could do," sev-enth grader Danielle Lovay said. NOTICE Notice is hereby given that n 7/29/04 at 3:30 p.m. the fol lowing will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Self Storage 21650 Novi Ed., Novi, MI. (Space No. 185) Juan blythe 2 household lurnishings 14 mise. boxes/bags, 14 office equipment, 4 other misc. Items (Space No. 452) Julie Norton 1 slove, 1 washer, 1 dryer, 15 household ings, 20 misc. household good 8 mise. baxes/bags, 2 0 other mise. items. (Space No. 62) Nicole Jackson T LS 11:53 1 rafrigerator, 1 TV, 1 washer, 1 dryer, 3 household furnishings, 5 misc. household goods, 10 mise, boxes/bags (Space No. 534) Lear Corporation 99 mise: boxes/bags, 99 ather mise. Items Space No. 434) Susan McParland 10 household turnishings, 20 misc. boxes/bags, 20 other misc. items (Space No. 595) Kleran Williams 20 household lumishings, 20 misc. boxes/bags, 20 other misc. Items SHO ADAM (GC-17) (Space No. 22) Valerie Cloud 25 household furnishings (Space No. 568) John Pohill 4 household turnishings, 30 misc. boxes/bags, 6 other mise. Items. NOTICE CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC AUCTION The City of NovI will hold a PUBLIC AUCTION on Saturday, June 26, Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Novi, Mi 4375 10:00 A.M., Prevailing Eastern Time 9:30 - 10:00 A.M. Cash or personal check with VALID Michigan LOCATION VING TIME: ALL items are sold AS IS. All items must be removed the day o CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446 (5-24-04 NN 139217) ш

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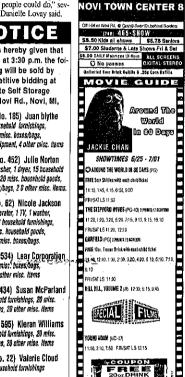
Teacher shaves head as reward to students

The show came to a head when teacher Claudia Wiseman drew random students' names to shave her head. Wiseman decided to do her balding act of bravery in reward for the student's year-long fundraising of bake sales and dunk tanks for Relay for Life. Over \$ 9,500 was raised as a result of fundraising action to the sales and sales the sales and sales the sale sale sale sale sale sale sales and sales the sale sale sale sale sale sale sales the sale sale sale sale sale sale sales to the sale sale sale sale sale sale sales are sale sales and sales the sales sale sale sales are sale sales and sales the sales sale sales are sales are sales to the sale sale sales are sales to the sale sale sales are sales are sales to the sale sales are sales are sales to the sale sales are sales are sales to the sales are sales are sales to the sales are sales are sales are sales to the sales are sale fundraising and a large donation from the family of teacher Judy Williams whose husband, Tom, is took advantage of the opportunity to perform by singing Christina Aquteria's "Reautiful," so she currently battling cancer. All money raised was dedicated to Wiseman sat looking at the audience in squeamish tears as the stu

dents shaved, but stood in triumph and excitement when the dehair was done. In addition, she reminded students that her adventure to hairlessness was more than jus

"When you look back on your middle school years you'll think of that wacky teacher who shaved her head, but remember that I did it fo a good cause," Wiseman belted to the crowd. Wiseman is grateful to all those who helped make the money hap-pen and with agreement from stu-dents hopes to second her shave

Rebecca Miller is a Novi High School Class of 2004 Graduate

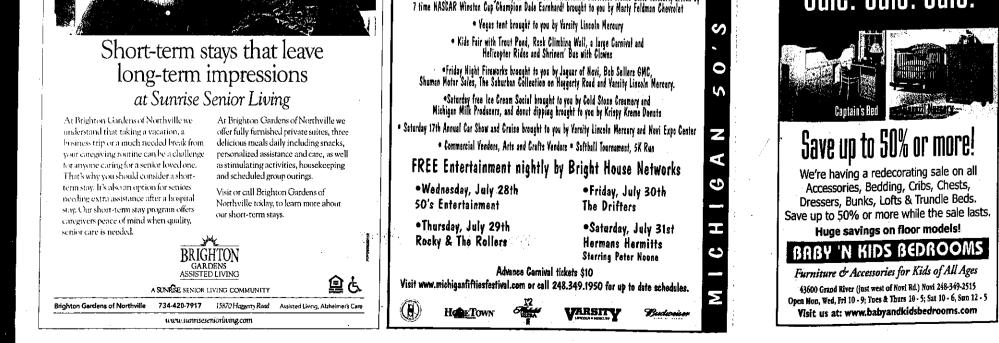




Novi Middle School teacher Claudia Wiseman reacts as her last few remaining locks re shaved off at the end of the June 11 talent show by student Kelly Brown. Wiseman teered to have her hair cut off by students if they raised more than \$1,000 for the Relay for Life fund-raiser to battle cancer. The students, staff and family of Novi ddle School more than exceeded that goal by raising nearly \$9,000



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Sheep lungs at Novi Meadows Marianne Malarkey's and Gary Hurst's fifth grade classes at Novi Meadows dissected sheep lungs as part of their Health Studies, in particular the Respiratory System. The kids not only dissected the lungs, but also got to blow up the lungs with an air pump to assimilate now they actually work. Before the dissection, they made a model of the lungs using plastic cups, baloons and straws. Included In the Respiratory System studies, the kids also learned the negative affects of smoking on the lungs. Here, Brandon DuBois, Kevin Kacan and Nick Kuczajda learn about



Messy, messy, messy! These Orchard Hills kindergartners in Jean Walle's class get messy as they tie dye shirts for their year end luau party. Pictured are Anthony Nguyen, Ashley Moore, Megan Nance and Lindsay Kawada.



"Tacorella" was recently performed by Deerfield third and fourth grade stu dents in the Greenhouse and Treehouse areas of the school. The bilingual musical, which was written by Spanish teacher Betsy Brown and music teacher Ainsley Sonntag, is an adaptation of Cinderella but with a Mexican twist. In addition to the usual kings, queens, princes and ugly stepsisters, there are also some quirky memorable characters like the Duque Rico Suave and the Lasagna Godfather, who helps Tacorella (played by Sarah Hudgens, pictured get to the ball."

Orchard Hills Mini Society Right, Mini Society is a part of the third grade curriculum where students learn about the concepts of economics, production marketing and sales. The kids created their own cur rency and each class has a treasurer. They had to purchase a storefront and design a catchy sign to help sell their products. The third graders get a chance to sell their products to the second



Pull hard!!!

Novi Woods students enjoyed an afternoon of games and fun at the school's Field Day. Gym teacher Libby Crawford entertained them with races, hula hoops, water balloons and the tug of war, pictured here.

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Orchard Hills Butterfly Parade Jennifer Smith's kindergerten class at Orchard Hills Elementary School has been studying butterfiles and their life cycles. To top off their les-sons, they made butterfly costumes and went on a butterfly parade around the school

Novi Woods Mini Society

Fourth graders at Novi Woods learned a practical lesson in economics when they created a Mini Society. Working in small groups, the students must create a product to sell, set a price, make advertising signs and run their mini store. With other students and parents serving as customers, the fourth graders quickly learned the law of supply and demand and adjusted prices accordingly. Pictured here, Angela Sherman, Ashley Miller and Danielle Johnson display their selection of picture frames and puppy chow.

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During Michigan Week, VOICE, Village Oaks Elementary School's PTO, sponsored a Michigan breakfast for all students consisting of apple juice, blueberry muffins and Kelloggs cereals.



Village Oaks visits Greenfield Village Fourth graders from Village Oaks Elementary School took a field trip to Greenfield Village in May. They learned about Michigan History. Pictured here are fourth graders Mitchell Hutton. Rohan Patel, Katie Kelly and Yoko



Army Sgt. visits Girl Scouts

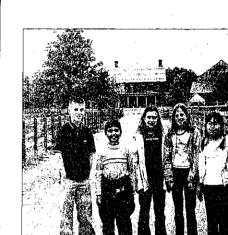
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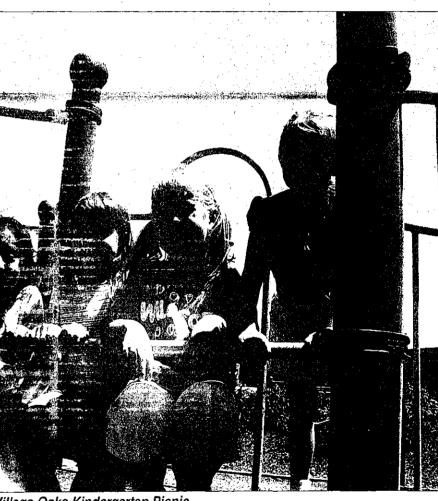
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The Brownies welcomed home Sgt. Jennifer Reimer from had recently. Reimer is a medic with the 109th Battallon. The Brownies had adopted the Screaming Eagles of the 109 and sent Christmas Care packages and a special treat – Girl Scout cookies! Reimer described life in Iraq for children especially as related to girls, her responsibilities as a medic and her experience as a woman in the army. Especially interesting were the accomplishments of the 109th; bridges and roads rebuilt, schools for girls opened and supplied with books, hospitals supplied, equipped and Triage/EMT training given. They even built soccer fields and organized soccer teams for the children of Mosul, a sport many of the Brownies themselves enjoy.



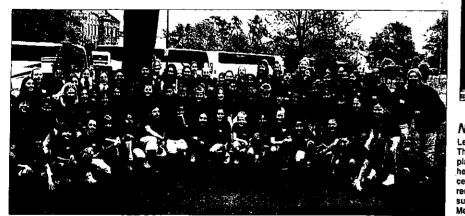
Corn Flakes, anyone? For a study on Michigan, students in Jean Walle's kindergarten class at Orchard Hills Elementary School had breakfast from products made in Michigan recently. They ate Kellogg's Corn Flakes from Battle Creek, Jiffy muffin mix from Chelsea, Old Orchard apple juice from Sparta and Guernsey milk from Northville. Here, moms Laura Liddicoat and Andrea Klerkx serve Corn Flakes to ndergartners Katelyn Spencer and Tristan Oliver.





graders, the fourth graders and then to family and friends. Here, third grader Eric Ballard sells his "Craft Creations" to fourth graders Dayna Spisak, Shannen Sherwood and Dylan Fahoome.





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Novi Meadows Choir Club in Ohio Left, about 70 Novi Meadows Choir Club students attended The Music In the Park Festival in Ohio on May 15 and placed first in their age group. The choir competition was held at a middle school near Cedar Point and the awards ceremony was at Cedar Point later in the day. The choir club received a first place trophy in its age group and achieved a superior rating from the judges. In the overall category, Novi Meadows placed second against choirs of all ages.

Village Oaks Kindergarten Picnic

Sue Nanasi's Kindergarten students at Village Oaks Elementary School enjoyed using the "big kid" equipment on the playground for the first time in preparation for next year as first graders. Here, sitting pretty and high in the sky are Megia Shetty, Jessica Miesowicz, Gabi Born and Hope Kapelanski.



Novi Meadows Spring Concert Novi Meadows School hosted its annual Spring fifth and sixth grade band concerts recently. The fifth grade band is conducted/directed by Kristen Hurd and the sixth grade band is conducted/directed by Alan Oliphant. Each song was introduced by a small group of students to explain the choice of song and song writer. The Novi Meadows gym was jam-packed with proud parents and friends of these musicians. There are over 250 fifth graders in band and over 180 sixth graders. Here, Oliphant conducts is band



A lesson in class and elegance E is for "Elegant Day" in kindergarten at Novi Woods Elementary School. Above, Sam Jenkins escorts Alicia Samson into a formal party where students observe proper etiquette and elegant manners after a week-long study of the subject. Elegant day activities included dining to classical music, promenading through the school to show off their elegant behavior and playing games set to classical music.

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Events mark end, beginning

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who worked in seven presidential

campaigns, including a stint run-ning President George H. W. Bush's campaign in 1992. His

reach was amply demonstrated

President Dick Cheney paid an unannounced visit to Ann Arbor. Glowering, political insiders

speculated about dark plots brew ing. Wrong; it was simply the Vice President coming to say a private good-bye to his old

Bob grew up in

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integrity of the can didates he helped, including Michigan Republicans George Ronney and Bill Milliken. His

argument was simple: If the can-didates were decent, the political system would become better, and

an improved political system

events, I found myself thinking

that a political rally is inevitably about display, while memorial services for political people are

about the connectedness of mem-

ory. A rally normally involves disparate people coming together in a hall with no particular con-

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There are two quintessential bookend events in our political culture: The rally and the memo-rial service. The rally is designed to lift a particular campaign; the memorial service serves to say farewell to a veteran campaigner. I was exposed to a classic exam-ple of each last week. The rally was a fundraiser for Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee for President. Held at the Marriott

Hotel in the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, the event drew around 500 well-

heeled Democrats, II raised more tha \$1 million for the Kerry campaign war chest, according to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, whit MC'd the evening. There were

the obligatory "Kerry for Phil Power President posters, buttons, bumper stickers, all in red, white and blue. The food and drink -- heavy hors d'acuvres and free beer and wine --- were unusually good for a political event, though being cheap with the cats made no sense, given that the eaters were

would eventually produce good government. Unlike most politi-cal insiders, Bob had no cyripaying \$1,000 a plate. People talked with each other using that peculiar stance seen cism, no need to puff himself up most commonly at political ral-fies, biody lunguage saguely remi-niscent of a near-sighted pitcher at the expense of others, and had instead a wonderful sense of humor. As I reflected on these two trying to catch a sign: They might

be speaking with somebody, but all the while they were looking over their shoulders, searching the room for somebody more

important to talk to next. There were the obligatory speeches. Lt. Gov. John Cherry introduced the Rev. Al Sharpton who ran as an eloquent gadfly in the Democratic primaries earlier this spring, Gov. Granholm's pol-ished performance was charismatic, energetic and funny; she got off the best line of the evening by suggesting that Detroit Piston Ben Wallace would make an ideal Secretary of

Defense in a Kerry Administration And there was Kerry: Very tall, lantern-jawed, gray-baired, with very deep-set eyes and an unexpectedly booming voice. His speech was OK, nicely crafted to a crowd that included a lot of labor folks. As most presidential candidates do at this stage of the campaign, Kerry was market-test-ing his lines. A good, if unreport-ed, one was, "We need a nation where workers are not working for the economy, but where the economy is working for the

workers

Phil Power is the Chairman of The memorial service was for my old friend. Bob Teeter, who died last week at 65 after a long struggle with cancer. Teeter, revered as a political polisier and consultant, was a national figure

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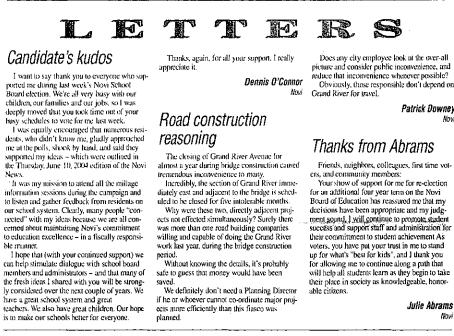
diminished by the loss.

OPINION



Jennies from the Block

A dance ensemble performs to Jennifer Lopez's "Jenny from the Block" during Novi Meadows' talent show June 11. Dancers include Meghan Stickier, Macaire Schlaff, Melaina Yono, Jillian Kaminksi, Brooke McKnight, and Sara Sorenson.



Fifteen minutes of fame - that's all you get?

I can't temember his exact words, but the late artist Andy Warhol said that sooner or

of fame With outrageous acts and massive media coverage, he wasn't too far off. Those who get that 15 minutes usually fade out of our memories pretty quick, however. In an effort to shine a little spotlight on individuals here in Novi, we're extending those precious min-utes to a full week with a new fea-

Is there somehody in Novi you're dying to find out more about? Let me know and we'll try to set up a Q&A with them and let all our readers know the real story (or at least as much as we can find out in just 15 minutes). Thanks, Blair, for being our guinea pig, 1 wish you all the best with the new err center. Do you think you might revive the International Blues Festival once the doors

open? I'm still waiting for my 15 minutes. That's only three songs. Think about it ...

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Walled Lake moves to summer tax collection

Walled Lake residents will have to come ap with their property tax payment in the near future follow- ing an approved change in the tax levy. Summer taxes are due Aug. 31. In December 2003, following a public hearing, the Walled Lake Consolidated School District Beard of Education approved a 100 percent summer property tax collection.	ings of taxpayer dollars. Before this summer, property taxes for the school district were collected 50 percent in the sum- mer and 50 percent in the winter. Thirteen of the 28 school dis- tricts in Oakland County collect 100 percent of their property taxes in the summer, and more districts are changing to this method each year. Once the summer 2004 tax is	recent tas bill and complete the following calculation: Assuming a \$150,000 taxable value: \$150,000/1 taxable value: \$150,000/1,000 X 7.5248 = \$1,129. Summer property tax paynents can be deforred null Feb. 15 with- out penalty or interest on home- stead properties for individuals who have a household income of less than \$25,000 and meet one of the following criteria:
The rationale for this change is	paid, there will be no additional	 62 years of age or older
that payments from the state rep- resent more than 70 percent of all	school district tax in 2004.	 quadriplegic or paraplegic
school revenue, and the state does	Walled Lake residents whose mortgage company pays their	 eligible service person blind
not begin paying school districts	taxes should let the company	 permatently disabled
until 3.5 months after our fiscal	know effective summer 2004 the	A Senior Deferment Form is
year begins.	mills will be levied 100 percent in	available at each of the municipal
Consequently, many districts	the summer. The residents may	offices.
must frequently borrow funds to	recommend an increase in the	
pay bills. A 100 percent property	monthly escrow payment.	For more information, call the
tax collection in the summer will	Those who pay their taxes	City of Novi Treasurer's Office at
bring revenue in to help pay hills	directly and want to calculate the	(248) 349-9832 or the Walled
without having to borrow money,	summer school tax bill can took at	Lake Consolidated School
which will ultimately mean a sav-	the taxable value from their most	District at (248) 956-2008.

Grace Perry - Publisher 50,000/1,000 X 7.5248 = (248) 349-1700, ext. 120 Summer property tax payments rbe deferred until Feb. 15 witht penalty or interest on home-ad properties for individuals to have a household income of s than \$25,000 and meet one of following criteria: 62 years of age or older quadriplegic or paraplegic eligible service person blind permutently disabled V Senior Deferment Form is itable at each of the municipal Cal Stone - Edito cstone@ht.homecomm.nel (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or more information, call the of Novi Trastaer's Office at 1 349-9832 or the Walled Consolidated School triet at (248) 956-2008. Lisa Tincu - Acct. Exec. ltincu@ht.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700, ext. 118 Pam Fleming - Staff Writer pfleming@ht.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 Kim Kovelle Staff Writer kovelle@ht.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 \sim

Photo by John Heide

the leftlickl stands

the game.

To celebrate, the Tigers and the

Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN) are holding a Bark in the Park Coloring Contest

with a grand prize package that

includes the clance to throw out

the ceremonial first pitch prior to

Entering the coloring context is

simple: fans sumply nick up an offi-

Fore! With thunder booming overhead and lightening in the distance, Don Mills prepares to tee off on the first hole last Thursday afternoon at Novi's West Brooke golf course. Mills was golfing with the Ford Wixom league at the Beck Road facility. Play was slowed that afternoon by a quick shower in the Novi area, but within 20 minutes the skies cleared enough for the games to resume.

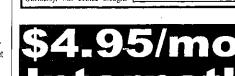
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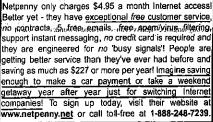


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ning, the other the ending, of a political process. In the case of Senator Kerry's sojourn on the national stage, the process is just starting and we have no idea how later everybody will get 15 minutes it — and he — will turn out. In the case of Bob Teeter, the final returns are in, and our politics

ers, but I couldn't think of a better one to start it all of with than Blair Bowman, the man at the Novi Expo Center I've only known Blair for about six years - in fact, the first time I met him was to do a similar type interview for a business publication worked at - but I do know that s business plays a vital role in this community. Many of you know Blair, or are at least familiar with who he is, but

unless you're really close to him, you probably don't know the things we found out (like the fact ture: 15 Minutes With ... Cal Stone There are so many people in this community worthy of presenting to our read that he likes Barenaked Ladies).

Patrick Downey

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ment sound. I will continue to promote student success and support staff and administration for their committment to student achievement As voters, you have put your trust in me to stand in to take

Julie Abrams

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Conventional education methods During the last campaign, President Bush drew a lat of jeers after he mangled his grummar and asked his famously rheorical, "Is our children learning?" Every educator knows that for all too many children, the answer seems to be "not enough." Earlie this year, one of my classes was tisty was really boon out of hattle- tiety modern this reason tore, thinks she moves this is true- and what's true, thinks she this was really boon out of hattle- this reason the reason thy. "Our whole The marked the reason thy. "Our whole the marked the reason the the reason the marked the reason the the the the reason the the the the the	answer is "a new, more participato- ry form of education that empowers our children to view themselves as h change agents — and active citi- d zens." Forty years ago, something hap- pened that she thinks should be a model on which we can build: The Mississippi "Freedom Schools" n that flourished in the summer of fying terrorist state within the	The program is simple. Any adult who attempts to donate can enter a drawing to win a gas card valued at \$200, a month's workh of gas for many metro drivers. To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good school" bedde- swill civil be the at the as 17 general sold, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good the alth. To locate a convenient blood drive or to make an appoint- ment to donate, call 1-800 GIVE- swill civil be the as the as the asset 18 gour' reach agreement The Wayne County Registrar of beeds, Bernie Youngblood, has meth-	Mile Rd. Completed forms with colored-in caroous can be returned to any PSP store or the MAAN (248) 349-1700, ext. 106	AMERICA'S #1 CHOICE FOR BLINDS & WALLPAPER Save 25%-85% off mestretel slore edices. FREE Shop at Home Service! Stop conveniently in your home - we bring the store to you. Select from a full assortment of blinds, shades, draperies and shutters
field coverage during the Civil War. To illustrate, I showed a brief portion of the Hollywood epic "Gettysburg." A flerwards a college senior asked "which side wore blue and which gray?" Writually every educator, includ- ing those in Ivy League schools, has similar horror stories. Far too rmany of our sudents cannot do simple math problems, distinguish between plurals and possessives, and in one class of 75 university students last fall, four thought AJ Gore was still vice-president of the Unjued States, while two thought	 fying terrorist state within the United States. That was a revolutionary summer in Mississippi, one in which three college students were tortured and murdered for daring to attempt to register black Americans to vote. Mere not killed. I scems a miracle that more people in the scent to bring the communities," said Al Acotols," they performed a minor miracle themselves by getting people hungry for education, enthusia- astic about learning and voting. The world is different today, 	 The big four week sessions. County: and Peggy M. Haines, The big four Registers of Deeds The Detroit Tigers will be husting the team's second annual "Bark in the Park" to benefit the Michigan Annual Adoption Network on July 20 when they take on the Washtenaw County. The move, which impacts about The move, which impacts about The move, which impacts about 	group. Each first place winner will receive as SIOD Pet Supplies "Plus" gift certificate, one year's supply of Pro Plan Dog or Cat Food, four box sen tickers to a Dottoil Tigos, Game, and four tickers to Bark in the Park. The Grand Prize winner will also receive an invitation to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Entry forms for the Bark in the Park Coloring Contest are now available. Deadline for the contest	PLUS FREE MEASURING & INSTALLATION* Calor deulai Call the number below and press 2 for a Shop-At-Home Appointment. Plymouth Showroom is located at 909 North Sheldon Road To receive price quote, place orders or get directions call to life.
Joe Lieberman held the job. Ph.D. in philosophy from Bryn. with energy. (This summer, by the Mawr; moved to Detroit, and mar- And when it comes time for Mawr; moved to Detroit, and mar- way, she turns 89.) She thinks the	Boggs notes. "There is no longer dents can't learn and teachers can't 2561 or by e-mail at jiessenb an African-American community, teach because they are based on ry@homecomm.net.	counties, is an effort to keep pace human companions from a special- with changes in the real estate busi- ly designated "Pcoch Pavilion" in		

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And it's quickly gaming steam, Last year, 9,007 runs were made. As of this May, there already have been 9,762 successful trips. "We are so booked," said Zagaroh, "We are so busy it's unbe-lievable." Still, the scheduling team strives to accommodate as pagar as posi-

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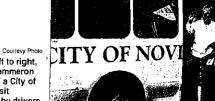
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Pictured from left to right, bus rider Mae Cammeron is helped aboard a City of Novi Senior Transit Program vehicle by drivers Jerry Montes and Thomas Sarge" McLaughlin

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Tyrrell, For instance, there was man

who lost his leg last November. Tyrrell drove him to rehabilitation

driving, 48 hours in advance, between 8 and 11:30 a.m. They are then chauffeured from

Kim Kovelle

lifts; the fourth holds 14 passengers. It's those behind the wheel that It's a slightly overcast morning, yet 83-year-old Catherine LeGarie make the daily difference. "They are wonderful, very com-passionate," said Rachel Zagaroli, City of Novi senior recreation coorwaits with a pleasant smile in the lobby of the City of Novi Senior dinator, of the eight part-time driv-Center. ers. "They become their friends, their family." Dan Tyrrell has been a driver for

"I'm going to the dentist," she explains. In fact, she'll be complet-ing the final stages of a root canal in about an hour. bout an hour. more than two years. He's been at So, why the smile? Simple: She's work since 7:30 a.m., and readily arateful she has a way to get there. After her husband died tast November, LeGarie has relied on the City of Novi Senior Transit Program to get to her destinations "I would be stuck without it," she said. "It's always on time. No stand-

ing on the street corner with rainrunning down your neck, Just per-Whether to the dentist, doctor,

"He's now driving himself," Tyrrell proudly reported. Armaning a pick-up is easy. First, passengers contact one of hairdresser or grocery store, the service transports Novi residents three schedulers, who also help with aged 55 and older- – or younger people with physical challenges – to any locale within city limits. If it's a medical run, the perimeters expand their front doors starting at 8:30 a.m. in a 10-mile radiu

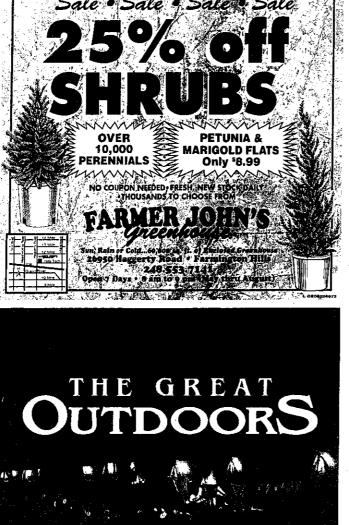
every weekday. Or, if they live on-site at the City of Novi Meadowbrook Commons like at (248) 349-1700, cut. 107 or vat The seven-vehicle fleet includes three former police cars, and four passengers buses that were donated LeGarie, waiting in the lobby will kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net. new from Providence Hospital. do

• Sanrio (Hello Kitty) • Brio • Playmobil • Klutz • Erector • Ty •









Law may demand doctors The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center fo

improve their penmanship Kim Kovelle Providence Hospital in Novi has begun to address this issue by using the Computer Physician Order signed his name incorrectly or illeg-STAFF WRITER Those receiving written prescrip-Entry, an electronic method tions from their doctors may soon get another healthy benefit clear handwriting. Taking seriously a subject that is "Doctors sometimes have a unique handwriting, and it's some-times difficult for the pharmacist to often fodder for jokes, the Michigan House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly (95-10) on June 2 to pass House Bill 5549. If approved by the Senate, it will require handwriten prescriptions to be legibly printed in a type not smaller than 10 point (about the size of this text), written with ink or an indelible pencil, and signed by The prescriber, It also gives the green light for sending hardwritten prescriptions (action) and a sender of the prescription electronically, by e-mail, fax or oth-erwise. Local phirmacists underscored the woes of faulty nermanshin. the woes of faulty penmanship. "Prescriptions are horrible to read," said Heather Meharg, phar-macy manager at the Novi Drug CO. "I think a big portion of them are poorly written. After years of experience, Merhang is often able to decipher the scrawling. Still, a daily average

of five to 10 written prescriptions

exercise because it

increases your heart rate

by working body mus-cles. Like all aerobic

exercise, laughter helps strengthen the heart and hungs, increasing their

ility to use oxygen. E. Harwell Numerous studies

require a call-back

which outnumber typed forms -

sound or look similar, the bill could interpret," said Bruce Kaplan, doc- potentially save lives. tor of osteopathy and past president of the hospital's medical staff. "The medical industry really has to make "A few letters can make all the world of difference," said Northville Pharmacy owner Wanda Hammoud. "There's a list of drugs the turn to have electronic records." But he isn't sure how effective that are sound-like that have caused law-mandated legibility would be. "I'm not sure the methodology is correct," Kaplan said. "What is legan array of confusion. "You can quickly hurt somebody badly. It's almost like playing ible handwriting? This would be Russian roulette," Doseage and strength also can be deadly if misread. The bill has been reported to the nothing more than a stop-gap measwhich could instate fines up to \$10,000, depending on the degree of harm done. "There's really no problem if the

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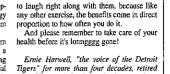
Senate Health Policy Committee, where it ventually will be dis-cussed and opened to testimony, "I think it is probably a reason-able law," said Sen, Nancy Cassis, Zantac and Zyrtec *Information is for compara live purposes only, and not R-Novi. "You want assurance that what the pharmacist is reading is clear and accurate. I want to hear all meant to be comprehensive. Contact a physician for com-There's rearry ino provient it ure pharmacist can read it," said Gatiney, "I would suggest the linst time, a warning. The purpose is not to punish doctors but to change their behavior." *Kim Kovelle is the Novi News* piete details the information. Typically, it's a bill Additional Sources: U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention. Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for nc., and Medline Plus (U.S. their behavior." the Novi News. She can be Voting in favor of the bill, State Rep. Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, actu-ally had a personal experience with *kkovelle@ht.homeconum.net.* lational Library of Medicine/National Institutes of Rep. Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, actu-Health)

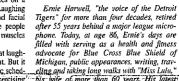
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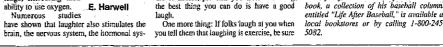
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Laughter: Exercise that puts a smile on your face tem and the muscular system; all while help-ing to reduce bload pressure and allergy symptoms, strengthening the immune system and reducing stress. A few minutes of hearty laugher can burn bleiter expelsion to real with them, because like any other exercise, the benefits come in direct proportion to how other you do it. And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone! By Ernie Harwell Laughter has long been called "the best medicine." So I've always thought it ironic that it's also regarded as "contagious." But have you ever thought of laughter as exercise? In fact, laughter is aerobic

calories equivalent to several minutes on a rowing machine or exercise bike. Laughing gives the diaphragm, addominal and facial muscles a complete workout. Some people even include their back, leg, and arm muscles Now, I'm sure this doesn't mean that laugh ing can take the place of working out. But it *Michigan, public appearances, writing, trav*







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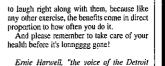
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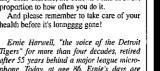
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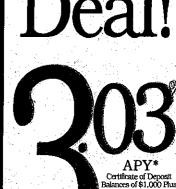
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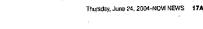






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Physician program launched

To ease the process by which Michigan physicians present their credentials to participate in health

care plans and networks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and

Blue Care Network have joined with the Council for Affordable

Quality Healthcare to launch a new

online enrollment, credentialing

and recredentialing system. The service has already been adopted by more than 92,000

DataSource was developed by CAQH, a nonprofit alliance of the

nation's leading health plans and

networks, to help physicians more easily and cost-effectively provide required enrollment, credentialing

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M-CARE launches new site

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mation on M-CARE's plans, including its new PPO, as well as its HMO, Point of Service, M-

CAID, M-CARE Secure, and

GradCare products. It also allows members to view customized information about their plans. The

site features tools that allow mem-

bers to securely change a primary care physician, address, and order a new identification card. It also

includes the latest plan descrip-

tions and enrollment procedures for employers, updated clinical practice guidelines for providers, plan designs and underwriting

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Future enhancements for the site

nclude online referrals and author-

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HEALTH

Drug Evaluation and Research

recently reported that 770,000

patients are injured or die ever

year because of medication

errors. In February, the FDA issued a requirement that bar

codes be used for clarity on

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Buresh invited to show in D.C.

By Lori Taylor SPECIAL WRITER

In many cases life inspires art, In the case of local artist Judy Buresh, art has inspired life. Buresh is a cancer survivor, as well as the ceramics artist in resi-dence for Providence Center for the limit art in Mark art in North the Healing Arts in Novi.

As a cancer survivor, artist and teacher, Buresh was chosen to par-ticipate in the 2004 International VSA arts Festival and Education Conference. Her work was select-ed by an international jury for inclusion in the Festival June 9-12 in Washington, D.C. After her cancer diagnosis

Buresh says, "My world shifted on the axis of cancer, I have used art to regain my state

She am

and a bowl



J. Buresh identity beyond can-cer. Under the physical scars lie a psyche struggling to come to terms with disease and life. Since my diagnosis my artwork has become more daring, more per-sonal and poignant, and less veiled

The VSA arts Education Conference is the only interna-tional conference that brings ogether art, education and disabiltogether art, education and dispor-ity. Cutting-edge visual and per-forming art from around the world were showcased at prestigious venues throughout Washington, D.C. Participants had the opportu-nity to witness creativity in progress, participate in an infusion of cultures, and learn about innoof cultures, and learn about inno-

vations in arts education for students with disabilities. The International VSA arts Festival is a four-day extravagánza

ed from an international pool of candidates. Two of her works Ceramic Bowl and Large Bali Jar held every five years at select cities around the globe. President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush served us the Honorary will be showcased at the Washburn Gattery and Union station until June 30, 2004. The works feature a unique China Red Chairs of the 2004 Festival. glaze developed by Buresh, who is Statistic states and

Fighting cancer with creativity

Providence Center for the Healing Arts, located in the Assarian Cancer Center, provides a variety of progrants that promote emotional, mental, and spirilual well-being for cancer patients and their families well as the public. Ceramics classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, contact Lori Taylor at (248):465-5455 or e-mail her at

one of two ceramics artists select-

Top, Judy Buresh begins work on one of her clav

Buresh attended the Festival as a master glaze chemist

"Glaze chemistry is my pas

sion," Buresh said. "I love to

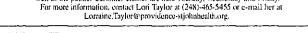
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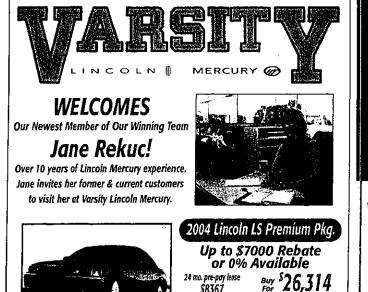
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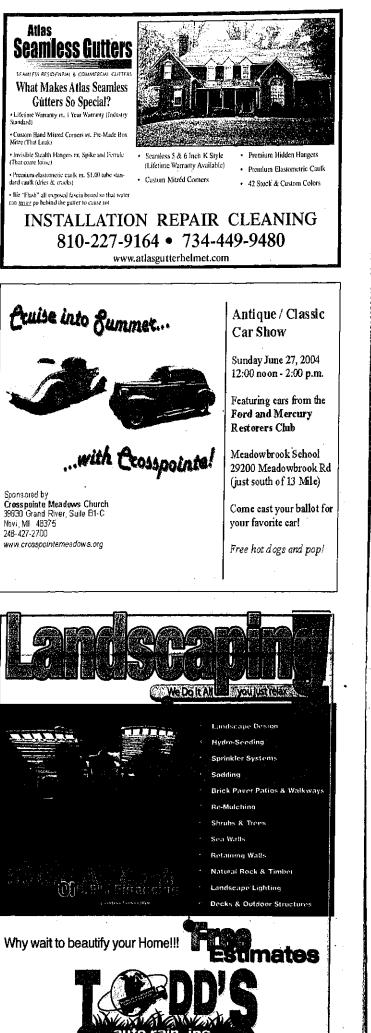
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pieces. Below, two examples of her fine work, a vase





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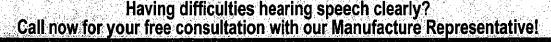
Pam Cummings is the Factory Representative that will be at University Audiology Hearing Services in Brighton this week. This special sales event will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 7799 Conference Center Drive, due to space requirements. (Exit 145, Grand River off of I-96)

Pam is a licensed Specialist from the state of Virginia. She now travels the country as a factory representative, sponsoring special events for those that are experiencing hearing difficulties. Her vast experience and knowledge, as well as her genuine understanding and caring

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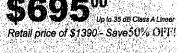
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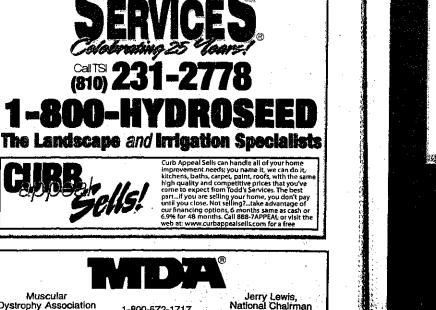
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Preplanned funerals ease burden on survivors

If you ever have had to arrange a funeral, you know the great amount of planning involved, from deciding flowers and the number of funeral vehicles to the punctuation on the headstone. The details can be over-

whetming for a grieving family, According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), using a funeral home because it's served your family before is not necessarily a wise choice. Since costs of services can vary greatly among funeral homes, the FTC recommends shopping by telephone or in person for the best services at the most reasonable

A traditional funeral, which includes a viewing or visitation, a formal funeral service, a hearse to transport the body to a funeral site and burial costs about \$6,000. Add obituary notices, flowers, acknowledgement cards and limousines and the cost can surge above \$10,000. A cremation can cost as little as \$1,000 or about \$3,000 if it includes a memorial service and burial, Add flowers and extras, and the price can be as expensive as an average funer-

Preplanning

Start by contacting some funeral establishments in your area about the kind of services that are available and how much they cost. According to the FTC's Paneral Rule — a federal law designed to protect the consumers — if you visit a funeral home in person, it's a ninetal none in person, it's required by law to give you a gener-al price list of the products and serv-ices it offers. If this list doesn't include specific prices for items that vary in cost, caskets for example, then the home is required to show you the prices before it shows you the caskets.

If you feel uneasy about lalking to someone face-to-face, contact the home by telephone. By faw they are required to provide pricing to anyone who asks for it. (You can print a of the Funeral Rule at v.ftc.gov.) сору

Put your preferences in writing. (Keep in mind prices increase and funeral homes go out of business or change owners.) Give copies of your preferences to your attorney and keep a copy in a place accessi-ble to your family. Don't specify your wishes in your will because a will is often read after the funeral. Also, refrain from placing your only copy in your safe deposit box, which is inaccessible on weekends and holidays.

Prepaying

If after conducting research you want to prepay some or all of your funeral arrangements, you can do so in a variety of ways. One way is to buy what's called burial insurance or "preneed" insurance from your funeral home. Before signing the papers, if the funeral director can't provide price guarantees, get in writing how much the policy will be worth in two, five and 10 years. Find out what happens if you cancel the policy or move out of state, and what your recourse is if the mortuary closes or goes out of business or the cemetery runs out of burial space. The policy should spell out all the goods and services you want the insurance to cover, as well as

contingencies. Other ways to prepay funeral services, as suggested by the California Consumer Affairs



Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My Handyman, hires professional workers with years of experience to get the job done right. He also requires employee drug testing and often hires pros with 15 to 20 years of experience.

Handyman solves problems

By Annette Jaworski CIAL WRITER

Now that the warm weather is finally here, it's the perfect time to throw open the windows and tackle some of those indoor maintenance projects. Maybe you've put off those home repairs, or you've been thinking what calificat these wells. Now about painting those walls, Now you can get to the bottom of your to-do list without breaking a sweat, with one call to My Handyman. This summer, sit back and relax while they take care of all those time-consuming tasks.

And painting too!

To compliment their services, My Handyman now has added

My Handyman now has added indoor painting to their list of repair and maintenance skills. "It's really taken off, mainly it was by customers' request. We've had enough people asking about it," said Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My Handyman. It made perfect sense for them in include pariting in their rener-

to include painting in their reper-toire, since they're capable of handling all those other miscellaneous tasks that somehow seem to crop up. They can complete the job from start to finish, because they can repair that dry-wall or fix the crown moulding at the same time.

Jack of all trades

ndyman provides a

said Benson When Benson opened his

when Benson opened his business three years ago, he real-ized that many people lacked the skills or time to perform most of the everyday tasks needed to maintain their home.

Benson notes that customers have commented there's a true cuphoria when their phone call is answered promptly and techni-cians do exactly what they need them to do, and more. It's why their motto is "On time, done right

My Handyman provides a per-fect way for working families to keep up with time-consuming or frustrating chores. When left unattended, those problems unattended, those problems don't go away, they only grow more burdensome in size and cost

"Most of my customers are working couples, who have to get the kids to ballet and soccer. They just don't have the time," he pointed out,

ofessionals only Benson also realized that frequently the handyman trade lacked a level of professional-ism. He decided to change that with the opening of his business. He's careful in selecting and coordinating employees with the appropriate talent and skills. "We hire a lot of guys with 15

We hire a lot or guys some to 20 years of professional expe-rience. We screen them and a drug test," he rience. We screen them require a drug test," explained.

HOME MAINTENANCE LIST

Taking care of a home takes continuous maintenance, have you remembered these spring chores? Gutter and downspout cleaning and repair

Inspect exterior caulking Power washing exterior surfaces that need cleaning Repair drippy faucets Repair siding

Brick and tile work install screens for windows and screen doors Fix door jams, hinges Fence repair

Wood repair Painting exterior doors Install locks and deadbolts

ent than the guy with the station wagon and a ladder," he added. Benson believes in the simple

courtesies of cleaning up after jobs as well, Most people are so, happy with the results and relieved that their problems are solved, they wonder why they've waited so long. Michael Brueger of Mercedes

Benz in Ann Arbor was impressed at the level of profes-sionalism he experienced when using My Handyman. He admits, that he doesn't have the time or skills for those projects, for example, some finish carpentry work they completed in his home. It's a relief to have some-



Mike Morton was named as a national finalist for Mr. Handyman of The Year. It's a prestigious honor for the local franchise that Morton was in the top 1 percent of all technicians nationally; judged on customer satisfaction, prompt arrival and experience.

lock up and they're gone," said of year, they can tackle those warm weather tasks like installing screens on windows Benson is proud to note that and doors as well as make sure

those gutters are clean. My Handyman can handle repairs for homeowners and commercial businesses in west-ern Wayne, Livingston, Washtenaw and Oakland County.

Department (CCCA), include:

 Preneed Trust Contracts Choose the services you want, sign a contract that spells out the specifics of those services, and then pay a set amount into the trust administered by the funeral home. The CCCA recommends asking for a guaranteed price plan, finding out if the money in the trust increases in value over time, and learning when money is being invested. Find out if you have to pay the whole amount of the service and burial into the trust at one time or if you make payments. And ask if funeral arrangements can be trans ferred to another, establishment in the event you move out of the state.

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Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League.

one-stop shop where customers can get five different trades with just one visit. No need to call several tradesmen.

"In one visit we can do multiple tasks, such as fix drywall, minor plumbing or electrical, put up those shelves and clean the

For an added sense of security, My Handyman employees wear uniforms and drive a company truck. They're also geographically located throughout many local communities, and are often residents of the local neighborhood, "We're different. We're differ-

one with the proper skills that judged on customer satisfaction, can be trusted

got professional help "He' that takes care of all the things need them to do. They're the kind of people you can let in your home, you know when they're done, they'll clean up,

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one, of their technicians was a national finalist for Mr. Handyman of The Year, Mike

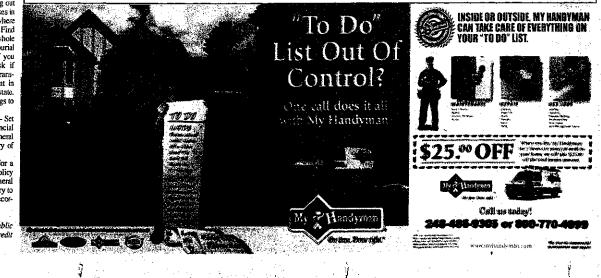
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Morton was in the top 1 percent of all technicians nationally;

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The Mr. Handyman franchise was also recently featured on a segment of the Oprah show. Benson notes they do more than repairs; think of them for routine chores. In fact, this time

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when it comes to your finances. - Page 6B

Time to focus on other topics

It amazes me what people get upset about in this day in age. The newest uproar? The recent signing of the bill that would allow

Mourning Doves to be hunted. We're talking about people get-ting all fired up because some coun-ties in the lower peninsula (not even all of them) are going to get to hunt a bird that was, until recently, classi-fied as a song bird. This bill doesn't cover all of the

counties in this part of the state, let alone the entire state, and yet people are already crying out about the extinction of this species.

What is a person supposed to say to that? My answer: Gimme a break. I grew up hunting animals, birds and a few other things. I still do it to this day. I also fish. I have a keen interest in trapping to harvest furs. Yet, in all of the things I've done, will do, have an interest in and fol-low, none of

them have managed to wipe and entire species out of Michigan in my lifetime. This bill will allow hunters to thin the



Sam Eggleston

also bring an estimated \$87 million to Michigan's economy. With the bill being signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm, with major sup-port from sportsmen, Michigan became the 41st state to establish a

dove hunting season. Let's look at this from a different angle. The majority of the com-plaints I've heard (except those relating to adjectives as soft, fully, pitiful-looking, harmtess, loving doves) are aimed towards the possi-ble extinction of the birds because of the possibility of a high bag limit. For those who don't hunt, a bag limit is the amount of a species one hunter can get during a season or on one given day.

I know through the years I've hunted a variety of critters. Besides the ones that you're only allowed to take one of during a season, I've never filled my bag limit on a single day. Maybe I'm a bad hunter, or maybe I'm not, but I'm guessing the majority of those clad in blaze radionly of under chain in black orange and carrying shotguns and rifles are in the same boat as 1 am. Filling a bag limit isn't what we're after. We go out trying to fill our freezers with meat to feed our fami-

Here's the part of the conversation where a lot of folks just grant and say I can fill my freezer with meat I buy at the grocery store. Yup, I'm well aware of that I'm also well aware of how they kill those animals, and I have to say that it makes rne even in more favor of hunting. I also know how much that meat costs. Let's see, \$4.50 for a cheap steak or \$35.00 in hunting expenses that will feed me for two-straight months. The cost difference is about six meals at the store compared to 60 meals when I take a hunting trip.

Not all hunts are nearly that successful either. Eve been out and was n't even able to catch a glimpse of the hunted let alone bag it. I've also been out where I've spent double my above-mentioned price and only had enough meat for two or three meals. Expensive? Yes, at times. For the most part, with what I hunt, the cost-to-meat ratio is well worth it

Which brings me back to the doves, actually. Have you ever seen one of these things? They don't have them cat of to ma

SPORTS & MORE NOVI NEWS Thursday, June 24, 2004 CHAMPIONS Novi's neighbors prove to be the best

By Matt Simich and Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITE

The overall consensus is the harder a person works, the more it pays off in the end. As of last Saturday, the Northville Mustangs girls' soccer team can attest to that as they won the state championship in Division I

play. While their fellow students were lounging back, enjoying the sunshine, the lack of homework and the three months of summer, the Mastangs were out each and every day working to become the best team in the state. It was a goal that was final-ly reached when they topped the Grand Blanc Bobcats, 3-1, in the

we were a little jittery in the beginning about coming to the state finals," senior Loren Tacconelli said. "But once we realized we could pass around this team, we started doing it." The jitters were very apparent

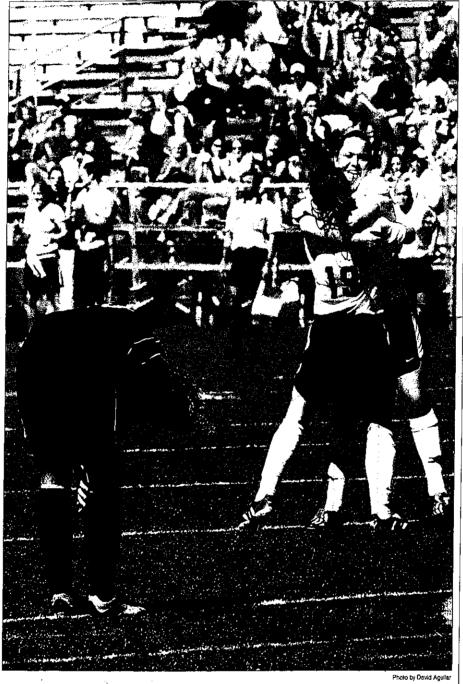
in the opening minutes of the contest. Though the Mustangs had topped a tough Brighton Bulldogs soccer club. 2-1, just three days prior, they seemed as though they were tentative with though they were tentative with their play. As the clock contin-ued to tick, the Northville girls settled into their game and began to push themselves to find the cracks in Graud Blane's defense.

Northville had the first chance for a score as Danielle Toney brought the ball in against the Bobcat defense, worked it toward the goal and fired it in A heads-up defender stepped in its path, kicking the ball free and putting the Bohcats on the offensive

Grand Blane did some testing of their own, pressuring the solid Northville defensive corps and looking for an open shot. Grand Blanc found an opportunity and tried to take advantage of it as a hard kick sailed over Mustang goalie Katie Weicksel's head. just grazing the fingers of her outstretched hands. Fellow Mustang Lindsay Hill responded in turn, coming in hard and slid-ing in front of the unobstructed ball to make the save. Grand Blanc recovered the ball and shot again, this time being stonewalled by Weicksel. A third attempt in the same flurry of action found Northville's Deanne Kubas finally clearing the ball

The offensive pressure put on by the Bobcats came from a strategy that took the Mustangs a by few moments to discover.

"Originally, they had two for-wards up top but then they changed to three and that gave us a little trouble," midfielder Tessa said. "But ured it out, we played back a lit-tle more and handled it well." Once the strategy was discovcred, the Mustangs began to take over control of possession as they slowed the Bobcat offensive to a crawl through the remainder of the first half. The midfielders made it easy on the defense, keeping the ball in the Grand Blanc zone through the majority of the half's remainder, a strategy that paid off as Toncy took a ss from Lauren Hill and fired it home for the first goal of the game at 12:02 and the 1-0 lead. Coming onto the field to begin the second half, the Mustangs had a renewed spring in their step. Their eyes were wide with excitement and determination and they turned their attention to the Grand Blanc Bobcats. It was clear that they, too, were ready to finish the game off with some impressive play. In the opening minutes of the alf, both squads had their half, both squads had their chances to score, but it was Northville that tacked a second nail in the coffin with at the 27:55 mark, Tacconelli set up a play with an incredibly throw-in from about 25 yards. The ball



The Northville Mustangs begin to celebrate as a Grand Blanc player feels the weight of the loss in the state championship game suddenly falling on her shoulders.

overabundant population of Mourning Doves; it will

Whitney bounced before Guenced before whitney Guencher dribbled it and passed it forward to Jen Kritch. Kritch followed her instincts as she turned just outside the box and fired a long shot that slid past the Bobcat goalie and into the back of the net for the 2-1 advantage.

Just minutes later, Lauren Hill scored on a redirection with 19 minutes remaining in the game. Guenther, who had taken the first shot on goal before having the ball redirected, was awarded her second assist of the day as the Mustangs took a commanding 3-0 lead.

The dark clouds were on the horizon, but Grand Blanc was determined to weather the storm. With just three minutes left in the game, the Bobcats put on their final show of the season. Grand Blanc's Jill Kehler put up her team's only goal with a perfeetly-placed free kick that cut the lead to 3-1. That would be all of the fight that would prove to be left in the state runner-ups, who ended their season with a 22-4 mark.

As the clock's seconds ticked away, the Northville bench began counting them down,

chanting out each number before exploding into a fury of cheers and screams.

For the first time since 1984. the Northville Mustangs were state champions

"There isn't really a feeling quite like this, to know that you're number one in the state." Northville coach Ron Meteyer said. "There is always the fear that you're going to choke at the last minute or stumble at the last gate, but the kids kept their com-posure, kept their smarts and played smart ball."

And brought home a state title And brought home a state title in what will prove to be the last time many of them will play organized soccer. The Mustangs graduated 10 seniors this year, three of which will play soccer at the collegiate level. Learen Hill will be taking on the top players in the country at the Division 1 level as she plays for the level as she plays for the University of Maine next season while Tacconelli will play for Madonna and Kubas will wal walk on at Michigan State. Northville, which ended their

year with an 18-2-2 record, will have some huge gaps to fill come next spring, but that's the last

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THE BREAKDOWN

it was a game that the Northville Mustangs soccer team was prepared to win. They knew what their weapons were, deployed them and earned a huge victory over Grand Blanc, 3-1, for their first-ever Division I state championship.

Northville wasn't as dominating in the rest of the statistics as they were in the score. Instead, the numbers show the game to be exactly what one would expect from two squads as powerful as these: A hard-fought one.

Scoring summary:

1. Northville: Danielle Toney (1st half; 27:58); Assist from Lauren Hill.

2. Northville: Jenn Kritch (2nd half; 52:04); unassisted

3. Northville: Lauren Hill (2nd half: 67:11); Assist from Whitney Guenther.

4. Grand Blanc: Jill Kehler (2nd half; 76:56); unassisted.

Statistics:		
	Northville	Grand Blanc
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Shots on goal:	6	7	
Saves:	2	4	
Fouls:	6	4	
Corner Kicks	2	2	

Tomorrow, they are Mustangs looking to reload their team, but for today they are Mustangs who thing on their minds. Instead, they're busy reminiscing about the moments of a game that will are state champions. stick in their minds forever.

meal out of a single bird. You'd have to get 10 just to feed a family and that alone is going to deter many hunters from even going out and bothering with them

bothering with them. In my opinion, not only is open-ing up this season a fine-and-dandy thing to do, I think it's hardly going to change the population of the to change the population of the doves in this state. The hunting will be done in select counties, by extremely avid hunters and during very precise times of the year. Look at any of the other birds or animals that are hunted in Michigan each year. Not only do the populations still thrive, but they're far from being extinct.

The doves are safe from me, that's for sure. In fact, while on vacation I've been able to speak to numerous hunters and each and every one of them just shake their heads when asked if they'll be hunting doves any time soon. They seem to think along the same lines I do: There's no point if we can't feed our families.

Good luck to those going out to hunt the doves when the seasons open. To those opposed to this season: Your complaints were heard and noted, but the bill passed. It's time to move on and focus your energies on other things.

28 NOVI NEWS-Thursday, June 2005 PARALELIERAR 2005 PARALELIERAR Wildcats get two nods HomeTown Newspapers 2004 All-Area Girls Track Dream Team

Lisa Canty Milford Senior

• Regional champion in 1,600run with time of 5:12.5 and in the 3,200-run with time of 11:30.6 • KVC champion • At State meet placed second in

3,200-run with time of 10:52.15 At Oakland County meet placed second in 1.600-run with time of 5.07.7 "I anticipated that Lisa would

have an outstanding season." getting points for us. Mavericks head Brian said. ouch Player of Salvers

"She was very willing to do the Year everything nec-essary in the offseason, even more so than she had been in the past. She was also willing to make sacrifices. She took it on herself to say Tye had an amazing cross country career, but I haven't realized my potential on the track.' She never necessarily established what her goal was, but she wanted to have the type of track season that represents the type of cross country season that she had - - that being third in the state and running low 18s. So we took to it being a little more precise with some things, and providing a little more challenge. And she - long jump with mark of 17-3 3/4ponded in each and every way, at preparation and hard work was part of her success,

The other side of it was taking that maturity and that racing savyythat she's honed so well in cross country, and bringing it over to the track --- racing with patience. That breakthrough race down in Dayton - jurnp all year until the State meet." (OIL) was phenomenal. To be able Lions, head, coach. Sonita, Harris to run even splits of 5:34 - that said, "And that's a pretty impressive type of composure is unprecedented at the high school level "She was able to do that, and then she was also able to go toe-to-toe and shoulder-to-shoulder with (Brighton star) Susie Rivard who has superior loot speed - and just out-tough her down the home-stretch to beat her. And that shows that Lisa'a not one-dimensional. she's not just a pace ronner. She can-To go to the State finals and to

to know you're going to win an event, and we knew that with pretty be in that race, she ran as well as a nuch any event Sam was in? she could, she ran an unbelievable (personal record). She put herself in position to take a shot, and she fin-Jackie Yurkunas South Lyon shed State runner-up. That's our first All-State track and field athlete Senior on the girls' side since 1990. And when you're competing at that level, you're doing some things · Qualified for State meet in dis- Clis
 At Oakland County meet placed
 South south of FIS-The whole season is almost second in discus with mark of 118fairy tale in a sense. She just had so many opportunities to do some • At Regional meet placed sec-

ond in discus with mark of 115-9 things well, and in each and every- At Kensington Valley occasion she just shined. Conference meet placed second in discus with nark of 110-11 "Jackie had a good season," Lions head coach Sonita Harris **Field Events**

Jenn Mehl Senior Novi + Third in the state in the pole Regional champio • AIĒK VC · School-record holder at 11-feet-3-inches

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right.

and an asset to this team. said. She always and that helps the entire team Mehl every time we

State qualifier in the 800 opencompete. Individually, Jenn is able and in the d-hy-800 relay to compete with the best pole vaulters in the state. She is solid every meet and looks to improve. It was a pleasure to see her finally break the school record this year. That's going to be a hard mark to

has been one of the MVPs of our 's the best thrower we've team for each season," Northville ceach Nancy Smith said, "In her four years running track, she has participated in the state finals meet in each of them as well, Her fresh-men was down in the 400 and one ever had at Lakeland High School," Eagles head coach John Kababik said. "She has all the indoor and outdoor school records in the shot put and discus. Her throw of 38 feet, 6-1/2 inches this year eclipsed man year, she ran in the 400 and ran her best of last year at 37-4, and was good enough to make her Oakland County champion in the shot pat, it again her sonhomore year alon with the 800. Last year, she ran the 800 and took second and also ran in the 4-by-800 relay. This year, she She scored very high in all the meets she was in, both in the shot qualified for both again but only ran put and the discus. She was just like intoney in the bank every time we'd go into a dual meet, as far as her the relay due to a conflict with graduation. Devon is extremely dedicated to track and field. Each time she goes out to compete, she Kristins not a very big person, and pound for pound, she's proba-bly the best shot putter in the state, Because many of the girls who looks to improve her times. She never thought she is as good as she really is. Next year, she's going to continue on at Cornell. I'm sure

she'll have an amazing career

minute (3.200-meter run) girl. But

we finally convinced her that she could go faster than that. Each time she would run a little bit faster we

would revealership goins and and was very focused in that. The big race for her was when she went from being a 5:30 miler, to running

5:22 against Pinckney. That was a

huge confidence booster. Then she went from being an 11:58 in the 3,200, to 11:44, 11:42 and, all of a

that's attributed to perseverance."

· At Regional meet placed third

sudden in the county meet, she ran charn [11:29. She went out on top, and of 5-3

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very quick, and that's her secret. Liz Hrivnak Sophomore Northville

there.

throw farther than her, outweigh her

by 30-40- or 50 nounds. She's just

said. "And that's a pretty impressive

thing, because usually long jumpers have a bad day here or there. She

was very consistent, and she hadn't

always been, so that was a major thing that really helped push her to

"I think she's benefited most by

just getting stronger every year. She's the second fastest girl ever in

the school, and the other one was

- Kiersten (Isgrigg). It's always nice

said, "She only lost one dual meet

(Lakeland). She certainly scored an awful lot of points for someone who is just a thrower, and that was

"She's actually an excellent bowler, and for some reason that has played into how she releases the

discus, which in that event is key,

She never really had a problem with

most people years to get that cor-

DISTANCE EVENTS

Devon Rupley

Senior

Northville

important in a lot of our victories.

Samantha Smith

South Lyon

Senior

seconds

the top.

• State qualifier in the 800 and in as a 5:30 (1,600-meter run). 12- Oualified for State meet in long the 4-by-800 relay jump and 100-meter hurdles • Regional champion in long jump with mark of 17-4-1/4 Took 12th in the state in the 800. Took Learnin the state in the door
 All-Western Division in the 800
 This was Liz's first year running Kensington Valley Conference track and she actually started the champion in long jump with school-record mark of 17-9 season four-weeks late," Northvillecoach Nancy Smith said. "When she came out, she brought a work • At State meet placed second in ethic that has been irreplacable on • At Regional meet placed third our team. She is extremely dedicated, as was shown with how much she worked this year and how much in 100-hurdles with time of 15.3 • At KVC meet placed fourth in she succeeded. She was seeded 100-hurdles with time of 15.4 sec-24th in the 800 at the state meet and onds and placed third in 100-meter dash with time of 13 seconds "Sam didn't lose in the long took 12th in 2:19. Next year, she'll be stepping up to fill Devon Rupley's shoes and she will be a

1,600-meter run

Carlie Green great asset for us. Milford **Mallory** Farnum Freshman Milford • Qualified for State meet in 800meter nur Junior Qualified for State meet in 600-meter run
 Ar regrotum meet placed and of 2:19.8
 At KVC meet placed fourth in

At Regional meet placed third = 400-meter dash with time of 1:02

in 1.600-run with time of 5:14.3 • At Kensington Valley Conference meet placed fourth in • At Kensington Valley Conference meet placed fourth in 3.200-meter run with time of Brian Salyers said, "We saw a 11:48,4 and placed fifth in 1,600 glimpse of it in the fall and, as this about somebody with the physical meter run with time of 5:21.8 "Mallory blew us away this year," Mavericks head coach Brian generation of the state of t Salvers said. "She epitomizes our before the season, during the season was. There's a young superstartialand after the season --- that it's a -- ent "Her tenacity in a race and her year-long commitment --- and that you make your best effort in help-ing others contribute as well. And that's exactly what she did. And as that was executed, she just contin- fast, but that just shows her boldued to run faster. "At the State meet, we led her off in the 4xk and she was dead last 300 meters into the race. Yet she doubt about it." still handed off (the baton) in third. She went out 68 (seconds) and came back in 71 to run 2; 19,9. How does a girl who is in dead last at 300 Cara Dukes SPRINT EVENTS meters not freak out? She calmly and coolly went from being in 16th Milford place to third place in the next SOO Sophomore meters. We've only had a couple · Qualified for State meet in 100girls in school history run under 2:20, and now; all of a sudden, she's meter dash · At KVC meet placed second in one of those girls. 100-dash with time of 12.9 seconds
At Regional meet placed second in 100-dash with time of 13.1 Kristin Granroth her release, and asually it takes Milford econds Senior

"Cara was one of our most improved sprinters this year," Mavericks head coach Brian · Qualified for State meet in Salyers said. "From a technical standpoint, she worked hard to refine her sprint form and her tech-nique. Combine that with a growing · At Regional meet placed third in 3,200-run with time of 11:39.1 At Kensington Valley Conference meet placed third in maturity and desire to compete at 3,200-run with time of 11:47.7 and placed fifth in 1,600-meter run with an elite level, and you watched her blossom this year. "She went from being a girl that

ne of 5:19.7 "She went from being a girl that on the track when she's running — est jumps of anybody on our team "Kristin is a great example of a people kind of saw doing some she doesn't hold back. She could be (five feet). She led the team in and in the 4-by-stUrclay "Kristin is a great example of a people kind of saw doing some school-record holder in the 800 some senior that continued to work hard things, to being a State qualifier in pretty fun to watch at college (U of the senior that continued to work hard and in the mile "WLAA in the 800 and the mile "Over the past four years, Devon "Over the past four years, Devon "Stream to a lengue championship and triving force was to qualify for the senior that control the 100 (dash) at the county same (Smith) are just great kids.



They're great role models when meet. So you really saw her grow into an elite sprinter and it wasn't by happenstance, it was by her working on her craft." comes to being an athlete, and hav ing a personality, and being a good 1. And those are the things that we'll miss more than anything their good leadership. Whitney Fuelling

would re-establish goals and she Milford Amber Pearsall Milford + Qualified for State meet in 200-Sephomore meter dash Regional champion in 200-dash Kensington Valley Conference with time of 27 seconds Kensington Valley Conference champion in high jump with mark of 5-3 •At KVC meet placed second in in 100-dash with time of 13.1 sec-200-dash with time of 26.8 seconds onds and placed third in high jump and placed third in long jump with mark of 16-4 with mark of 5 feet · At KVC meet placed third in 200-meter dash with time of 27 sec- At Oakland County meet field for third in high jump with mark of onds and placed third in high jump with mark of 5 feet "We created a new award this "Amber first and foremost is competitor," Mavericks head coach year at our postseason banquet," Mavericks head coach Brian Brian Salvers said. "She hates to Salyers said, "We called it the Miss. Milford Track and Field Award, and we gave it to Whitney, because lose; she likes the challenge of com-petition; and she goes tooth and nail right to the wire. "Carlie has been one of the most there is no ordinary title to define "Our sprint core is really set up around her. She was part of the record-breaking 4x1 team and she's the fastest leg in our state-medalling 4x2 taum Sha is upwailing the what she has accomplished during her career at Milford High School. "With Whitney, you're talking 4x2 team. She is versatile --- she can long jump, she can high jump, and she produced in those events whenever asked to do so. She promiddle of the season, you no longer her teammates. She has zero ego. duced all year long for us." with the tools to be a superstar indi-Katie Thomas "As a team, we've had quite a run Lakelant Senior · Qualified for State meet in 100-

way she handles herself before, durand 300-meter hurdles At Oakland County meet placed ness. But she didn't fold up shop, fall over, or jog in. She fought it to the end. She's inspiring, there's no about things that really empowers second in 100-hurdles with time of 14.7 seconds and placed second in 300-hurdles with time of 46.4 secour team to take that same attitude onds At Kensington Valley Kiersten (sgrigg Conference meet placed second in 100-hurdles with time of 15 seconds and placed third in 300-hur-

dles with time of 47.7 seconds Qualified for State meet in 100-and 300-meter Murdles
 Kensington Valley Conference • At Regional meet placed fourth in 100-hurdles with time of 15.5 seconds champion in 100-nutrue. of 14.7 seconds At Regional meet placed sec-ond in 100-hurdles with time of 1 5.2 seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 sec-4. Seconds and placed third in 300-hurdles with time of 45.7 seconds and placed third in 4. Seconds and placed third in 4. Seconds and placed third in 5. Seco year at 14.6 seconds. And, in her last race of high school, she set a personal best for herself at the State and 300-meter hurdles, and 400and 800-meter relays "Kiersten's career has been pretty impressive," Lions head coach Sonita Harris said, "She's the faster of in cohercity of the coach ty impressive," Lions head coach Sonita Harris said, "She's the faster of in cohercity of the coach the coach state of the coach state of the coach state the coach state of the coach state of the coach state the coach state of the coach state of the coach state the coach state of the coach state of the coach state the coach state of the coach state of the coach state of the coach state the coach state of the coach state of the coach state of the coach state the coach state of th

fastest girl in school history — the ber a few times itot the high jump records show that. She puts it all out and she turned out to have the highpretty fun to watch al college (U of M). "She works very hard — she has valuable to our relays," points and was voted our Most Valuable Athlete. She was also very

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FIELD EVENTS Rvan Pritchard Junior

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Smith said. "He showed some inter-

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can't wait to see what he's going to be able to do. · Regional champion in discu Jim Hanlin Threw discus 156-feet-1-inch Juniar Threw shot put 47-9.75 Milford · Won all but one dual meet in · Qualified for State meet in pole • All-KVC · At Regional meet placed second "Ryan is just one of those guys that knows how to get the job done," in pole vault with mark of 12-3 "He is a good student of the vault. coach Smith He worked real hard to pick apart said. "He has always worked what he needed to make h very consistent vaulter," Mavericks head coach Chris Ceresa said. very hard, but once he real-ized he was an Dave Morantes upper-echelon athlete he got very serious. It paid off and Pritchard Senior Milford with only two · Qualified for State meet in shot years experience he has gone to the tate finals. I'm pretty sure that he'll · Regional champion in shot put become more consistent next year with mark of 48-8 and will be throwing better. He'll be "Where Dave impressed me this in the 150s all the time and will go into the 160s from time to time and maybe even 170 on occassion."

two between where he is placing the bar now and where he will be. I

year, he really truly was a clutch performer," Mavericks head coach Chris Ceresa said. "He could reach down and give you that little extra when it was time."

SPRINTS

Trenton Sisson State qualifier in the long jump All-WLAA 'Bill is an athlete you can always Senio Novi depend on. Northville coach Bill Season-best run of 51.1 second: "He'll give his the open 400-meter dash best in every · Had a split time of 50.6 second event we ask 100 in the 4-by-400 relay "Trent is an outstanding athlete i him to partici-* i ~ two regards," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "One is his physical athpate in and has always excelled in the letic performance. The other is the he has always been there to show the other events he spe-cializes in. Bill almost Brown always going kids what it to score points for us. I know when takes to be suche goes to compete that he's going to place. He's such a competitor that cessful. Because you can expect him to get better and what he has better when he is faced with tough done in the

400, there are other kids that Sisson opposition. That's what makes him such a successful athlete. He never want to run i now, Trent took a lot of working hard and was alw Alan Shanoski 🐘 👾 🖓 🖓 ing to make the sacrifice to bar. Most of the time, he wa guy to leave the track and t eally rubbed off on the oth · Seventh in the state in the high Trent is an old-school ru his training seriously took going to be tough to rplace Went 6-feet-4-inches in highest for darn sure. He has left a legacy behind.

"This year, we asked Alan to participate in a few other events," Rob Steiner Northville Bill Senior Brown said. "We knew that Sorthville State qualifier in the 400 even if he had to focus • All-WLAA "Rob is a great athlete to c Northville coach Bill Cor thar high jump, he "He still said. works hard i place for us in practice and even harder in that event. He's Shanoski 1.5 a good, solid athlete with a lot of skill and we meets. I always know when needed him to work in other areas know this year. He hasn't disappointed us, though he has been hampered by he's in a race that some injury. He'll be an asset to have back next season." going to be fighting for the top place. He's Steiner one of those Chris Machisal athletes that will do whatev Sephomore ask him to do, which make extremely easy to coach. · Oakland County champion in

Kyle Harris • Highest jump of 12-feet-6-inch- Senior Milford "Chris is a sophomore that didn't · Qualified for State meet in vault last year," Novi coach Bob meter run

NORTHVILLE Photo by John Heider/Northville Record

Mustang Momchil Filev leaps towards a second-place finish in the 110 meter hurdles during a late April home meet against Canton High

takes to be suc- essful. Because of what he has done in the 400, there are other kids that mow. Trent took a lot of pride in working-hard and was.always.will- ing to make the sacrifice to raise the bar. Most of the time, he was the last guy to leave the track and that has really rubbed off on the other kids. Trent is an old-school runner. He took his training seriously. He's going to be tough to mlace, that's	Momchil Filev Senior Northville - Regional champion in 110 and 300 hurdles - All-WLAA No one would have expected to the would have expected to the track team that he would turn into the best athlete on the track in the area. Yet, he did. "He's a tremendous athlete with one of the best work ethics	does. He's an Flayer O intelligent, talented ath- knows what he has to do to excel. He works hard." Filev earned the All-Area Player of the Year nod thanks to his performance at the Milford	only did he impress the runners he went up against, but he caught the eye of coaches who were watching him as well. Filev, who will be attending Stanford to become a doctor, pushed himsolf to be the best athlete he could be in each and every meet. With the "effort, lie put forth, his coaches were more than happy to work with him. "Pat (Hayes) pushed Momehil responded," Cornelius said. Filev was slowed by shin	splitts this year, but never missed a practice as he pushed himself to improve. Not only did he have a great showing at the Regional, Filev also earned an All-WLAA nod thanks to his performance at the conference meet, where Northville took see- and, at C another push take "His work ethic will be extremely hard to replace," Coraclius noted of the senior. "Everyone is going to miss him. He's a great kid and a great ath- lete."
for darn sure. He has left a great legacy behind."	Jimmy Schoente	Amol Huprikar	Dan DeRusha	"Dana made some sacrifices for
	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	us this year," Mavericks head coach
Rob Steiner	Milford	Novi	Milford	Chris Ceresa said. "Because we were a little thin in the hurdles, we
Senior		• All-KVC		asked him if he could help us out.
Northville	 Kensington Valley Conference champion in 100-meter dash with 	 Season-best 9:44.1 in the two- mile 	· Qualified for State meet in	And his response was 'Yes, coach. I'll learn how to run the 300s.' He
 State qualifier in the 400 	time of 11.2 seconds	Took second in the KVC in the	I,600-meter nin	ends up running 42.0 in the 300, and
•AII-WLAA	"Jimmy is a great talent, and	two-mile run	· At Regional meet contributed to	he's not even a hurdler."
"Rob is a great athlete to coach,"	works very hard," Mavericks head	"Amol realy has the ability to rise	championship winning 3,200-meter	
Northville coach Bill Cornelius	coach Chris Ceresa said. "The key	to the occassion," Novi coach Bob	relay	Seth Thibodeau
said. "He	with Jimmy is that whatever the	Smith said. "If the meet is on the	"Dan had a little bit of a knee	····· ,
works hard in practice and the second	team needs, he's ready to go.	line, we can always count on Amol	injury toward the last half of the sea-	Senior
even harder in	Ontore,	to step up. In the KVC race, he was seeded seventh in the two-mile and	son," Mavericks head coach Chris Ceresa said. "But he's a guy that has	Milford
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he's in a race	Tim Dalton	champs. Instead, he put everything	follows the beliefs of the team phi-	3,200-meter run
that we're		on the line and did quit. He gave at	losophy."	· Oakland County champion in
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fighting for the	Northville	by charging forward when we need-	Dana Pitcock	 Kensington Valley Conference
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one of those athletes that will do whatever you	 State qualifier in the 800 All-WLAA 	standing leader next season."	Junior	9:41.4
ask him to do, which makes him	*All-WLAA "Tim is always going to push for		Milford	"Seth is a strength and endurance guy," Mavericks head coach Chris
extremely easy to coach."	first place,"	Mike Andersen		Ceresa said. "This was the first time
	said Bill Bass	Junior	 Qualified for State meet in 800- 	in my 22 years of coaching that I
Kyle Harris	Cornelius, the		meter run	have had a distance runner who
	Northville	Milford	 At Regional meet contributed to 	scored more points than anybody
Senior	track coach.		championship winning 3,200-meter	else on our team."
Milford	"He thrives on	Qualified for State meet in	relay	
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reach for future pole vaulters.

Christina Lis Sophomore Novi

State Qualifier in the high jump All-KVC "Christina has a lot of experience already," said Marsha Reid, Novi's track coach. "She's young but she has already gone to the state meet (twice). She is very talented and has already started to have a great career. Christina has the ability to place in every meet she compete ind goes higher and higher with tougher comnetition. She has a couple of seasons left and I expect she's only going to get better.

Kristin Donovar Lakeland Senior

 Oakland County champion in shot put with mark of 38-6 1/2 Kensington Valley Conference champion in discus with mark of 112-5 and placed third in shot pu with mark of 34-3 1/4

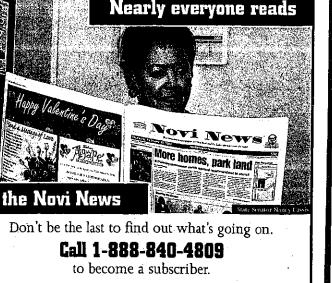
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est and some ability and s "Kyle was very versatile and ran with good dissummer and winter at it. He went from a guy that didn't know how to vere hold the pole to the county champion in less than a year. That's just about anybody in the 400 his best. The to long. I'd put him on the track against just about anybody in the 400 meters, or the 800, for that matter. He had a great season," Mayericks the better he responds. a credit to his work ethic. He's one of the hardest working skilled ath-letes I've ever coached. I think next head coach Chris Ceresa said. year, he'll be putting another foot or



Submitted Phote Chris Machisak prepares to clear the bar in the pole vault.

Mavericks head coach Chris Ceresa said. "He's a great milcage kid. He tion, I knew Tim was going to be at still works at his confidence level. his best. The tougher the situation, But the more he races, the better hi confidence gets. And when his confidence gets better, watch out."

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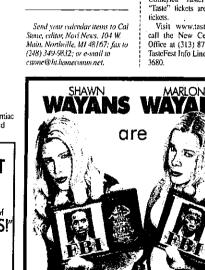
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ALENDAR tions will affect business practices, DETAILS: You are welcome to ESPN EVENT @ FOUNTAIN WALK come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. potential policy modifications, and where employee reclassifications, and may be beneficial or required. Enrollment fee is \$195 and must be On Saturday, July 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fountain Walk of Novi will host Sports At The Fountain, which includes many ESPN events. Drop in for five minutes or longer. received on or before the seminar One of the main attractions will be the Traveling Sports Trivia CONTACT: Nancy & Susan (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at har-vestfellowship@comeast.net Contest. The winner receives an all-expense-paid trip for two to the ESPN 25th Anniversary VIP Experience at the ESPN Zone in New York City (must be 18 years of age). There will also be a Junior Sports Trivia Contest, with each child Adoption Playgroup winning prizes including ESPN hats and shirts. Other events include DATE: first and third Fridays of DATE: through July 22 TIME: 7 – 8:15 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle the Super Shot Basketball Game & You Call the Play Klosk. TIME: 10 a.m. "We are very excited that ESPN will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary at Fountain Walk," says Linda Busse, director of LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Rd, between 10 Mile Rd, and Marketing for Fountain Walk, "There will be activities for everyone DETAILS: This class will cente rom toddlers to adults." Children can also participate in fitness activities, learn a hip hop on yoga postures and practices to Grand River Rd.) DETAILS: We are a not for profstrengthen, tone and limber the dance or pompon routine and watch dance performances. Hands body. This class is intended for t, non-denominational group that on activities include decorating your own baseball cap and making beginners and continuing studen Avoid heavy food prior to class, brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings pro ther sports crafts. Events will be held around the fountain, and will be moved Wear stretchable clothing and bare vide families with the opportunity indoors if it rains. All activities are free. Call (248) 348-8762 for feet. Bring an exercise mat and to share play and conversation. more information. During the summer, we meet at FEE: \$42 CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 for specially designated times and locations. CONTACT: For more informa-CONTACT: Oakland County Health Division, Mary White, program coordinator, Child Health Clinics, (248) 858-1380. **FAITH** tion contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan **Providence Center for the** (248) 960-3257. Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Lava, Lava, Island! Summer Breast Cancer Support Group **Bible School Adventure for** MEETINGS DATES: second and fourth DATE: every Tuesday night Kirls! TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Tuesdays LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai DATES: June 28-30 City of Novi Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. DETAILS: Variety of activities TIME: 9:30 a.m. - noon LOCATION: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital. The following are key dates in the month of June in Novi. for the adult community to come TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. and enjoy a unique mix of classes brought to you by the Providence Willowbrook Road (south of 10 DETAILS: There is no need to Mile, east of Meadowbrook), Novi CONTACT: Jessiea Holder, 24 Family Concert Series 7 p.m. all ahead and regist CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 Center for the Healing Arts, Aug. Lakeshore Park 26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy 27 Library closed Director of Children's Ministry AT 29 Storm Water Committee 7 p.m. Crosspointe Meadows Church, (248) 427-2700 www.crosspointe Ceramics, Some activities ma Novi Toastmasters include a supplies fee tuo more DATE: first and third Tuesdays LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, meadows.org than \$10), CONTACT: (248) 465-5483. Friends of Maybury meeting DATE: Wednesday, June 30 activities room TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Public Worship Service DETAILS: Toastmasters will DATE: every Wednesday TIME: 12:10-12:50 p.m. help you improve your communi-Library DETAILS: The main tonic of cation skills, voice your opinion discussion will be the Family Nights at Maybury the Friends ar LOCATION: Church of the tolish your presentations and pra ly Cross, 46200W. Ten Mile CONTACT: Call Colleen at sponsoring this summer. The fami Road (between Beck and nights will be held on the second Taft Roads), Novi (248) 685-9226 Sunday of the month at the DETAILS: Come and share you Hickory Shelter at 7 p.m. lunch hour with God at a worship **Oakland County Health** service that includes scripture and **Division Expectant Parent** holy communion. CONTACT: (248) 349-1175 or Classes BUSINESS www.churchoftheholyc DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Chamber After-Hours Mixer St. James Catholic Church Maple, Walled Lake Friendship Circle DATE: Thursday, July 22 TIME: 5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Cornerstone DATE: 2nd Tuesday fo the TIME: 1 p.m. Dental Studio, Inc. and Goodman Orthodontics, PC, 42430 W. DETAILS: Social group for widows and widowers. All are wel-come to join us for fellowship and Twelve Mile Road DETAILS: Bring your business cards, meet area business represen-LOCATION: St. James Catholie tatives, make connections, mix and ningle at this great networking opportunity: cost is \$10. CONTACT: (248) 349-3743. Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., \$25 (between Taft and Beck) CONTACT: (248) 348-9138 or joyiovaldi@earthlink.net



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By Kim Baker

TasteFest

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Comerica TasteFest 2004 is

getting ready to serve up another red-hot summertime party of food and music in Detroit's New

Several new attractions at the

"Pure Detroit Art", a kick-off

exhibition for the opening of a permanent gallery showcasing

The debut of Detroit's New

Center by Randall Fogelman, a photo history book about the

diverse and vibrant neighborhood

which anchors the north end of Detroit's greater downtown; and a

new and improved Farmer Jack

In recent years, the 16th annual

street festival has become as noto-

rious for its incredible line-up of

ment as it has for its extraordinary

In total, more than 60 bands

ind DJs will perform at this year's

West Grand Boulevard bash

Headliners of the five-day event

include Australian garage-rockers let: classic R&B favorites The

Spinners; blues legend Buddy

Guy: alternative rock band Cake

ontemporary jazz artist Rick

Braun; '90s pop-rock group The

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native Detroiter Dwele. But, don't forget about the

food! Comerica TasteFest 2004

will offer a mouthwatering mélange of food and drink, with

something on the menu for every-

one. In all, more than 40 great

restaurants will serve up "tastes'

Once again, there will be a spe-

cial area of activities for tweens

and teens, Detroit Youth

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the little ones, the Farmer Jack Tot

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stop fun including Arts & Scraps, Miniature Motorways and more.

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16th annual street festival will put a spark in everyone's Fourth of

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Lakeshore Park offers a summe haven right here in Novi for those seeking the "ap-north" feeling without the drive.

woodsy," said Tracie Ringle, event and marketing coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation.

Walled Lake. "They're missing out if they haven't been there," she said. t's off the beaten path." Novi's summer concert series should prove most instrumental in

event just this year.

383 acres. "The new play structure is really a great asset to the park. The asphalt pathways we've installed makes it accessible to all users," said Mark Wiktorowski superintendent of parks for Novi. "The play structure is just a start to the revitalization of Lakeshore Park."

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entertaining and interactive. Courtlesv photo Audience members will be on Beach access to Walled Lake is just one of the many attractions of Lakeshore Park. stage to play or sing throughout

> from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. everyone, all times of year," said "Lakeshore Park offers a wide Wiktorowski. Ringle invites everyone to go and see Lakeshore Park for themselves

plete with concessions, picnic Ryder and Dumm show, audishelter and BBO orills. Lakeshore ences never know what to expect Park features multiple play strucfrom this magician/comedian team. The team has made peotures and a guarded beach. ple laugh in Frankenmuth and at The park is located on South Lake Drive across from Walled the Michigan Renaissance Lake, Non-residents will be Festival. The mapic is comical charged \$4 per car to enter the and the cornedy is magical. Concerts start at 7 p.m. Call August 12 (248) 347-0473 for more info. Island Festival! The whole family will enjoy the beats of the Caribbean with African Drum and Dance Immunity, a reggae band. This Kevin Collins and crew have special evening will feature all een performing throughout things Island including beach Nichigan for years. The progames, festive" drinks" , snacks pram brings African drums and and more. Bring your suit and ances for kids to try. The show enjoy the water of Walled Lake. promises to be highly interactive.

IS CONCERTS @ LAKESHORE PARK

August 5 Ryder & Dumm

Evervone is fair game at a

This year's City of Novi con-

certs will be held at Lakeshore

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Set to lively, beat-driven Circus has traveled the country music, the team's juggling roudazzling audiences with mad-ca shenanigans, musical hi-jinx and tines are smooth and spectacular. You'll see seven balls bouncoriginal songs. With over 1000 ing off the floor, five rings zipping original songs, the group has something to please everyone hrough the air and incredible three ball juggling that will make Kevin has written songs for PBS (Barney and friends) NBC, you jaw drop. It's a visual feast you won't soon forget and it is and CBS. (This performance is presented with irresistible comic sponsored by Providence Hospital and will be performed on the hospital grounds, located

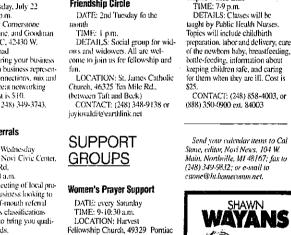
at Beck Road and Grand River.) Novi Concert Band The Novi Concert Band, formed in 1982, performs in the area all year round. The 45 members play a range of fine music including symphonic to folk, religious and Broadway. This performance is sponsored by Providence Hospital and will

be performed on the hospital grounds, located at Beck Road Chautauqua Express and Grand River.) The entire audience at a Chautauqua Express perform In case of inclement weather,

Shows promise to be highly

ance will have their feet tapping concerts will be moved indoors at the Novi Civic Center. Please call the weather bottine at (248) 347-0473 for updates. Performers are subject to the event. Everyone from todchange. diers to grandparents will enjoy Source: City of Novi

CLASSES rree blood rressure Screening mingle at this great networking opportunity: cost is \$10. Church, 46,325 Ten Mile Rd., (between Tait and Beck) Federal Labor Standards Act DATES: every Monday CONTACT: (248) 348-9138 or joylovaldi@earthlink.net CONTACT: (248) 348-9138 or	\$25. are 17:30 am - 10 p.m. on July 1 CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or - 4 and 11:30 am - 8 p.m. on July 5. Admission to the Comepica TasteFest is free. -	the beach completely accessible by putting mats down on the sand leading to the water'' said dwittsrowski, reunings to birth of the mark of response and the sand leading to the water'' said Witksrowski, reunings to birth of the mark of response and the sand leading to the water'' said Witksrowski, reunings to birth of the mark of response and the sand leading to the water'' said Witksrowski, reunings to birth of the same server on the same	diers to grandparents will enjoy Chautauqua Express.	Source: City of Havi
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2/000 Sheraton Drive, Novi CONTACT: (248) 477-2000 * 45175 10 Mile Rd,	(248) 349-9832; or e-mail to TasteFest Info Line at (313) 340- cstone@ht.homecomm.net, 3680.	large groups to rent the picnic shel- evenings during the concert series "Lakeshore Park is available for ext. 109.	Confernporary Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m. FIRST CHURCH OF THE	(2 mil.E. of Hoggerty, N. side of 8 Mile) Sunday Monting Watship 8:30 & 10.45 AM Sunday School (At Ages) 9:30 AM
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Park offers country setting for city dwellers

"It's a gem. The whole park is

Many people are not familiar with it, though, she said, because it is right on the border of Novi and

introducing the park to residents, Ringle said, as Lakeshore park became the venue for the popular But the park offers much more than the concerts. It features a nine-mile trail, beach access to Walled Lake, picnic shelters and barbecue

grills, new play structures, soccer and softball fields and more – all on

The trail, Ringle said, is the high-light of the park because of its muliple uses. There is a single track for physical activities such as rollerblading, while double track is for more nature-oriented hubbles like birdwatching or photography, which really capture the essence of the U.P., Ringle said. The Michigan Mountain Biking

Association has given the trail use for a mountain bike racing series, the first of which was held May 8. "We have an excellent partnership with them," said Ringle. The beach on Walled Lake, which is directly across from the park, is very popular as well. Kids like it because they can frolic in the

are glad to know there is a lifeguard on duty from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. seven days a week. "There are future plans to make

ters and tents, so they too can expe-rience the park for a full day. The cost is \$75 to \$100 and they can be

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Acoustic Music Jam Session SWOCC Studio Tours DATE: the second Wednesday of DATE: On-going LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile LOCATION: Mill Race Historie DETAILS: Have you wondered illiage. Cady lun, just north of what goes on behind the scenes a television studio? Why not come in for an up close and personal look at SWOCC Studios, your local com-munity television studio, SWOCC DETAILS: Bring your traditional constic instrument and music to pLiy. CONTACT: Mary or Ene at offers tours to many organizations such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and service clubs. The groups also have an opportunity to make a short promo for the public access . channel, INFO TV-12. 17th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off CONTACT: Melissa Cohn at (248)-173.2840 to schedule your group

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7 inexpensive ways to rejuvenate living space

With winter finally behind us, now is a good time to starting thinking about how to spruce up your surroundings, It doesn't take a large and expensive renovation a higg and expensive environment to rejuvenate a space, just a will-ingness to be creative. Consider employing these inexpensive sug-gestions to brighten up your liv-

ing space this summer, • If you want to freshen up your living room but don't want to invest in brand new furniture, consider purchasing ready-made slipcovers. Prices vary according to the size of the furniture (chair. loveseat, sofa) and the fabric. Generally, the



expensive the slipcover will be. Prices also depend on the company you order the slipcov-Mary Davis er from. A machine-washable 100 percent

cotton sofa slipcover from Target.com will run you about \$129. A brushed twill sofa slipcover from Pottery Barn runs about \$700. Visit www.slipcov ers.com for other companies who manufacture slipcovers.

 Perk up your dining room décor by adding a cascading fern or fresh cut flowers from your garden. Plants naturally draw attention away from uninteresting areas of the room.

 Liven up old light fixtures with a fresh coat of paint and top old lamps with new shades. Create a focal point in your room by illuminating a favorite piece of art or furniture with soft, inviting

light. • Pick a sunny weekend to refinish an old dresser or coffee table. Any more you're not limit-ed to conventional colors like cherry and mahogany. Professionals at your local home improvement store can mix cus-tern chaine.

tom stains. • Have a den or study that Consider designating a wall for a picture gallery and group your pictures by theme. A friend of mine collects prints from cities she visits. Her study, for example, features work from artists who live in Colorado. Quaking yellow aspens and colorful sunsets adorn her walls and add color to a room that would otherwise disappear in a sea of paper and computer equipment. For continuity, hang similarly sized and shaped frames tog ether. Decorating experts also suggest matching frame colors so as not to detract from the pictures themselves.

· Want to dramatically change the look of a room but don't want to invest in expensive wall cover-ings? Try your hand at faux painting. Using simple tools like sponges, rugs and newspaper to apply a combination of paint and glazes, you can produce dramatic textures with minimal decorative painting experience and expertise. Visit your local home improve-ment store for tips on combining and applying colors. Lowe's and Home Depot stores often conduct de-it-yourself courses on faux

 Painting.
 If you're looking to make some subtle changes to your kitchen, consider replacing the hardware on your cabinets. Cabinet hardware comes in a variety of sizes, finishes and styles. When making your selection, be sure and consider the overall style of your kitchen. For kitchens that tic or conl ìn



By doing the research, the financial advisors at Raymond James Financial Services in Highland can provide customers with complete infor-mation, coordination and planning. Pictured above are financial advisor Donald I. Gillis, partner Robert P. Petrilla, managing partner Jeffrey P. Petrilla and financial advisor John C. Reynolds. In expanding, the firm is hiring series 7 brokers at the growing branch

The secret to a successful

financial future is not picking

out the hot stock, it's how you behave along the way, says

Raymond James Financial makes most of your money

Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

There are a lot of investment companies out their clamoring for your attention and hard earned money, I's hard to deter-mine who has your best interests in mind, The financial advisors at Raymond James Financial Summer in blockbard beliens 0. at Raymond James Financial Services in Highland believe it's important to be objective when it comes to your finances. It's one reason they don't offer any pro-prietary products. They're free to be impartial in their selection of products and advice. Managing paraner, Jeff Petrillo, notes that financial plan-ing at Raymont fames is all title

tting at Raymond James is a little different than with a company trying to sell their own wares. The focus at Raymond James is not oriented strictly to sales; rather it's geared toward devel-oping relationships. They wel-come the opportunity to work one on one with their clients and

discuss their long-term goals. "It's not about picking out the hot stock. We like to sit down and help clients figure out what to do with that extra \$100,000 they made on the house. We'd like to help them stick to an investing philosophy," said Jeff Petrillo.

Partner, Robert Petrillo adds, "What differentiates us is the ability to offer a myriad of investment vehicles. We've moved from a sales based service to a consultant based one."

By doing the research, they can provide customers with cominformation, coordination and planning.

also act as a comprehensive source for all their client's finan-"Most people are intelligent cial needs. We try to be a hub of inforenough to make sound financial decisions when offered the right information and ramifications of a particular approach. The key is mation," explains Gillis. For example, if clients need a CPA or mation. attorney for estate planning, they provide information can arrange those profe way that's relevant to the client," said Robert Petrillo Quite simply, they can handle

the details so that small business FORMULA FOR SUCCESS owners and professionals are free to do what they do best - run their business. And for a family, it can provide peace of mind.

Financial advisor, John Reynolds finds that focusing on the customer's needs gives them an added level of comfort.

Planning ahead,

professional connections

With over 50 years of com-bined experience in financial planning among the four advi-sors, they can foresee potentiar encounter, and many the cus-tomer hasn't considered, says forancial advisor. Don Gittis Ferr

financial advisor, Don Gillis. For

example, has the small business owner planned for a buy/sell agreement in a partnership? In a

family owned business have they

determined a succession plan? If they're self-employed, have they compared the benefits of

investing money in a retirement

plan, instead of paying it to the IRS? Will any of the recent tax law changes affect their finances?

For complicated tax situations,

the advisors at Raymond James have access to tax specialists who have the answers.

The advisors specialize in more than financial advice; they

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Don Gillis. Paying attention to details can make a big differ-"My approach is to get to know the people first and then to match them with the appropriate investment strategy that they feel comfortable with. I usually tell people if you don't feel comfort-able don't do it," said Reynolds. ence in your financial security. 1.) Have you reviewed your tax strategy to lower your tax liability? 2.) Did you regularly and

systematically plan and save for retirement? 3.) Have you planned for succession of your estate, to

minimize any tax burden? Are you in the right investment accounts based on

where you're at in your life, either just starting out, nearing retirement, or in retirement?

beforehand about their needs, we can save them a lot of billable hours," Gillis said.

Education first

One of Petrillo's primary concerns is to make certain that families plan for their children's colthes plan for their children's col-lege education. Opening a 529k plan while they're young is ideal, but it can begin at any age, and is not complicated. He believes every family should plan ahead for college expenses, and invites them to comp in to dicuss. them to come in to discuss it.

them to come in to discuss it. They'll be happy to explain it. "We can show young parents how they can put away so much per month so they can send their kids to college," said Petrillo. They're also leaders in the industry when it comes to aiding small business owners design a

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behind their effort. In addition, Raymond James along with two other local businesses has stepped forward to create a schol-arship for Milford High School students, called the Young Entrepreneur Award. This year's recipient was Russell Farnum, a senior at Milford High School.

In your neighborhood

With the opening of their attractive new facility in Highland, they now offer cus-tomers the security of dealing with someone locally, where they can conveniently drop by and handle their affairs. "The nice thing about

Raymond James is that it has a Raymond James is that it has a Midwest people (riendly person-ality. Being from New York City, it's a very different philosophy, said advisor John Reynolds. With four different financial advisors, with different personal-lines there's one to suit every.

ities, there's one to suit every style of investor, adds Reynolds. also adds a depth of expertise Another way the advisors reach out to the community is by setting up luncheons within local corpo-rations to explain their services to employees, according to Jeff Petrillo. This will include an informational meeting about retire-ment, where they can address any questions and concerns.

History of Raymond James

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