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Creating Novi's Downtown From what began as a grand plan to create a brand new

prior occeate a tranto new downlown community from the ground up. Main Street Novi has struggled to achieve the suc-cess anticipated by its original designers, developers and com-munity leader. munity leaders.

Despite ongoing legal, finan-cial and other problems that have plagued the project since its formal beginning in 1994, new businesses continue to ocate in Novi's Main Street development. This Special Report includes

a timeline, site map, list of ten-ants, project facts as well as sto-ries on how Main Street started, its problems and its potential – Page 10A

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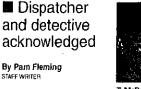
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Det. Michael Warren and dis-patcher Tracey McDonough shared the limelight last Friday as they experienced one of their 15 minutes of fame.

STAFF WRITER

Warren camed the Novi Police Department's 2003 Officer of the ar Award, and McDonough won the 2003 Civilian of the Year Award at the annual departmental awards

employees made the award T. McDonough nominations 'It is with great pleasure that we

get to recognize individuals who not only give in their day-to-day but they give that little bit extra that is required to do something exceptional," Shaeffer said.



said

"I'm so proud of this organization and the commitment that all of our from



M. Warren every one of you that give so much every single day," Shaeffer

McDonough, 31, a native of Mssachusetts and resident of Waterford, has been a police dis-patcher for six years. She graduated

with a degree in criminal justice from the University of University

employees

Massachusetts and enjoys her job as a midnight-shift dispatcher and supervisor.

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'I was going to become a police "I was going to become a pane officer, but it just kind of hooked me," she said. "It's always changing. "There are days that you don't even get a chance to get up." McDonough said the biggest

challenge she faces in her job is the ability to multi-task. "Most days we're doing two things at once," she said.

She was pleased to receive the award

"It was pretty humbling. I do a lot of different things outside this department, and I didn't know if people knew

A family affair

Warren, 34, a native of Macon, Ga., and resident of Green Oak Township, will be with the depart-Township, will be with the depar-ment for 10 years Aug. 1. Law enforcement is a family affair with him. It started with his late graidfather, a Georgia State Trooper. "I was probably 4 or 5 years old when he brought a police car home, and he let me play with sime. I was

and he let me play with siren. I was hooked after that," be said.

His wife's father is a retired Washtenaw County detective; her grandfather is a retired lieutenant with the Detroit Police

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Mindy Stanionis, center, co-owner of Novi's Cone Zone shares an ice cream treat with her daughters Sophie, 4, left, and Melia Bleuenstein, 5. Cone Zone, located at the northeast corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads used to be known as "Twist and Shake."

ENTER THE CONE ZONE

Nostalgic Novi ice cream shop going back to original name

By Pam Fleming

The ice cream shop has always been an American icon.

Almost every town has one, and it's usual-ly the favorite gathering place in the summer. Now, a Novi Township landmark, the Twist & Shake ice cream shop at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads, is going back to its original name, the Cone Zone, adopted in the 1970s. It's been Twist & Shake for about 10 renovating the shop.

years. The new sign should be up in just a few weeks, according to co-owner Mindy Stanhonis. Darrin O'Connell is the other the two bour owned the business for owner. The two have owned the business for three years and also own Cool Cone in Belleville.

"It's been here for close to 30 years," Stanlonis said of the Novi Township ice cream shop.

"I grew up in Novi, and I used to ride my bike up here when I was a kid," she said. "A lot of Novi natives still call it the Cone Zone. They're really excited to see the change come, because they still call it that anyway." Stanlonis said the family-owned business just received clearance from the city to start

"The staff alroady wears Cone Zone attire, and the menus now feature the former name,

and the menus now leature the former name, too. We're starting the change from the inside out," she said. "This building is one of the oldest left in Novi." Hours, are 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 10:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The business is open from the end of March through October. Offeeings include chronitate and vanilla Olffrings include chocolate and vanilla soft-serve ice cream, as well as sugar-free and fat-free vanilla yogurt. "We rotate the other yogurt flavor each week. This week we had fat-free mango. Next week, we're going to

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Tax credit spurs 500 new jobs

■ INCAT picks Michigan over other locations

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer M. Graubolm announced Tuesday that, with the state's help, technology firm INCAT Systems will embark on a major expansion at its North American

expansion at its North American headquarters in Novi. This expansion will result in the addition of more than 500 new direct or indirect jobs in Novi over the next 10 years. The firm currently employs 313. The estimated net value in state revenue from the expansion is almost \$13.8 million over the next decrde . er the next decade.

INCAT's Novi offices are at 1NCAT's Novi offices are at 41370 Bridge Street in an industrial park on the west side of Meadowbrook Road between Eleven and Twelve Mile roads.

Eleven and Twelve Mule roads. The company will receive assis-tance through the Michigan Econonjie Development Corporation. A High-Tech Single Business Tax credit from the state worth about \$5.7 million helped convince the commany to evrand in convince the company to expand in Michigan rather dian another site. Competing locations included Canada, Mexico, India and the Seattle area.

Seatte area. To support the expansion, INCAT Systems is expected to invest \$7 million over the next five years in computing and office equipment. The City of Nevi is also support-ing the INCAT expansion with assistance of up to \$50,000, includ-ing \$20,000 in cash for expansion expenses and the remainder to be expenses and the remainder to be provided through reduced or waived permit and city service fees. INCAT, based in London, has 30

offices in nine counties offering product and information lifecycle management. Its North American business primarily consists of con-sulting and product information content services for aerospace, automotive and other durable goods manufacturers.

1950s featured once again at annual festival

By Kim Baker SPECIAL WRITER

It began 16 years ago as a trib-ute to the 1950s, and after a brief detour into other areas the Michigan 50's Festival is heading back to its roots.

This year's event moves from "downtown" Novi to Fountain Walk, and will be held July 28-31. The entertainment this year, sponsored by Brighthouse sponsored by Brighthouse Networks, features Rock and Roll-Hall of Famers The Drifters, scheduled to perform Thursday and Friday. Herman's Hermits featuring Peter Noone are sched-uled to perform Saturday and Rocky and the Rollers will open and close for both bands. All are returning favorites.

returning favorites. Rocky and the Rollers are known for their backup talents. "They used to hack up Peter Noone before he had his band back together," said Bob McCann, who is in charge of festival enter-tainment and vice president and general manager of Brighthouse Networks. Although the festival's theme will be the '50s, a typical Rocky and the Rollers perform-ance includes music from the ance includes music from the

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'50s, '60s and '70s, said Bob McCann. "They play it all."

Rock-N-Roll K-9's

the "Röck-N-Roll K-9's" SCC back from a two-year hiatus. This group is very special to the festi-val, as its roots are here.

We did our first show at the Novi Michigan 50's Festival, so we came up with the name Rock-N-Roll K-9's to go along with the '50s theme," said Pam Koons, coordinator.

Rock-N-Roll K-9's are dogs of all different breeds that entertain the crowd with skill competitions like the "Fly Ball Tournament." "Musical Mats" (where Koons white German Shepherd, Luger, is with the 1

Dog lovers will be delighted to known to run off and even a limbo contest

and even a timbo contest. John Stottele, owner of Family of Pets in Fountain Walk and his wife, Debbie, wanted the Rock-N-Roll K-9's back at the festival, as they've worked with Koons before, so they are sponsoring the dogs for the festival. "The festival is excited about having them back," Koons said.

Stottele is excited as well, as he believes the show is fun and educational. "It shows the crowd that you can train any dog," he said.

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Road and Novi Road. The project

is scheduled for completion in

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Main Street.

Electricity off for moving of two local barns

By Pam Fleming

Tentative plans for the move of two historic barns at Island Lake subdivision in Novi to Maybury State Park in Northville at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Project Updates

August 3. The city plans to close Napier Road from Eight Mile Road to north of Ten Mile Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the move, Toll Brothers developers has agreed to donate the barns, which date from the 1860s, to the park after plans to incorpo-rate them into the Island Lake development were abandoned several months ago. City of Novi officials though

replace a culvert. The existing culvert must be removed and replaced with a box culvert that it was all systems go a week or so ago, but learned Monday tha was not enough clearane for the barn to pass under a comes in sections, and work tower line on Napier betweer 16" water main and maintainin the stream flow of the Middle Eight Mile and Nine Mile roadnorth of Community Sports Park. Rouge River.

On Monday, officials were still awaiting approval on the move from the power company that controls the line. The barns have already been removed from their foundation and are ready to roll, according to Novi

city officials. If the move takes place August 3, homes and businesses along Napier, north of Ten Mile Road and south of the Park Place development, will be without electricity from about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Homes and businesses in

Lyon, Salem and Northville townships will be affected by the move, and Novi city offi cials are coordinating informa tion about the upcoming move with officials in these areas.

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These road improvements are 1-96 / Beck Road Interchange vital components of the compre-hensive neighborhood and major roadway upgrades approved by Novi voters in November 2000. Twelve Mile Road remains closed to through traffic through August for realignment from Beck Road easterly to West Park Drive. Motorists are asked to This is the fourth year of a fiveyear, \$90 million program to follow the posted detour routes utilizing West Park Drive, West Road and Beck Road. All businprove the community. The following is provided as ness access remains open from an overview of road construction projects in the City of Novi this the east. The J-96 easibound 12 Mile Road entrance ramp between Beek and Wixom roads

is open. In August, Beck Road north of Twelve Mile Road to just south of West Road will be closed for reconstruction through September, Full completion of Wenue Intersection The intersection will remain the new single-point urban inter-change is scheduled for November 2005.

include Crescent Boulevard and Taft Road Repayement of Taft Road from Ten Mile Road to Grand River Avenue is underway and will be The Road Commission for Oakland County will close Grand River Avenue just west of Novi Road for up to four weeks beginsubstantially complete in midning on approximately July 21 to August before school is back in session. The roadway will remain open to local resident traffic throughout construction. Other through traffic is asked to follow the posted detour route. nust be done while protecting a

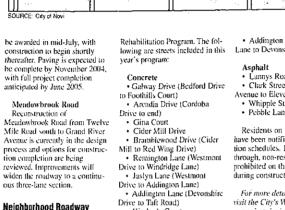
Novi Road / Ten Mile Road Intersection The Road Commission for During the closure, the detour route for Grand River Avenue traffic is Beck Road, 10 Mile Oakland County is widening the intersection to five lanes in all

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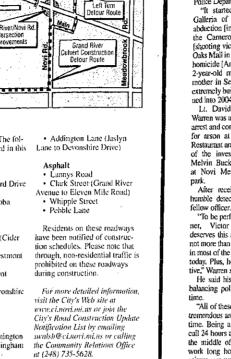
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swalsh@ci.novi.mi.us or calling the Community Relations Office at (248) 735-5628.

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MORE AWARDS 1950s featured once again at festival The best Service Award honored Det. Todd Anger, 15 years Ofc. Tim Harper, 15 years Family Area The family area of the festival is continued from front page Car Show and Cruise bigger and better than ever this year. Helicopter rides are back after being offered only once, at the 2002 festi-val. This year, His Helicopter Service pilot Marc Wood will be Brenda Borders. The car show and cruise will be going on Saturday alongside the fes-tival, and despite the festival's '50s analyst/planner, 15 years continued from front page Susan Hein, clerk, 5 years Department; and her brother is a Johaston City, Tenn., police officer. Warren attended the Western theme, will continue to be open to Perfect Attendance Awards providing rides for up to four people at a time. Cost is yet to be deterall automobiles, including those and Saturday. t. David Molloy at a une. Cost is yet to be determined. The family area's carnival site alone is the size of a football field. Cervi, show and cruise coordina-tor, "Most of the automobiles." Wayne Police Academy at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, He said the year 2003 was deli-Det. Michael Warren Det. Jerrod Hart Susan Hein, clerk nitely a memorable one in the Novi frudy Newby, clerk "Most of the auton more rides," said Lori Kapelezak president of the 50's Festival and Police Department. Ofc. Jeremy Stempier "It started off with the Jared will be at least 30 years old," he Galleria of Jewelry robbery and abduction [in March]. Then we had said. contract administrator for JCK & Merit Citalions Cars at the show will still be Associates, Inc. She says there will the Cameron Sanders homicide Donna Roy, dispatcher judged in different categories while Boogie Brian provides the music. be 18 to 22 rides for kids and adult (shooting victim found near Twelve Oaks Mall in April) and the Shawley to enjoy, including the classic ferris wheel, and, of course, games and Barb Dombrowski, dispatch Cervi is optimistic about the show being on Saturday rather than Sunday, because the festival will still be in full force. Kelly Mesh, disnatcher homicide [Anne Marie Shawley, the concessions will be available. company from sponsoring some-thing, says Pat Webb, who is charge of sponsorships. "Packages can also be tailor-made for sponsors." She 2-year-old murdered by her step mother in September). It's been at Dodie Varnoi, who is in charge of Kim White, dispatcher the family area, said Saturday's free ice cream social and doughnut dip Gretchen Patton, dispatche extremely busy year, and it's contin-ued into 2004," Warren said. "We should have a great turnout," he said. "We look for another fun Ofc. Jeff Brown are a go, and the trout pond and rock Ofc. Dave Martino Lt. David Molloy added that Warren was also instrumental in the arrest and conviction of a Novi man for arson at the Mesquite Creek show." Pre-registration is \$10; \$15 climbing wall are back as well. adds that sponsors do not have to Dfc. Keith Wuotinen the day of the show. The show is free to spectators. Show participants The VIP opening ceremonies will feature the Vintage Fashion Show, put on by 16-year-old Novi High School student Jeannette Tiso. The sponsor an entire area; they can choose a specific part of an area, like, the trout pond in the family area. Volunteers, known as "cruisers" Ofc. Michael Prough Det. Kevin Rhea get to park their classic cars free in a special section during the festival. Restaurant and was an introgral part of the investigative team in the Melvin Buckmaster shooting case. Michael Warren . Scott Woodley Ofc. Tony Avant at Novi Meadows mobile home et. Sgt. Matt Conquest Sat. Ken Meier After receiving the award, the Det, Todd Anger able detective gave credit to a Det Jerrod Har Ofc. Mark Kohls "To be perfectly honest, my partner, Victor Lauria, probably deserves this award just as much if not more than I do. He was involved "We even have a Novi Special Ofc. Larry Lemerand continued from front page They also make their own waffle cones daily, and they recently started making funnel cake sun-daes. "It's like a Belgian waffle, Ofc. Kevin Heaney have English toffce," Stanlonis Ofc. Erick Tania in most of the cases we talked about Det. Kevin Gilmore They also have custard, dipped today. Plus, he's just a great deteconly a little sweeter. One of our Donna Roy, dispatche cones and eight different flavors of hard-dip ice cream, such as Pineapple Upside Down Cake and Key Linue Pie, most popular is the Caramel Apple Funnel Cake Sundae," ive," Warren said. He said his biggest challenge is Ofc. Mark Stone Sot. Kevin Heberl tanlonis said. The owners are considering balancing police work and family t. Victor Lauria One of their specialties is the Creamsickle Twist, which fea-tures vanilla custard and orange introducing low-carb yogurt, and they do have a low-carb Klondike Bar with only 5 net carbs. They also have a full line of "All of these big cases have put a Det. Mike Wilson tremendous amount of strain on my Ofc. Randy Mince time. Being a detective, you're on Det Jason Meier call 24 hours a day. You get calls in ice swirled together. Other menu Ofc. Erick Zinser the middle of the night, and you work long hours. On that money items include burgers, hot dogs, polish sausage, chili, French fries, dipped cones, Popsieles, and the Ofc. Andy Hudechek Det. Mark Boody King Banana Cup — a 32-ounce Banana Split for only \$3.25. The shop features shakes, alapeno poppers, mozzarella seizure, we worked about 36 hours Det. Lou Bigliardi straight," Warren said. cheese sticks, onion rings and malts, coolers, floats and flurries, nachos Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at Ofc. Tom Orlowski They even have large stuffed Novi Youth Assistance with a multitude of additions pretzels with flavorings such as pizza, cream cheese, jalapeno including strawberry cheesecake, chocolate covered cherries. cheese and cinnamon apple, plus banana cream pie, and German ing@ht.homeo chocolate. intain drinks. LOSING A LOVED ONE TO DRUGS? Michigan Antique & Collectible Festivals Midland, Michigan Fairgrounds (US-10 at Eastman) f addiction is killing a loved one, we have the answer. We deliver the most Antiques & Vintage Collectib If addition is kning a docto one, we have the world, with a success rate over effective drig and alcolor fentible program in the world, with a success rate over 70%. 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Just for Kicks dancers will be per-forming Wednesday night, the Blackberry Creek dancers and Whistle Step Cloggers will have separate performances Saturday aftermoon, and Rich Eddies Rockin' Oldies Rand will perform Friday way to get involved in the commu-nity," says Cindy Kopczynski, vol-unteer coordinator. Cruisers are Oldies Band will perform Friday asked to donate eight to 10 hours o their time during the entire festival but let the festival know your avail

Volunteers and Sponsorships ibility and they'll work with you, The festival is always looking for

Kopczynski said sponsorships and volunteers, as they make the festival possible. There is a need for sponsors of the car show "Sometimes we can't get them to go home, because they're having fun," she said. Cruisers are asked to cover the \$10 cost for their shirt, but are trophies, carnival and family area and VIP reception and opening ceremories, among others. There are platinum, gold and "Friends of the '50s' sponsorships available, but acquainted with the festival before hand in a meeting and are invited to the VIP reception. Anyone interested in volunteer don't let that discourage you or your

ing, sponsoring, or participating in the car show can call the 50's festival office at (248) 349-1950

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Ice cream shop going back to its roots

evision shows. "It's nostalgic for flurry with mint M&Ms and will young and old," Stanlonis said start having a Flurry of the Week special, with a large flurry costing \$2," Stanlonis said. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be

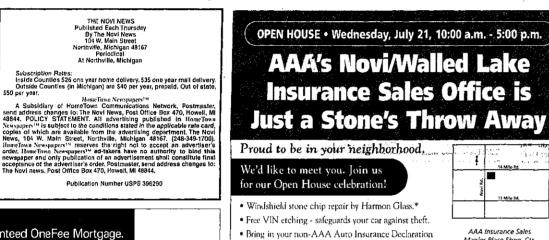
She noted that at the shop they play a CD from cable TV's "TV Land" with songs from classic telreached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm



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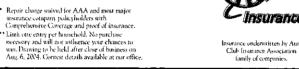
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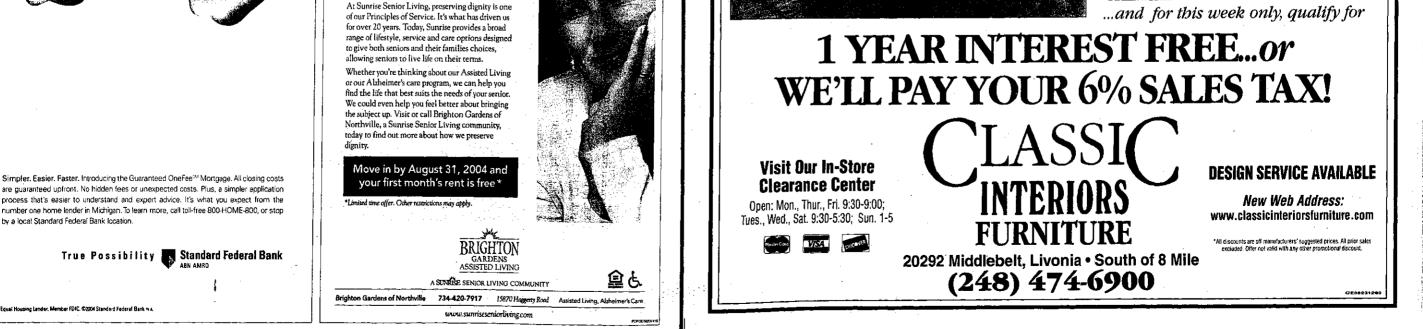




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Downs, the guest griller program evolved "on its own," as various groups called to ask for fundraising

other customers about their

"I think it's a great thing that our

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\$30 to \$50 tip

we can!

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Here's how it works.

By Kim Kovelle

Last Wednesday evening, Lynn Lineberger cooked up formidable profits to benefit breast cancer search and awareness --- in a literal way.

After contacting the restaurant and scheduling a date — Mon., Tues, and Wed, evenings are rec-She served as a "guest griller" at ommended, since the restaurant is the BD's Mongolian Barbeque in Novi, serving up stir-fry dioners on the restaurant's in-the-round stove less crowded — the person or group hosting the event makes a guest list. With some basic training, for family, friends and co-workers they work behind the grill with regshe had invited to the fundraising ular grillers for a few hours to serve those they ve invited. The stove is positioned in the open, so grillers also are free to tell

All told, she carried \$1,588. which will be used to sponsor the Breast Cancer 3-Day, a 60-mile walk that she'll participate in At the night's end, all of the tips left in the four tip jars go to the

Aug. 20-22. Proceeds from the 3-Day will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, funding breast cancer research, educa-tion, screening and treatment pro-grams. They will also aid the

National Philanthropic Trust time to do this whole event. Breast Cancer Fund. "They encourage each walker to raise \$2,000," said Lineberger, sen-ior marketing manager for BD's. "I set mine at \$3,000.1 still have a mailing list of letters I'm going to be sending out." Coming into the event, she had

\$1,000. Upon exceeding her guest griller goal — which was \$1,500 – she is now closer to her mark. Pelto even donned large pink bras. Amy Downs, Billy's wife, did a "BD's provides the environment guest griller event for the same and I get to collect all the tips at the Lineberger said. "It went

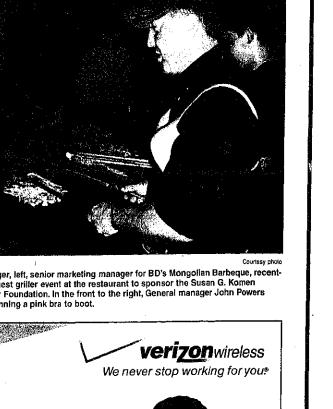
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"Fundraising is hard enough as i is, and they have an events that's different," Downs said. "it's a lot of fun. You get to see everyone who Carrie Martin, a friend and coworker of Lineberger, arrived with her two young daughters and in-laws, and planned to chip in a "I think it's awesome," Martin said. "It's a great fun way for a great cause to do something good." Lineberger worked the grill from 6 - 8 p.m., wrapping up at 8:30,
 "I had a ton of fun," Lineberger said, "BD's is very generous, Community is one of our core values. We really try to do as much as

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached Ann sovetie is a stag writer jor the Novi News. Size can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or at kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net. by hosted a guest griller event at the restaurant to sponsor the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In the front to the right, General manager John Powers pitched in, donning a pink bra to boot.





AUTHORIZED RETAILERS

LIBRARY LINES Public end of summer reading on Monday, July 26, from 1-2:30 p.m. We'll have pizza and emeriatinment Novi By Aileen Wingblad STAFF WRITER Library from the improv group YFF, whose members met at Detroit's Second Frazer Stamon calls himself a lucky man. And no wonder. Stamon, a resident of Milford Park Place City Training Center. Pre-registra-tion is required; please register in advance at the Teen Summer Hours The Novi Public Library is open in Milford, enjoys good health and a comfortable lifestyle ----Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. Reading Table in the library enviable at any age, but espe-cially so for Stamon. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday during the summer. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, Paws With A Cause Stamon recently celebrated Meet a group of "assistance dogs in training" from Paws with a Cause on Wednesday, July 28. These special canines will be at the his 100th birthday. "Getting to this point is a great feeling," said Stamon, who grew up in Farmington and enjoy killing cach other," he just east of Taft Road. For more dogs in tra understand how people would enjoy killing each other," he said. "It's hard to understand amation, call (248) 349-0720. who grew up in raminigent and enjoy Kning each other, ne enjoyed various vocations suid. "It's hard to understand throughout his life, including how people could feel that way. Novi Township supervisor, con-stable, county road commission employee and grocery store **Discover New Trails** library at 1 p.m. to meet children age 4 and up. The dogs will return at 7 p.m. to meet children of all Sign-up is now underway for the 2004 Summer Reading Program, "Discover New Trails @ Your ages. No registration is required fo the 50-minute programs. Library." The program is for chilmanager. "It's certainly an to do something to make those honor to get this far, an honor, and lucky." people happy so they don't care about killing anymore." Besides luck, however, Known as a pleasant-natured dren in the fourth grade and below **Dora The Explorer** and lucky." Besides luck, however, Dora will be reading a few sto-**Get Lost** Stamon credits his long life to and talkative man, Stamon ries to children at 10:30 a.m. today. Dora the Explorer is headed on her Stantion refeats in hong me to and tankatee mail, stantion having "a wonderful mother mostly keeps to himself, said who taught me the right way to Nancy Price, Milford Park Place live." And he didn't indulge in executive director. "He likes his excession, he added. "I would quiet time, but he keeps up with never try to tell someone how to Kids going into the fifth grade and beyond are invited to sign up now for "Get Lost @ Your Library." We'll feature awesome greatest adventure yet, in "Dorn the Explorer Live!" Dora, Boots, Backpack, and even Swiper will be programs and prizes throughout onstage in "The Search for the City of Lost Toys!" presented by Nickelodeon and Clear Channel summer live their life, but a lot of it has conduct business," she said. o do with what a man himself "He's just a very neat guy with Get Lost In An Urban Legend Entertainment, "Dora the Explore Live! Search for the City of Lost Toys" brings the adventure to Detroit's fabulous Fox Theatre July 28-August 1. "Dora the Explorer Live!" is based on the No. 1 pre-Storyteller Jennifer Strauss will share popular urban legends on Monday, July 19, from 1-2 p.m. Join Kids Club This program is for kids in the fifth grade and above. Please register in advance at the Teen Summer Reading Table in the library. school show on commercial televi sion, "Dora the Explorer." The popular Dora is a 7-year-old Latina heroine, whose adventures take Looking for something fun to do this summer? Then sign up for the coolest club around – the Little Oaks Kids Club at Twelve place in an imaginative, tropical world filled with jungles, beaches Craft Programs Oaks Mall – and join in on all excitement. Little Oaks is free and is geared for kids 12 and under. We have two craft programs scheduled for Tuesday, July 20. and rainforests. Crafts for children ages 5-6 will be at 1 p.m.; crafts for children age 7 and up will be at 2 p.m. There is a Be the first to know about spe Joel Tacey cial kids events being held in the mall. Get a free gift just for join-ing. Your Little Oaks membership Entertainer Joel Tacey brings his "just for fun" comedy, juggling, and magic show to the library on Wednesday, July 21. There will be a 1 p.m. show for children ages 4 \$2 materials fee for each 40minute program. No registration is necessary, but space is limited. These programs are sponsored by Michaels, The Arts and Crafts card will also snag you discounts at many of your favorite Twelve Oaks stores. You'll receive a quar-terly newsletter, The Acorn News, and up, and a 7 p.m. show for children of all ages. No registration is which provides information about upcoming mall events, a listing of Little Oaks discounts, fun puzzles and games, plus tips on having a healthy summer from Providence required for the 40-minute pro-**Drop-In Story Times** Story time for children ages 4 to 7 will be held Thursday, July 22; story time for 2- and 3-year-olds will be held Friday, July 23. Each Roard Meeting Hospital and Medical Center an more. You'll even get a birthday card and special treat on you The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Wednesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic 30-minute session begins at 10:30 pirthday. To register your children, age a.m. No registration is necessary. 12 and under, just stop by the Center Court Information Desk for an application. When kids receive their membership card in the mail, be sure to bring it back to Twelve Oaks for their free gifl. mity members are Center, Comm ome to attend the mee Food, Fun & Improv which will be broadcast live on All of our Teen Volunteers and cable Channel 13. all kids going into the fifth grade and up are invited to celebrate the Expecting Someone? wow! 99¢ THE MERLE AND SHIRLEY HARRIS BIRTHING CENTER CHOICE GOURMET MEATS **AT HURON VALLEY-SINAI HOSPITAL** SAVE EXTRA LEAN

It's the big '100' for Frazer Stamon

does. Some people drink enough whiskey to kill them-selves. I'm not a whiskey man - I never went to that extreme. You can't expect a perfect body and do everything with it you shouldn't." And while Stamon acknowledges the world has changed immeasurably since his birth on asurably since his hirth on

July 5, 1904, he's disturbed by the violence he hears so much of these days, particularly in the

a very neat background. And he's a great storyteller with a great sense of humor. He's a character - he really and truly

Stamon is Milford Park Place's first resident to cele-brate a 100th birthday, Price added. "We've come close, within two months, about five times. But then those people had to move on to nursing homes," she said. "So this is

And though Stanon appreci-ates all the attention his special day has brought — including cake and musical entertainment at Milford Park Place, as well as a special tribute to him by the Lakeland High School Band during Milford's Fourth of July Parade - he said perhaps it was

a little much. "The party was very nice. I'm Frazer Stamon, former not used to that," he said. "But 1 Novi Township supervisor, really didn't do anything to make this possible. They made a bigger deal than 1 think was celebrated his 100th birthday July 5. necessary.'

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New storage company opens 700 units in Novi

Firm caters to residential, business clients

By Pam Fleming RE WRITER

Whether you're planning a move, need more space or are expanding your business, a new firm that just opened in Novi can belly.

help. Premium Self Storage, located on Grand River just east of Meadowbrork in Novi roads, has all the conveniences both business and residential users need.

"We cater to both business and residential, and have a conference room on-site for clients to use for office work or meetings," said

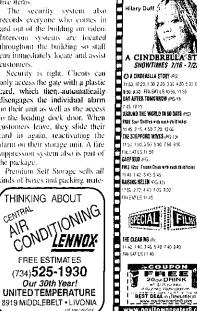
Peggy Jackson, manager. The conference room, which features a farge table and ergonomically-designed chairs. will soon include computers with Internet access at a counter next to the conference table. The toom also has a copier, facsimile machine, small refrigerator,

machine, small refrigerator, microwave and smk. One of the owners, Damone Construction of Troy, included a state-of-the-art security system and climate-controlled environment, keeping the storage units at about 70 degrees year-round. This makes the units an ideal location for storing pharmaceuticals, docu-ments, wood furniture and other temperature- and humidity-sensitive items.

security system also The records everyone who comes in and out of the building on video. Intercom systems are located throughout the building so staff can immediately locate and assist

customers. Security is tight. Chents can only access the gate with a plastic and, which then, automatically disengages the individual alarm on their unit as well as the access to the loading dock door. When customers leave, they slide their card in again, reactivating the alarm on their storage unit. A fire suppression system also is part of the package.

Premium Self Storage sells all kinds of boxes and packing mate-





rials as well as various types of padlocks on-site. Clients can take as many boxes as they think they aright need, then return any unused ones with receipt

A. for a full refund. The firm arranges also moves for its customers and will accept shipments. Lights go

P. Jackson on automati-

eally when easting when eastomers enter the storage build-ing. Restrooms and drinking fountains are also nearby, Dollies, flatheds and handcarts are provid-¢d.

We also have coffee, candy, cookies and bottled water for our clients," Jackson noted.

Premium Self Storage's staff is so confident that customers will be pleased with their storage nooms and service that the firm offers a full refund of the unused portion of the monthly rent if a

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client is not satisfied. Storage units come in various sizes, from locker-sized areas to larger spaces

The Metro Detroit-based com-pany is expanding with another location in Madison Heights and more set to open soon in Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Rochester, Royal Oak and St. Clair Shores.

The building houses more than 700 units, Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Access hours for customers are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily 365 days a year. For information about unit

dimensions and rates, call Premium Self Storage, 40900 Grand River Ave., at (248) 888-3500, or check out www.premiumselfstorage.com.

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Citizens Bank opens Novi office

Citizens Bank opened its second major hub in Oakland County -- Novi Centre at Haggerty Centre II, 28001 Cabot Drive in Novi, June 28. The facility houses commercial banking, mortgage banking, wealth management, commercial real estate lend-ing and a new temporary branch. A new stand-alone bank branch will be constructed on a contiguous property at Twelve Mile Road and the M5 expressway. Pictured are Citizens executives (from left) Clint Sampson, Todd Crysler, Kirk Anderson, Gary Wilson, Mike Michon and Tom Shafer, Citizens Bank southeast Michigan regional president.







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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Merritt elected secretary

The Women's Leadership Forum elected Terry Merritt, vice president, Human Resources, Walbridge Aldinger, as secretary of the Board of Directors for 2004 2005 2004-2005.

Hoover promoted

Kelly Hoover, of Novi, was promoted to assistant account executive from account coordina-tor at John Bailey & Associates Inc. Hoover is a team member on various accounts including Help Eliminate Auto Thefts, Kelly Services, RE/MAX and the Women's Survival Center. Hoover is a member of the Adcraft Club, PRSA and Detroit Regional Chamber Advisory Counsel. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University.

Home accessory shop opens in Walled Lake

The Home Accessory Warehouse offers a huge selec-tion of unique furniture and accessories for your home. A 15,000 square foot warehouse/showroom is open to

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the public as well as interior designers. Inventory includes fur-niture, framed art, mirrors, glass, ceramics, lamps, vases; candle-holders, pillows, silk florals, trees, and much more. At the Home Accessory Warehouse you can have a professional design consultation and turn your home into a masterpiece. The consulta-tion includes a \$150 refundable deposit with purchases of \$2000 or more within 90 days, and a designer will visit your horne to help you with all your furniture and accessory needs.

The Home Accessory Warehouse is located at 1017 E. W. Maple Road (between Decker and Pontiac Trail) in Walled

Lake. Hours: M-F 9:30 a.m-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. (248) 624-6700 or www.homeaccessorywarehouse.c om

Perter consults

Jill Porter, of Novi, recently became a consultant for Tastefully Simple, Inc., a national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minnesota.

As a consultant and independent business owner, Porter con-ducts in-home presentations and markets Tastefully Simple's line of courinet foods and eifts at home taste-testing parties. At the parties, guests receive samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions.

U.S. Storage Depot wins award

U.S. Storage Depot was pre-sented with the "New Construction Beautification Award" by Fifteenth District State Senator Nancy Cassis and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce on June 15. Through non-traditional curb area 11.5 non-traditional curb appeal U.S Storage depot appears as more of a high-tech complex than that of the traditional mom-and-pop self storage facility.

Chamber offers cash rewards

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced an upcoming customer and merchant loyalty program called "Lakes Area Cash Rewards."

Serviced and managed by Consumer FIRST, shoppers will first need to register their Visa and MasterCard with the program. Then, whenever they use their card to shop with participating local merchants, they'll enjoy cash-back rewards on their

monthly credit card statements. Depending on the business, the discount can range from 1 to 5 $\,$ percent, per purchase. A list of particip A list of participating mer-chants can be found at www.con-

Senate cuts through red-tane

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A comprehensive package of A comprehensive package of bills to implement a processing deadline on nearly every permit or license issued to businesses in the state of Michigan passed the Senate June 17, said Sen, Nancy Cassis, R-Novi.

The Red-Tape Reduction Package is part the Republican JOBS Action Plan for revitalizing the state's economy. The plan specifically targets ways to attract new businesses, save existing jobs and promote a healthier

business climate in the state. The new laws would affect licenses for new businesses as well as operational permits for current job providers. The change is similar to provisions in the recently signed groundwater and surface-water discharge permit laws.

Novi doc first to win new award

In announcing four of its annual awards last month, the Michigan Health & Hospital Association cited Paul Conlon, PharmD, JD, of Trinity Health Services in Novi as the winner of its new Patient Safety & Quality Leadership Award. Presented at the 2004 MHA

Annual Corporate Membership Meeting, the award was created to "recognize an individual who demonstrates patient safety and quality improvement leadership that transcended the bounds of

eir own organization." Conlon is vice president of clintheir

ical quality and safety for Trinity and a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy at the University of Michigan, He served as the first co-chair of the MHA's Patient Safety Committee and is involved with national patient safety organ-izations and Michigan Health & Sofety Coefficient building Safety Coalition initiatives,

Taubman expanding

Taubman Centers, Inc., the Bloomfield Hills-based real estate investment trust that owns Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, has expanded the

its ownership with the International Plaza in Tampa, Fla. The company aunoinced early this month that it acquired an added 23.6 percent interest in the plaza from Canadian property owner Ivanhoe Cambridge. It now owns 50.1 percent total.

Profit-making child's play

Novi-based Childtime Learning Centers, Inc. recently announced a profitable fourth quarter and improved operating results for the Within the past 13 weeks, the

company's net revenue has increased \$7.5 million, or 16.6 percent, from this time last year – making the grand total \$52.9 mil-lion. One extra week was added to the quarter, accounting for \$4.1 million of the increase

Business: region rises,

state sinks In May, the Comerica Bank Detroit Area Business Activity Index stood at 115, representing a one-point increase from April's 114. Its Michigan Business Activity Index, on the other hand, was down four points from 111 in April, closing at 107.

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Bound for the Big Apple

Michael Brenner, left, of Novi, is shown with ESPN's Tony Reali after winning the Sports Trivia Contest at the ESPN/Sports at the Fountain event at Fountain Walk shopping center July 3. Brenner's won a weekend trip for two to New York City on Sept. 7 to celebrate ESPN's 25th anniversary this year. The event attracted about 1,000 people, with more than 100 adults participating in the Sports Trivia Contest. Children had their own Sports Trivia Contest with everyone winning a roltze More Fun Trivia Contest, with everyone winning a prize. More Fun at the Fountain activities continue from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 20, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10. All activities are free. Call (248) 348-8762 or visit www.fountainwalkofnovi.com for more details.

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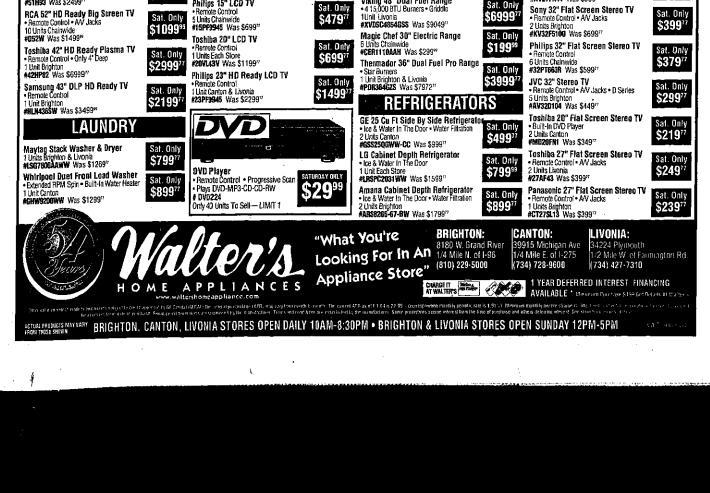
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New screening guidelines make annual Pap test thing of the past

By Elaine Horowitz detected. Some strains of this When to start screening virus can cause genital warts. There are many different types of HPV, and only a few of them PROVIDENCE NURSE NAVIGATOR For most women, having a Pap

test every year is a regular feature have the potential to cause cervical cancer. However, HPV can cause changes to the cells of the cervix, making them look abnorof an annual exam. the Recently, however, American Cancer Society (ACS) and the American College of mal. Most of the time, these are benign changes that have no long-term effect and clear up on their own. Some, however, may Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) have issued new screen ing guidelines that may make the nual Pap test a thing of the past signal precancerous changes and

The Pap test, developed and named after Dr. George Papanicolaou, HPV infections and because it the plane time for abnormal came into takes a long time for abnormal widespread cells to become cancerous, longer intervals between screenings 1950s as a would not be harmful for most

screening tool women. If you have had a Pap test recently, you may have noticed that instead of spreading the samcervical cancer. Since that time, the number of

ple on a glass slide and spraying with a fixative, your practitioner is putting it into a liquid solution instead. This new, liquid-based women who die from cer-vical cancer has decreased by 70 According to the Caacer Society, cervi-, once the number one for of women in the tes, is now ranked 13th tests for work to the sample and allows the laboratory to prepare the slides so they are accurate results. In addition, if percent. According to the American Cancer Society, cervical cancer, once the number one cancer killer of women in the United States, is now ranked 13th the results are abnormal, the in cancer deaths for women. The impact of regular screening is obvious. Why change now? The changes in the screening allowing your practitioner to get a understanding of the causes of cervical cancer. It is now gener-ally accepted that there is a strong relationship between exposure to or have some other origin will human papilloma viras, HPV and the development of cervical can-cer. HPV is a common virus that help determine what kind of fur-ther treatment may be necessary. So, what are these new screening guidelines and how do you decide what is right for you? As with all guidelines, individual differences and risk factors must is spread through sexual contact. There are some estimates that up to 75 percent of the population may have been exposed to this virus at some time. Most of the be taken into consideration. time, an HPV infection is harm-Here are some of the new rec-

al exam that includes a pelvic and breast exam. Remember, cervi less and temporary and will go ommendations issued by to the calcancer is relatively rare and a way on its own. In fact, the American College of preventable if you follow the rec-infection could have pocurred of the fact strain of the factor of the fact cal cancer is relatively rare and preventable if you follow the rec-

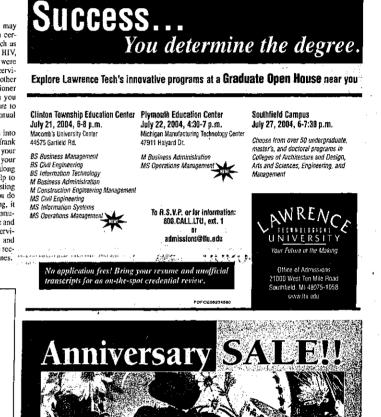


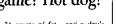
Going to a ballgame? Hot dog!

By Ernle Harwell 24 grams of fat - and a day's total allowance of sodium For the average person who eats plenty of fruits and veggies and watches fat and sodium Hot dogs are as American as baseball. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates fans ate 25.9 million hot dogs intake, routing for the home in major league hallparks in 2003. That's down from the 26.3 million caten in 2002 – but team is more fun with a hot dog, maybe even some peanuts and Cracker Jacks – in moderation. still enough to stretch from And please remember to take care of your health before it's Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles to Yankee Stadium in New York City, Now, I'm not about to knock lonngggg gone! Emie Harwell, "the voice of an American institution, but I do the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after

want to get a plug in for moder-ation. After all, the average reg-ular beef hot dog contains 150 55 years behind a major league microphone, Today, at age calories and 13 grams of fat, Ernie's days are filled with serv ing as a health and fitness advo-cate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appear-Wrapping it in a plain white bread bun adds 100 calories and 1.5 more grams of fat. A table-spoon each of ketchup, mustard, ances, writing, traveling an onions and relish adds at least taking long walks with "Miss another 50 calories. Throwing another 50 calories. Throwing Lalu," his wife of more than 60 on an ounce of cheddar cheese years. His latest book, a colle-adds another 120 calories and ion of his baseball columns 10 grams of fat. So a hot dog cutiled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores o

with all the fixings can add up to more than 420 calories and by calling 1-800-245-5082.





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Elaine Horowitz, is a 2000 Nightingale Award recipient for Excellence in Nursing Education from Oakland University School

Screening should begin approximately three years after of Nursing. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the WSU College of Nursing, and her career has given her hands on first sexual intercourse or by age 21, whichever comes first How often to screen experience as a social worker labor and delivery nurse, publi health nurse, clinical researc nurse and community health edu

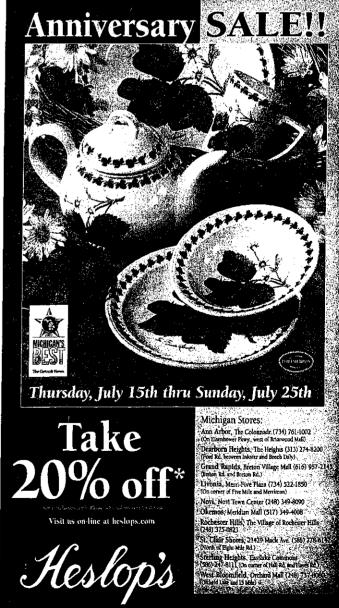
Women under age 30 should be tested annually. For women over age 30, if they have had negative cator. She is the past president of results on three consecutive annual pap tests, and/or have tested negative for HPV, they may be able to be screened every two to the Hadassah Nurses Council and a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and three years.

Neonatal Nurses and When to stop screening International Childbirth Education Association. She can be reached at Providence, a mem-Healthcare providers may decide to discontinue screening

in older women based on their ber of St. John Health, at 1-800history and current health status. This is a decision made on an 806-2229. individual basis.

Exceptions More frequent screening may be necessary for women in cer-tain high-risk categories, such as those who are infected with HIV, are immunosuppressed or were previously diagnosed with cervi cal cancer. There may be other reasons that your practitioner wants to continue to screen you

on an annual basis, so be sure to discuss this at your next annual exam. OK, how can we put this into the proper perspective? A frank and open discussion with your healthcare provider about your medical and social history, along with past test results will help to determine what is the best testing schedule for you. Even if you do not require annual Pap testing, it is still important to have an annu-



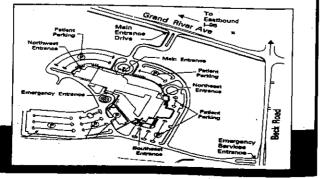
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NOVI NEWS - SPECIAL REPORT CREATING NOVI'S 'DOWNTOWN'

Main Street project growing after early struggles

From what began as a grand plan to create a biand new down-. Iown community from the ground up. Main Street Novi has struggled to achieve the success anticipated by its original designers, developers and community

ing there.

loader Despite ongoing legal, final cial and other problems that have plagued the project since its for mal beginning in 1994, new busi-nesses continue to locate in Novi's Main Street development. Two weeks ago, the Novi News reported that Triangle Development recently closed on the purchase of 18.2 acres of vacant land along both sides of Main Street from Novi Road to the existing buildings there from the lenders that foreclosed on "I think there's been a signifi-

cant tornaround with the new restaurants, golf store and now a potential health food store locating there," said Lou Csordas. nayor of Novi, "I'm very

ing locations in Walled Lake, encouraged with what's happen-Southfield, Plymouth and Livonia. After recently acquiring Vitamin Outlets, Handelsman is The Luna Building, formerly Vic's World Class Market, is leading the way with some recent converting one of those operanew tenants, Luna Properties, tions in Bloomfield Hills into a Better Health Store

which owns and manages that building, is currently remodeling the second floor to expand its Motor City Golf Warehouse opened an 18,000 square-foot offices located there. tore in the other former space of Tedd Handelsman, a Novi resi-Vic's Market, Owners Bol dent, has announced plans to open a Better Health Store in the Kunkel and Tom Celani realized their vision of operating a golf remaining 23,000 square feet of 'superstore'' with the opening of vacant space that formerly the Novi location in March. Kunkel and Celani are com-mitted to offering the best quality housed Vic's Market. With an opening date targeted for October, the full-service market and largest selection of golf merchandise at the best price with will include a bakery, deli with prepared foods, organic foods, and floral and nutrition depart-ments, said Hondelsman. professional service. The store ncludes a full-service, club-fit-

ting center complete with simula-The Novi location would be tor for golfers to try various the largest store in the chain of clubs natural food stores founded five Gus O'Connor's Public House years ago by Handelsman, Based in Wixom, the company now

opened at the corner of the Luna Building at Market Street last operates 15 Better Health Stores November. The largest authentic in the Detroit metro area includ-Irish Pub in North America is

open for lunch and dinner with a that it didn't work out. full-service bar. The Smith Brothers, Ed and Mark, own Gus O'Connor's in Novi along with Main Street Billiards in facilities. Paisley credits Novi Rochester. The restaurant offers unstairs fining and a private room with a

patio. They are putting an out-door patio with 12 tables along expand. opening another brewing opera-tion in the former Thermofil manufacturing facility located in Market Street for the summer eason, according to Paul Kastran, general manager of Gus O'Connor's Green Oak Township just south The Local Color Brewing of Brighton in Livingston Company closed its Novi loca-tion in the Main Street East

building on Grand River suddenin the former Local Color space ly last December, Local Color but no deal has been signed according to Paul DeBono of the Farbman Group in Southfield, opened as a micro brewery and restaurant operation there in January of 1998. which leases space there for the "We intended to reopen there building's owner, GMAC. The

with another concept but were unable to work out a deal with the landlord (GMAC)," said Peter Local Color space has a unique build-out with part being industrial and part restaurant, DeBono Paisley, owner of the local brewsaid cry and restaurant. "I believe in Farbman also is looking for vi's Main Street and I'm sorry ntial tenants for the 2,000

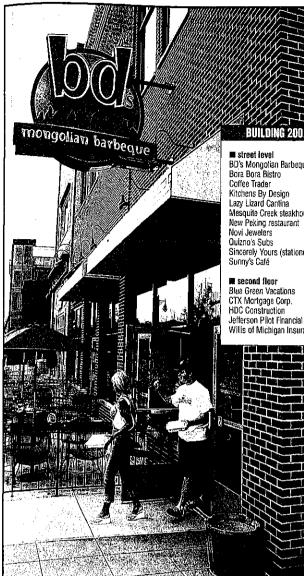
square feet of retail space on th The demand for Local Color's first floor at Main Street East forproducts necessitated an expanmerly occupied by Las Vegas ion of the company's production Golf and Tennis

At one time earlier this year, it residents' loyal patronage as a looked as if The Second City major reason for the success of the business and its need to comedy theater might relocate its Detroit operation in the former Local Color space. However, the less and its need to Paisley is in the process of deal with Local Color fell through, according to Kelly Leonard, a Second City producer

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in Chicago. The Second City now plans to open its training center in the Fountain Walk shopping center instead of the former Local Color space. The theater will likely be located on the north end of the shopping center, according to Linda Busse, marketing director for Fountain Walk.

"There's a lot of competition for commercial space in Novi," said Ed Kriewall, former city manager for the City of Novi, "I think that Fountain Walk has hurt the space on Main Street."



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and Main Street Court on Novi Road were built (see graphic of the site plan). The proposed Buildings 500 (connected to the 300 atrium), 700 and 900 on the north side of Main Street and Buildings 400, 600, 800 and 1,000 on the south side were never built. That vacant property was purchased by Triangle Development, which plans to finish the mixed-use

commercial and residential proj ect In January, Novi City Council asked the administration to examine the possibility of establishing a downtown development authority district for the entire Grand River/Novi Road quad-rant, It also recommended estab-lishing a Main Street Committee to move forward on the city's

goals for that area. Once the budget is resolved, the city staff will put together a

Potential exists for success

"There is still great potential for Main Street. It will be a sucreport on the pros and cons of establishing a downtown devel-opment authority district, accordcessful project but it will just take a little longer for it to hap ing to current City Manager Rick pen," said Kriewall. "The key is Helwig. Helwig said that having resithat it feels like a downtown at Main and Market Streets " dential support for a downtown area is important. Novi already has the bousing with the Main Kriewall was city manager of Novi from 1974 through 2000 when he retired. He was in office Street Village built by Singh Development LLC adjacent to Main Street and Novi Road, he

through the planning, develop-ment, construction and leasing stages of the Main Street project added. After retiring as city manager, Improving access to the down Kriewall worked as a part-time town area also is critical to its success, according to Helwig. More than \$10 million in road consultant with Evergreen III, the original developer of the Main Street project. Kriewall said he repairs are being made to roads has not been involved in the projin Novi this summer. The Oakland County Road ect during the past year and a Commission will spend about \$6.5 million to revamp Novi Road's intersections with Grand Only about half of the original

development planned has been built on the 63 acres of land the River Avenue and 10 Mile Road Main Street project encompasses Main Street East, Luna Building this summer. In 2005, the road commission plans to build five lane bridge over the CSX (former Vic's Market), Buildings 200 and 300 at Market and Main Railroad tracks on Novi Road between Grand River and 10 Mile Another group concerned

about the downtown develop ment has emerged since the beginning of the year. Tony Musu, a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce board of directors, is spearheading a new group of local business and comnunity leaders to determine how the area could be improved "I've been meeting with seven al different business owners to try to revitalize the downtown

of Novi," said Musu, "Th city put a lot of time and effor into the Main Street area but I know a lot of retail shops are The new group, tentatively named the Gateway Village Downtown Novi Association, has

met several times and is develop ing some ideas to impr downtown area, said Musu,

spaces Total Parking - 2,260 spaces PHASE I: Main Street East (Building 100); completed PHASE II: Main Street Village (residential): completed PHASE III: Main Street Court: completed MAIN STREET: Building 200/300 with 114.486 sq.ft. lease space completed Building 400 with 28,042 sq.ft. lease space, planned

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Main Street Novi Project Facts:

S100 million development

on 63.35 acres of land 850,000 square feet of

commercial space for offices, retail and

restaurants Surface Parking – 1,818

spaces Garage Parking - 442

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NOVI TOWN CENTER **Festival found brief** 0+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ home downtown OHHHHHHO AHHHHHOT & HERRICAN **8**/5 OHHUUD Fountain Walk, according to Novi's Main Street is losing a special event that was held Kapelczak. The festival also is downtown for the past two a member of the Chamber of years. The Michigan 50's Festival is moving to the Commerce which has support ed the festival for its entire 15 HHEDRAHHHHHH years in existence, she added Fountain Walk shopping center 700 this summer. The festival had contributed The popular festival is scheduled for July 28-31 at Fountain Walk located just funds toward the construction of the proposed band shell at the corner of Main and Market BUILDING 30D north of I-96 and west of Nov Streets in downtown Novi However, the band shell has Road. 🖀 street level LUNA BUILDING yet to be built there 100 "We're moving (the festival) to Fountain Walk because Ð i Bim Bam Korean Brian Larson of Larson restaurant 250 SPACES 3.86A there are more businesses and Jewelry Design said he wants Larson Jewelry Design to organize fund-raising events to raise money for the band shell, as soon as the tenants' more space there," said Lori Kapelczak, president of the Michigan 50's Festival. She Passageway Travel attitte Salon Agape 書 has served on the board of lawsuit against the original second floor directors for the festival for the developer and lenders is

past five years. The festival was held in Novi's Main Street development in 2002 and 2003 operating as the Music and Motorfest. The Michigan 50's Festival was previously held a the Novi Expo Center. The City of Novi supports the festival and its move to

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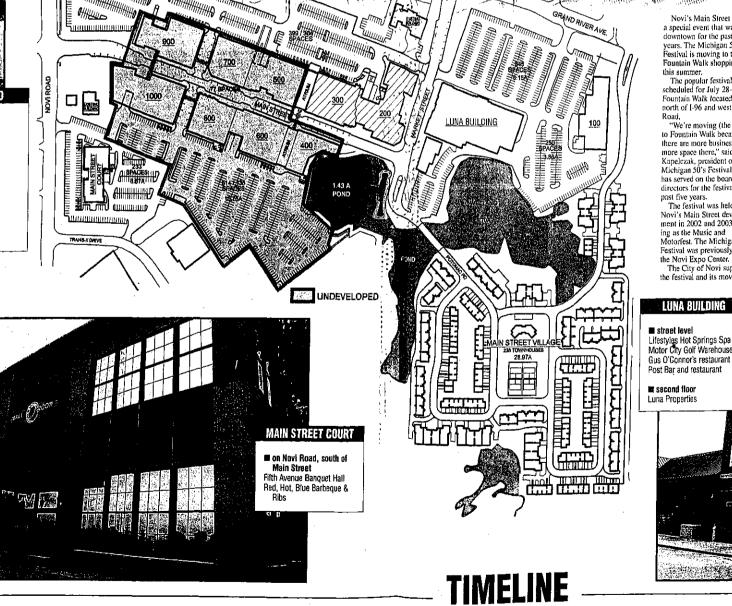
First retailer survives despite problems

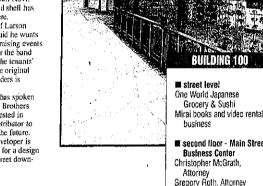
first store to open on Main Street on Labor Day in 1999. The jewelry business will celebrate its fifth anniversary at its location in Building 200 in September. "We were the original pioneers and have survived," said owner Brian Larson, who signed a 20-year lease in 1999, "We have no ntentions of leaving." Larson cited numerous design and construction flaws that exist ed in the buildings from the very eginning. The open space of the mall

space is leased, according to "We have possible tenants for area in the buildings needed to be heated and maintained. The landthe vacancies but no signed leas-es yet," said Brendan George of CB Richard Ellis who handles ord wanted the tenants to extra for those costs, which led to leasing of office space there. "It's a lawsuit and the tenants' counter-(Main Street) going in the right Larson said he is one of eight direction." Brendan said they have two enants left in a lawsuit against vacancies, each with about 4,000 the original developer, livergreen square feet of office space on the "The developer wanted to and floor. They have a possirewrite the leases so they could ble lease with a travel agency, he charge us more rent to cover Donna Figi, who handles leas those costs," said Larson, "They tried to evict as, so we counter ing of the retail space, said they are working with a possible ten-ant for 8,000 square feet of ells Fargo Bank now owns showroom space on Main Street original lawsuit and the tenants' counter suit. Larson and the other tenants are represented by local Some tenants reported hearing about a martini bar coming into additional space there, but Figi additional space there, but Figi could not confirm it since no attorney Kim Capello who is also lease has been signed. Larson reported hearing that Toll Brothers of Michigan, a "We've made some improvehome builder based in Farmington Hills, is considering the showroom space. A repaired the electrical for the out spokesperson for Toll Brothers said the company is negotiatin, lease for a design center in the Richard Ellis. "The gas and electric utilities are now on subarea but could not confirm the location until a lease is signe eters for the individual ten-"We're counting on the futu to work here," said Larson. Sermak said they also plan to

Computer Specialists Dr. Adie, Dentist Real Estate One Sidock Group, Inc. (architects, engineers) and sidewalks due to some set-

tling. The buildings include 175 underground parking spaces for the tenants and more than 300 spaces for the public in the surface parking lots. CB Richard Ellis of Southfield manages the property and leases space in Buildings 200 and 300 for Wells Fargo. About 80 percent of approximately 115,000 quare feet of office and retail



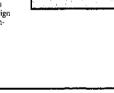




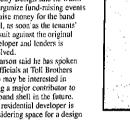
resolved Larson said he has spoken officials at Toll Brothers who may be interested in being a major contributor to the band shell in the future.

The residential dev considering space for a design center on Main Street down-





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Building 500/700 with 87,925 sq.ft. lease space: olanned Building 600/800 with 105,102 sq.ft. lease space; planned Buildings 900 and 1000; planned PHOTOS BY JOHN REIDER

the building and inherited the is a member of the Novi City Council. ments to the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system and side lighting on Main and Market Streets," said Dan Sermak of CB

resurface the parking lots behind the buildings and repair some of

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EDUCATION

Fourth grade students produce end-ofschool newspaper, Village Oaks Update

Editor provides insight on what it takes to put out a newspaper

By Ramez Khuri

Jane Funfgeld, Village Oaks Elementary School literary spe-cialist, will never again complain to a newspaper editor about a typo she found. In fact, she has never appreciated the editor of a - article newspaper as much as she does.

Funtgeld, who only got about three hoars of sleep on the night a comic, some photography, before the last day of school, was busy playing editor, as she assem-bled and put the finishing touches on the newspaper that 25 fourthgraders wrote as an assignment - Funfgeld said. "I went in while for teacher Tom Guilmette's lan- they were writing to try to teach guage arts class. Funfgeld explained that she and Guilmette chose to do this to stories and strong verbs.

activity because they wanted the kids to be able to have a lan-guage arts experience and be ible to do some research on top- bed, it means what it sounds like ics that they were interested in. They combined those two, and she thought that it would be very worldwhile if the students con-Students wrote articles on all

where a number of the short short short of the short short of the short short of the short of th and secondary sources in the newspaper, and that's when we of features. decided to ask Cal to come in

and talk to the kids," Fungeld said. "You want to get to the kids and make sure they have Cal, being Cal Stone, editor of the right words that they want to

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"This is a huge job," Funfgeld Village Oaks teacher Jane Funfgeld takes a look at a copy of the just-published Village Oaks Update with student Brad Malarkey, one of the newspaper's writers.

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and the kids are great writers." Romez Khuri is a stuff wruer Funfgeld said to look for the *for the Novi News, He can be* students' newspaper on the thereas on the Village Oaks *HO or by e-mail at the or by e-mail at* Elementary School link soon



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ment and Ira W. Geer, education director of the American Meteorological Society. The project seeks to develop the teachers' training skills in academy seminar Susan Wainwright, a teacher project at Novi Meadows School, will attend the 11th annual session of oceanography and to expose the distinguished Maury Project Workshop offered by the United them to various government agencies involved in oceanogra-phy that they may be able to uti-lize. Smith also hopes the teach-States Naval Academy this sum-mer, Twenty-four teachers, both ational and international, are ers will go back and combine their new-found knowledge with participating in the seminar through Friday, July 23. other subjects. The Maury Project Workshop The Maury Project highlights various oceanographic and meteorological subjects ranging from local to global systems. is named in honor of Navy Lt. Matthew Fontaine Maury, who

lived from 1806 until 1873 and is considered to be the father of The educators will develop training materials they can take back and use in their classrooms. The program consists of lecphysical oceanography. The Maury Project Workshop is funded by the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, the Office of Naval funded tures, hands-on material and field trips. The group will utilize the Naval Academy's oceano-graphic vessel, YP-686, to prac-Research. the Nationa

Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and the tice oceanographic concepts. The Maury Project is CO-directed by Dr. David Smith, associate chair of the Naval Metcorologica American Society.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: A CRAFTODO SHITE NEWS by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S. Orthodontic Specialist

BITE WORSE THAN BARK? BITE WORSE THAN BARK? The term "malocclusion" refers to the improper fit and gliapment of the teeth and jaws. Such timerited we determine how well the teeth fit together, and it is not uncommon ar scult, the most common sign of malocclusion is crooked or protrud-ing tech. Other symptoms that may be related to malocclusion in chil-sche data are permanent teeth erupting child, call my office at 248-471. we have a sche ver office the mouth, schedule an appointment for your dren are permanent teeth erupting child, call my office at 248-471. We the mouth schedule an appointment for your dren are permanent teeth erupting child, all my office at 248-4795. We the Mile Road, Suite 111. BS, Adult malocclusion symptoms have the schedule symptoms that may the check or toof of the mouth, speech difficulties, and facial mus-

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Student to explore medical career

National Youth Leadership Forum offers career insights

By Ramez Khuri

Katherine Colaccino just finished her sophomore year at Novi High School, but unlike many of her peers, she already knows what she wants to be when she grows Katherine Colaccino's interup. She even knows where she ests extend beyond the medical wants to carn her doctorate She will be president of her junior class next school year.

 She is involved in comnetiplanning. Colaccino has wanted to be a tive dance, tap, jazz and ballet. pediatrician since she was a little girl. She said that kids and science She's involved in the Novi High School Choir, and her duet partner and her received a "one" in state competitions, which is the highest rating. She has also sang the "National Anthem" at the Novi Expo

Center.

"They sent me information, and it made me feel really good," Hearning and an educational method in which students will be

Colaccino said. "This will give presented a fictional patient's case me the opportunity to visit a history and must diagnose and major city in the United States develop a treatment plan for the and study medicine from doctors patient. and learn about the newest treat-

professions to life. Empowering outstanding young people with the confidence to make wellinformed career choices, the forum has provided programming to more than 50,000 students

degree. demic excellence, leadersnip Now that's some serious life potential and an interest in a somer in medicine. physicians, surgeons, researchers scientists and medical educators

variety of concepts in public

ments and the latest research." The National Youth Leadership Forum is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various

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

Colaccino enrolled in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, which will take place in Boston from July 17-26. She will join 350 other high school students from around the country who demonstrate aca-

career in medicine. Throughout her 10-day stay, Colaccino will be introduced to a

were always two big interests of bers. And after scoring very high-ly on her science ACT scores in the eighth grade, the National Youth Leadership Forum took notice, "They sent me information, and

"I'll be in hospitals watching surgery, listening to major speak-ers and learning about the latest technology," Colaccino said.

"I hope to achieve leadership skills and find out exactly what type of medicine I'd like to go into and what type of studying I need to do. I'd like to attend the University of Michigan Graduate School and I'd like to get my doc-torate degree at Michigan." In addition to visits to cutting-

edge medical schools and clinic facilities, Colaccino will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with leaders within the medical field. She will have upclose and personal contact with

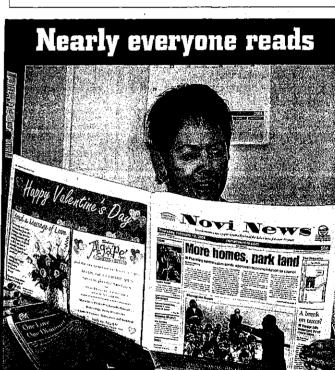
as she goes behind the scenes to view these professionals at work Ramer Khuri is a staff write

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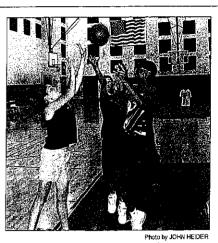
Up for the block Alex Dinser, left, puts up a shot as her defender Phillip Tyler, far right, tries to make a block during a game of basketball at the Novi Teen Center. The center, open to all Novi teenagers from 11-14 years, will be open Mon.-Thur., noon-5 p.m., until early August. Teens can expect a variety of activities, including athletics, billiards, field trips, crafts,

demonstrations, ping pong, video games, movies and the popular "lock in" night. For more informa-tion, call Novi Youth Assistance at (248) 347-0410.









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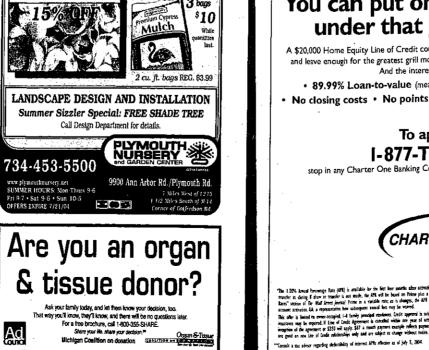
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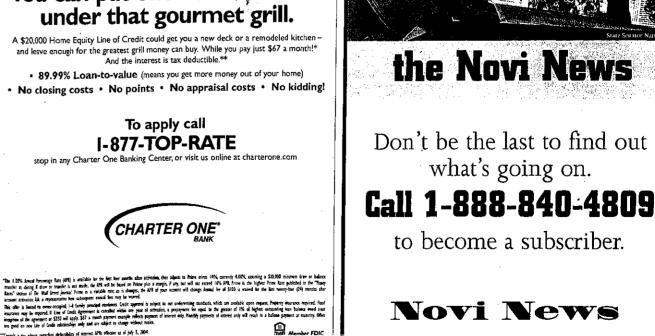
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the spring 2004 semester. Chase Chandler is a sopho-

more majoring in economics and

management. He is the son of Carl

Lauren Chimienti is a senior

majoring in speech communica-tion. She is the daughter of David Chimienti and Patricia Chimienti

of Novi and a graduate of Novi

Angela Doolin is a senior

Novi High School. Michael Garabelli is a junior

majoring in economics and man-

agement and ininoring in mathe-matics and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in

Professional management. He is the son of John Garabelli and

Mary Garabelli of Novi and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Scott Kortlandt is a senior

majoring in chemistry education and mathematics education and is

completing the secondary educa-

tion program. He is the son of George Kortlandt and Patricia Kortlandt of Novi and a graduate

Jacob Ray is a junior at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son

of David Ray and Barbara Ray of

Novi and a graduate of Novi High

Novi residents Pangjen Liu,

Melissa Ponder, Beth Rice, Ryan

of Novi High School.

School.

Arbor.

Novi resident Jennifer

John Fleming, of Novi, has

been selected for membership in Wittenberg University's chapter of

Phi Eta Sigma. He is the son of

society that seeks to recognize and

encourage scholarship among

first-year college men. Selection i

based entirely on achieving a 3.5 grade-point average for the fall semester of the first year.

The University of Dayton has named John Douglass, a Novi resident, to the winter 2004,

Michael Wang, Class of 2001 Novi High School, graduated

summa cum laude from University of Pennsylvania in

May 2004 with a bachelor of sci-

ence degree in economics from

the Wharton School and a bache-

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On Campus

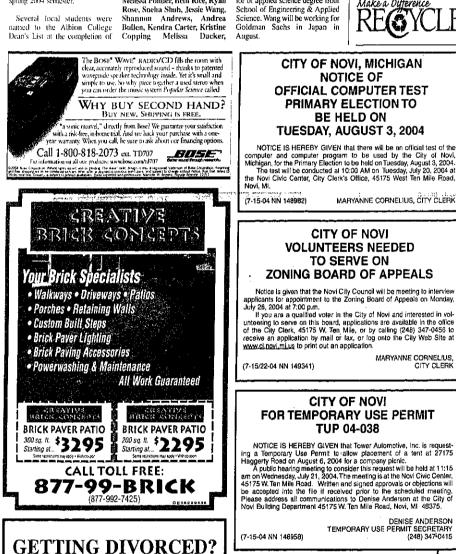
The Michigan Chapter of the National Television Academy, (NTA), held its 26th Annual EMMY Awards June 5 at Detroit's Renaissance Center Balfroom in the Marriott Hotel. Novi resident and Novi High School senior Matthew Nickels won the Public Chandler and Sally Chandler of Novi and a graduate of Novi High Service Announcement competi tion and was presented with a \$3,000 scholarship at the EMMY awards. His instructor at Novi High School is David Legg, who has been a supporter of the John Schimpf Scholarship for many High School. majoring in English and psycholo-gy. She is the daughter of Leon Doolin and Geraldine Sims-The John Schimpl vears. Scholarship is named after former NTA president and national trustee who died in 1992. Doolin of Novi and a graduate of

More than 1,000 students were placed on the spring 2004 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Included were Anna L. Cynar, sopho-more, and Angela Moran, senior, both of Novi; Matthew Nielsen, unior, of Walled Lake; and Angela Botero, senior, Kimberly Segal, senior, and Kiel Vanderhovel, junior, all of Wixom.

resident Michael Flaherty was among the gradu-ates at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Ind., during spring 2004

Novi resident Cheryl Deighton was among the graduates of Mercer University in Macon, Ga. during spring 2004 commence-ment exercises. She was also named to the Dean's List for spring 2004 semester

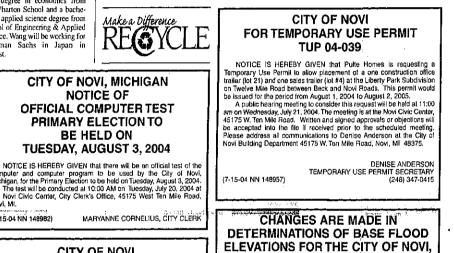
Rose, Sneha Shah, Jessie Wang, Shannon Andrews, Andrea Several local students were





Reading during the dog days of summer

The Novi Public Library's carns them a prize. The kids also involves reading books of their participate in a program called "Stamp your own Shorts (or T-Older program is called "Cet Lost Dirito and pay Frisbee Golf." There are special programs for Discovering New Trails at the game board showing the different July 26. projects on Tuesdays and special presentations on Wednesdays. July 26. The fourth grade and younger summer reading program is called "Discover New Trails at the Novi These programs are designed to trails used by the early settlers get kids reading, enjoy some entertainment and let them see (i.e. the Santa Fe Trail). Every five books kids read based on the set their friends in the summer. specifications on the game board Public Library." This program



OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

On May 3, 1993, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard'Areas (SFHAs) in City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, through issuance of a Flood insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Mitigation Division has deter-mined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base or 100-year flood) for certain locations in this community is appropriate. The modified Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) revise the FIRM for the community. The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accor-dance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, a amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 55. Hydraulic analysis were updated to incorporate the placement of fill

448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 55. Hydraulic analysis were updated to incorporate the placement of fill in the 1% annual chance (100-year) ilocotplain and construction of bridge along an unnamed road. These analyses have resulted in a revised delin-eation of the floodway and decreases in the SFHA from approximately 4,000 feet downstream of Ten Mile Road to approximately 3,450 feet downstream of Ten Mile Road and from approximately 1,360 feet downstream of Ten Mile Road and from approximately 1,360 feet downstream of Ten Mile Road to just upstream of Ten Mile Road revised BFEs for Novi-Lyon Drain from 1,350 feet downstream of Ten Mile Road to just upstream of Ten Mile Road. The table bedrow indicates exist-ing and modified BFEs for selected tocations along the affected lengths

the flooding source cited above.	v	•
cation	Existing BFE (feet)*	Modified BFE (feet)*
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proximately 400 feet downstream		
Ten Mile Road	955	954
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Under the above-mentioned Acts	of 1968 and 1973	3, the Mitigation
vision must develop criteria for flood	plain manageme	nt. For the com-
inity to participate in the National Flo	od Insurance Proc	ram (NFIP), the

munity to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain man-agement measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new build-ings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

Boosters host golf fundraiser

The Novi High Band Boosters organization is bosting its second 8th Grade Foursome Golf Scramble on Sunday, August 1, 2004. The event will take place at the Links of Novi Golf Course on Ten Mile Road, west of Nina Abboud, Majeed Abdul-Wahab, Alberto Albanelli, Katherine Auletto, Kevin Auletto, Ashley Babinchak, Christina Wivom Road, in Novi. Tee times Bagdon, Vidhi Bamzai, Nicole re from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m Bang, Michael Barbour, Lia The cost is \$125 per person and includes lunch, 18 holes of golf Barduca, Sarah Barton, Grain Bateman, Eric Baumgarten, nd dinner, Non-golfers are wel-Allyson Berenguer, Mark Bernie, to attend the dinner at a cost of \$30, This year's event promises to Brittany Black, Matthew Blahunka, Samantha Bourque, te as much fun as last year's Kelly Bradford, Kristina Bray Alyssa Breaugh, Alexander Brey, There are also several great prizes. Everyone has the opportu nity to win golf items, gift certifi Adam Britten, Alina Bruder, James Brunner, Cynthia Burgess, Robert Burgos, Jennifer Byrnes, Jenna Carosio, Christian Carter, cates and golf lessons. A hole-inwins a two-year lease on a new car. Event sponsorships, hole sponsorships and door prize Matthew Cash, Katelin Chaklos, sponsorships and door prize donations are still available. Also, Amy Chiano, Amanda Chiti Soojung Chung, Brittany Cigna, there is still room for more teams to participate in this event. Please call Sharon Hoving at (248) 349 Jonathan Clarkson, Deva Clements, Matthew Clinard, Stephanie Clos, Shannon Cody, 4461 for details and tickets Kara Collins, Aimee Cooper, The Novi High School Band Boosters is a non-profit parent run organization. They raise funds for the students and help Kristyn Cordes, Amanda Costello, Abigail Cracraft, Colling Crandell, Jordan Crandell, Stephanie raise funds for the music pro raise funds for the music pro-gram. They work closely with the director of bands, Mark Hourigan. All proceeds of the event go to benefit the music pro-Cripps, Julie Crist, Paula Cynar, Stephanie D'Cruz, Yalda Dastmalchi, Scott Davis, Steve DeBona, Vanessa DeCello, Joseph DeNova, Casey Denoyer,



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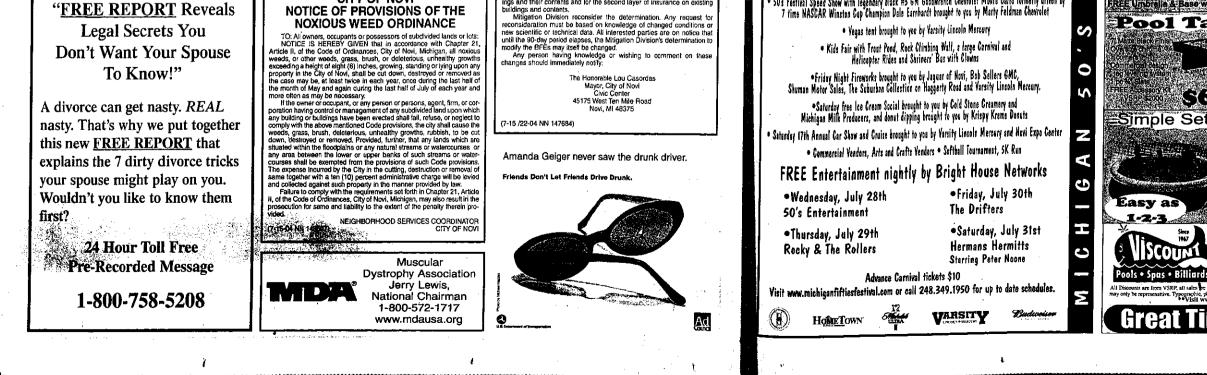
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Patience and determination will

downtown" will bustle with activity. There are days when it looks like a ghost town, and there are nights when it looks every bit like a tradi-

ional downtown

Having grown up in

the downtown-less Waterford, I was curious

as to how Novi embarked

on this project, what hap-pened and its future.

of readers who also wan

to know, and that's why

we embarked on the Special Report on pages 10 and 11 of this edition.

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ness as usual.

I think there are plenty

prevail, and years from now Novi's

Ever since coming here about two and a half years ago, I have enjoyed Nova's "downtown." I think it has the charm and potential to be a very big draw to this area, perhaps as big as Twelve Oaks. Mall or the Novi Expo-

Center. The Main Street Project has obviously had more than its share of roblems over the years but it survives and, in fact, keeps on growing. There was recently tall



relocating to Main Street. That would have been a Cal Stone major boost to the overall development, and when it didn't I think our special writer, Daano Ramsey, did a fine job of summa rizing the project. I hope in 10 come to Ensition, I think a lot of people felt (once again) that the intire project was cursed. more years we can do another Then along comes Triangle overview that shows a thriving lowntown that matches any othe Development, purchasing the remaining undeveloped 18 acres, and everything looks like it's back metro-Detroit suburb.

on track again. That seems to be the history of the project - ups and downs, A News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or major tenant comes in, another one _cstone@ht.homecomm.net leaves.

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

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Charter change was a so many complaints about flooding and storm water problems all around the city it instructed

resident's proposal I just finished reading the July 8 issue of the Novi News, and read the attacks upon our mayor with regards to amending the city chatter to alleviate the dilemma of not meeting the budget deadline due to a stalemate of council nember approval. Well, I'll take the heat for this one. Consider

I called the mayor the day that the budget was finally approved, which by the way, was more than a week past the deadline date that our charter calls for. The mayor was unavailable that afternoon, but did return my call the next morning. I congratulated him on finally getting the budget passed, but suggested to him that we need some sort of "check and balance" (I

My reasoning on this was that without a budget passed on time, our city would begin to shut down its services, and that would not be in the best interest to us, the taxpayers. I watched, as city employees came forth, and said that they could not perform their duties with legitimate integrity until a budget was passed. How could this become a viable realization? My thoughts were that something needed to be changed. I also feel that a city manager, particularly the one that we have, Mr. Rick Helwig, is far more ulations competent in recommending a sound, stable, financial plan for our city than is any member of our eily council. He is a trained, experienced, educated individual in the field of running a city. Can we say that about the lawyers, ex

police officers, court reporters, housewives, or whoever else it is that we vote to be our council representatives? These elected officials are still in charge of the city manager, but when compromises cannot be met, we need a safety net of some form so that our city continues its busi-If we amend the charter so that the incentive to pass a budget in a timely manner is enacted, the people that would benefit the most is us, the

taxpayers, I can barely fathor the idea that our city manager would devise a budget so that his best interests are involved. This amendment would only pertain to passing the yearly budget, not give the city manager carte blanche to all decision making. I tespect all the dissenting comments regarding this issue, but after watching this year's udget meetings, we cannot afford to ever have

this happen again. Don't think that four decades of an established charter is still effective today, Mr. Toth. Charge in ordinances, zoning, regulations, and yes, even charters, is necessary to etc. preserve the well being, growth, and enhance-

director's position. Some felt that this position is/was redundant. Under the past administration. the city manager to set up a special committee to exumine the problems and have them come back with a solution. The then city manager, Ed we had a manager and an assistant manager. Now, not only do we have these positions, but we have a chief operations officer as well. This is a very expensive third position in a top-heavy administration. Perhaps Klaver and Pearson can share the responsibilities with the planning staff, and we can save the \$100,000 in salary We ended up with some 27 committee memplus benefits. If we replace the planning posibers that included such people as the ever-pleas-ant, well-organized Emic Aruffo, the hard-charging, hard-working, and sometimes bontion, it will be a slop in the face to all of us who have to live within our means. After all, we are still paying for the outside services of a planbastic Joe Brett, et al, and we even had our owi ning consultant. Finally, a few comments on South Lake. It's

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a joke. All of us who live here know it. No one else wants to hear it. The "mountable curbs" on the straight-away (the dam to West Park) are not, unless you have a truck or SUV. The flooding of private property is worse now than it's EVER been. The flooding problems at akeshore Park never existed until this design was implemented. The fact that there was no crosion control between work sites and the lake in direct violation to City Ordinance - was an embarrassment! Erosion control only got pu up last year because I called constantly and complained. This past Monday, I called again and complained as digging was being done right at Lakeshore Park – less than 50' from the lake – with no erosion control. The city should - with no crosion control. The city should lead by example. Are the residents aware that the city was fined by the DEO for violations in this project? Are there any financial implica-tions with the fines? If we have to pay fines, it is adding insult to injury and speaks to the arro gance of the administration

I guess I just don't get it. That's one of the reasons that I have decided to sell my house and move out of Novi. I'm tired of fighting the fights that we can never win because our city cems to be incapable of leading by exampl I've been proved right for the wrong reasons yet again, but what saddens and angers me the most is that when we had a chance to really make a change, we got sold out. Sarah J. Grav

Warm and fuzzy

As president of the Touching Hearts organi As president of the fourning Hearts organi-zation which supports an orphanage of 73 chil-dren in Malawi, Africa, I wanted to say thank you to the newspaper for writing articles in the Novi News and Northville Record about the sweater project we undertook.

The sweaters were made by a group of men and women through a program called the Lap

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@ht.homecomm.net What kind of democracy? America is a democracy, and bat's a wonderful thing. Anyone held a statewide vote on regulating hog farming; in California, they voted on banning the use of leg who heard any of the many speech es made over the Fourth of July weekend can have no possible taps in hunting animals. There is something sinister lurk-ing behind such sillingss: An increasingly sophisticated consult-ing industy that—for a fee, often very large — will draft an initiative doubt about that. But a democracy of what kind? That's where the discussion can get lenty tangled. For most conservation proposal, pay organizers to gather the signatures to put it on the ballo tives and pragmatists, what we are supposed to have is a "representative democracy." That's what the Founding Fathers invented, and b nage the political campaign and crect legal barriers to prevent postthat they meant a system in which election challenges. Since many citizen initiatives the people vote to elect their reprecannot be ame then take office ed by vote of the and exercise their legislature, it's well worth it for a best judgment in single interest to governing. We elect as our pay a big fee to hard-wire a measnepresentatives members of the ure into the basic city council or the apparatus of state state legislature, for overnment. example, and we Critics (myself expect their votes in office to reflect included) think this is no way to run a railroad. Th in a complex way mixture of their average citizen best wisdom and typically has no visions for the Phil Power idea of the ins and future and our narouts of any particurow, parochial, and I-want-it-now r proposal, regardless of the simplified and propagandistic TV cam-paigns the special interests engi-neer. Moreover, the members of the That's been the creative tension that has been the genius of our sys-tem for two centuries. But contrast his with another version of democstate legislature, relieved of the requirement for actually learning mey lurking out there, something enough to cast difficult votes on might be called "direct democ y." Advocates of this method ar complex matters, are too often quite happy to duck that responsibility by suspicious of any indirect system taking a pass on whatever statewide proposition du jour comes along. I think this predisposition is intensi-fied by term-limited legislatures, both less knowledgeable and more risk-averse than those in the past But if lawmakers aren't willing o make the hard choices, voters have every right to ask what the devil are we paying them for? In Michigan it takes 318,000

OTHER OPINIONS

riages? Simple. Republicans think such a measure will sufficiently

excite their base to come out and

vote against gay marriage — and vote for their candidates for office while they are at it.

A group called Let Voters

Decide has gathered signatures to put on the November ballot a pro-

titution to prohibit new form

of gambling without voter consent This is being supported by two groups of unlikely allies: Those who are against all forms of gam-

bling and the casino interests, who

statewide vote on dove hunting, but it died when Gov. Granholm signed

The petition prohibiting uni-

drawn, but you should expect to see it on the ballot in 2006. Organizers needed more time to gather signa-

tures, and figure they'll have a bet-

ter chance getting it passed in an off-year election, when fewer peo

Whether there should be more

gambling casinos in Michigan (or, indeed, about whether to allow slot

nos") could wind up on the ballot i

the Legislature chooses to place it

There could even be more ballot

proposals, though if so they'll have to come from the Legislature,

which has until Sept. 2 to place

additional items on the ballot.

Realistically, there isn't enough

time left for voter drives to collect

enough signatures. In the meantime, consider the

nightmare world we could end up

shows and a legislature increasingly reluctant to cast hard votes on

tough questions. We could be creat

ing a politics in which each person sitting in the comfort of their living

room and equipped with a clicker

in hand, will vote in real time on

each item of governance. If that happens, and if we are expected to

toward Uruguay should be during

commercial breaks, it may really l

time to consider moving to Canada

Phil Power is the chairman of

the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be

pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or

by e-mail ppower@homecomm.net.

factories manned by poorly educat-ed workers is changing rapidly. "What's been harder to change is

the perception that this is exclusive by for Oakland County."

On the contrary: Though

Oakland took the lead in establish ing the Alley, most of its funding

low comes through the state, and it

s approaching the point where it vill be entirely economically self-

sufficient. It has nearly 500 mem-

bers, ranging from Genesee County and the city of Detroit to the

Development Corporation

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sions decisions has been with-

don't want any competition.

There was talk about a

legislation permitting it in the

uthem tier of counties.

posal that would amend the

valid signatures (10 percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the most recent election) to put a measure on the ballot. But some signatures are always sure to be invalid, and as a practical matter, most experts figure you need to submit at least 400,000 signatures in order to tiative rights, including the right to throw elected officials out of office survive scrutiny by the state elec-tions board. or put initiative measures on the ballot. It's a highly desirable safety For what it's worth, here's a runalve, a remedy to unresponsive down of the citizen initiatives currently is play in Michigan. The first two are almost certain to be on the representative political There may even be occasional November ballot: A Constitutional amendment great questions, one or two a life time perhaps, on which a direct

prohibiting marriage between gay vole of all the citizens ought to be held. But it is easily possible for or lesbian couples. (Why, you may wonder, do we need this, since "direct democracy" to micromanthere is already legislation on the age much too far. In Colorado, they books prohibiting same-sex mar-



to get in on the Automation Alley's top man. Anderson was Technology flow ished, and everyhoping to do sor one got rich... And that was a consulting, and ended up becom ing director of the technology center, long time ago. For decades now. Detroit's rep a job that was utation as a cer shaped in part for of inspiration has shrunk along with He's not making ils popul Too as much money as he once did, he ften, it has been seen as a center of

struggie to keep up

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onfides with a broad smile, but he is having a lot a mature industry Jack Lessenberry of fun. What he does in large part is get the message out and help the right people make contacts. "What we are, really, is a ith new technology, primarily from foreign automakers That is why five years ago, afflut ubite collar Oakland C

e said.

high-energy nucleus for business

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Companies can also join --- but a firm or an inventor doesn't have to he a member or be based locally to apply fof aid; they merely have to be thinking about a project based in Southeastern Michigan.



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Thursday, July 15, 2004-NOVI NEWS 17A

NOVI NEWS STAFF



Kriewall, in his wisdom (or some say because he had an evil, sadistic streak) placed everyone who had a water problem or was interested in water problems on the committee.

reporter, Kathy Jennings, Kathy was a young single committed newspaper reporter for the *Novi News* and 1 do not think she missed any one of our committee meetings. She became a

quasi-expert in flood control and storm water management because of her devoted interest and her terrific attendance at our many, many believe that this phrase comes from setting up our U.S. Congress) so that this would not hapmeetings. pen in the future.

In a coven attempt to complete our assignment quickly or to reduce the number of commiliter members to an effective group. I started scheduling meeting once, twice, and even on occasion three times a week. We had guest speakers from all possible aspects of water control and management including detention, reten-tion, purification, etc., and this included experts on controlling mosquitoes, protecting water-fowl, and reviewing state and federal water reg-

That we ended up with such an outstanding system was due primarily to the hard work all the committee members did, the outstanding technical work accomplished by JCK & Associates, an understanding City Council and very helpful city administration, and this has been proven time and time again over the past two decades. But the real sadness is displayed almost daily this year in the newspapers and on television

When I see pictures or video clips of people standing in flooded streets or looking at their household and irreplaceable personal items floating in filthy water in their basements after a local storn has pasted through their area, I think to myself that it could have been avoided Many aspects of our storm water manage-

ment program could undoubtedly be imple mented in other communities - yet the city engineers and city officials for these other cities are not beating down JCK & Associates' door and looking for sound technical solutions to their flooding problems. Additionally, our state

officials could easily enact some basic flood control and storm water management requirements and lots of the flooding and storm water problems could be managed without having the flooded streets, filthy water in the basements,

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of a number of people. Joseph G. Toth

The project was made possible by the efforts

that does not summon up the direct vote of the people on any major issue that involves governing themselves. Throughout our political history, the traditional antidote to a boss ated, rigid and unn tive political system has been a direct vote of the people, the so-called "citizen initiative." This idea was the mainspring behind various populist move ments, especially in California in the early 20th century and in the west in the 1930s Constitutions in 24 states now guar antee statewide various citizen ini-

racy."

Iwp.) PO box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909	(248) 348-0365	Again, it was my idea. The mayor just hap- pened to throw it out there. Somebody else	Former Chairperson, Novi Storm Water & Flood Control Management Committee	The Lap Robe project involves two prisons, the Scott Correctional facility here in Northville	called Automation Alley, which was meant to create a new climate of innovation and to reverse a high-	While there is some limited investment capital available through the technology center, it is mainly	technology cluster that attracts the creators and consumers of diverse	(248) 349-1700, ext. 106	Veronica Murff	3-YFAR CD
(517) 335-7858	Commerce - Charler Thomas K. Zoner, supervisor	come up with a solution to this problem. I will surely listen, as will our mayor, I'm sure. How about a simple 4-3 majority would pass the	Reasons for leaving	and the Thumb Correctional facility in Lapeer. It is considered a privilege by the inmates to be a part of Lap Robe. I am very grateful to them	tech "brain drain." "The principal reason was to	"a world-class business acceleration process," which offers business	technologies from a variety of industries around the world,"		State Farm Agent 45380 W Ten Mile Rd Novi, MI 48375	
State Senate	2840 Fisher Avenue Commerce Twp., Mt 48390	budget? Criticism is mool; ideas are productive!	For the past three (3) years, I have chosen not	for using their skills and talents to show our kids people care. Their outpouring of 100	attract and retrain technology- skilled workers to the area," said	counseling and training aimed at helping get products to market and helping and them ages that arrive	Automation Afley says in its pro- motional literature. • But is it really competitive with		Bux: 248-380-6446	
15th District Nancy Cassis (R-Novi)	(248) 624-0110 FAX: (248) 624-5834	Steve Morianti Novi	to speak out on various issues because 1 served on the ZBA. 1 am leaving a city in which 1 have resided since 1978, and 1 feel compelled to	sweaters in the short amount of time we gave them to work with was overwhelming. The yarn, buttons, and ribbons are donated to	Dr. Thomas Anderson, a soft-spo- ken, wiry man who directs the Alley's technology center, which	helping sell them once they arrive there. John Cain, who launched 3IS, a	Silicon Valley? "Yes," said Anderson, a Chicago native. "This is really a great place to live."		Terri Anderson-Berger State Farm Agent 43341 Grand River	Bank.
PO Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 (517) 373-1758	<u>Cities</u>	Raindrops keep falling	address a couple of issues. It's alarming that Mayor Csordas feels it nec- essary to pursue an amendment to the City	the Lap Robe project by various individuals and companies in and around Michigan. It is sorted, bagged and delivered to the prisons by yolur-	will soon move into a gleaming new 12,000-square-foot headquar- ters in suburban Troy. The econom-	subscription Web service company based in Novi, gives the Alley a lot of credit for getting his firm off the	Edwards' tie to state	Karen Whikehart - Receptionist	Bus: 248-348-1150	LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE!
senncassis@ senate.michigan.gov	Novi 45175 West Ten Mile Road	While watching the rain coming down in tor- rents this week I couldn't help thinking about	Charter to prevent potential future budget crises. Please remember: this "crisis" was, in fact, caused by members of the Council who chose	teers from Our Lady of Victory church in Northville, Hopefully, with additional donations, the	ic downturn and the need to fight old-fashioned perceptions may have slowed things, but he thinks it is	effect that the partnership with	John Edwards' Michigan connec- tion: One of the people most delighted with John Kerry's vice-	kwhikehart@ht.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700	Annul Percentage Yield as of 6/23/04 on without notice, Minimum balance to optin a without notice, Minimum balance to optin a without notice, Minimum balance to optin automatically remer at manufity at the fibro by the FDIC up to the maximum allowable by	Whidrawai prior to maturity, Certificates : current rate for the same term, insured
State House of Reps	Novi, MI 48375-3024 (248) 347-0460 FAX: (248) 347-0577	Novi's unique and enormously effective Storm Water & Flood Control Management plan. The Novi News Article (June 3, 2004) about a little	to ignore their own rules and those of the Consultant Review Committee. The actions of two (2) councilmen who are attorneys. Landry	sweaters will be shipped in time for the children to be warm, cozy and loved during their winter season.	working. "There's obviously a need for confidentiality, but we have a cou-	Automation Alley had," especially with the financial community. Indeed, the Alley is perhaps	presidential selection was Geoffrey Fieger, the flamboyant attorney and 1998 Democratic nominee for gov-		Available in all areas. P02930 STATE FARM BANK + HOME OFFICE: BLOOMINGT	502 103, ILLINOIS - statislarm.com*
38th District Craig DeRoche (R-Novi)	Walled Lake	of its history and the awards and rewards the City of Novi and the then city engineers, JCK & Associates, collected from this essential serv-	and Capello, reeked of blatant cronyism. While you may be perfectly happy with the services provided by (the law firm of) Secrest, Wardel,	I am sincercly grateful to everyone involved in this effort and extremely proud to live in a community where one can so easily see the	ple exciting projects that are getting close" to the point where a public announcement can be made,	strongest in its abilities to provided networking opportunities, profes- sional development seminars, and	emor. Both men are medical mal- practice attorneys, each has two			
S0887 House Office Building PO Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514	1499 E. West Maple Road PO Box 99 Walled Lake, MI 48390-0099	ice highlighted an interesting era. As I read the article it brought back various personal memo- ries that were not included in the brief story and	the review process is demanded by Council rules. Mayor Csordas – you don't need an amendment; you need to be a leader and uphold	hand of God at work. Michele Dixon and the Staff of Touching	Anderson said over a salad at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Tom Anderson is not exactly	various other services, including help in winning grants. Panels of experts in any particu-	young children and Fieger was a strong supporter of and a heavy contributor to Edwards' brief presi-		Controlling diabetes makes	s a huge difference. / diabetes so III be around
(517) 373-0827 FAX: (517) 373-5873 craigderoche@house.mi.gov	(248) 624-4847 FAX: (248) 624-1616	reminded me of a couple of sad factors - espe- cially for people not living in Novi.	not only the charter of the city, but the Council rules as well.	Hearts	undereducated. At 56, he has a Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Michigan (he was a	lar field review every application for aid; though for now they are giving heavy priority to innovations	dential campaign. Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice	Marcia Cromas - Receptionist		for my friends for life, netes, For life.
39th District	Wixom 49045 Pontiac Trail	The Novi City Council at that time received	Another sticking point was the planning		head-injury researcher for General Motors for years), an executive	aimed at the automotive industry, especially those with international	president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-	mcromas@ht.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700	1-800-438-5383. (http://ndep.nih.gov	Or visit as at
Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield)	Wixom, MI 48393-2567 (248) 624-4557	Share your opinions: We welch ber for verification. We ask that your letter	ers be 400 words or less. We may edit for	clarity, space and content. In order to be	MBA from Michigan State University and several other advanced math and physics	applications, this may gradually change. So far, Automation Alley claims to have attracted more than	2561 or by e-mail at jlessenber- ry@homecomm.net.		A pleter program of the Needs and the Carsten for Disease	
351 Capitol Building PO Box 30014	FAX (248) 624-0863	fair to everyone, this newspaper will no Expressions of thanks to political suppor	nters are best made by buying an advertis	er to an election that open new issues.						· ·





Tuesday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Appointments can be made at Diamond Cuts Salon by calling (248) 305-9009, and walk-ins are always welcome.

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TEEN CHAT - "SELF-ESTEEM ISSUES"

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Everyone compensates Self-esteem. Learning about the health (op-lack of) of our self-Everyone. "Oh, come on. What are you esteem could be a life-changing phenomenon. So many teenagers ving now? Everyone consti les? Um, Pastor Sam, that's ruggle with a poor self-esteem just plain weird." No, no, no. Everyone COM-PENSATES. We all know stuff and as a result, many teens can-not accomplish in life all that they are capable of. Our self-esteem either makes us or breaks about ourselves that we don't like, and psychologically we compensate to overcome ou Some teens grow up hearing negative comments constantly. If they are slightly pudgy, maybe a family member has teased them. issues." Some people have a diffeedt time emotionally in a large ed. They get nervous and sweaty, fearful even. To compen-It may have only begun there, but it probably won't end there. Being pudgy makes people feel bad and embarrassed about their sate, they become much better dealing with people bodies. In turn, some people calone-on-one even more because they become depressed. Some, though, work very hard to rid themselves of Have you ever heard of mentally their pudge. They diet and exerimpaired peo cise, to the extreme. If they end up looking like perfect Barbie/Ken dolls, they seem satple who can barely com-Pastor Sam isfied. But inside they really municate; yet they, without lessons, quickly aren't. They still are not satisfied with who they really are. Inside they feel "fat." Unacceptable. learn to play the piano. And they play very well. That's another example of compensation. Growing up without my father. And deeply, deeply sad. They haven't met the mark of perfection they feel others have Not feeling good about them-I had my share of issues. Thankfully, my mom compensat-ed for me, in the absence of my selves has led many a teen to dad, but it still hurt. And yet I commit suicide. Feeling worthless and good for nothing has encouraged teens to pull the trig-ger, swallow the pills or at least develop an eating disorder. In the midst of all the glamour struggled, as do most teens that have poor relationships with their

fathers, Somehow I compensated,

Compensating is just our natural

nechanism to help us cope with

also, without my father.

how people feel on the inside. And no matter how people look on the outside, ALL PEOPLE are they've taken such great lengths to make themselves beautiful. Here's the test. If a very pretty beautiful on the inside. Even the girl will let you see her without vilest of people, if one could look deeply underneath all their masks and fakeness, would be makeup on or her hair done exactly how she wants it, then she probably is beautiful. We've beautiful. often heard that beauty is only People are just hungry, hungry for acceptance and love, which is the very thing God.longs to give this generation. A young man went up to Jesus and asked Him a question. He asked Him what the greatest command in the whole law was. "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like it: You

able, as we've learned in the past

couple of weeks that she's being treated for an eating disorder.

Self-esteem issues have noth

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skin deep, but that's wrong. We've been told a lie. Real beauty lies beneath the skin, in the way one feels about oneself. Pastor Sam Belanger can be reached at (810) 923-4910 or at istorsamb@hotmail.com Copyright 2004 © Pastor Sam shall love your neighbor as your self.''' (Matthew 22:37-39) The second greatest command in the whole law was to love your neighbor as you love your self. Teens, do you understand that? It's very important to love...to love God and everyone

CHURCH CALENDAR

Novi United Methodist Church 41671 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi (248) 349-2652

Sunday Service at 9:45 a.m. Special Event: Arts and Movie Night Saturday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. "Rabbit Proof Fence" is a great movic about diversity "down under" in Australia. There will also be a members and friends art or hobby collection display

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Faith Community Presbyterian Church 44400 West 10 Mile Road, Novi

(248) 349-2345 Fax: (248) 349-5716 Worship is at 10 a.m., with communion being served on July 18.

Sunday, July 18, 12 members of Faith Community will be com missioned to serve on the Ostruda, Poland, mission trip, July 18-25. The team will be rebuilding a church and school, and running an English Camp for elementary school age children.

To have your church's information included in our weekly Church Calendar, please send to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net; or fax to (248) 349-9832.

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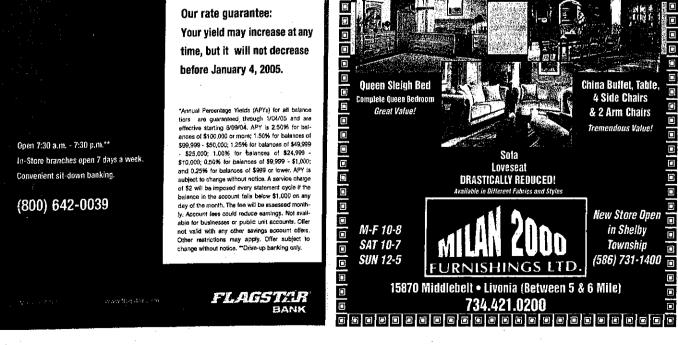
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about themselves. That's why

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Pursuing off-brand alternatives

Generic drugs cost much less

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

For about five years, 77-year-old Caroline Braley has been taking various medications for her arthri-

tis and blood pressure. Her bill comes to at least \$400 a month, so she's turned to generic brands for savings of around \$40.

"I pay for my own medicine all the time" said Braley, a part-time receptionist at the City of Novi Senior Center. "I get the generic as much as I can. I would say defi-pitale I'me hear enviro".

much as I can. I would say defi-nitely I've been saving." Jan McAlpine, senior center manager, has seen drug needs and costs rise in her 21 years in the businese: husiness.

'There's more seniors and there are more medications, and they cost more money," McAlpine said. 'Generic drugs can be a very good savings." The Medicare Prescription Drug

Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 helped the quest for generics on the federal level. Brand name drugs enjoy patent protection for about 11 years,

before they can be made as gener-ics. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the act allowed for limits on court actions

that could delay the process. In the meantime, voluntary Medicare cards are another option that became available in May.

Statewide, there are 41 cards available, with information on 34 posted at www.meidcare.gov. Possible enrollment fees do not exceed \$30.

Research done by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B reported

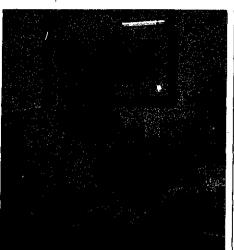


Photo by Kim Kovelle

City of Novl Senior Center receptionist Caroline Braley skims a pamphlet for the American Drug Club Totedo. which offers information on the availability of low-cost drugs from Canada.

that for the nine drugs most often prescribed for older adults, savings

range from 1 to 35 percent. According to Jenny Jarvis, director of communications for the Agency, the best way to apply is by calling 800-MEDICARE, which is operated 24 hours a day, every day. Weekends or weekdays between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. are ideal call times. Cards cover generics as well as name brands, but lists are subject

"Each card has a list of covered drugs," Jarvis said. "It really depends on the card, There is a little bit of homework involved in finding the right card."

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Enrollment lasts until Deccember 2005, when a more extensive Medicare benefit pro-gram will replace the cards. Until then, the card is a commitment. "You're pretty much tocked in until the end of each calendar year," Jarvis said. "If they can find a card that gives them some kind of savings, it's definitely a benefit. Twenty percent is better than no savings." savings

Jack Main, an Agency volunteer, offers guidance at the center every month. He thinks that Medicare cards can most benefit low-income adults (that's \$12,569 annually per person or \$16,861 per couple),

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Thursday 7/15

Friday 7/16 ,

9 a.m. Panera Bread 9 a.m. Stretch & Strength 10 a.m. Body Recall 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop open noon Lunch 12:30 p.m. Bingo noon Clogeing* Monday 7/19

 8:45 a.m.
 Golf League-Men

 9 a.m.
 Stretch & Strength

 10 a.m.
 Stretch & Strength

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 Body Recall

 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Body Recall

 12:30 p.m.
 Lunch

 12:30 p.m.
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 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
 Healing Touch

 p.m.-3 p.m.
 Tea

 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Computer-Beginners

 6:30 p.m.
 Clogging*

since system pays \$600 a year towards their medications. But, he cent. feels this is limited.

"Definitely most income levels would be above that for seniors," said Main, since social security and pensions are factored. "Probably less than 10 percent of seniors would fall into that category.

His recommendation is to register for the Oakland County Michigan Prescription Savings Program card. It offers discounts to permanent Oakland County residents age 60 and up who do not have primary prescription cover-

Tuesday 7/20

9 a.m. Panera Dicao 9:30 a.m. Line Dance* 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer Class-latro. 10 a.m. Asian Pacific 10:30 a.m. Bookmobile

Wednesday 7/21

9 a.m Stretch & Strength
9 a.mGolf League-Women
9 a.m11:30 a.m
10 a.m
11 a.mBlood Pressure
11 a.m
noon
12:30 p.m
2 p.m4 p.m Estate Planning

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

All other activities are held at the Novi Setlior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road (just north of Ten Mile Road, on the west side).

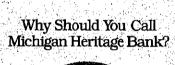
age. Savings average 20 or 25 per-

Ultimately, he says seniors should explore their options, such as ordering from Canada, comparing costs from one drug store to another, and socking generics. "I would suggest to all seniors to ask their doctor if there is a

generic drug in place of what

they're taking," Main added. 'Generics are always less expensive."

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NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY Earning their accolades The Novi Wildcats were very well represented on this year's Home Town All-Area Soccer Dream Team. The Player of the Year? That's an obvious answer. — Page 2B



Swinging for the fences Matt Nickels has never been eared of chasing a dream. Last fall, he was selected as an All-State soccer player and he quick-ly looked forward to the baseball

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Regional Marketplace

Michael Ruggiero and brother Michael Ruggiero and brother Michael have more than 15 years of combined experience in clean-ing carpets, with another 10 years of practical experience in cleaning have until brien or due carbon home ventilation or duct systems. — Page 6B

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Just look around, the motivation is there

Have you ever thought about the challenge of weight loss? Something tells me most of you have.

From the cover of magazines to through the mall and window shopping, all of us get a big glimpse of what society wants us to be. We need to wear tight shirts that reveal the ripple of our abs and, for the women, short skirts and inty-bitty clothes that reveal just about everything else. I know seeing this has brought to my mind on numerous occa-

that question of what if? What if I were skinnier? What if I shed some of this weight and declared myself fit for life? What if I did something about my condition?

For those of you who don't know me, my condition is one of obesity. If you

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numbers are this: I tipped the scales at Eggleston · 345 with a 58 percent hody

fat just four weeks ago. Then, I decided to do some-

thing about it. There's this great little gym in Northville you may, or may not, have heard of. It's called the Water Wheel and it's owned and operat-ed by Chris Klebba. All kinds of fitness levels work out there. From myself, who is a beginner, to former Wildcat football sensa tion Matt Murray, there are all kinds of age groups and fitness levels that go to the Water Wheel. All of them are welcome and all of them are encouraged to allend. J'se spake to Chris on aumer, ous occasions for numerous rea-sons but it wasn't until recently that the subject of my weight loss came up. He and his staff were more than happy to see what they can do for me. We decided the Apex program would be the best for me, which took a complete readout of my calorie intake and my work-out ability and spit out a meal plan and helped devise a

work out for me My personal trainer (slave driv-er?) Aaron Pintar has been won-derfol. He kept the diet to things 1 like, even allowing me to eat pizza and chocolate shakes. Fur not starving in any way — not even close. In fact, there are times that I can't finish what I've got on my

The program, thus far, has worked well for me. I've been on it for a month now and I'm proud to report I've lost 15 pounds. My goal is to drop 150 pounds in three years. That's not unreason-able. Heck, just the first of 36 months, I've dropped 10 percent of my goal.

I know not all months will be like this, I don't expect them to be. I now realize I'm in control of this destiny. Yeah, I've been fat my entire life. It was a lifestyle I start-ed to be fine with — atmost comfortable with. All of that changed one day

when I didn't want to go out and play with my 2-year-old daughter, Shaylyn, because it was too hot

I'm determined not to let that happen again. She's two. She

NOVI NEWS We're going to Disney World!

Premier soccer girls to play in national tournament

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It has been one heck of a year for

Northville and Novi soccer. Not only did the Northville high school team win the state champi-onship in Division I this year, but members of that team combined with incredible talent from Novi players and other areas to win their respective Regional soccer titles with the Michigan Hawks --- a pre-

mir soccer program. The U15 Hawks team earned a Region 2 title with three members of their squad hailing from Northville. Vanessa bailey, Casey Pedersen and Dani Toney helped their team to a charipionship. From Novi, Stephanie Crawford, Kristine Chaklos, Katie and Kellie Walker Kelli Corless, Emily Esbrook and Jessica Barndt pushed their team to victory

The U18 squad earned the same honor with three of their own Northville players. Lindsay Hill, Deanne Kubas and Nicole Cruzillo used their immense abilities to push their team to a major victory. Novi's own Moe Pawlak also graces that team with her presence, as does Nikki Hermann.

The U14 team won their Region as well. Three Novi Wildcats, who haven't been members of the high school yet, made some big noise. Katie Chaklos, Jenna Carosio and Jamie Fratto showed the future of Novi soccer is a bright one as they helped their learn to the title.

The three teams are going to be headed to Orlando, Florida to com pete against the best teams in the nation in the national championship tournament.

"We leave in about a week," Northville's Ifill said Monday. "We're all going to Disney World." Both teams are ranked first in the nation according to the website

nation according to the website www.nationalscocertranking.com, making them major fixtures in the sights of many teams. "It's great, but they are definitely going to be shooting for us," Novi's, Crawford said, "They are all going. I be coming after us njkt now, but we work together as a team and we can are neared that I acts preve can get passed that. It gets nerve-racking, but we can handle it as a

The Michigan Hawks are slim, yet powerful. Hill said the U18-team doesn't bring the size other, teams are known to sport on the field. In the end, it's not the size of the Mawk in the pame. the Hawk in the game.

"We have a much smaller team, but we've got the skills," Hill said. "We're determined too,"

Younger, but just as good

The U15 squad brings plenty of lent to the table as well. Though the team is younger than their U18 counterparts, they just go to show soccer is up and coming despite having so many players in the game in this area already.

In fact, Hill said she can see the

In fact, Hill said she can see the future and it is good. "I'm hoping it overtakes football with all its glory," she said. "Football gets way too much credit. I'm glad girls soccer finally showed them up, I'm proud of it." The U15 squar not only proves how powerful the girls of that age on when price to opts to up the term

are when put together on one team, but also low strong the area teams will be in the coming years. "There are a lot of Novi players at the various levels," Crawford

said. "I think it really shows how much talent this area has."

You win some, you win

some more The U15 Hawks started the Region 2 tournament off with a win over Ohio South, 3-2, before mov-ing on and defauling the northern counterparts with a 2-0 shuttout over Qhio North.

The squad then beat lowa 3-0 before advancing to the semi-finals. There, they topped Indiana, 3-1, to advance to the regional final.

To move on into the national tournament, the U15 Hawks had to go into overtime against Missouri. They topped their foes with a 2-1

win in the sudden-death overtime. "There were a lot of tough games in the Regional," Crawford said, "We're preity confident going to Orlando. We work really well together and we should hopefully

get some wins. That will be really exciting if we do." The U18 team had a similar path. The team took on Wisconsin and beat them, 4-2, before moving on and crushing Nebraska, 9-0. "I don't think there are a lot of

soccer teams in Nebraska," Hill noted.

Hill started her squad off on the right foot in the Region. Having played defender for Northville's state championship team, she didn't have much of a chance to score a goal. As a midfielder for the Hawks, goal. As a midfielder for the Hawks, the chance presented itself and she jumped on it

Hill scored the first goal of the tournament as she came in hard on a corner kick, tapped it around her defender and fired it home for a 1-0 lead over Wisconsin before her squad finished them off, Against Illinois, the U18 girls escaped with a 1-0 win to advance



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ABOVE: The U15 Hawks have seven Novi girls: Front row (left to right): Kellie Walker, Stephanie Crawford Katle Walker; Back row: Jessica Barndt, Emily Esbrook, Kristine Chaklos and Kelli Corless. BELOW: The U14 girls have three Novi representatives: Katie Chaklos, Jenna Carosio and Jamie Fratto

to the semifinals and then topped Ohio South, 3-1, to move on finads

There, the squad had their hands full, but walked away with a 1-0 win over Illinois MWL for the Region title and a beth into the national tournament.

"Illinois was really good," Hill said. "It was definitely some intense competition." Hill, who will be playing against

the best competition in the nation at the Division 1 University of Maine this fall, will join Michigan State preferred walk-on Kubas MSU recruit Pawlak along with Kansas' Nicole Cauzillo to help try and take home a national title.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance," she said. "We just have to keep playing the way we have been playing. That's the only thing we can do. We'll hopefully pull it through. I think we have a really good chance."

The U14 team has a very similar ride compared to that of their fellow Bawks. In their opening game, they crushed Nebraska, S-0, before moving on to defeat Ohio South, 2-0, In the cuarterfinate the first of

In the quarterfinals, the U14 girls faced of against Minnesota. Their focs proved to be the first to get on



the board against the young Hawks, but one goal was all they would see as Michigan beat them 3-1. In the they fell behind 1-0 but came back to defeat Kansas 2-1 to advance to the finals. There,

Michigan shut out Chicago, 2-0, to earn their berth.

"It's a great experience," Crawford said. "It's unbelievable All of us are going to have a great time. It's just amazing."

wants to play. She wants to run and laugh and scream because of ants chasing her. She wants to enjoy her childhood and I'm not going to let her daddy ruin that

Instead, I'm going to go ou and play with her. I'm going to chase her and tickle her and I'm going to be the best daddy I can be to the most precious person in my life

Every day and every pound lost makes me that much more capable of doing the things she wants to do. When it's all said and done hope to be out there long enough that it's her who wants to go hack inside because she's worn out. Everyone has this kind of moti-

vation to go out and lose that weight. I know it's hard. I've been packing it on for 24 years now. But, you have to. You'll feel better for it, I promise. You'll feel great. Just give the Water Wheel a call. Each and everyone of the staff members over there are waiting to hear from you. They want to help you help yourself. Let

Enjoy life. Every moment of it.

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Campers will learn ins and outs of football

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Schemes: The camps are open to any play-ter from any school district in the appropriate group. The youth group is open to grades fourth through eighth. The varsity and IV camps are tard to begin hub. 10 and me

slated to begin July 19 and run

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

How does one make it to the state semifinals in football? Practice, practice,

No one knows it better than Novi football coach Tab Kellepourey and his diligent staff or his players

What does it take to get to the state finals? All of the aforementioned practice as well as some tal ent, determination and dedication. Oh yeah, and a football camp to boot

The Novi Wildcats football team will be holding three camps next week. Each will be at the practice facility, which is located on the east side of the school just south of the tennis courts. With

construction holding things up at through the 22 and cost \$55 per this juncture, the best way for prospective campers to reach the player. The camp is run from 9 a m.-noon field is through Powers Park by entering the southeastern most The freshman camp is on the

same days, but runs from 1-3 p.m. and costs each camper \$45. There will be four levels of

The youth earnp runs from July 26-29 from 9:30-11 a.m. and costs camps: Varsity, junior varsity, freshman and youth. "The youth and freshman camps will focus on the funda-mentals of the game," Kellepourcy noted, "The varsity and JV camps will focus on the more advanced coherence"

Campers can sign up for the instructional camps through Novi Community Ed at (248) 449-1206. Early registration is recommended as there is a \$5 fate fee assessed

when signing up at the gate. Each camper is asked to come appropriately dressed for summer workout as well as with cleats for field running. All campers must bring an appropriate amount of water to consume during each camp.

Jaguars take second loss

The Detroit Jaguars suffered their second loss of the season with a 2-4 loss against the unde-feated Fort Wayne Fever last week.

The Jaguars, now 7-2 on the season, and Fort Wayne, which is 4-0, battled to fight for the

is 4-0, battled to tight for the top spot in the conference. "Unfortunately for us, this game may affect whether or not we will make playoffs a month from now," said head coach Laura Fedrigo "We had a rough game and started out flat. We had to make changes due to a few last minutes adjustments to the line-up." the line-up."

The Jaguars, coming off a weekend win over Windy City and winning the Open USASS Region II cup, had split the team for events. Two of Detroit's crucial starters Abby Shepherd and Heather Pederse

at 100-percent. were not Pederson ended up being unable to compete after warming up with the team. Shepherd played the first half, but was substituted at half time.

"Whenever you make a deci-sion to compete in multiple events or split up the team, you are always taking a chance," Fedrigo said. "A few of the players played five to six games last weekend. There is no way that you can compete with a team like Fort Wayne playing at

team like Fort Wayne playing at 80, 90 percent. They outworked us all over the field." The Jaguars will continue their July schedale hoping to pull off an upset at Chicago so they have a chance to qualify for playoffs. In addition, they will be training with their U23 squad to concern for Networks." to prepare for Nationals in August in Orlando, Florida

NOVI PUBLIC LIDE

Fancy footwork 2004 HomeTown All-Area Soccer Dream Team

Whitney Guenthe Senior Northville

· All-State Dream Team selec tion • All-WLAA, All-Region, All-District Mustang MVP

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"Whit played every central field position this year, but was our most consistent effective midfielder all season is a year of outstanding Mustang talent," Northville coach Ron Meteyer said, "Whitney is the heart and soul of this team. She is one of the most mentally disciplined players live coached at Northville and has emerged this year as a true leader. Whit was as great a factor in our drive for the state championship as was any other single factor. Although she has decided to pass up several college scholarship offers and end her career, Whit will always be remem bered at NHS.

Nikki Hermann Senior

Novi · Second-team All-State All-Region, Alt-District and All-KVC · Career marks of 54 goals and

56 assists "This year, Nikki played midfield and defense instead of for-ward," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "That is what made her so special. She was a great leader that was willing to do whatever was best for the team, even if it meant a sacrifice to her own numbers. Sho was a 4.0 student and will attend Michigan next year.

Lindsay Hill Senior

Northville · Third-team All-State All-Region, All-District, All-

 WLAA
 Most Outstanding Defender MHSSCA Scholar Athlete

Chelsea Atiyeh

Junior

Novi

 One goal, six assists and 20
defensive saves "Lindsay has excellent field presence and vision to complement her exceptional speed," said Ron Meteyer, Northville's coach, "She has accepted a scholarship to play and study at the University of Maine next year, and I would expect that she will have an instant impact there. Lindsay is one of the most thoughtful and deliberate players to have led the Mustangs. Her biggest save of the year came when Grand Blane was threatening early in the championship game. With our keeper on the ground, Lindsay stepped back to the goal mouth and cleared a shot that was headed for the net with a one touch volley, allowing our team to regroup at counter attack. Lindsav has gotten better every year and as a defender was outstanding."

Kristi Tima

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Junio Novi · Second-team All-State All-Region, All-District and All-KVC

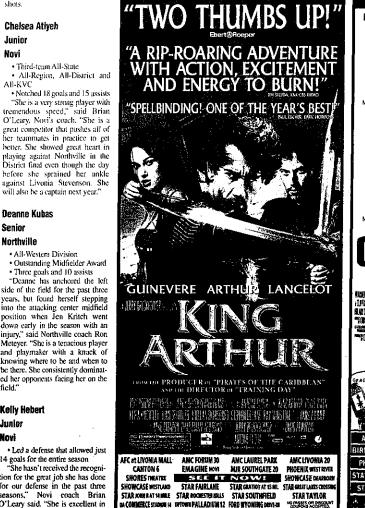
 Recorded 20 goals and 11 All-KVC assists "She is a very smart player that

O'Leary, Novi's head coach. "She is a very strong player with Novis when to pass and when to great competitor that pushes all of her teanmates in practice to get better. She showed great heart in attack with the ball. She is very versatile and can play and forward or midfield position. She is a good leader and will be a captain next



home game against Hartland.

		the game," Novi coach Brian When she has the ball, she is diffi- cult to defend, but most good
: voting -KVC sists	Player of the Year	players are. What makes her a great player is how good she is when her teammates have the ball and when the other team has the ball. When other players on
d 81 assists, giv- most in Michigan t that is great in		her team have the ball, she is and when the other team has the great job of causing turnovers."
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-	Soccer Drea	m Team
	Soccer Dread	• Named first team All: Kensington Valley Conference • Named first team All-District • Named first team All-Region • Named honorable mention All- State "Karen was our team MVP," Lions head coach Tracee Senter said. "She has been the best keeper in the KVC the last two years. I haven't ran up against a coach yet that doesn't like her abilities and doesn't say she's a fantastic keeper. She will make the tough save, but what makes her so good is her abil- ity to read angles. Some people will say 'Welt, they kicked the bulf right at her' But the reason they kick it at her is because she's play- ing that angle, and she's reading the game. And that's what makes her a game. And that's what makes her a
	Dani Bregar Senior	great gonlkeeper. She's athletic as well. And for a goalkeeper you need somebody who's tough, and she's extremely tough,".
	South Lyon	Crissie Strohmaier
	 Named first team All- Kensington Valley Conference Named first team All-District "Dani was our defensive MVP this year." Lions head coach 'fracee Senter said. "And what's so inter- esting is that she was our offensive MVP last year. She made first team All-KVC as a midfielder last year, and first team All-KVC as a sweep- er this year. She's faitly tall and when she has to play physical and body someone up, she's great it. She was fantastic in her ability to play physical and take over the game." Amanda Girkin Senior 	Senior Milford • Scored team-high eight goals • Named first team All- Kensington Valley Conference • Named second-team All- District • "Crissic is going to attend Spring Arbor on a scholarstip," Mavericks, head coach Marty Neighbors said, "She's an outstanding player with great skills. She had a great game : in our 3-2 win over Familigton Harrison — she scored a hat tick (three goals). She's going to be : missed a bunch. She's a formidable player, possessing great skills. And she's got a real tenacity to win.
	South Lyon	She's a real hard-nosed player, and real smart, too. I'm sure she's
	 Scored eight goals and registered six assists Named first team All-Kensington Valley Conference Named first team All-District Named first team All-Region Named honorable mention All- State "Amanda was our offensive MVP this year," Linns head coach Traceo Senter said. "She scores big goals. At the beginning of the year, when we were struggling a little bit, she was still scoring." Stress." 	Arbor: Nicole Wilson Junior Lakeland • Led Eggles in points with 19 goals and two assists • Named first team All- Kensington Valley Conference • Named first team All- Kensington Valley Conference • Named first team All- Stander first t
	years. She's very composed in the offensive end, and that's the big difference between her and a lot of	Woityra said. "And now she's adding skills to that speed. That's what the difference between this

ball in a position to score, she does-ball in a position to score, she does-she had speed, but no control. But n't panic. She's very cool, calm and now she's combining, speed, con-collected, and she finds her spots. trol and smarts, She's able not only collected, and she finds her spots. We're going to miss her leadership to run with the ball, but she's also able to run without the ball - she's and, obviously, what she brings to the field." able to get into spots to score. Hall of the game is knowing what to do when you don't have the ball - get Karen Marcotte ting yourself into position to get the pass. And that's why Nikki made

such a quantum leap in her game South Lyon from last year to this year." · Registered seven shut-"THE PERFECT SUMMER COMEDY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY."

Junior

"This film

HILARY DUFF CHAD MICHAEL MURRAY "Awesome! This is the 'Cinderella' to remember." Mark S. Allen, UPN-TV "Sweet and romantic. A cool modern twist On the classic tale.' ria Salas, Rick Sanchez Show (NBC "Hilary Duff makes the pertect 'Cinderella."

Novi graduate Mickie Rzepka makes noise at Michigan State University, sets school vault mark

Michelle Rzepka, a 2001 grad-uate of Novi High School, com-pleted another phenomenal year for Michigan State University Women's Track and Field Team. she received a total of three first places. During the outdoor season, After being medically red-shirted last year for the outdoor

During the outdoor season, Rzepka participated in many prestigious Track and Field Events across the country: The Raleigh Relays (Raleigh, North Carolina), the Mt SAC Relays season due to three stress fractures in her left leg, Rzepka had much to prove to her coaches and herself. With a vengeance, she came into this past indoor track

WILDCATS

Novi sophomore Denise Rowe knows the value of a good warm-up and plenty of practice. Here, the Wildcat is busy warming up for the hur-dies prior to a home meet during the spring season. Rowe will be a junior next season and looking to make a major impact on the hurdle event for her Wildcats. The team is coached by Marsha Reid.

Matt Nickels enjoyed last hurrah as a Wildcat

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year, but also qualified her for the Mid-East Regional Track and Field Meet held at Louisiana state University. Unioratunally she missed qualifying for the National NCAA meet by one bar height in the Regional Meet. This summer, Rzepka will be training with Earl Bell, an Olympic pole vaulting coach, at Olympic pole vaulting coach, at season, and eventually qualify for this training facility in Jonesboro, the U.S. Olympic Team in 2008. Arkansas and with her vaulting coach, Will Wabunsee, at Michigan State University. She canon with a first place showing and with a first place showin

Football Association is looking for Due to her medical red-shirt last year, she still has two remainadditional varsity players that resid in the Novi School District. A secing years of eligibility at Michigan State University and plans to continue her zest for being an All-American. Her goal ond team, Novi Bobcats, was created this year for Novi School District residents. The freshman and junior varsity learns were very is to consistently vault 13-feet by the end of this summer, 14-feet by the end of next year's outdoor successful in meeting the roster sizes. However, 15 additional var sity players are needed that meet the following requirements: Ages 12 - 13 (As of July 31) with a Along with her athletic acco-lades, Rzepka is an Academic All-American for the past two weight maximum of 165 lbs. Age 14 (As of July 31) with a maxin weight of 130 lbs. The Novi Bobcats Varsity offers increased opportunities for the development of the serious youth football player. Other benefits/advantages of playing for the Bobcats nclude: roster size capped at 33 players, an eight-game schedule including playoffs, minimum guar anteed game playing time, lowest youth player to coach ratio in the area and more practice time geared

toward teaching the fundamentals of football. The Novi Bobcats provides a fun, family-orientated atmosphere in a variety of on and off the field activities. If you are going into the seventh or eighth grade and are serious about learning the game of football and developing your skills further, call Ken Hasse at (248) 347-0343.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Bobcats looking for players The Northville-Novi Youth

Coaching positions available

The Northville Mustangs football program is looking for interested candidates to fill two positions on their staff. The freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams have openings for interested candidates Call Clint Alexander at (248) 344-8420.

Coach Schluter's Novi summer basketball camps

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

oted. Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Shooting Camp (Grades 3-9) This shooting camp will be packed with instruction, techniques, and the drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on 3-point shooting, free throws, shooting of the dribble and spot shooting. Awards will be' given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are

required. Fee \$63 July 26-30, Monday-Friday Class #2354.401, Grades 3-5, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m Class #2351.402, Grades 6-9, 10:30 a.m.-noon

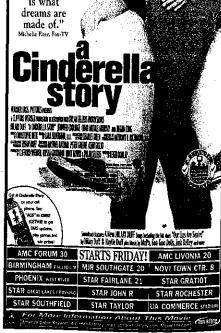
Jaguars host soccer camps

So you want to be trained by the best? Well, the W-League's Detroit laguars are prepared to strut their stuff in a very educational environment for soccer players of all skill

The Jags, which are based out of Novi, will be holding three camps through June and July that will run from Monday through Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. each day. The cost of the camps are \$125 per player each week. They will be held at Total Sports on Wixom Road. More details are available at www.detroitjaguars.com as is the downloadable and printable registration forms

Want this card, autographed by Novi native Mitch Maier?

before she sprained her ankle against Livonia Stevenson. She will also be a captain next year." Senior Deanne Kubas Northville All-Western Division Senior · One goal, seven assists and 14 Northville defensive saves "Loren has been the perfect All-Western Division Outstanding Midfielder Award
 Three goals and 10 assists complement to Lindsay Hill as the two anchored a defense that led to the state championship." Northville "Deanne has anchored the left side of the field for the past three years, but found herself stepping into the attacking center midfield coach Ron Meteyer said. "She has consistently shown our underclas men what it means to play tough and give no ground. 'Tacco' is fre-quently overlooked but played with outstanding determination and position when Jen Kritch went down early in the season with an injury," said Northville coach Ron Meteyer. "She is a tenacious player toughness as our premier outside markingback. She will be sorely and playmaker with a knack o knowing where to be and when to missed be there. She consistently dominat ed her opponents facing her on the field." **Danielle Toney** Freshman Northville Kelly Hebert All-District Junior All-Western Division Novi Notched 27 goals and 10 assists Led a defense that allowed just "Danni has had an instant impac on our team with her outstanding 14 goals for the entire season speed, a knack for the goal and he 'She hasn't received the recogniplaymaking ability." Northville tion for the great job she has done coach Ron Meteyer said. "Her 27 goals is a single-season record for the Mustangs. Her ability was O'Leary said. "She is excellent in



. Now, in the summer of 2004 at the top of his game, ushering in it's a reality. Nickels will attend Valparaiso a new era of baseball for himself. University and Major in television and broadcasting while taking cuts The final game was a fitting one. Besides being selected as an All-Star, Nickels finished his career for their highly-competitive baseunder the guidance of his All-Star ball team "Matt's a great kid," Novi basecoach, Rick Green.

Practice makes perfect

HomeTown All-Star baseball

By Sam Egglestor SPORTS WRITER

At the end of his senior soccer

season in the fall of 2003, recent Novi graduate Matt Nickels was

awarded for his intense play by being selected to the All-State team.

When interviewed following the announcement, Nickels was quick

to say that he was happy with the selection, but that he had a lot of

other plans in mind. He wanted, of

all things, to play collegiate-level

That was a dream in the fall of

basebal

game was just icing on the cake

after season earned him a dream

Novi was a dominant force all season in the KVC, but Nickels

found himself playing with kids from another rival school besides

those in his conference — Northville. Besides being cross-

town rivals, Nickels and the four

Mustangs selected to the All-Star

team are friends. "I know all four of the

Northville guys personally," he

said. "I always enjoy playing with those guys. We all have the same dumb sense of humor and we play

together as if we had been playing

together for years."

ball coach Rick Green said. "Any college that ended up with him on "It was nice that my last high-school-baseball-related game was under my coach of the past two their learn was going to be lucky." Nickels, who was an All-Area, years," Nickels said. "Coach Green is a great guy. He's a guy that would call you and let you know when you played a good game." All-District and All-KVC selection this year in baseball, was selected to the HomeTown Newspapers All-Star baseball team in June, He was Nickels said it was like having the only player to stay active the another player in the dugout --player with extraordinary leaderentire game as his squad ran to vic-

tory. "It was a lot of fun to see some of "He could laugh along with the rest of the guys and remain a leader at the same time," Nickels said. "I the best players from area teams come together," Nickels said. "I got really appreciated all the hard work he did for all of us over the a chance to really cap off a great season with six of my teanmates and meet some players from other teams who were really great guys." Nickels played some outstandyears. It was a pleasure to play for

If Nickels' attitude and dedica Nickels played some outstand-ing ball in the game. Among the two teams' 37 players, he won the five neares batting skills competi-tion and later continued his offen-time meeting skills competi-tion and later continued his offen-time meeting skills competi-time meeting skills competi-skills competition skills competi-time meeting skills competition skills competit

sive mastery against a myriad of West pitchers. Nickels, who batted Sam Eggleston is the sports writer f and started in center field, for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at went 3-for-3 with two walks, two steals, two runs scored and three (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at segruns batted in eleston@ht.homecomm.net.



Phone:

Email:

Recent Novi graduate Matt Nickels takes a hard cut that sent the ball out of the part for a home run early in the baseball season this year. Nickels, who was selected for All-KVC All-District and All-Area honors, was a member of the HomeTown Newspapers All-Star baseball team and helped his squad to victory.

ENDAR

EVENTS

Smudge Fundaes

40th Reunion DATE: Thursday, July 15 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Lakesbore Park (locat-South Lake Drive, across from Walled Lake) DETAILS: The Smudge Fundaes, from Ontario. Canada, have been described as "fabulous" "sheer cater tainment" and "fun for the whole fami-ly," this delightful musical duo enterdrinks. tains children and families alike with catchy, upbeat original music. Non-res idents charged \$4 per car to enter the (248) 559-4535 park. In case of inclement weather, Look for Success 4th annual concerts will be moved indoors at the Novi Civic Cente CONTACT: (248) 347-0473.

Amish Country Craft Show

DATE: July 16-17 TIME: Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.: special guest speaker, Jackie Kallen. Saturday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m. LOCATIN: Novi Expo Center DETAILS: Craft show featuring the Jackie Kallen was the inspiration of Meg Ryan's latest movie "Against the Ropes" and will also be in an upcomvery best Amish quilts and crafts direct ing new television show, "The from Lancaster, Penn. Parking is \$5 CONTACT: (717) 687-8548 or visit Contender", which will also star Sylvester Stallone and Sugar Ray ww.amishcountrytraditions.com.

8minuteDating Event

DATE: Monday, July 19 TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Shanahan's Irish Pub, Laurel Park Drive, Livonia DETAILS: At each 8minuteDating event, singles meet one-on-one for eight minutes and then move on to the next introduction. Afterward, they log on to www.8minuteDating.com to choose whom they would like to see again. If the feeling is mutual, information is exchanged. It's a quick, painless, safe and fun way to meet new people, for friendship, dating or busi-ness.Shanahan's Irish Pub will host the first event to hit the Novi area. Targeted at singles, age 21-29, partici-pants will enjoy the following: cash bar, complimentary appetizers, eight no-commitment dates, a fun, low pressure evening, and a raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to Shanahan's. CONTACTS: Erin Quinn at www.8minuteDating.com or at (248) directly toward helping 4-year-old 921-5905

Novi High School Band Booster

Car Wash DATE: Saturday, July 24 TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Parking lot of Dr. Spillane's office at Ten Mile/Taft Rd. and Meadowbrook Congregational Church on Meadowbrook Rd./between Eight and Nine Mile roads. CONTACT: Sharon at (248) 349-4461

Novi Theatres Presents "Rip Van Winkle"

DATE: Friday, July 23, Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25 TIME: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. CONTACT: 248-347-0400.

Holy Smoke Classic Car Cruise and Show DATE: Saturday, July 24

TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m LOCATION: Cruise starts at the Walled Lake Church of Christ, 1402 N. Pontiac Trail, between Decker and South Commerce Roads, Walled Lake.

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CONTACT: (248) 624-4600. Acoustic Music Jam Sessier DATE: the second Wednesday of

St. Andrew High School (Detroit) each month DATE: Sunday, July 25 TIME: 2-8 p.m LOCATION: Pavilion at Beverly Park, Beverly Hills, (Beverly Road aka Thirteen 1/2 Mile between Southfield Road and Evergreen Rd.) DETAILS: Free. The reunion is a picnic. Bring your own food and 760-9694 or MaryH@twmi.rr.con

Novi Theatres Presents "The Magic Flute"

DATE: Friday, August 13, Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15 TIME: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 fundraiser "Boxing for Beauty" p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. LOCATION: Shiro's Restaurant, DETAILS: Tickets are \$10 in advance: \$12 at the door DETAILS: Monica Gayle from Fox 2 News will host this event along with CONTACT: (248) 347-0400. 17th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing DATE: Wednesday, August 18 LOCATION: Links of Novi

CONTACT: Kim Goedde at (786) 554-0422, www.thelookforsuccess.org

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Ninth Annual Novi Art Festival

CONTACT: Call Paul Schwab at

DATE: Thursday, July 29

43180 Nine Mile Rd., Novi

DATE: Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, August 1 TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Town Center, Novi and Grand River Rd., S of I-96 in Room 520 Novi DETAILS: Admission is free. This is a juried show, all work on display is available for purchase-there is something for everyone CONTACT: (248) 347-3830 or www.ARTFESTIVAL.com. and water Third Annual Christian Conrad FFF: \$47 Faith Benefit DATE: Saturday, July 31 istration TIME: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Wilcox Pienic Pavilio tines Park, Plymouth DETAILS: Funds raised will go

Assarian' Christian Conrad get the intense thera-py and medical treatment he needs to make progress with his autism, but insurance will not cover. Ten percent of all proceeds will go to William Beaumont Hospital's Hope and Care programs for autistic children. The benefit will have an abundance of information on autism and will feature

christian's momentation and the difference of the educational speakers, including Christian's mom, Monique Conrad, and professionals who work with autistic children everyday. For the kids, there (no more than \$10). will be games, clowns and face paint-ing, as well as free lunch, snacks and drinks, with wheat and dairy-free foods CONTACT: (248) 465-5483. SWOCC Studio Tours available to meet the special nutritional DATE: On-going LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, needs of autistic children. A silent auc tion, raffles, prizes and sports memora bilia will provide fun for the entire family. The public and donations in any amount are welcome CONTACT: For more information about Christian and the benefit, call (248) 848-0157 or visit

Studios, your local community televiwww.KeyToChristian.org. sion studio. SWOCC offers tours to nany organizations such as Cub couts, Girl Scouts, and service clubs. Novi High School Band Boosters The groups also have an opportunity to 2nd Annual Golf Outing make a short promo for the public DATE: Sunday, August 1 LOCATION: The Links of Novi access channel, INFO TV-12. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn at (248) 473.2840 to schedule your group CONTACT: Sharon at (248) 349-

DETAILS: You are welcome to com HEALTH for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems. sues and frustrations. Drop in for five

ninutes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy & Susan (248)

DATE: first and third Fridays of the

TIME: 10 a.m.

Church (on Meadowbrook Rd, between

Ten Mile Rd. and Grand River Rd.). DETAILS: We are a not for profit,

non-denominational group that brings

adontive families together. Our twice

month meetings provide families

with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we

meet at specially designated times and

CONTACT: For more information

contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-

1955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-

Breast Cancer Support Group

the ground floor of the hospital.

ahead and register. CONTACT: (248) 937-5017.

DATE: first and third Tuesdays

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help

you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Call Colleen at (248)

Oakland County Health Division

DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health

DETAILS: Classes will be taught by

Public Health Nurses, Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor

and delivery, care of the newborn baby

breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, informa-tion about keeping children safe, and

caring for them when they are ill. Cost

CONTACT: (248) 858-4003. or

(888) 350-0900 ext, 84003

Expectant Parent Classes

Division, 1010 East West Maple,

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

Novi Toastmasters

ctivities room TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

685-9226

Walled Lake

TIME: 7-9 p.m.

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai

Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on

DETAILS: There is no need to call

location

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926-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfel

lowshin@comcast.net.

Adoption Playgroup

Dakland County Health Division TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Mill Race Historic Child Health Clinics Village, Cady Inn, just north of Main Street on Griswold in Northville. DETAILS: Free wellcare check-ups immunizations, physical exams, guid-ance/referrals on behavioral, learning, DETAILS: Bring your traditional acoustic instrument and music to play and health problems. CONTACT: Oakland County Health CONTACT: Mary or Eric at (248) Division, Mary White, program coordi-nator, Child Health Clinics, (248) 858-

BUSINESS Chamber After-Hours Mixer DATE: Thursday, July 22 TIME: 5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Cornerstone Dental Studio, Inc. and Goodman Orthodontics, PC, 42430 W. Twelve Mile Road DETAILS: Bring your business cards, meet area business representa-tives, make connections, mix and min

gle at this great networking opportuni-ty; cost is \$10. DETAILS: The Novi Chamber of CONTACT: (248) 349-3743. ommerce's 17th annual outing. CONTACT: (248) 349-3743. **Business Referrals**

CLASSES

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd. Summer Yoga TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. DATE: through July 22 TIME: 7-8:15 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School DETAILS: Meeting of local profes-sionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads. DETAILS: This class will center on yoga postures and practices to strength-en, tone and limber the body. This CONTACT: (734) 462-6460. class is intended for beginners and continuing students. Avoid heavy food prior to class. Wear stretchable clothing

FAITH and bare fect. Bring an exercise mat CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 for reg-Worshin Service DATE: every Wednesday TIME: 12:10-12:50 p.m. LOCATION: Church of the Holy **Providence Center for the** Cross, 46200W. Ten Mile Road Healing Arts "Tuesdays at (between Beck and

Taft Roads), Novi DETAILS: Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship serv-ice that includes scripture and holy DATE: every Tuesday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer comt CONTACT: (248) 349-1175 or Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi churchoftheholvcross.con

DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes brought to you St. James Catholic Church by the Providence Center for the Friendship Circle Healing Arts. Aug. 26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy, Ceramics. Some activities may include a supplies fee DATE: second Thursday of the TIME: 1 p.m.

DETAILS: Social group for widows and widowers. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun. LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., (between

Farmington DETAILS: Have you wondered what valdi@earthlink.net. goes on behind the scenes a television studio? Why not come in for an up close and personal look at SWOCC SUPPORT GROUPS

Women's Prayer Support DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontjac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the church)

9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

PARKS & RECREATION

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Wed	July 7 & July 14		Novi Civic Ctr	\$40/\$48	June 21-July1
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Price Res/Non Res Mon July 12-Aug 30 7-8 p.m. Novi Civic Ctr \$64/\$77

The September-December edition of the Novi parks and rec quide will contain a survey about the activities and services provided bu Novi Parks Recreation and Forestry. All Novi residents will receive the guide in the mail and are encouraged to fill out the survey and express their opinion.

New classes, more info now available

Paper Stars Class, offered

By Kim Bake Novi residents looking for new activities or more information on

community events need not look any further. Novi Parks Recreation and Forestry is offering new dance and art classes and has updated their information hotline to include not only event cancella tions, but information about the

events. "We're trying to listen to what Courtesy phot the Novi resident wants," said Objects like this spiny star Tracic Ringle, event and marketcan be created in the 3-D ing coordinator for Novi Parks

ecreation and Forestry. The hotline is accessible 24 by Novi Parks, Recreation hours a day and offers regularly and Forestry. updated information about yout and adult sports, community events, theater, senior activities "It's a relaxing hobby. It's fun, it's simple and easy to do," he said, Beginning and advanced classand forestry. Cancellation information for evening sports games and practices is recorded by 4:30 es are available, though beginning sessions are a prerequisite for the advanced ones. Ringle said this is a better way Each class consists of two sesto communicate with residents who need quick access to inforsions. During the first session, the students construct a star from a pattern. The second session mation or who cannot call the Parks and Recreation office pattern. pattern. The second session indian dancing, involves decorating the star with Reeping the options open is paint, glitter, or whatever the crebefore they close at 5 n. m. Those looking for more than information can join one of the many classes offered, including ator wants. Students in the beginning sestwo new ones for 3-D paper stars and a popular form of Indian whereas advanced

students ext. 109 or by kbaker@ht.homecomm.net.

can always experiment with dif ferent ideas, said Khumar Michigan-Dearborn journalism stu dent and a Novi News intern. She

rtists cager to attend with the

parents and encourages people of all artistic inclinations to join and expand their abilities.

The Abhinaya School of Dance is offering a class teaching the popular Indian dance form, Bharatanatyam,

for ages five and up. Bharatanatyam is a form of story telling and mime expressed

irough dance movements involv

ing foot work, body movements breathing and stretching. "It is often compared to yoga because people can relate to that,"

said Dhanya Khumar, who will be

teaching the class. She warns, though, that the class will involve some vigorous

cardio so those who cannot su

tain such a workout should not

join. Khumar said she will give the

kids and the adults separate

dances to practice in groups dur

ing the class sessions. She encourages the groups to

be creative and do things like per-

forming a popular American story (like Cinderella) to the traditional

for people " he said.

The results are very satisfying

Pierce generally recommends can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 109 or by e-mail the class for students ages 12 and older but is flexible for younger



Hursday, July 15, 2004-NOV NEWS 69

ADULT FALL SOFTBALL

Come and join the fun with Novi Parks at Power Park! Power Park has plenty of parking, a playground for the kids, and a concession stand that provides an array of snacks and meals for any appetite.

Registration Returning Teams: New Teams: Begin	July 8-July 22 Is July 26; Individu	Price \$464 per team* als: Call (248) 347-04	unmantel inter 00	ः रेल्ल्यायन् संकृषि । रहन्छ
Season Late Aug-mid Oct	Location Power Park	Times 6:30, 7:40 or 8:8	50 p.m.	
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* Price includes a \$64 forfeit fee that is refundable at the end of the season for those who play every game. Registration fee is no longer refundable after August 6.



Blind dating, entrée style HOW IT BEGAN on the second sec

Fun at the Fountain

Fountain Walk in Novi began

its family series, Fun at the Fountain, Tuesday with

Strawberry Shortcake Night

Taft and Beck) CONTACT: (248) 348-9138 or joyio-

is \$25

registration, includes handbook, \$1/meeting. New members welcome. Send your calendar items to Cal

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DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30 a.m. neeting DETAILS: \$20/yearly membership

Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Northville, MI 48167: fax to (248) 349-

New TOPS chapter in Novi

This year's City of Novi con-certs will be held at Lakeshore Park - a great park setting; con plete with concessions, picnic shelter and BBQ grills. Lakeshore Park features multiple play structures and a guarded beach

July 29 Chautauqua Express The entire audience at a Chautauqua Express performa will have their feet tapping. Shows promise to be highly

City's Thursday concert series

ndian dancing.

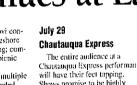
continues at Lakeshore Park August 12 Island Festival

The whole family will enjoy the beats of the Caribbean will Immunity, a reggue band. This special evening will feature al things Island including beach

Novi Concert Band The Novi Concert Band, entertaining and interactive. Audience members will be of games, festive" drinks", snacks and more. Bring your suit and enjoy the water of Walled Lake. formed in 1982, performs in the The park is located on South area all year round. The 45 Lake Drive across from Walled stage to play or sing throughout members play a range of fine ake. Non-residents will be the event. Everyone from todindminents will enmusic including sympt 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. 8 Mile & Taft Roads o initie ociari koaas Iorship Services 8:00am-9.15am - 11:00am Rev. John Išce Rev. Johni facilitar likov charged \$4 per car to enter the folk, religious and Broadway. Chautauqua Express. nark. All concerts start at 7 p.m. August 19 (2 shows) Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor in & Church School 9:00 & 10:30 om Sune (This netformance is sponsored ne (248) 347-0473 for more by Providence Hospital and will Kevin Devine Musical ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 4325 10 Mile Pri No. 18 be performed on the he information. August 5 OAK POINTE CHURCH Circus grounds, located at Beck Road Ryder & Dumm Everyone is fair game at a Ryder and Dumm show, audi-July 15 The Kevin Devine Musical and Grand River.) 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, Mi 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8,9:30 & 11:30 a.r. Svend Genzre Charrilevi Circus has traveled the country Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m Smudge Fundaes The Smudge Fundaes, from Ontario, Cunada, have been *** Casual ca rary live band ences never know what to expect from this magician/comedian dazzling audiences with mad-cap (248) 615-7050 shenanigans, musical hi-jinx and 0/ge Chorne) original songs. With over 1000 original songs, the group has In case of inclement weather, team. The team has made people HARVEST FELLOWSHIP described as "fabulous", "sheer CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY verts will be moved indoors entertainment" and "fun for the laugh in Frankenmuth and at the concerts will be moved induors at the Novi Civic Center, Please call the weather hotline at (248) 347-0473 for updates. Schledowardox Rd, novi, N4 40 Nasses Sat, 5 pm, Sun 7:30 pm, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm Hoy Days; 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Fr, John G, Budde, Pastor 5 am, 10 and 5 an 49329 Pontiac Trai something to please everyone car. Kevin has written songs for PBS Michigan Renaissance Festival. whole family", this delightful The magic is comical and the 248-926-8332 musical duo entertains children (Barney and friends) NBC, and comedy is magical and families alike with catchy, Sunday Warship 10:30 a.m. Jednesday Bible Słudy 7 p.m CBS. (This performance is spon-Performers are subject to change Poul Ballen, Associate Pasto Parsh Office: 349-8847 upbeat original music ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ORLOWIDE HARVEST CHURCH Are you ready to head back to the '50s? Pater Josov Postorkeith J. McAra Surxlay Worship Service, 11:00 AM mant Im, Warn, M (49 and Wiom Ra Mare Into: (248) 919-0829 E-mail: ReapingHarvest@aol.com Between Grand River & Freedom 248-474-0584 Summer Schedule 9:15 Iraditional, 11:00 Contemp Daniel Cave, Pastor Stephen Brackett, Intern Novi's biggest annual event is coming July 28-31 Web: whc.20f.com WARD EVANGELICAL to Fountain Walk! PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Your Church Di James N. McGuire Senior Portor 400005x Mile Road - Northyle, MI 248 374 7400 Inadilional Services 8 00, 10:15, 11:30 a m The Michigan 50's Festival Could Be Here! For Information Look for the official program inside next week's Novi News. Inside you'll find a full schedule of events, a festival map and CHURCH regarding rates call The Northville Record DIRECTORY lots of interesting articles about the 1950s. or Novi News (248) 349-1700

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will be performed on the hospital grounds, located at Beek Road and Grand.River.)



The art class for 3-D paper stars patterns. will be instructed by Rob Pierce, who encourages people of all lev-els of artistic inclination to join.

sion will make a "spiny star choose from five, more intricate

opportunity offers 8-minute doses

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

Dating

hosted in Sept. 2002. A Ab, the blind date: long-heraldcupidParty held in the Detroit ed source of anxiety and awkward area around Valentine's Day explanations to your best friend of ied for fourth largest atten how you appreciate the match-making effort, but ... he or she dance out of 59 simultaneous events held in 47 cities. About just isn't quite "your type." 36 people attended. Right? Not quite At least that's what Erin Ouino of Novi would maintain. Quinn is an event organizer for that 99 percent of participants enjoy the events, 91 percent neet someone they want to uteDating, a service that allows singles ages 21 to 29 to see again, and 62 percent find mutual match. stress eight minutes. She bringing the event to the Nov

area for the first time on Monday,

July 19 at 6:30 p.m. "It's a safe, fun way to meet someone," said Quinn, who recently graduated from Grand

given during events, to ensure June. She ll work this one with the help of her fiancé, and aims to Registrants also provide con- host at least one a month. tact information they'd be com-"Six weeks to plan them is the fortable revealing to an interested ideal time," Quinn said. "I'm trying Unce the event is done, they head home, type in the pseudo nym of a date that caught their fancy, and are provided with the contact info. blind da right now riages in three years, according The first Michigan event was The rest then is up to the two-"Christian event" with the help of local churches. some According Nathaniel Rink, For right now, though, she's hit-8minuteDating marketing coordi-nator, the process blends conver- — especially ladies. ing the street to find volunteers
 especially ladies. As of last sation with the speed and flexibilweek, about seven men had ity of the internet. "It's much harder to misrepre-sent yourself when you have an intrumum of 10 men and 10 ity of the internet. "It's much harder to misrepreeight-minute, in-person conversa-tion," Rink said. "We provide an of the 'meat Ouinn will be visiting salons women is necessary to make the alternative to sort of the 'meat market.' Instead of that sort of flashy, one-liner, 'I've gotta

before moving to the next intro-duction. Then, following a 20-minute intermission with appetiz-ers and a cash bar, they'll have There's still time to avert the traditional blind date calamity the deadline to register at www.8minuteDating.com is noon

Valley State University. The event, which will be held at Shanahar's Sinsh Pub on Laurel Park Dr. in Livonia, will provide singles with four "dates," wherein they"Il chat for eight minutes
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Character visits from Strawber E. Shortcake, Orange Blossom, and Ginger Snap took place on stage as they planned a special party. There were also free party favor treats and crafts for everyc ery Tuesday, Fountain Wall filled, free activities from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The shop-

ping center is located on the west side of Novi Road between 12 Mile road and I-96. Call (248) 348-8762 for more infor-

July 20 - Outer Space at the Fountain Go on a Saturn Scavenger Hunt. The first 100 families to finish win a family-four-pack of tickets to the Detroit Science Center and the planetarium show, Saturn: Jewel of the Solar System. Give-aways for each child at all the scavenger hun stops. Make an out-of-this-world craft.

July 28 - 31 Join us as we host The Michigan 50's Festival (No Fun at the Fountain this week)

August 3 - Sweet Dreams at the Fountain et the Bedbugs on stage as they share songs, stories, and fun! Donations of new sleeping bags, toothbrushes or tooth-paste are being collected for Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, a nonpaste are being contexten to context internet. Extended a profit group, providing sleeping education to children. (Children making donations will be entered into a raffle to win fun prizes.) Make a bedtime craft and enjoy juice and cookies before heading home for sweet drea

August 10 - Country Fun at the Fountain Free hot dogs, chips and pop to the first 1,000 people. Learn Country-Western dancing. Ride the train and make a rootin' tootin' craft. Free cowboy hats and bandanas.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Look out for debit card fees

"Credit or dehit?" It's a familia question to millions of consumers who use debit cards to make purchases. With more than 285 milnow in circulation, debit cards have become a popular form of payment.

When a consumer uses a debit card to make a purchase, the amount and sales tax are deducted from the cardholder's checking account. Some cardholders, however, are discover-



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About 25 per-cent of all finan-cial institutions charge cardhold ers a fee for mak-

ing that financial institutions are

their debiting their accounts for more.

Davis ing purchases using their Personal Identification Number (PIN). PIN-use fees range from 25 cents to \$1, according to a study by Boston-based research firm Dove Consulting. The financial institutions surveyed impose no fees for signature-based transactions, which require cardholders to sign for their purchases. In fact, some banks and credit

unions are rewarding their mem-bers with perks such as free air miles and cash rebates for selecting "credit" instead of "debit" on the point of sale device keypad. And it's pretty clear why. Financial institutions impose fees on merchants to cover the costs associated with the debit card transaction process. Where mer-chants pay a pittance in process-ing fees for PIN-based transacing rees for Privious diamate-tions—just 10 to 38 cents per transaction—they can pay as much as 2 percent of the total pur-chase in processing fees when customers sign for the purchase.

Fees appear to have deterred few debit cardholders from using their PIN to conduct transactions Given the choice of either credit or debit, 45 percent of cardholders prefer to enter a PIN, and 38 per-cent prefer to sign for the pur-chase, according to the American Bankers Association-commis-sioned "2003/2004 Study of Consumer Payment Preferences."

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Unlike ATMs, points of sale devices don't disclose fees associated with PIN-based transactions. Cardholders find out these fees in

their monthly statement. The Federal Reserve Board has, at the request of the United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, undertaken a study about disclo-sures of debit card fees. They're asking the public to weigh in on whether existing disclosures adequately inform consumers of fees imposed by the financial institu-tion that has issued the debit card.

If you've been socked with a fee and think current disclosures aren't adequate, consider logging on to the Federal Reserve's Web site at http://www.federalre-serve.gov/generalinfo/foia/Propos edRegs.cfm. Click on "Other Proposals" in the middle of the screen and look for "Study on Disclosures of Debit Card Fees." This isn't the appropriate forum for complaining about bank fees; rather, it's an opportunity to let



Michael Ruggiero founded Rugg Brothers Carpet Care with his partner and brother Michael. The brothers have more than 15 years of combined experience in cleaning carpets, with another 10 years of practical experience in cleaning home ventilation or duct systems.

Rugg Brothers offer clean sweep

Rugg Brothers Carpet Care Inc. was founded by Patrick and Michael Ruggiero. The Ruggiero Brothers have more than 15 years worth of combined experience in cleaning carpets, with another 10 years of practical experience in cleaning home ventilation or duct systems.

In addition to carpet and venti-lation cleanings, Rugg Brothers offers emergency water removal. The business has available for rent high-speed carpet fans to dry your house and carpet quick-ly and effectively. Michael Ruggiero said that

among the frequent questions asked is how often a residential carpet should be cleaned. Depending on the amount of traffic and the frequency of vacuuming, Ruggiero sald that home carpeting should be cleaned every six to 12 months.

The business is certified through the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification. (For information, visit the group's web site at www.iirc.org.) Ruggiero said that the compa-ny offers several types of clean-ing packages, lailored to best suit the needs of a home. The most sereferred and popular method is

preferred and popular method is through hot-water extraction, commonly known as steam cleaning.

Ruggiero said steam cleaning is also the method most frequently recommended by lead-ing carpet manufacturers. Other methods of cleaning

include Showroom Preconditioning, which applies safe, non-toxic, non-flammable pre-conditioning agents to loosen dirt and oils that vacuum cleaners cannot remove. Once cleaned, the company offers a ScotchgardTM carpet protector. The confidence of the Rugg

Brothers is demonstrated by the company's guarantee policy. "You get the most thorough

cleaning ever or it's free," Ruggiero said. "If you are not completely satisfied with the service experience you received from our company, we will rush back to your location to remedy the situation. If you are still unimpressed, you owe us noth-ing and we will provide a 100

Rugg Brothers will give you a fair price for your carpet and duct cleaning needs. Call them at (248) 446-2008 for a free carpet or duct cleaning quote with no hidden prices.

How often should

tors, not the least of which is the a homeowner to consider more frequent cleaning include:

Smokers in the household. · Pets that shed high amounts

of hair and dander · Water contamina tion or damage to the home or HVAC (heat-

ing, ventilation and air condi-tioning) system. • Residents with allergies or asthma who might benefit from a reduction in the amount of indoor air pollutants in the home's HVAC system.

· After home renovations or

remodeling.
Prior to occupancy of a new home

Free audit available

Rugg Brothers Inc. offers the following pledge to its cus-

tomers; For those who demand excel-- the cleaner cleans for health and provides you with the best service. If you are tired of companies that bait and switch, call us for a free carpet audit. Rugg Brothers can clean your carpets, upholstery, and duct work/air vents. Call Rugg Brothers for emergency water extraction, pet accidents and all your mini-disasters.



From spills to ground-in dirt, Rugg Brothers has solutions to clean the toughest jobs

TEST YOUR CARPET-CARE KNOWLEDGE

Question 1) Tan colored residential carpeting can hide an entire pound of dirt in only a single square foot of carpet before it looks dirty. True or False?

Question 2) According to IICRC Standards, how often should homeowners with children or pels have their carpeting cleaned?

Is it every 3 months, every 6 months, or annually? Question 3) What is the best time of the year to clean your carpet if fleas from pets are a concern? Is it winter, spring, sum-

Question 4) What is the most important reason to clean your carpet regularly? A) To prevent carpet wear. B) To improve indoor air quality. C) To improve appearance.

Answers

1) True! A single square foot of carpet can hide an entire pound of dirt. If you wait to clean until you notice soiling, your

carpet is very dirty. 2) The IICRC issues standards for professional carpet cleaning that recommend cleaning every six months.

3) Fail or winter after the first frost is the best time to clean for

duct systems be cleaned? The frequency of duct-system learning depends on several fac-Common mistakes when hiring a cleaner

written ouote.

Mistake #4: Hiring a cleaner that does not offer a written guarantee

he'll be around to back it up

The business is certified percent refund."

policy makers know how you feel about the way in which fees are disclosed to you. You have until July 23, 2004, to express your views on the matter. (For a description of the study go to http://www.federalreserve.gov/bo arddocs/press/bcreg/2004/200405 18/attachment.pdf.)

One final thought; additional disclosure could likely lead to more signature-based transac-tions, which could cost you more in the end. Merchants may feel compelled to increase prices of goods and services to cover the cost of debit card processing fees. Separately, look for your paycheck to have a little more girth Effective Thursday, July i, the Michigan Income Tax rate will drop one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.9 percent. The reduction marks the final phase of the 0.5 The reduction enacted in 1999. The reduction was delayed from Jan. 1, to help balance the state

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Don't be scarmied by a low price offer. As shown on 20/20, low price ads and coupons are commonly used to bail you into a high priced rip-off. Reputable carptet cleaners don't advertise at prices that sound to good to be true. Don't risk the thousands of dollars of carpeting in your home to low-price come-ons

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Mistake #2: Kiring a cleaner over the phone

Professional carpet cleaning is not a one-size-fits-all service. Professional cleaners insist on

It is to your advantage to use professional carpet

deaners because their experience enables them to do a better job than you can do yourself. Their equipment has more extraction power than the

rental units available to individuals, and the carpet should dry more quickly. True professionals also understand the equip-

ment, know the proper cleaning agents for the situ-ation at hand; and recognize the differences in

the stand and the recognize the unrecences in fibers and carpet construction. However, as with all randes and businesses, some cleaners may not be as honest as others. Rugg Brothers offers the following tips for avoiding the

ake #1: Choosing a cleaner based on low price.

Rugg Brothers offers: A free carpet inspection and written quote; a 100 percent money-back guar-antice backed by years of service; fabulous carpet and upholstery cleaning at a fair price; and the credibility of being an IICRC certified firm.

knowing if your carpet is nylon, wool, polypropy-lene, oletin, or a blend of fibers, before prescribing the best cleaning method. Reputable cleaners

inspect your carpet, answer questions, and give you

Mistake #3: Not asking for credentials. The institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC) is the certifying

body for professional carpet cleaners. IICRC corti-fied firms have committed to cleaning by industry-accepted guidelines, and passed cortification exams. Ask if your cleaner is IICRC certified.

A written guarantee backed by a reputable firm

takes the risk out of hiring a carpet cleaner. Make sure the cleaner you hire offers a written guarantee, and has been in business long enough to assure you

fleas

4) All are equally important reasons to clean your carpeting on a regular basis. Clean carpet lasts longer, looks great, and helps keep the indoor air you breathe healthy.

