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advance and \$12 at the door. Bradley Lonsway, 13; of Novi, plays the young Rip.



Swingin' seniors

Bob Radtke (shown with his wife, Jean) started playing-golf 40 years ago, when it helped him forget about the problems of his workdays at the telephone company. Now, at age 75, he makestri-weekly treks to the Riverbank Golf Coorse in South Lyon to play on three senior leagues, two of which have been offered by the City of Novi Senior Center for years

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Gettin' wild

Daniel Briere of Royal Oak's Wildlife Programs introduces a crowd of Novi Public Library summer reading program kills to an American alligator. To encourage its young visitors to stop by and pick up a book throughout the summer, the library hosts special programs and assemblies and days of arts and crafts.

© 2004 HomeTown Communications Network Providence prevails

Hospital wins approval for 200-bed transfer

By Pam Fleming

Providence Park Medical Center

Providence Park Medical Center in Novi will increase by about 200 beds in the near future following a ruling Tuesday in Ingham County Circuit Court in Lansing.

Judge James Giddings upheld the constitutionality of an amendment to Public Act 619, passed by the Michigan Legislature in December 2002 allowing the transfer of about one-third of the beds within the St. John and Henry Ford health systems.

Public Act 619 amended the Certificate of Need law allowing Henry Ford and Providence, through the St. John Health System, to move beds from their existing locations to Novi and

System, to move beds from their existing locations to Novi and West Bloomfield.

"We won't be adding new beds in the state of Michigan, just transferring existing beds. In our case, we'll be relocating 200 total beds from our Oakland County and Livingston County hospitals; said Rob Casalou, president, Providence Hospital, a member of St. John Health, based in Warren, consists of Providence Hospital in Southfield and a network of more than 25 outpatient

rospital in Southells and a her-work of more than 25 outpatient medical and specialty centers, such as Providence Park Medical Center at Grand River Avenue and Beck roads in Novi.

"This has been an ongoing struggle for more than 10 years to see Providence be able to establish a full hospital facility here in Novi."

Sen. Nancy Cassis

St. John Health System has three hospitals in Oakland and Livingston Providence counties Providence Hospital in Southfield, St. John Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights and Brighton Hospital in Brighton

Township.

Casalou said that Henry Ford
Health System's initial request
was to transfer 300 beds to its
West Bloomfield facility on Maple Road west of Haggerty Road.

Casalou noted that more than a third of the patients admitted to the Providence's Southfield loca-tion are from the Novi market, which includes South Lyon, Wixom, Walled Lake and other

areas.
"So, when we move beds from the Southfield hospital to the Novi

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Rumors of Wixom plant closing denied

■ UAW Local 36 president says new model may be coming

By Pam Fleming

As famous late author Mark Twain might have said, reports of the death of the Ford Motor Co.'s Wixom Assembly Plant have been greatly exaggerated.

Ford's response to recent news reports last week on the closing of the plant were met were a flat denial this work.

"We have a strong workforce at the Wixom Assembly Plant, a solid relationship with the UAW and the local community," said Anne Marie Gattari, Ford spokesperson.

"And we don't comment on rumor and speculation regarding our facilities."

our facilities."

Ford points to the fact that there's a lot of activity going on at the plant. Ford GT production started this summer, so delivery will also start this summer on this limited production vehicle. About 3,500 of the sports car, which retails at about \$160,000, will



be produced in the two-year two-year nun. The

Thunderbird is still selling well, and there will be celebrations sur-

D. Berry

rounding that vehicle in 2005, the 50th anniver-sary of the Ford Thunderbird, according to Ford spokesperson

Miles Johnson. Thunderbird sales average about 18,000 vehicles a year for Ford.

Members of United Auto Workers Local 36 represents about 1,750 hourly workers who currently build the Lincoln Town Car, Lincoln LS, Ford Thunderbird and the new Ford GT in Wiscom The the new Ford GT in Wixom. The Wixom Assembly Plant was built in 1**95**7

Dave Berry, president of UAW Local 36, said that although the workforce has been reduced, he had not heard that the plant may close—just rumors that it's a pos-

"We cut one shift in 2002. We've iost about 2,000 members, but they've all been placed at other plants," Berry said. He noted, however, that other plants have gone to

one shift as well.

Berry said they have a few skilled tradesmen who are still cur-

rently on layoff, but the union is working with the company to get them placed: "Through all of the turmoil and

upheaval, the membership has kept

upheaval, the membership has kept a focus on quality, safety, and we've led the way for Ford," Berry said.

"We're very optimistic. We're just now launching the GT, which is Ford's super car. They haid to entrust a lot into this plant and the workforce to give us that product.

"So, just the prestige of this super car, the first one Ford has built, that says a lot. There's a lot of confidence in this plant."

Berry said there has not been any indication from Ford Motor

indication from Ford Motor Company to the UAW about any plant closures or actions to this

"In fact, we are currently awaiting a favorable future product announcement," Berry said, "Now, with the reorganization of Ford Motor Company's new products, I think it's just a matter of time before we get that announcement."

Berry said he has also not beard

of any plans to shift production of ome Lincoln models from Wixom to Atlanta.
"Ford Motor Company has not

indicated that they are sending any of those cars to Atlanta," Berry said. "It's a perception and a rumor. I have heard nothing at all about any plans to shift production to the

any plants to start production to the Allanta factory."

One of the Wixorn plant's strong points, Berry said, is its versatility.
"We're a multi-line plant. There aren't many plants that can build different products," he said.

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

Birthday boy asks for presents for troops

Public invited to bring items to 'Freedom Party' today

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

There are a lot of people com-mitting random acts of kindness every day, but 7-year-old Peter Kennedy of Highland is a special

case.

The third-grader at St. Patrick's School in White Lake and son of David and Julianne Kennedy, who turns 8 on Friday, July 23, is having a "Freedom Party" instead of a bitthday party today.

He's asking his guests, and oth-

ers who would like to stop by, to donate an item for U.S. troops in Iraq instead of bringing presents

This was his idea. He did not think twice about giving up gifts to do something for the soldiers," his mother said.

The inspiration for his "Freedom Party" came from one of his classmates who had a birthday party in November, and the sts brought gifts for Toys for

guests brought gifts for Toys for Tots.

After watching news reports about the war in Iraq, the third-grader decided that the troops overseas needed help.

"He's interested on what's going on over there," said his prother.

His "Freedom Party" will take

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WHAT'S NEEDED

Following is a list of items needed by the troops:

- Lip balm
- Lip balm Insect repellent Toilet paper Baby wipes/sanitary wipes Large, heavy, black socks Large sweatpants and
- sweatshirts, thermal wear, hats and gloves Hard candy, soft melts, sug-ariess gum, snacks (no pork
- or chocolate) Small toys from McDonald's or Burger King Soft-cover books and maga-
- Letters, cards, homemade pictures, photos CDs, small CD players, AA
- batteries
 DVDs and small DVD players
 Money for military families
 in need (checks made
 payable to Michigan National Guard Family Fund)

■ District has

enough money for next two school years

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Last month voters in the Novi School District said yes - twice - but the district will still need to dip into its savings and pull out nearly \$850,000 to balance the

nearly \$850,000 to balance the 2004-05 year budget. The recently-released budget figures show that the district will spend a total of \$65.2 million in the 2004-05 school year, an amount that's up from \$61.5 million last year.

Total receits in the 2004-05

Total receipts in the 2004-05 school year are \$64.3 million, which leaves \$849,199 in excess

Budget balanced be covered by the district's fund equity, leaving an equity balance of \$8.7 million.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance, said that even though the recreation mill-



J. Koster

age and the two millage renewals were passed by voters June 14, the overall effect of the

miliage is not .98, as was origi-anticipated. That's good for recidents news for residents who will only

have to pay a millage increase of .6573 because the general operating millage as well as the debt millage had both gone down.

In the budget this year is a

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soldiers in Iraq that we support

them," Peter Kennedy said.

About 20 people will attend the

"I have gotten a few gifts for my birthday already. And, my aunt, Pam, is going to take me shopping at the mall," be said.

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party, and those

who drop off

troops can play at Pump It Up

pointed that his

Peter

Birthday boy asks for

anytime today and from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, according to Jane Tyrie of Pump It Up, who supports gifts for him at his birthday party.

teacher, Barbara Johnson, has a son, for the Novi News. She can be

presents for troops

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place from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Pump It Up in Wixom.

Known as "the Inflatable Party

Zone" at 28373 Beck Road, Unit H, in Wixom, the new business that

opened May 16 is on the west side of Beck Road, one mile north of

Twelve Mile Road just north of 1-96 in the Beck Business Center.

Donations for the troops in Irac

can be dropped off at Pump It Up

"My brother, Jim Tyric, of

will be donated to the

Kennedy's kindergarten

eally great idea," Tyric said.

Golden Dragons, a Quick Reactionary Force Unit in northern

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· John Dennis Valentine, II Third degree criminal sexual con-duct (age 13 through 15), (two

· Richard Wayne Portis Delivering and manufacture of marijuana.

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for sentencing in Oakland Count Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 18. · Jamar Antonio Henderson -

Home invasion - second degree, Jeremy Joseph Magrum —
Retail fraud - first degree.
These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1

These are the cases scheduled

District Court for June 21:

• Mark Richard Promo – Operating under the influence of liquor/per se, third offense felony Damagnan Tamarr Stanford

 Uttering and publishing, attempted uttering and publishing, driving while license suspended, possible altered drivers icense, sentence

enhancement/second offense, James Edwin Sholtz — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se, third offense felony, driving while license sus pended, sentence

mhancement/second offense Craig Joseph Hattemer —
Retail fraud, first degree These are the cases scheduled

Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 22. • Jeffrey Curtis Johnson (a.k.a. "Huey") - Delivery/manufacture marijuana (three counts) · Michelle Marie Krull -

alcohol/ner se, third offense felony, alcohol/open container in Stalking/aggravated, sentence Usecond offense Michael Devon Chouinard Stolen property receiving and concealing over \$1,000 but under District Court for June 24

Antoine Jamar Powers -

Carrying a concealed weapon

Veapons - dangerous weapo

Michael Andrew Howard -

Breaking and entering, lareeny in a building.

• Brian Anthony Nelson —

Controlled substance (second

Robert Joseph Tafelski —

property, operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third

offense felony), police officer-assault/resistence/ obstruction,

driving while license suspended

second or subsequent offense,

sentence enhancement (second

offense).

These are the cases scheduled

for sentencing in Oakland County

Circuit Court originating in 52-

Gregory Allen Nesbitt —
Operating under the influence of

felony), driving while license sus-

These are the cases scheduled

for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 28. Tobias Robert Kenyon —

Armed robbery, sentence

enhancement (third offense).

• Christopher Robert Green

Possession of controlled sub-

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and manufacture narcotics 50 to Justin Philip Berkhousen — Delivering and manufacture of marijuana, controlled substances

possession of marijuana. Anthony Carl Gordon — Fleeing/eluding - third degree, driving while license suspended (second or subsequent offense). · Eric Todd Half -- Obtaining

for sentencing in Oakland County personal identification without author, financial transaction transaction device - possession of fraudulent one. · Thomas Gerard Stark --

Retail fraud - first degree, sen-Operating under the influence of tence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense). These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 Grand River Ave. closing Monday Grand River Avc. will be

closed immediately west of Novi Road in Novi beginning approxi-mately July 26 as part of the ongoing Grand River/Novi Road intersection improvement project. The closure had previously been expected to take place or

The closure is necessary so that a culvert under Grand River can be replaced. The timing of the closure is dependent upon when the contractor received chinment of the new culvert from

During the closure, the detour route will be Beck Road to 10 Mile Road to Novi Road, and vice versa. The closure is expected to last up to four weeks.

The culvert replacement is par

of an ongoing project to recon-struct and widen the Grand (the lanes are being widened at the intersection, but no additional lanes are being added). As part of the project, left-turns are pro-hibited at the intersection. The left-turn prohibition is in effect rough approximately Nov. 1. The Grand River/Novi project

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hospital, we are moving a number of beds proportional to the number of people coming to Southfield anyway," Casalou

"If we move just enough beds from the Southfield hospital, that location will not be adversely affected by the transfer of beds,"

When the amendment to the Certificate of Need law was passed two years ago, five hospitals and a couple of individuals filed a lawsuit. The five hospitals filing suit were Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak; Trinity Health, based in Novi; Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills; Mt. Clemens General in Mt. Clemens: and Covenant Health System in Saginaw.

The five hospitals filed suit against Henry Ford Health System, St. John Health System

and the State of Michigan.
"Their complaint was that the

passed by a simple majority of the state legislation," Casalou explained. "What the judge ruled today, after listening to arguments over the past year, was that the

claimed that it was special legis-lation that should not have been

which means R. Casalou Because they

flict of interest in filing the suit, The law stands," Casalou said. "I'm sure the plaintiffs will review all of their legal options.

But we do believe that because of Judge Giddings' ruling that an appeal will be difficult," Casalou added.

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amendment in the legislature, was elated by the news on "This has been an ongoing said.

struggle for more than 10 years to see Providence be able to estab-lish a full hospital facility here in Novi," she said, "I'm very excited and pleased

that Judge Giddings has upheld the constitutionality of the amendment that I sponsored to the Certificate of Need law allowing for the transfer of hospital beds to St. John's Providence Hospital in Novi and Henry Ford in West Bloomfield," Cassis said. "Today, Judge Giddings has taken this all-important health issue out of the political arena. It

ends the political football that was going on with the Certificate of Need Commission. "It allows for beds in the city to be transferred to the underserviced areas and meet the medical needs of

our citizens in the Novi and West "Significantly, it gives special

these areas to know they will have a full-service hospital within very close proximity," Cassis "It's been exciting to be a part

of this and see the system work," she said. "Today is a very reaffirming day to know that this amendment that I sponsored, that Legislature acted within the state constitution.

Casalou said Providence has been planning and designing this new hospital in Novi for several months in hopes that it would get permission to proceed,
"With this news today, we're
going to be moving forward very

quickly to submit our plans to the City of Novi for approval,"

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year, an amount made possible by basic reductions that took affect regardless of the June vote. The rest of the proposed reductions, which would have been implemented had the recreational millage not passed, have now been to do the 2006-07 school year. We

said. "We've done that, but the everything will be better. If not, a biggest chunk of reductions is the cleaning. We're going to reduce at what else we can do." cleaning in all buildings by 25

trict knows for sure that it will be total of \$892,109 more than last able to conduct school as usual in the 2004-05 and in the 2005-06

school years.
"That's under the worst condilook with anticipation as to what's "The campaign said that we going to happen with the national would tighten our belts here and state economy. You can projregardless of the vote," Koster ect out to 2005-06, and hopefully,

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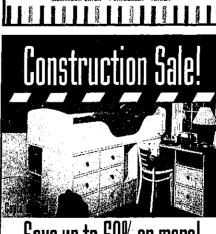
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Novi Theatres to present sleepy story of 'Rip Van Winkle'

■ Novi Middle School student stars in lead

By Pam Fleming

"Rip Van Winkle," the classic fairy tale written by Washington Irving in 1819, is a story with a touch of magic about a young man who drinks a beverage from a gnome-like character, falls asleep, wakes up 20 years later and the ram-ifications of this event.

As the story goes, he fell asleep on July 3, 1766, and woke up on July 5, 1786, Talk about a nap! The Novi Theatres will present the play "Rip Van Winkle" at 7:30

p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12

The story unfolds with sympa-thetic understanding of Rip and communicates his deep love for his daughter throughout the play. It is told with humor and offers the audience a good dose of common sense, according to Sheri Sansom, theater

"I think the other thing that's interesting about this show is that we have the young Rip Van Winkle, and then we show him as he gets. Dam Van Winkle. older," she said.



Pictured at rehearsal for "Rip Van Winkle" July 15 are, from left, Stephanie Bommarito, Tim Markham, Katie Kowal and Bradley Lonsway, all of Novi.

are several east members at once on the mountain," Sansom said. Bradley Lonsway, 13, of Novi, an eighth-grader at Novi Middle play," Lonsway said.

School, plays the young Rip Van Winkle. Stephanic Bommarito of Northville plays the female lead.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer der," she said.

Lonsway has starred in other
"The staging is also quite interestg as the set designer has built a Lonsway has pirate in "Sleepy 105 or by e-mail at



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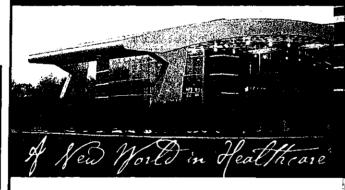
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'Boxing for Beauty'

■ Shiro's Restaurant to host July 29 fund-raiser

By Pam Fleming

Some area disadvantaged women will be lookin' good in the near future following a fund-raiser for them at a local restaurant. Shiro's Restaurant in Novi will be the site of the fourth annual The Look for Success charity's "Boxing for Beauty" fund-raiser July 29.

The event, slated at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Monica Gayle from Fox 2 News will host this event along vith special guest speaker Jackie

Kallen was the inspiration of actress Meg Ryan's latest movie, "Against the Ropes." Fans will also see her again the her upcoming new NBC TV show, "The Contender," also starring

boxer Sugar Ray Leonard.

The Look for Success charity's goal is to impact at-risk individuals' lives through makeup, no matter what barriers they may face. The charity says that young or old, an individual's first steps toward realizing their personal particular achieving correspondent potential, achieving career goals and lifting their spirits most often start with improving appearance. The Look for Success helps

people face a variety of personal hardships and physical barriers through its makeover programs, makeup training and strong peer support designed to improve their quality of life and build selfesteem and self-confidence.

The charity is dedicated to assisting all individuals facing Karlene. Her mother now serves

advance, \$85 at the door, \$125 per couple and \$1,000 for a table of 10.

Charity organizers decided to have their fund-raiser at Shiro's when one of their committee

Founder Kim Goedde, who members dined at the restaurant, grew up in Wixom, started the charity when she moved to to Michigan, she began a chapter Goedde said in Michigan, The

hardships with an emphasis on women and youth in South Florida, the greater Detroit area in Michigan and Los Angeles.

Tickets to the event are \$75 in his state the point now where I'm getting celebrities involved," Goedde said.

mostly on women diagnosed with cancer, cancer survivors and women in assisted living facili-

"I've also helped single mothers and former inmates re-enter society," Goedde said. The organzation also helps women suffer g from domestic violence.

Two years ago, the charity started to focus on underprivi-leged high-school students, both boys and girls, in Los Angeles.
"We're in the process of estab-lishing a chapter in Los Angeles and have scheduled events for a

couple of years," Goedde said. Goedde, who expects about 150 people at the July 29 fund-raiser at Shiro's, noted that cosmetic firms Estee Lauder Neutrogena have donated products for the makeovers.

For more information or to

obtain tickets, call Goedde at (786) 554-0422 or visit

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A visitor to Saturday night's VIP opening of Novi's Hooters gets some encouragement from waitresses to don fun wear and act like a duck. The event raised more than \$1,200 for Novi Goodfellows. City council is to acknowledge the community partner ship at Monday evening's meeting.

Kallen winning in sports world

groups, conventions and college audiences. A mother of two sons and

grandmother of two young boys, she was one of the first females to a manager, she guided four boxers J. Kallen to world titles; was at one time the

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ressional musical and is still managing box-sports when she became a former champ Bronco McKart

decided to try her hand at manag- With Your Best Shot."

A former journalist, TV host and radio personality, Detroit has won numerous awards and has won numerous awards and honors. She country addressing women's groups, conventions and college audiences.

A former journalist, TV host female Boxers Association and has won numerous awards and hor expectations. Now living in Los Angeles, Sale entered the world of prospective productions and college audiences.

female sports and heavyweight Kevin Montiy. writer in the mid-1970S. A decade A decade later, she is the author of the book "Hit Me

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Luggage shop goes upscale

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Point A Luggage, which opened in the ICPenney wing across from The Gap in late April, prides itself on stocking a point of the control of the wide variety of premium travel brands such as Tumi, Hugo Bosca, Travel Pro, Swiss Army, Launched by Samsonite
Company Stores in October
2002, Point A has only five other
locations in the U.S., in addition
to European shops. This is

see if he can help you," Lattam

Michigan's first. "We're very careful about what markets we open in," said Michael Zucker, Samsonite's wice president of merchandising and marketing. "Of all the centers we'd seen in the Michigan market, Twelve Oaks was the later work and ladies' wallets

best one out there.

This Point A replaces a Travel

2000 formerly located in the
mall, which had been there for

stationery, business cases, leather

about 11 years. Samsonite pur-chased the Travel 2000 chain in late 2002 and decided to "upgrade" from the "more mod-erate" outlet to better suit area travelers, according to Zucker. The same four employees logues at hand, shoppers' options

go even further.
"If we don't have it (and)
they're interested, we'll always
go out and order it." Zucker said.
"We offer a much broader assortthree of whom live in the Novi vicinity — simply moved from the old location to the new. John Latham, Samsonite's dis-trict manager for southeast Special orders cover thousands Michigan, says that it's their expertise and service that gives Point A an added edge.

of items, according to both Zucker and Latham, Personalizing typically can be completed in a matter of a day or two, thanks to an on-site machine. One will be arriving at

Tweive Oaks soon.
Ultimately, there's something suitable for every discriminating business, leisure or international

traveler.

Point A's five other locales include Orlando, Washington, D.C., Boston, and two Baltimore stores. They hope to expand globally in the future. "It's a 'small box' concept," Latham said, "It's a very intimate

concept. We build long-term rela-tionships with a lot of our customers,"
Added Zucker, "We'd like them to feel like they'd like to

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Hoa Hoa Inn brings Asian cuisine to Novi

By Pam Fleming

that just opened on the north side of Novi in the Maple Place strip mail. may be new, but it's owner has been cooking Asian cuisine for almost

half a century.

Owner Gene Woo, of West Bloomfield, said his father's uncle owned a restaurant by the same name but spelled differently, the Hoe Inn, at Second and some with oyster sauce and noisen Alexander in downtown Detroit.

Hoa Hoa (pronounced Ho Ho)

er by the same name on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

He recently closed that location to open the Hoa Hoa Inn at 31162
Novi Road on the southeast corner of Novi Road and Fourteen Mile on the border of Novi and Walled Lake, Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon to 10

aspects of the new restatutant is a supervisive and innovative contemporary interior design by the late Metro Detroit architect Gene Baker.

Baker had cancer and died just two weeks before the opening of less competition less competition.

the restaurant, according to Woo. "He'd never done a Chinese restaurant before," Woo said. "He did a good job. People enjoy it."

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sauce and a touch of garlic; and Dragon and Phoenix, with lobster meat and white meat of chicken, vegetables sauteed with hoisen sauce and a touch of garlie

means mobie nouse in Uninese, Woo explained.

Woo's father, Daniel, was also in the restaurant business for 40 years and owned the Hoa Kow Inn in Oak Park. Woo took over the restaurant for his father in 1976, eventually closing that one and opening another by the sume name on Orrhard Orange White Wise besided white hoisen sauce and a touch of garlic; Imperial Phoenix, with sauteed white ment of chicken, oyster, mushroom and oyster sauce; and Orange White Fish, broiled white fish with mandarin orange.

spicy sauce or seasoning soy sauce, and Mongolian Rack of Lamb, grilled mck of lamb with hoisen

p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday.
One of the most interesting aspects of the new restaurant is its

"On Orchard Lake Road from Twelve Mile Road to Pontiac Trail there are 130 restaurants. There's less competition at this location," he said, "The neighbors at Maple Place are glad we're here because we're attracting more business."

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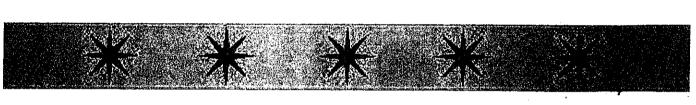
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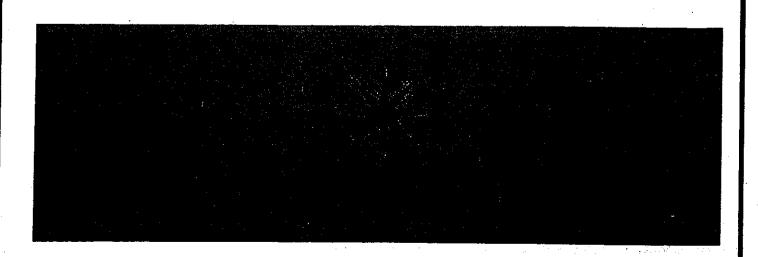
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OBITUARIES

James Robert Aldrich, 80

James Aldrich died July 12, 2004.

He was 80. Mr. Aldrich was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in the Pacific from 1943 to 1946. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Familigton Hills Elks, and VFW 4012. Mr. Aldrich was employed for 25 years as a funeral arranger with Ross B, Northrup, He enjoyed fishing and hunting. Survivors include his wife and

best friend of almost 58 years, Shirley Ann (Petz): one daughter, Linda Mary Aldrich Regiec; one granddaughter. Cristina Maria Regice; and two step-sisters, Sally Beth Pasiuk of Surprise, Ariz., and Mary Esther Shay of Cold Springs,

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlotte Northron (Ross) and Clarence Aldrich (Estelle); and one step-brother, Blake Northrop, A funeral mass was held July 17,

228, 22255 Greenfield Southfield, MI 48075-9923.

Eva I. Berry, 84

Mrs. Berry was a resident of

Eastern Star.
Survivors include two daughters, Michele Berry and Denise (Jay) Smith; three grandchildren, Clinton (Lori) Duke, Brittany and Ashley Smith; three great-grandchildren; and three siblings, James (Margaret) Davis, Clifford (Barbara) Davis and Roxie (Jack) Thomas, Preceding her in death was her

husband, Gerald. Visitation will be at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home memorial service at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Michigan.

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University, and is currentlemployed as a landscape archi currently The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of West Bloomfield High School, a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, and is

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John and Charlene Ponder of Northville, formerly of Ypsilanti, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Marie Ponder, to Eric Alan Romero, son of Raymond and Rosanne Romero of Redford. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Lincoln Consolidated High School and a 2001 graduate Eastern Michigan University, She is currently employed by Adrian Public Schools, Adrian.

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The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central
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HEALTH

By Ernie Harwell

I'm always on the lookout for ips on better health. They're everywhere lately. For instance, the following "Make Time for Fitness" tips flashed across the Pacific Bell Park scoreboard between innings at a recent San Francisco Giants game.

By Elaine Horowitz

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Stress is something we all deal

with every day. It's our body's response to stimuli or stressors in

to stressors is a very individual

thing based on our physical and

psychological make-up, past experiences, cultural background and perceptions of the situation. The slightest change in routine

can cause some people to go into

a tizzy, while others seldom seem to get flustered. Where you fall on this continuum is less impor-

tant than learning where your

stress comes from and finding ways to deal with it.

Modern life is full of stress.

Along with the usual family and

work stressors, we are also faced

with an unstable world and loss

with an unstable world and loss of the security we've always enjoyed. Having access to news 24/7 does nothing to allay these fears and, in fact, may make matters were not all the second of the secon

ters worse.
In a stressful situation, your

body reacts by goin anto "fight or flight" mode. To release of hormones into the spoodstream causes you to become more alert.

blood pressure and generally pre-pares you to meet the stressor head on. While this may be good

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requires alertness and quick thinking, long-term stress can have a negative effect on your health and well being. Some Emie Harwell, "the voice of Ernie Harwelt, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years, behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and threes chocyte for Blue Cross symptoms associated with chron-ic stress include: ■ Joint and muscle pair fitness advocate for Blue Cross ■ Heart palpitations
■ Stömach upsets, indigestion
■ Depression Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of ■ Speeplessness more than 60 years. His latest Stress can also make chronic book, a collection of his base-ball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at onditions such as arthritis hypertension and diabetes more difficult to control. Additionally, local bookstores or by calling stress can impair your immune

ceptible to infectious diseases. women appear to be more vulnerable to stress-induced illness es for a number of reasons

> and thereby take on addi-tional responespecially in

E. Horowitz positions of

over their environment and making them feel unable to make anges to decrease the stress. Finally, women with families are on call 24 hours a day. Even in homes where the husbands share household and parenting chores. in the long run, the woman is still in charge. Men come home to relax and recharge their batteries. Women rarely feel that they

cessful ways of dealing with stress. Some head straight for the refrigerator when events get out of hand. According to the Mayo Clinic, eating becomes a way of suppressing or dealing with negative emotions such as anxiety or stress. Emotional eaters tend to crass starchy, sweet, salty or fatty foods That's why chocolate is the ultimate comfort food: It's sweet and has just the right amount of

fat to satisfy that craving. Research indicates that small amounts of mood-elevating hor-mones released when you cat these types of food help you feel better, at least temporarily first step is identifying triggers.

Eat a balanced diet.

■ Exercise regularly,
■ Don't keep unhealthy foods

Successful strategies for dealing with stress

around.

Snack healthy. Substitute high fat foods for others.

Find other ways to get the comfort you are seeking. When the refrigerator calls, call a friend or purposely engage in another

So, how can we tame this beast called stress? First, recognize where your stress is coming from and find ways to decrease or eliminate it. Work-related stress can be multifaceted. Long hours, increased work-loads, dealing likely to be in

with office politics and just generally feeling unsatisfied can make you feel stressed. Sometimes, taking a step back and looking realistically at what you are doing can help you iden tify where to make changes, Make choices and set priorities Realize that you can't do it all and that is ok. Accept that there Family can cause stress, too

especially when you try to be all

things to all people. Learn to say "No" and not feel guilty. Set reasonable expectations for yourself and others. Ask for help when you need it. Superwoman is dead - if she was ever really alive. Communicate within your family: don't assume everyone

knows how you feel. Realize that things change as you and your family move through life. Toddlers become teenagers and healthy, independent parents may begin to feel like the baloney in the middle of the fam-

ily sandwich. Finally, stress can come from living in a world where we've lost some of our connection to our community. How many neighbors do you know well? In times past, extended families often lived within blocks of each other. Now we are spread out all

over the country. Children feel stress too. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, pressures placed on children from parents, teachers, peers and society are without enough down time or time with parents become exhausted and less able to cone The AAP concludes that childre who have a clear sense of per-sonal competence and who feel loved and supported generally do well. Having previously handled challenges well helps them to

succeed in the future. So, now what? Schedule regular time for yourself, whether it's time with friends or just down time with a good book and cup

of coffee. Develop a positive attitude and avoid negative peo-ple. They will only get you down. Take care of your health, exercise regularly, cat a balanced diet and get adequate rest. It is amazing how much better you can cope when you feel good physically. Try some relaxation techniques such as meditation or

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EDUCATION

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■ Mindworks Learning Center open house Wed.

By Ramez Khuri

Is your child struggling with his or her school work? Have years of totoring produced little or no suc-cessful results? If the answer is yes, then the Mindworks Learning Center in Ann Arbor would like to

help.
The Mindworks Learning Center is an institute that works with children who have a variety of learning problems. Most of the kids that the from pre-schoolers to college stu dents and adults have benefited from the organization's many pro-

grants.
Mindworks CEO Terry Dunivin said that some of the kids who sign up have been diagnosed as having a reading problem or Dyslexia, which is the most common reason behind an attention deficit disorder. Some have problems with math and other kinds of academic content or organ-izing themselves. In general, it's just that they aren't doing as well as their parents think they should. "Thirty to 40 percent of children

are under-performing in school because they have some type of eognitive processing inefficiency," Dunivin said. "Their minds have trouble organizing information in a way that allows them to be successful at tasks like reading or doing certain kinds of math, being able to remember things that they have studied and how things get coded into long-term memory. The problem, according to

Dunivin, is that most kids are not being identified as such in school because they don't meet the enteria for getting extra help, Parents know, however, when something isn't trying to get out there, particularly in

those kids to be identified to get

It really works

Parents who contact the Mindworks Learning Center receive 14 questions that help them identify if their child has a processing problem. Rebecca Nall, of Novi, went through that check list and decided to give the institute a try - a decision that she says changed her daughter's life tremen-

grade, and she was having difficul-ty in school reading," Nall said, "If" price."

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- Frequently talks about not liking school, homework, leachers Child is under-performing or working below his/her potential. Been told that child has dyslexia, ADHD, a learning disability, an
- auditory processing problem, or is unmotivated, oppositional. Is reading below grade level. Has difficulty understanding or remembering what they read.
- Has trouble reading out loud, sounding out words or spelling Has trouble with spatial relations, doing puzzles, seeing how
- things fit together. Has trouble planning, organizing things or writing essays.
- Has trouble focusing, concentrating or tuning out distractions Makes frequent mistakes or careless errors.
- Avoids or forgets to do homework; takes excessive time to complete homework or forgets to turn it in. Work or studies hard without much success; doesn't seem to
- remember what they've studied or learned. Has difficulty following auditory directions.
- Is less willing to try new things because of past experiences of

If you answer yes to two or more of these questions, your child may have a Cognitive Processing problem and a formal Cognitive processing/learning assessment will help. You may want to attend the Mindworks Learning Center's open house on Wednesday, July 28. from 5 to 8 p.m. It is located at 3055 Plymouth Road. Suite 204. in Ann Arbor. Phone (734) 929-6635 or visit www.mindworkslearning.com for more information

you have a child that has a reading disability, the school will send them to a reading specialist, but that didn't help because she had trouble learning to process the information. The cognitive process wasn't working properly, and the reading specialist didn't know how to counteract that. So all of the subjects that she was studying - math, social studies, science - were being

Now, after finishing the fourth grade, Nall's daughter has seen luge improvements. When she was originally tested in February, she was reading at a first grade, first month level. By the time she was environment where there are finished with the sessions, she was going into third grade and she had caught up to a second grade, fifth month level. At the end of her

her repeat a year. "It affects their self-esteem and their self-confidence, because all of a sudden they become better at all the obstacles that they face," Nall said, "It's fabulous, It's like night and day, but certainly there is still on-going work. The overall moun-tain that my daughter had to climb was tremendous, and the overall

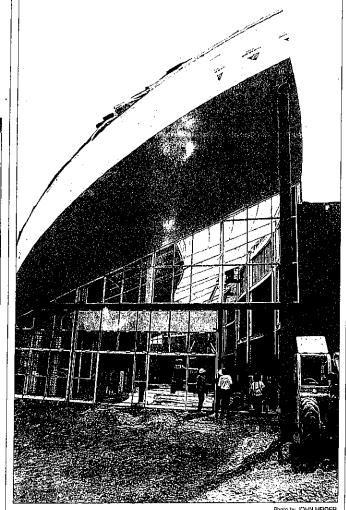
Nall's daughter attended between 30 and 40 sessions at 45 minutes per session, but Dunivin said that a typical treatment is between 20 and 30 sessions at \$125

At the open house, which will take place on Wednesday, July 28 from 5 to 8 p.m., parents will. receive an overview of how the institute works, and psychologists will be meeting privately with parents for 20 to 30 minutes to do a free screening. Parents can also have any test information reviewed the program will also be on hand to

talk about their own experiences "About 90 percent of the kids that we work with will have a measurable and meaningful change," Dunivin said, "The reason help, but moving forward, it's going to be even more difficult."

As and the rest were Bs – a major improvement, considering that there had been talk of having the second or research and our own experience - these programs will work for, If we can help a child, they're going to function at a much higher level. They're going to be able to read, they're going to be able to comprehend what they have

> Ramez Khuri is a staff writer self-confidence is what got to me for the Novi News. He can be the most I would do it again in a heartbeat, and I'd pay twice the heartbeat, and I'd pay twice the 110 or by e-mail at 110 or ny e-mai 1khuri@ht.homecomm.net.



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Twin Novi teachers make learning twice as interesting

thought they were dating because they would eat lunch together every day in the cafeteria.

"We had to alleviate those

rumors that were going around and explain to people that we were sib-lings," Carter said. "A lot of the kids

I think marvel at it. They think it's

pretty cool, and they respect and admire us because, not only are we siblings and you can tell that we

really care about each other, but we

The siblings have different

approaches to teaching, but similar philosophies in terms of education. For instance, Nuckolls spends time

minutes of each way each day so

that each student has an opportuni-ty to learn. My brother and I are very similar, but we're definitely different in some ways as well."

sister, he would like to become an

administrator some day. Carter has

her master's in curriculum teaching from Michigan State University.

"If opportunities arise in the future, I'm sure both of us will take

heed to that," Carter said, "We did-

n't want to go back to our home

town in Saginaw, because that's

where our parents were and we wanted to make a name for our-selves. That's why I decided to

come to Novi, and I convinced him

to come here as well. I think educa-

both are very dedicated educators and we really care about the field and the profession as well. We respect each other for the practices that we implement in the class-

Different but similar

room,

■ Carter and Nuckolls took different paths. but wound up side by side

By Ramez Khuri

For twins Nicole Carter and Korey Nuckolls, teaching comes ery naturally. Their father used to be the superintendent of schools in hometown of Saginaw, and their mother was a teacher and administrator there. Even their grandfather was a principal at a school in Kentucky, so it's no wonder they grew up to be successful

Carter and Nuckolls, both teachers at Novi High School, are in the creating very detailed, intricate PowerPoint lessons that really get the kids engaged. Carter will do that occasionally, but she tries to civics, A.P. government and politics: Nuckolls teaches U.S. history. sociology and civics - classes that students in all four grades take, Carter started at Novi High one diversify her teaching methods by minutes or so.

"That way I kind of ensure that I'm able to address the needs of the different learners in the classroom," who shall be a said. "Whether or not they learn though we're teachers and we have our master's degrees, it doesn't mean we're done. As educators to the long. teaching a different way every 15 ear before her brother, but when finished up his education, she told him of a possible opportunity for both of them to work together, make sure I do at least 15 to 20 milke sure I do at least I do a

side-by-side, and he jumped at it.
"My brother and I went to colgoing to become lawyers and maybe start a firm together," Carter l. "Ironically, he went to stem Michigan and I went to Michigan State. Around our sophomore or junior years we both decid ed we wanted to seek out teaching.

Carter volunteered for a tutorial program at Michigan State, and she also did an internship at the state capital. She had to make a tough decision of what she wanted to do with the rest of her life - go into politics, be a lawyer or teach. Her students are glad she picked the

"The values and different things bestowed in teachers were embedded in us as we grew up," Carter said. "We've been sharing a classroom for the past three years, which has been pretty interesting. But met year we'll be next door to each other, which we're both excited of the past door to be the which we're both excited of the past door to be the we're principals or teach other, which we're both excited of the we're both excited or the we're principals or teach or the we're principals or the we're principals

about." is to acquire doctorates in education In his first year of teaching, some students weren't quite sure what kind of relationship Carter and districts some day.

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Assistants

On Campus

Novi residents Matthew Janik Nicole Lindholm, Stephanic Manza, Erin Quinn, Crystal Rudolph and Katrina Zarezynski were among the graduates at Grand Valley State University during spring 2004 commencement exer-

Brandon Henkel of Novi has been named to the Dean's List at Northwood University, (Midland) for spring term, 2004.

Brian Foulkrod, Chad Bowen, Courtney Bowdell, Jesse Paldan. Kristi Trumble, Susan Bear and William Bear, all of Novi, and Jeff' Spitery, Paul Kowalsky and Philip Said, all of Wixom, have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for spring 2004 semester at ce Technological

Novi residents Michelle Burn and Suzanne Fourne were among the graduates at Cleary University during spring 2004 commencement

Michael Dougherty, Shu Ching Peng, Chia Hsiang Chen, William Deringer, Enzo Felice, Burt Steinman, Matthew Schuk and Adrianne Vanbaak, all of Novi Lawrence Technological

Bianca Mieth, a Novi resident has been named to the Dean's List at Adrian College for spring 2004 semester.

Jennifer Chidsey, Andrew Christofferson, Elisabeth Goodearl Phillip Hornshaw, Lindsay Keling, Samantha Kelley, Michael Kowalski, Mark Levin, Monica Mull and Erin Schoenheide were named to the spring 2004 Honor's List at Central Michigan

named to the Dean's List at vanderbilt University for spring 2004 semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Walte and is attending the Peabody College of Education and Human Development.

Eric Walle of Novi has been

been named to the Dean's List at Vanderbilt University for spring 2004 semester. She will also serve as assistant recruitment/rounds

Sarah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Holt and is attending the Peabody College of Education

Jefferson Moors, of Novi, received a bachelor of arts degree from Brown University. Providence, R.I. on May, 31. He

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, a Scottish benevolent society, has awarded Sandi Schreitmueller a William H. Kineaid Scottish Arts Scholarshit to attend the Ohio Scottish Arts School, Oberline College, Ohio this summer. She is the daughter of Kurt and Debj Schreitmueller.

Novi residents Sarah Alban, Keri Delgreco, Joshua Ginnard, Craig Heam, Brittany Neville, Crystal Rudolph, Jamie Vandommelen and Daniel Vocino were named to the Dean's List for spring 2004 semes ter at Grand Valley State University

> Ellen Lawrence, of Novi, bas een named to the Dean's List at Northem Michigan University for winter 2004 semester.

Matthew Lewis, of Novi, ba been named to the Dean's List at the University of Northwestern Ohio for spring 2004 session

Cleary University graduated Michelle Mary Burr and Suzanne Marie Fourne of Novi at its com-

The State University of New York at Fredonia has presented Novi resident Adam Haberman with a \$5,000 Out-of-State Incentive Scholarship to begin a four-year degree program in the Fredonia School of Business this fall. The son of Pat Haberman of Novi, and Dale Haberman of Redford, Haberman graduated from Novi-High School in 2002.

Novi residents Lauren Oates, Eileen Ong, and Danielle Wasik were among the graduates of Western Michigan University dur-ing spring 2004 commencement

Novi resident Sarah Holt has Shannon Ringvelski, of Novi graduated from Harvard College on June 10, 2004, She is the daughter of Dennis and Carol Ringvelski of Novi and attended Mercy High

Great Sun!



Twins Korey Nuckolls and Nicole Carter are both teach-

is married to Monica, and they have

a son, Korey Junior, who's 18

months old. Carter, who is married to Nigea, has a boy and a girl:

Avery who's six and a half year,

old and Nicksyn, who just turned

four months old.
"Obviously, since I'm a girl and

Korey's a boy, we had our differ-

ences growing up, but I would say

we have always been real close," Carter said, "In the summers we

were always playing together, and

as kids you always go through stages where your brothers are benting you up every day and that sort of thing. But once we got into

high school, we kind of matured

and we realized how special it was

other. I know that if something

were to go wrong that he's some-one I could always count on and

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ers at Novi High School.

learners, and not only do we talk about that and try to encourage the kids to follow that as well, but we

actually model that example by

continuing our education. We wan

When students find out that the

two are twins, they usually can't

believe it. In fact, many of them say that they would never want to work with their siblings.

said, "I tell them we're twins. He's

my best friend and I talk to him every day, and I think it will be like

The pair will turn 29 years old in

September, though Nuckolls is one minute older. They also have two other siblings, Tony Nuckolls, who

is a year and a half older, and

Rafeal Stenhens, who is six years

"We have a special bond," Carter

Nuckolls recently finished his master's in administration at Wayne State University. Like his his wife to learn different strategies."

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Leaving their marks Michigan Governo oins Novi Mayor Lou Csordas, right State senator Nancy Cassis and Ernie Harwell last Wednesday in putting their John Hancock's on an Ibeam slated for the new development retirement village. the facility's expan

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

LETTERS

Vote for McMillen

The 6th Circuit Court Judge, Richard Kuhn, is retiring. We are supporting Waterford District Judge Phyllis McMillen, the best qualified and most deserving candidate, to fill this seat. We have both known Judge McMillen for many years and can attest to her integrity, fairness, and readiness for thi

anest one integrity, farmers, and readmest of uni-piols. She has 10 years experience as a district judge and is currently the 51st District chief judge. She established a supervised work program for nonviolent offenders and helped to form the Waterford Coalition for Youth, an organization that works to prevent truancy. She has received an "out-standing" rating from the Oakland County Bar Association, the only candidate to receive this rating. She is endorsed by the Detroit Free Press. The 6th Circuit Court makes many decisions

Gwen and Bruce Markham

Time to lead, Lou

It appears that Mayor Csordas needs to do some serious damage control.

Changing the charter in order to cover up his lack of leadership speaks volumes of a person that is "lost in space."

There was a budget crisis that was caused by his property and the property of t serious damage control.

lawyers protecting lawyers, Simply put, the mayor did not get his way when he tried to run his ideas

through.

The cronies that try to cover up for him only make him look weak and unable to lead. Mayor Csordas needs to stand up and be responsible for his actions. To pass the buck is wrong and not in the

hest interest of the City of Novi.

Mayor Csordas and his "good ole boys" club have to remember that they are being watched by the vot-

ers. Removing women from appointed positions and replacing them with men recks of sexism. We have qualified women in this city who are being overlooked by the mayor in order to appoint more men. Wake up. Mr. Mayor, and start leading this city instead of being the cause of most of the problems. Forget about the charter amendment and ant doing the job you were elected to do.

Changing city charter could be disastrous, Mr. Mayor

I must make comment on the Morianti letter, in which he takes credit (blame?) for the inane idea to amend the City Charter, First of all, let me make it perfectly clear that the comments expressed by others and now me, are NOT personal attacks on the PERSON of the mayor; rather, they are attacks on

the POSITION and/or the thought process held, wone who took Political Science 101 should inderstand the necessity of a checks and balances system to ensure a democracy does not become a dictatorship. What happened this year to predicate the alleged "erises" was simply a check upon what the majority of council demanded. The three dissent-ing voters should be appliated for their tenacity in forcing the majority to conform to the procedures they swore to unhold when they took office. It is my belief that we were well-protected in this past bud

While our city manager may have many, many years of experience, for anyone to presume that he is any more capable than any one of the seven college graduates stirting on our council is fuderous. Case in point: South Lake Drive Traffic Calming Measures. This is the first project over which this administration has had total control, start to finish, though we're not done yet! It's a total fiasco and only shows their incompetence. One only has to look to the consistent violations of Novi's own ordinances and the vast sums we are now spending to correct all the work done last year that was approved by our staff.
I'd like to cite the engineering, but there obviously was none. No one could have engineered the prob lems we have today! It is my presumption that we took the contractors' plans and told them to do it our Park - it's still not correct and the water is poor exactly where it did before, only now it's 5-6' higher

than it was before! And this is progress?

Just think - If we change the city charter, and allow the city manager total control, we may have a "South Lake" taking place throughout the city! That frightens me and it certainly should frighten you!

Mr. Morianti, your comment belittling the rest of

demeaning than any attack made on the position of the mayor. In fact, I find the person of the mayor to be an affable, likeable man, it is in his position a

primarily, for lack of leadership, Many of us were afraid he would become a pupper to what I refer as the "Old Boy Network" (pro-developers). At least we now know one person who is helping pall those

James E. Korte

Potter supports Dohany and Caddell

I am writing this letter to support incumbent Oakland County Treasurer Pat Dobany and Clerk/Register of Deeds G. William Caddell for reelection in the August 3 Republican Primary

Voters - who often opt out of primary elections - would do well to look at this important contest. Pat Dohany and "Doe" Caddell have been part of an effective team of administrators and elected officials who have ensured Oakland's growth and continued

economic prosperity.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the present economic downturn. Budget forecasting and a forward leaning response to potential difficulties have allowed Oakland to maintain a healthy fund balance, enact actual cuts and concentrate on needed core services in an environment of major state revenue sharing cuts. Teamwork, as well as steady, consistent and purposeful leadership over the last decade has increased fund balances, while maintaining one of the lowest county millage rates in Michigan. This has allowed our county the financial headroom to dant to our changed environment, and even to take up initiatives to win new jobs and tax base, while

others are gasping for air.

Prodent, conservative investment and spending. decisions have also given Wall Street the confidence to renew Oakland's Triple-A bond rating, reducing our communities' borrowing costs and allowing for

inexpensive bonding of job-creating development.

Both Caddell and Dohany have helped foster recognized technology improvements which have brought convenience to taxpayers and reduced costs of paperwork and manpower. Examples are the availability of many county records and documents on-line, and a new initiative offered to local commu-

s, allowing taxes to be paid on-line by credit Mr. Caddell and Mr. Dohany are endorsed by all

of the county-wide elected leaders, and by 24 of 25 county commissioners, as a testament to their broad experience and acceptance.

My personal experience with both of these gentlemen is that they are self-effacing and competent pro-fessionals with high personal values and strong con-victions. Both would rather focus on performing their jobs well than talk about themselves or point

out their many accomplishment. out their many accomplishment.

Both are challenged in a hotly-contested primary election on August 2. One is opposed by a term-limited state legislator, who brings a large war chest of statewide campaign funds to this effort; the other is opposed by a novice candidate with a personal following out, unfortunately, little practical experience.

Taxpayers who are wary of the future of Dekland's S.5 billion (ver. RILL) DNA dollar budget. Oakland's \$.5 billion (yes, BILLION) dollar budget

would be right to ask for more of a track record before supporting a change,
Finally, in an era where voters yearn for common values and respectful dialogue, both Caddell and Dohany offer an example we can be proud of

Thank you for the opportunity to expe Jeffrey L. Potter

Oakland County Commissioner District 8 Ultimate compliment for

commissioner This letter is addressed to those who live and do ess in the City of Novi

My three-year term as a City of Novi planning commissioner ended this month, and I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to those of you who have supported me in that posi-tion. It was a challenging three years with many controversial developments that required careful thought and decisions. I am very proud of the aplishments of the commission over that time period. While protecting the citizens, as ordinances would allow, we worked with developers and applicants to obtain win-win situations. This could not have been done without the hard work from the city staff, the city consultants and those of you who

came forth with your comments through phone calls, letters, and attendance at public hearings. I applaud my fellow commissi pared to address the issues by reading the volof reports letters and bluenciats; conducting site visits; attending legal training; and for some of us, obtaining Citizen Planner Certification. These volunteer positions require a substantial amount of personal time in preparation for the twice-a-month

newly-proposed Master Plan required the Master Planning and Zoning Committee to meet for over 18 months, often weekly, to prepare the plan for approval by June's deadline. One of the challenges to the new commissioners is to follow through with this plan to ensure that the recommendations set

forth are accomplished.

Even though I no longer sit on the commission, I will continue to give my time to serve the city and its residents. This week I was approached by a gen-tleman and thanked for volunteering. He stated that no matter what the issue, he could always count on me to be fair and make the right decision. I consider that the ultimate compliment for myself and any city volunteer. Thanks, again, for all of your support.

The mayor's advisor?

Mister Morianti, your public disclosure last week that you suggested the proposed charter amendment is commendable, and I have no reason to doubt your honesty in this attempt to rescue Mayor Csordas. However there were a number of disturbing factors with Mayor Csordas' handling of this potential bombshell for the City of Novi.

1. Why did not Mayor Csordas put forth this proposal for discussion at the City Council table at a ipublic meeting or, at the very least, talk to all of the council members about it?

2. Why was this proposal – in legalese language and terms, a surprise disclosure in the mayor's

newspaper column?

3. Besides yourself and Mayor Csordas, who else was involved in the preparation of this proposal or

the newspaper article? 4. Why were there only three extremely short budget review meetings originally scheduled before the multi-million dollar budget was submitted to city

council for approval?

5. With a \$25 million budget request from the city manager, why wasn't at least one hour of thoughtful, serious discussion scheduled for each million dollars? (The possibilities of saving at least 1 percent or more of the proposed budget [\$250,000] during these meetings are a worthy and achievable obice

ment control by the city manager with ultimate control (including financial) resting with an elected council body of seven people. By charter the elected council body is to be led (not controlled) by the mayor. The two-year term for mayor was intention al, and if any mayor failed to provide the proper leadership, they were history after one term. Proper leadership means listening to all viewpoints, spending time considering each council member's argunts and priorities, and then forming a consensus Four former mayors come to mind that were very good in this respect – Matt Quinn, Pat Karevich, Romaine Roethel and Gil Henderson, Perhaps Mayor Csordas should nibble on a little humble pie and confer with some of the former city mayors that

Furthermore, your defense of Novi City Manager Rick Helwig is laudable. But why are there so many Novi residents and taxpayers (see Sarah Gray's July 15, 2004, letter; PM Downey's July 8, 2004, letter; Delores Vedro's July 8, 2004, letter; etc.) concerned and unset about his creation of an expensive, topheavy organization of many six-figure, salaried

assistants? In addition, his city administration also seem to be somewhat questionable A case in point is the recent loss of two new utili ty vehicles costing some \$16,000 that were stupidly kept outside in some storage crates or containers. In the private industry aren somebody would be fired, or at least demoted, for making such a stupid decision or taking such a chance with valuable equipsion of taking such a chance with valuable equip-ment. They definitely would not receive a bonus or salary increase if they were lucky enough to keep their job. One troubling thought: How does the city manager justify to the Novi taxpayers who work for Ford Motor Company, General Motors, and other local companies, the purchase of foreign-retured utility vehicles with their tax money?

You really crossed the line when you wrote that the elected officials made up of housewives, expolicemen, lawyers, etc., are inferior to Rick Helwig because you obviously do not know what you are talking about. Having served with, or worked with, most of Novi's city council members, I can honestly say that most council members bring to the council by that most content members using to the coolers blue special skills, education, experiences, and tech-ical training that the city manager lacks big-time. First and foremost, their working and existing in

the real world endows many of these elected offi-cials with new and innovative strategies and soluns that when accepted by the adr generally save money and improve city services. During my service time on the planning commi I city council I was heavily involved in affordable ior housing, the computerization of the city govemment, the stormwater program, the weed ord nance, etc. And other council members had similar track records even though they were sales people

Secondly and just as important, these housewives ex-policeman, lawyers, etc., or elected officials are tax-paying residents, and they are spending (or sav-ing) our money. Granted, some of these council members, including a few mayors, spent or spend more of their time at dedication parties, golf outings and ribbon-cutting ceremonies, nibbling on exotic hors d'ocuvres and swilling expensive wines, imported beers, and funcy mixed drinks than reading and studying their city council packet, but they usu-

ally do not last on council too long. Next time you talk to Mayor Csordas ask him why at the last city council meeting he refused to read my letter (with additional comments) into the record and for the benefit of the Novi residents and taxpayers. Perhaps he is now starting to sense that there is a strong undercurrent of public mistrust and resentment in the very political way he is appointing his toadies, excluding the more qualified volunteers, and making it easier for the lawyers and developers to feed at the public trough instead of working for the people who elected him.

Joseph G. Toth Former Novi council member and planning commissioner

It is a rare experience when a candidate for judge comes knobking on your door, but that's what hap pened this summer at my house. Cheryl Mauthews came to my door introducing herself and explaining that she was a candidate for Oakland County Circuit Court. I was quite impressed that she was taking the time to introduce herself and share some of her

Cheryl Matthew is an experience prosecutor who has protected our children by putting away child molesters. She is someone I want to see on the bench. We should all vote Matthews on August 3,

...two...

I am writing to ask all voters to go out to the polls on August 3 and vote for Cheryl Matthews for Oakland County Circuit Court Judge.

I am not an attorney but I am someone who will be forever grateful to Cheryl for her support and commitment. My family was form apart by a violent, unnecessary and totally senseless act. My husband, Darrell Izzard, was murdered at the Ford Wixon Assembly Plant by a man who went on a violent rampage and left my husband dead and several police officers wounded.

The monster who killed my husband tried to

claim that he suffered from a psychological disorder, Assistant Prosecutor Matthews made him take responsibility for his actions and was a Godsend to my family. She never gave up, and my family is grateful that Cheryl was our prosecutor.

Lintend to vote for Cheryl Matthew on August 3 because I know she will be a strong and compas-sionate advocate on the bench for victims of violen

Nancy Izzard

... three for Mathews

I am writing to ask all voters to get out to the polls on August 3 and help to elect Cheryl Matthews as our next Oakland County Circuit Court Judge. I am an attorney, and have the pleasure of know-ing Cheryl Matthews when she was assigned to Judge Edward Sosnick's Chambers as an assistant prosecutor. Cheryl has grown from those years to now being the head of the criminal sexual conduct unit at the Oakland County Prosecutor's office. She

puts child molesters and sex offenders away so that Oakland County is a safer place. I was able to see part of her trial when Darreil lzzard was murdered at the Ford Wixom Assembly plant by a man who went on a violent rampage and ried to defend his actions by explaining that he suf-fered from a psychological disorder.

Assistant Prosecutor Cheryl Matthews took his defense to task. She never gave up, and J am very

I intend to vote for Cheryl Matthews for Oakland Country Circuit Court on August 3rd because I know she will be a strong advocate on the bench for victims of violent crime. And that she will be fair in making the daily decisions that affect so many lives. Cheryl has a dedicated work ethic and is not afraid to stand up for what she believes and those who can-

port Cheryl Matthews.

grateful and feel much safer knowing Cheryl is my

Rochelle Kaplan

OTHER OPINIONS

State's economy will soon rely on brains, not brawn

of workers. And, of course, it isn't real hard to figure out that a metal worker in China at \$2 an

our costs a whole lot less than

But there's a far more ominou trend going on here, much broad-er than just tool and die shops.

Auto industry insiders and econo-

mists are begin-

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Workers contracts

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in the assembly

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cost. Got to

that \$80,000 American.

Last week, a lead headline shouted the problem: "Mich. bleeds factory jobs." The story chronicled yet another dron i od-paying manufacturing jobs: wn 10,000 for June; down by 26,000 overall, from last year, Overall, the state's June unemployment rate was 6.5 percent, down a bit from May but a nearly a full point above the national rate

of 5.6 percent. dull blow falling on a bruise; we've been seeing simi-lar headlines for a generation. More poignant was the traced the decline of the tool making industry, once the summit of the skilled metalwork-

Phil Power

ing trades. slmakers were the aristocrats guys who started right out of high school and who could earn \$80,000 a year as they mastered the mills and jig borers that could shape a piece of hard steel to tolcrances less than a human hair.

You used to see all kind of litthe tool and die shops in places like Madison Heights and Ferndale. There was even a time when an aggressive guy could start a shop, get enough work to survive, put away a little and pass on the business to his son. Now in Michigan, more than 16,000 tool and die jobs have disap-peared since 1997, according to the state labor department

Nationally, something like 4,000 tool and die shops one third of the total! gone out of business, taking with hem 100,000 jobs, according to the National Tooling and Machinist Association.

How come? We are certainly not buying less stuff. Their answers! Computer-driven pro-ductivity gains, outsourcing and offshoring. Computers can design in hours the prototype parts that

Justice Marilyn Kelly realizes

that most people don't know much about the state's highest court or its judges.

did not vote us ir

They simply did not vote," she

its seven Supreme

Court justices to

cight-year terms, nearly half the

vote at all, and

voters have much

after she was elected in 1996, she met a carpenter on an eleva-

oting booth, "First, I voted for

the important offices. Then I

turned it over to him, and he

oted for you," the carpente

"That certainly brought me

down a peg," she laughed.

Actually, the case could be made that the high court matters

What few realize is that it super-

vises and sets rules for the entire court system and its judges. It is

also the court of last resort for Michigan, Every year, lawyers ask it to reconsider something

ike 2,500 cases that have be

majority of which the justices

When the high court does

decide a case, the decision can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but few are, and "I can

stry case in which she, inci-

dentally, happened to write a dis-sent that the nation's highest

Justice Kelly has a som

decided by lesser courts, the vast

more than many other offices.

says, smiling sadly. Though

"Most people eligible to vote

Jack Lessenberry

you'll have to keep paying your workers 95 percent of their wages. And don't even think about actually closing a plant without long, drawn-out negotia-tions with your friendly UAW vice president Facing ferocious competition and terrible cost pressure, and unable to reduce their fixed labo

want to idle your plant for a

while? Fine by us, chum, but

nies do? Why, apply enormous cost pressure to their suppliers The auto companies are instruct-ing their suppliers they are going cut prices by five, eight, 10 percent each year. They're also telling them to design parts so they can be installed in the assembly plants with less labor. And what does the supply

chain do in response? Invest like hell in computers and automated equipment to drive up productiv ty (and drive down employment). and, while they're at italink on With plats companies in China where labor costs are so much nies in China lower they make your head spin. Otherwise, the oute

Justice Kelly wants one more

crack at educating the public

Albion College when she became

interested in education issues and

omehow got the Democratic

Party to nominate her for the State Board of Education when

she was 26, "You

know, when you are in your 20s

cnow everything

hing." That was 1964,

and can do any

and Democrats swept the state. It

clear to her that a

knowledge of the

law would be

the state's educa-

tion system. So

French Ph.D., got a law degree

and after years on the board and

These days, she is often in a sinority. Though the justices are

technically non-partisan, they are

actually nominated by the major

now have a 5-2 majority, and that makes for a lot of 5-2 opinions.

If anything, Michigan's

cally split than the nation's high

phere was like when the justices

discuss cases, she said "profes-

terms," she said. Nevertheless, while not every

case breaks down along ideologi-

cal lines, she spends a lot of time writing both dissenting opinions

and objections to the majority's

her opponent will be. Republicans will nominate a can-

didate at their August conven-tion, but in practice, it has

decision not to hear cases. She is also spending time cam-paigning for re-election this fall — though she doesn't know who

"You can't not be on speaking

eme Court is more ideologi-

political parties, Republicans

from Wayne State University

Appeals and then the State

Supreme Court.

tively low value-added, low design-intensive parts of the entire auto supply chain are in

that used to sustain Michigan's economy. The Tier One companies — the Visteons and Delphis have just negotiated a two-tier

parts supply chain in Michigan is at even the big guys are under pressure, figuring out how to drive productivity and take work over Which is why the first meeting

Michigan's economy is moving from metal bending to high value-added agile manufacturing and design, health science, high tech and services. To make this transition, brains will need to replace brawn. And college

legrees will have to replace o the union hiring hall, University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman could not have made the point more simply or more directly when she told the Commission

already gone. Quite simply, this is the main — make that the only today. Getting people to wake up to this fact and, more important, actually do something about it will define whether our state will prosper or become something like Mississippi North, but with more casinos and colder weather

Phil Power is the Chairman of Commission on Higher and le Education and Economic Growth. He encourages renders to e-mail comments to ppower@homecomm.net - or all (734) 953-2206.

proven nearly impossible to defeat sitting Supreme Court jus-

listed on the ballot as a justice of

tices, in part because they are

raise money — her 1996 race cost about \$550,000 — and

make a lot of speeches. There are those who say that judicial elec-

tions are intellectually meaning-

less, because the judges are ethi

they plan to rule.

Marilyn Kelly disagrees. "I

think if you look at my Web site

Indeed, in her stump speeche

Michigan Supreme Court in its Republican majority is moving

ong direction." She has lashed

'Yes, I think we are supposed

the states jurisprudence in the

She also believes the coult in

to interpret the law as it was

intended, but we should admit

did that in a recent case where

they took away a man's benefits

by changing the way they inter pret the Workers Disability

Should she win re-election.

judges from running again after

age 70, and she is 66.
But she would like eight more

years to make a difference in not only the law, but "to do more to

help educate the public about the court," she said. That might be a

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vice president of Hometown Communications. He can be

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this will be her last term. The

recent years has weakened con

on the issues," she says.

she has been saying that "the

the process of going away.

Already the smaller "Tier Two" and "Tier Three" parts companies are going under every day, taking with them the thousands of jobs

wage contract with the UAW, so that newly hired employees are paid less than established work-ers for doing the same tasks. But

of the Commission on Ligher Education and Economic Growth, held last week, was so important.

"The jobs that people used to do

To an alarming extent, they are

the company that owns this news-paper. He is also a member of the





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CAN IMMUNOTHERAPY HELP YOUR ALLERGIES?

Allergen immunotherapy involves injecting timy amounts of a known allers, gen into a patient over several months that is the paid is to decrease the patient's sensitivity to the allergen. This treatment approach tast proven successful in preventing the progression of certain allerge conditions, nelleding material allergen avoidance. Be sure to talk door the length of the particular allerge season and the severity of symptoms, how without the length of the particular altergy season and the severity of symptoms, how well medications and environmental controls currently control symptoms, how strong is the desire to avoid long-time and money you want to devote to managing symptoms. Incommotherapy involves a significant time commitment and is not covered by all insurance plans.

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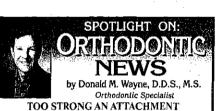




Peridot is the birthstone of those for-other gernstones abound at WEINSTEIN upsige enough to have been born in the _IEWELERS_OF_NOV!, from chips to month of August. The Romans referred one or more carats- and in a variety of to this green gentstone, the gent form of styles for every preference and ever the mineral olivine, as the "evening occasion. Precious gens are our mainstay gens are our mainstay."

green color did not darken at night but as we continually was clearly visible by lamplight. Further adding to its nocturnal allure is the finding in the area to meet and ing that periods was mined at right by iff covery request ancient Egyptians on the island of Conse see us soon at Coberget because legend had it that periods could not be easily spotted during the We are "The name you know, the name day. Today, those who fancy peridot generally show a preference for gernstones
with vivid lime-green color, with no
city of Novi to offer loans on Jewelry.

Peridot, August's birthstone, and



exerted by the fremum on the front teeth. This procedure requires only local anesthetic to sever and/or remove fibers from the fremum, so forced apart by tongue-thrust which is an abornal swallow.

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TEEN CHAT - "ACCEPTING OTHERS: IS IT REALLY VITAL?"

Rejection. One of the single worst words in the English lan guage, Just hearing the word makes one feel angry and bitter. Terrible memories pop up in our minds when the word is uttered. Rejection, Being left out of conersations. Dad leaving the familv. Picked last when choosing ground. Dumped yet again by

your girlfriend/hoyfriend. These are all random thoughts he word,

rejection No one likes fact, everyone hates to be rejected. Acts have been committed at

schools by teens who felt rejected by their peers. Suicides have been carried out by teens who have felt the sting of rejection over and over and over again. Young men and women have been unable to cope in life because they have been raised without fathers, being rejected by them.

Man! Rejection sucks! Feeling those awful feelings inside that somehow, in some way, we just aren't good enough! Rejection hurts, bad. Knowing how rejec-tion feels should cause all of us to accept others unconditionally

somehow it doesn't happe that way, and I don't know why. feels good inside. True friends accept others for who they are, and for who they aren't. I asket my little Oklahoma reader friend

am not." Good answer, Rose! In past articles, I have written about the farce of current dating, and how fake it is, Guys and girls dress up in clothes they can't really afford, cover up blemishes they pretend not to have, and act like someone they're not. They

for who we are on the inside

Teens, with whom do you Acceptance. What a life-

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi with hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 99-15,190: Require Performance Guarantees To Be Provided In Accordance With The Requirements Of The City Of Novi Code Of Ordinances: An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 97-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, to amend Article 9A, Section 2004; Article 24, Section 2004; Article 24, Section 2004; Article 24, Section 3005 to Capital Participance of P

require performance guarantees to be provided in accordance with the requirements of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances.

All interested persons are invited to altend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department, Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any writian comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mille Road, Novi, MI 48075, until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2004.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.639

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18,639.
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repeated.
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are provisions of the programment of the public page.

reby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace

nealth and salety and is hereby ordered to take effect filteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is July 27,

2004
MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 12th day of July, 2004. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local

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MONEME CLUB APTS

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(7-22-04 NN 150639)

Acceptance, on the other hand Rose, how she wanted to be accepted? Her response? "... for who I am and not for someone I

have put on a "good show. When we try and earn others

acceptance by being someone we're not, we shoot ourselves in the foot. We disable ourselves from being real. No one knows who we really are on the inside Conversely, knowing that "that special someone" will accept us encourages us to open up with them and be real. The "walls of protection" are no longer needed when we know we'll be accept-

share your biggest problems or your secrets with? Your closest friends, right? Why? It's simple. Because you know they will love and accept you even though you have problems.

changing quality! Yet in our soci-ety today, it seems so hard to truly be accepted by others.

About a year ago, our local high school hired a consultant to help the school community better understand the idea of diversity. They called me to see if I would he willing to come to a monthly meeting and give my "two cents." Well, ever wanting to give my "two cents" to whoever will

let me, I agreed.

We discussed diversity, and it challenged all of us. Teens were even invited to share their opinion of diversity. What is diversi-In the article, "Understanding

Diversity, Accepting Others:

Realities and Directions" on www.pilambda.org, M. Lee Manning writes, "Educators need to: 1) Address lack of acceptance resulting from misperceptions of diversity, feelings of cultural superiority, prejudices, or outright racism by fearning about individuals in the various cultures and their cultures' back-grounds and contributions. 2) Recognize diversities as strengths on which to build curricular decision, instructional methods, and classroom environments that involve less competition, more cooperative learning, higher expectations for behavior and academic achievement, and increased small-group learning.

3) Consider that all learner deserve, ethically and legally, equal access to curricular activities (i.e., higher-level mathematics and science subjects) and opportunities to participate in all athletic activities.

Well, that seems to be good advice for the school system, but what about the rest of our socie ty? We must stop looking at others as fut or skinny, white or black, smart or stupid, jock or not, rich or poor. We must begin accepting others unconditionally. Why? Most importantly because it just feels doggone good! Being accepted feels extraordinarily good, in fact.

The greatest illustration of acceptance is when Jesus didn' condemn the "woman caught in adultery." He didn't excuse her sin, but he accepted her in spite of it. We can all learn a valuable lesson in that

"But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the

Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Nov Moses, in the law, commanded s that such should be stoned

CITY OF NOVI SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN It at the City Council for the City of No will hold a special meeting on MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004 AT 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, for the purpose of inter-viewing candidates for appointment to the City Zoning Board of Appeals. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, (7-22-04 NN 149882) NOVI CITY CLER

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-040

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cooper-Standard Autom NOTICE IS HERBY GVEN that Cooper-Standard Automotive is requesting a Temporary Use Parmit to allow placement of a tent at 39550 Orchard Hill Place on August 20, 2004 for a company picnic.

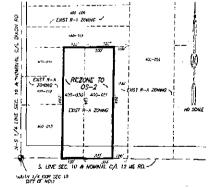
A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 an on Wednesday, July 28, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the Caty of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

DENISE ANDERSON TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (248) 347-041

(7-22-04 NN 150685)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18,642 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO, CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF TWELVE MILE ROAD, BETWEEN DIXON AND NOVI ROADS FROM FA. (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE RESIDENTIAL) TO QS-2 (PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE) DISTRICT, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS APPROXIMATELY 4.46 ACRES.



To rezone a part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 10, T.1N., R.BE., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-10-400-030 and 22-10-400-031 more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 22-10-400-030 Registeries

PANCEL 22-10-40-0330
Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of 12 Mile Road), said point being East, 264 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence NO0°320°O'W, 660 feet; thence East, 132 feet thence S00°52'00°E 660 feet to the South line of Section 10 (nominal C/L). of 12 Mile Road); thence West along said South line 132 feet to the poi

of 12 Mile Road); thence West along said South line 132 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 22-10-400-031

Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of 12 Mile Road), said point being East 396 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence N00°52'00'W, 660 feet; thence East, 300 feet thence S00°22'00'E, 660 feet to the South line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of 12 Mile Road); thence West along said South line 300 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom the easterly 100 feet of said percel. FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE

TO: OS-2 PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 16.642

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 642

CITY OF NOYI, MICHIGAN

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 RM., Wednesday, August 11, 2004.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY



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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi Oakland County, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that a PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Politing Locations:

DESCRICT LOCATION.

ADDRESS

when they continued asking Him

He raised Himself up and said to them, 'He who is without sin

among you, let him throw a stone

heard it, being convicted by their

conscience, went out one by one,

beginning with the oldest even to

the last. And Jesus was left alone

Himself up and saw no one but

'Woman, where are those accus-ers of yours? Has no one con-demned you?' She said, 'No one,

'Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." (John 8:1-11)

Teen Chat is written by Pastor

the woman, He said to her,

Lord. And Jesus said to her,

Sam Belanger. He can be

reached at (810) 923-4910 or

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at her first,' ... Then those who

PRECINCI	LOCATION	AUDHESS
1	Meadowbrook Congregational	
l	Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Meadowbrook Congregational	
	Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9	The Grand Court Novi	45182 West Road
10	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
11	Novi Christian School	45301 Eleven Mile Road
12	Novi Meadows School/ITC	25549 Taft Road
13	Faith Community Presbylerian	
	Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
15	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
16 -	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West
		Nine Mile Road

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County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, unty Treasurer, Drain Co County Commissioner
Judge of the Circuit Court-6th Circuit

And of the Burdon to the County
and for the purpose of electing Delegates to the County
convention of the Republican and Democratic parties
Absentee Ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at
the Office of the City Clerk, 43775 W. Ten Mille Road. The deadfire for
scoking applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July

31, 2004.
The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, July 31, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 2, 2004. This ballot must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

7-22 & 29-04 NN 150642)

CHANGES ARE MADE IN DETERMINATIONS OF BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NOVI, 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, Daktand County, Michigan, through issuance of a Flood insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Mitigation Division has determined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (losse 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 accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-

Am of the housing and orban Joverchamen Act of 1908, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFF Part 55.
Hydraulic analysis were updated to incorporate the placement of fill in the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain and construction of bridge along an unnamed road. These analyses have resulted in a revised delinalong an unnamed road. These analyses have resulted in a revised delin-eation of the floodway and increases and decreases in the SFHA from approximately 4,000 feet downstream of Ten Mille Road to approximately 3,450 feet downstream of Ten Mille Road and from approximately 1,350 feet downstream of Ten Mille Road to just upstream of Ten Mille Road and revised BFEs for Novi-Lyon Drain from 1,350 feet downstream of Ten Mile Road to just upstream of Ten Mile Road. The table below indicates exist-ing and modified BFEs for selected locations along the affected lengths of the flooding source cited above.

Existing BFE Modified BFE

Existing BFE Modified BFE (feet)*

Approximately 1,200 feet downstream of Ten Mile Fload 953 946 Approximately 400 feet downstream of Ten Mile Road 955 954 of Ten Mile Road 955 954 National Geodetic Vertical Datum, rounded to nearest whole foot Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1988 and 1973, the Mitigation Division must develop criteria for floodplain management. For the community to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified REFs to administer the floodplain to the floodplain for the floodplain to the floodpl unity must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain man ant measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used

agement measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

Miligation Division reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period elapses, the Miligation Division's determination to modify the BFEs may itself be changed.

Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these dge or wishing to comment on thes

The Honorable Lou Casordas Mayor, City of Novi Civic Center 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

(7-15 /22-04 NN 147684)

CALENDAR

LOCATION: The Links of Novi

CONTACT: Sharon at (248)

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

for the adult community to come

and enjoy a unique mix of classes

brought to you by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Aug. 26 – Modem Japanese Calligraphy

Ceramics. Some activities may

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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.

What's Under That Log?

DATE: Saturday, July 24 TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Lyon Oaks Nature Center is located in Lyon Oaks County Park, near the city of Wixom. Fees may be paid on the day of the program, or mailed in advance to: Lyon Oaks Nature Center, 52221 Pontiac Trail, Wixon, MI 48393.

DETAILS: Many animals must seek shelter in midday because of the heat. Logs on the forest floor are excellent places for animals to stay moist and avoid predators. In overlooked critters in the forest Please dress appropriately. Cost is S1 per person. Program pre-registration is required for all programs.

CONTACT: Call (248) 437-7345 Chautaugua Express and leave your name, phone num-

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Nursery, 42750 Grand River Avenue, Novi DETAILS: American Rose Society members will assist the public with growing roses simply. Over 200 beautiful roses are on dis CONTACT: Pat at (248) 449-

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CONTACT: (248) 624-4600, Assarian"
DATE: every Tuesday night
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Michigan 50's Festival

DATE: July 28-31 LOCATION: Fountain Wall shopping center, northwest corner of 1-96 and Novi Road.

DETAILS: 17th annual festival, featuring entertainment, rides, fireworks and much, much more, (See the official festival program inserted in this week's edition of the Novi News.) CONTACT: (248) 349-1950 or visit www.michiganlifticsfesti-

DATE: Thursday, July 29 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Lakeshore Park (on South Lake Drive, across

from Walled Lake). DETAILS: Weekly City of Novi concert series continues. The entire audience at a Chautauqua Express performat will have their feet tapping. Shows promise to be highly entertaining and interactive Audience members will be or stage to play or sing throughou the event. Everyone from toddlers to grandparents will enjoy agua Express.

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A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:15 am on Wednesday, July 28, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil 48375.

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DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest

Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind

the church).
DETAILS: You are welcome to

service that includes scripture and

oly communion. CONTACT: (248) 349-1175 or

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the month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family **FAITH** Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue). DETAILS: We are a not for prof-

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Breast Cancer Support Group Worship Service DATE: every Wednesday TIME: 12:10-12:50 p.m.

DATES: second and fourth ruesdays LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai

Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital roads), Novi DETAILS: Come and share your call ahead and register. CONTACT: (248) 937-5017.

DATE: first and third Tuesdays

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center activities room TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will

help you improve your communi-cation skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Call Colleen at (248) 685-9226

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 Fast West Maple, Walled Lake TIME: 7-9 p.m.

DETAILS: Classes will be

(248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harraught by public health nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, information DATE: first and third Fridays of

about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25. CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or

(888) 350-0900 ext. 84003.

New TOPS chapter in Novi

DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30

a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20/yearly membership registration, includes hand-book, \$1/meeting. New members

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DATE: Thursday, July 22 LOCATION: Comerstone Dental Studio, Inc. and Goodman Orthodontics, PC, 42430 W. Twelve Mile Road

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DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road. TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.

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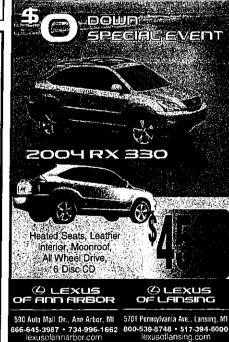
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Swingin' Seniors

Novi seniors have fun, take best shot at golf

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

Bob Radtke started playing golf 40 years ago, when it helped him forget about the problems of his workdays at the telephone compa-

Now, at age 75, he makes trirow, at age 75, ne makes tri-weekly treks to the Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon to play on three senior leagues, two of which have been offered by the City of Novi Senior Center for

years.
"The idea is just to come out,"
Radtke said while at the second
hole. "It's a course that we can play. It's not too tough."

play. It's not too tough."

Last Thursday, he was on the green with wife, Jean, and their friends Gary and Jean DeVriese by 8:30 a.m. for a game of nine holes on the mixed doubles league. It also was an opportunity to share laughs — lots of them — and zip around in golf carts.

Jean Radtke ext hocked on the

Jean Radtke got hooked on the game by her husband years ago. "The first time I ever played on

a golf course in Topeka, Kan. I got a hole-in-one," Jean laughed.
"I had no idea what I was doing.
I'm not that good of a golfer, but I enjoy the people and I enjoy the

Bob admits that he has yet to

add the coveted hole-in-one to his handicap card. Despite that, he's currently second place in the league with 212.5 points, and enjoys the atmosphere.

"I like the people that run it," Bob said. "They will listen to anybody, and they will try to accommodate anyone they can."

Tracy Farmer, assistant general manger, knows most of the senior golfers by name.

ior golfers by name.
"You want to make it personal." said Farmer, a school teacher by trade. "You have to know likes, dislikes. It makes them feel like someone's paying attention to

them."

On the mixed doubles league, pairs rotate each week, according to Farmer. The cost per person is \$9 to walk nine holes, or \$13 to ride. An additional nine holes can be purchased for \$5 more.

For memberships, which allow privileges Monday through Priday, the cost is \$400 per individual and \$600 per couple. The senior start age at the course is 50. Tee times are blocked for sen-

senior start age at the course is 30.

Tee times are blocked for seniors three times per week.

Mondays are reserved for the men's league, which has 72 golfers. The 40-players strong women's league meets on Wednesdays, and on Thursdays the course hosts the 64 members

of the mixed league.

Northville and South Lyon senior leagues play the course as weil. Many also play on the "Old Geezers League" on Wednesday

mornings.
"The golf course is a shorter



Photo by Kim Kovelle

Bob Radtke and his wife, Jean, prepare to take off from the second hole of the Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon. Both were playing in the mixed doubles senior league.

and lasts until the second or third week of August. Each week, the person with the lowest net score

person with the lowest net score in each keapue receives a free steeve of golf balls.

Up ahead near the 14th hole was another group of four including Doug Arnold of Novi. Like Radde, he's been golfing for 40 years, 12 of those with the senior leagues.

He travels out to the course three to four times a week. One of

three to four times a week. One of his huddies. Ron Goebel, is eur-

Ins buddies, Ron Goebel, is cur-rently leading the mixed league. "I'm fortunate enough to have good golfers," Arnold quipped. "Just enjoy golfing. When you're retired, you have a good time."

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SPORTS & MORE

NABF World Series starts today

Indians looking to have fun, win

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

For the first time in the histo-ry of Northville hosting the NABF World Series baseball tournament, it won't be a Northville Broncos team taking

That's not necessarily a bad

thing.

"I'm real excited about the team itself for two reasons," said Carl Patterson, manager of the Michigan Indians. "We're going to be competitive in every game of this World Series, and I've been excited all year because I've been able to be around a great bunch of young men.

The Indians, a travel team made up of players from the local area as

beyond, will Series starts be looking to get things started off on today at 9 a.m. at the right foot when they play in the first game of Hillside Field

the tournament at 9 a.m. at the Hillside Middle School diamond

today.

Thus far this season, Indians have amassed a 14-4 record in the Northwest Suburban League, taking second place overall. Throughout the entire year, Patterson said his squad, which is officially coached by Scott Gardner, has played the most difficult sched-ule they could muster in preparation for the Series.

"It was something we felt we had to do in order to be compet-itive in the World Series," Patterson said. "The games we won we didn't blow anyone out and the games we lost were close. We played a lot of one-run

games.
"I think it really gave us experience to compete against the teams coming in."
Patterson noted the Series isn't

like any other tournament he and his boys have been a part of linstead, he's the first to admit there's a lot of quality talent coming into Northville today.

"I think this will be the tough est tournament we have played in," he said. "I've been going to this tournament for quite a few years. There are always perenniyears. Inerte are always perennial teams that keep coming back like the Indiana Bulls and the Bayside Yankees. Teams like that are put together with the specific goal of winning their regions and coming to this tournament. It's by far going to be the tourness games we've

played."
Though the temptation wanting to put winning the Series as goal number one is always there. Patterson and the Indians aren't about to cross the for other reasons.

"The number one goal on every team I have ever coached was to have the young men to their very best and enjoy playing baseball," Patterson said.

That, of course, doesn't mean they aren't out there to get a few wins while enjoying themselves.

"Winning helps you do that," he added, "We do strive to win every single game, but that's not our number one concern. We want the young men to come back the next day and the day after that and the day after that and continue to enjoy playing the game the entire time."

With the amount of enjoyment, talent and competition the NABF World Series brings to Northville, as long as the Northville, as long as the Indians are enjoying themselves. it's going to be a home run.

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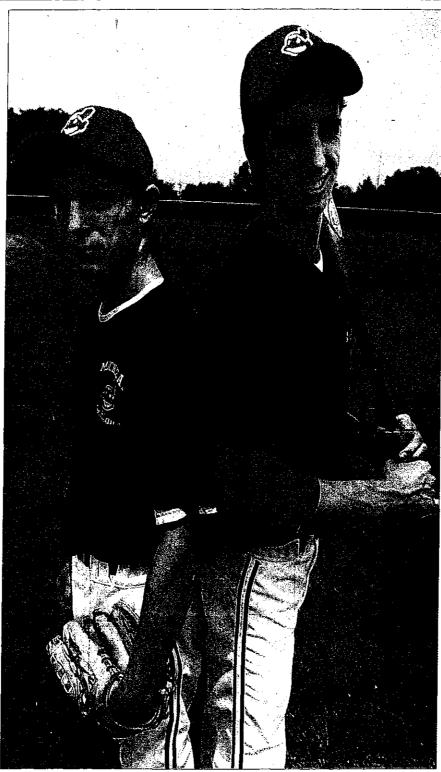


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Corey Patterson, left, and his Baseline buddy, Novi's Steve Hart, will be uniting to conquer the best 15-and-under baseball players in the nation in the upcoming NABF world series at the Eight Mile field.

Indians boast diverse tribe

Baseball roster filled with players from across area

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Can two baseball players who have been raised to compete against each other ever find a co mon bond and play on the same

They sure can. Novi's Steve Hart and Northville's Cory Patterson have come through the grades in their respective school systems knowing their schools were meant to be rivals. A single road, Eight Mile, separates them.

And, yet, they can still be team-mates and learn to combine their skils and talents for a common goal: Winning the NABF World Series.

"This is a great team," Patterson said of the Michigan Indians, a squad which will compete in the Series starting today. "Everyone is very talented and everyone gets ng. When we're playing t, we're a tough team to be

best, we're a tough team to best.

With so much competitive baseboth Patterson and Hart could have easily found themselves on any team. Last year, Patterson was a member of the NABF's Northville Broncos. Hart was playing with another team as well.

'The Indians have been a good organization for as long as I remember," Hart said. "The players are nice and the coaches are cool. Plus, there really area't any teams in Novi to play for."

Both Hart and Patterson were

Both Hart and Patterson were quick to agree they joined the Indians for a chance to play at a higher level of competition. This season marks the first for the Indians to play in the NABF World Series, which is hosted by Northville and given an automatic berth into the tournament. In years berth into the tournament. In years

past, it has always been the Northville Broncos playing. "There's a big difference," Patterson responded when asked about playing for the Broncos and the Indians. He is the only returning World Series player from last This year we have much more talent, better coaching and pretty much an all-around better

Broncos are forced to have homegrown talent with only one or two kids a year hailing from outside of its borders. The Indians are allowed to grab players from any city they like. Kids from Waterford, Plymouth, South Lyon, Pontiac and even Traverse City are part of the Indians' team.

We're just a bunch of guys from different schools that get to play together on a team," Patterson said. "They're all baseball players

Heading into the Series today, the Indians will be playing Team Ontario at 9 a.m. at Hillside Field. The Indians are looking to become

the host team to earn the most victories during the Series. The most ever won in the 22 years Northville has hosted the Series is four.

"The team goal is to go out and try our best," Hart said. "To win the whole thing would be good, espe-cially since we're playing on our home field."

Patterson agreed and added the best way for the Indians to make a run in the Series would be to come

"If we play like we usually do we can come in first if we really want to," he said. "We've got to play all the teams as hard as we can. The big challenge here is to show we belong. We've got to at least get a couple of wins. That's what we're in it for."

But no matter if they win all their games or none, the Indians will have made every moment

with nave mane every moment worth while.

"It's the memories that count," Patterson said. "We're going to be playing some really good, solid teams. As long as we play our best it will be a great Series."

Making the trek for good baseball

By Sam Eggleston

Most teams draw from an area the size of a city or maybe even a county. The Michigan Indians, it seems, draws from an entire state

The Indians, a squad playing host to the NABF World Series today through Sunday, has players hailing from Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Plymouth and even Pontiac.

Wojtkowiak, one of the team's pitch-ers, is a mem-ber of the roster as well. He hails from Traverse City — nearly five



Wojtkowiak

hours away.
"Last summer I didn't have a lot of good competition with my summer league team," summer league team," Wojtkowiak said when asked what Wojtkowiak said when asked what brought him to the Indians. "I heard down state in Detroit there was some pretty good competition. I also heard the Michigan "Indians were a pretty good team."

And so his journey from Traverse City to Northville began. His father and mother, Mike and Shauna, contacted Indians' coach Carl Patterson and soon found

Carl Patterson and soon found themselves coming down for a

tryout.

Not long after, Wojtkowiak was selected to the team.

"He's a solid player," Patterson said. "We're happy to have him as a member of this team."

During the competition sched-ule, Wojtkowiak said he normally stays with his grandparents out-side of East Lansing, When he's not playing, he takes the trip back up north and home.

Wojtkowiak attends Traverse City St. Francis and plays varsity baseball and football in the Lake Michigan Conference, Last year, his football team won the Division VII state finals.

His time with the Indians has

found him exercising his various pitches. Wojtkowiak throws both pitches. Wojikowiak throws both the two- and four-seam fastball as well as a knuckle curve and a splitter. He's currently working on a change-up to add to his arsenal as well.

His move from America Legion ball in Traverse City to NABF baseball has proven to be the right

choice so far.

"It's very good competition," he said. "All the players on the team are extremely talented and they all want to be there. It's definitely what I wanted in a baseball team." Though when he first signed on

clue they were going to participate in the World Series, he said he is

looking forward to it.
"It should be really good," he said. "Teams are coming from all over the country and there should be some great competition." Being four and a half hours

from home can start to wear on a player if he's not prepared for the drain on himself. It's even worse

Wojtkowiak said he's lucky though. His folks are the first to er him on

cheer him on.

"They we been real supportive," he said. "They we been taking me down here every weekend and constantly dragging me back and forth. I'm really happy they've been there for me."

Win or lose in the World Series, Weitherwick evid the head dragging.

Woitkowiak said he has already been well rewarded for his trou bles of finding a quality travel

Of course, he's still hoping to

get some big wins.
"I know if we play our best
we're really a tough team," he
said. "We've all got to be ready. We've got to come out throwing, come out swinging and come out playing our best. We're going to do good, I just know it."



Playing through the rain at her home field, Detroit Jaguar Abby Shepherd (left) stays between her opponent and

Soccer a big part of Detroit Jaguar Abby Shepherd's life

always been a way for her to do

Michigan Hawks, a premier club - carning so much playing time. - work to help defray the costs. team, while in high school before quickly found the outgoing mid-

minor-league soccer team. "I've been able to play during the summer which is definitely going to help me this fall in my last year at school. It has also been a great apportunity to stay in shape and play at such a high level.

SPORTS SHORTS

By Sam Eggleston
sports written
For 2001 Milford graduate
Abby Shepherd, soccer has

Kinesiology in the spring, is a starting milffielder for the Spring. It is a laguars, who compete in the W-Laguar, in the team's final home and she cause my mother, brother and because my mother and becau

"It's a great feeling."

Though the Jaguars were recently bounced out of playoff making a hard run for the play-

of the year, Shepherd said it has obscome a Spartan at Michigan

"We started off pretty strong thate."

"We started off pretty strong that tapered off in the end," she said, "It has been just a great year going to be like. They now have "Oh my goodness, I don't even "Oh my goodne

a standout for the University

"I'm not sure she feels the same rivalty as I do," Shepherd

she didn't see a minute off the the Jaguars, but reality may keep two gas stations. Every time 1 field, her away, Once she graduates come back I wonder where this the things she longed to do and see the places she longed to see.

She was a member of the said when asked of starting and school and will be looking for built

kools to help delitary the costs.

If she's back or not, she noted the expects the team will be naking a hard run for the play costs.

From the major show wars six, graduated has changed. When she was still in school, having run cross country and track, the Millord althetes were still known. of the year, Shepherd said it has "They now know exactly what as Redskins, Now, they're the needs to be done," she said. Mayericks, and the entire school

though. Everyone on the learn is very talented, and I'm fortunate to play with them."

She even gets to take the field

Wixom home this senson, the recognize it now," Shepherd said. The growth Milford has been with players like Thejese Heaton - commute for games has been rel-

arively short. This summer, Shepherd is calling Milford home before returning to East

Shepherd, who will be a senior and Michigan State this fall and of state so she wasn't raised with a degree in the Michigan versus Michigan traised with a degree in the Michigan versus Michigan with a degre

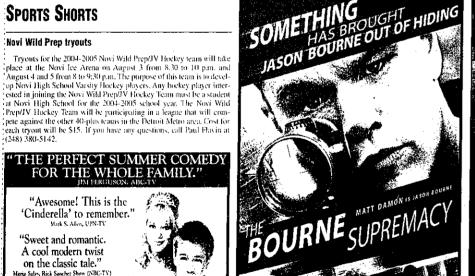
she said. "It's nice living in a small town, but now that I'm getting older Hike that it has more to offer. Lansing for pre-season preparation It's not as boring as it used to be,'

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"I like the fact that it's growing,"

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Summer league results mean 'nothing at all'

Anyone who follows girls high school basketball in Novi s probably already heard the and the summer league season

they've been having.

Not only have they put up some remarkable numbers in the pre-season play, but they even managed to beat the ver powerful Northville Mustang last Friday, 37-29 — and that was without their top scorer, Rachele Folino.

Big wins. Big scores, Lots of

What does this all mean for the Novi Wildeats this season "Absolutely nothing," Nov coach Bill Kelp was quick to state after his team's come from-behind victory over Northville, "It means absolutely nothing at all."

Kein has been here before Last season, which was his first at the helm of the Novi Wildcats girls program, his team was impressive indeed. They were winning tourname after tournament in the summer league, dominating team after

after: Novi was going to win the Kensington Valley Conference and possibly the

District tournament title.

Alas, it wasn't meant to be,
Novi didn't have a horrible season in any way. They took sec-ond in the KVC but were, unfortunately, bounced out of the District by the Northville

Mustangs. Which brings us back to making comparisons between last year's squad and this one. The biggest differences? Novi's a year older under Kelp's guidance and they aren't going to let the hype get to them. "It's all just summer ball,"

Kelp said. "We can win every game we play and it means nothing if we don't produce during the regular season. Everyone needs to know that we're not letting any of these games mean anything. We can't have a good summer league and expect to coast through the sea-

And Kelp is definitely not going to stand for it if he sees any coasting going on. Already he has made it fairly clear no position is safe on his court Though he has talent in the



Sam Eggleston

ed to look at a few other faces that could play the role as well

varsity," he said, "That number may drop during the tryouts, but we've had that many at one One such name that popped

up was young Stephanic season. Kelp said though he wasn't about to guarantee her spot he was willing to admit she was very talented. 'She's a pure point guard,

he said, "Even last year she could have easily played up with the JV team." The freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams are looking to

let anyone who is interested in playing some basketball come and try out this fall. The officia date of tryout is August 9 with the freshmen going from 9-10:30 a.m., the JV from 10:30 a.m.-noon and the varsity from noon until Kelp blows the fina

The coach did note everyone looking to try out needs to either have a physical on file with the school or bring one the first day of tryout. He also said they should come dressed to play some hoops.

"They'll go out and play because it's the only way we can really get a good look at them," he said. "It's going to brough to pick a team this year. There's a lot of very talented players in Novi this season try

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Swinging for the fences Hometown Newspapers 2004 All-Area Softball Dream Team

 Named first team All-Kensington Valley Conference
 Named All-District, All-Region and All-State Compiled an 11-10 record with a 0.60 earned run average
 Struck out 160 batters in 129

1/3 innings pitched
• Batted .360 with 15 RBi

The Year

her well. She's very passionate Jessica Wolcik about it, and I think when she goes on Valley State University), and going to really enjoy joining up with other people who are willing to commit so much of their Kensington Valley Conference - Hurled a no-hitter in committee of the committee of the conference of the conferenc

Pitchers Jane Kruszewski Junior

stronger, Northynie coach bear very land utforwer, and net of the was very consistent and powerful. She threw for location, the speed pitches are getting better was very consistent and powerful. She threw for location, throws four pitches, and I guarkeeping batters on the edge and off balance. She knew what she field it correctly and field it and a pitcher has to have no well."

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it over

Named first team All-Named first team All-Kensington Valley Conference
Named All-District and All-Region and honorable mention
All-State
Compiled a 24-6 record with Lakeland

Freshman

Lakeland

2/3 innings pitched
Led team with .469 batting

"Lauren is a very special pitcher." Eagles manager Joe And Renee came in and just did Alsup said. "What makes her so an outstanding job. She was then you have her throwing 58- have anticipated anyone coming swings, too, and it really paid large percentage of baserun-ners."

plete-game shutout of Novi
• Maintained 1.20 earned run

"Jessica has that perfect menwas so solid this year, we knew if the ball was hit short or she'll go after a batter. This year towards her she would be able to she had no fear of going inside,

Renee Sabourin

Named first team All-KVC
 All-District and All-Region
 Batted .339 with 38 RB1

an 1.37 earned run average

• Struck out 238 batters in 194 "Rence had kind of a tough route." Engles manager Joe Alsup said. "She was our best outfielder, but we had loss Batted 360 with 15 kbi
"Lindsay was always willing
to do the grunt work," Lions
manager Jeff Gale said.
"Pitching involves a lot of grunt
"Pi

special is she's like a shortstop in the middle of the field. And and sacrifice. And that separated her from the rest.

"It allowed us to be calin, sending Lindsay to the mound every game and knowing that we think she'll definitely be a Div. I were going to get a great per-formance. She always gave us an opportunity to win.
"And it wasn't just her pitch-don't already know. And the ing, it was also her but. She had a career botting average of 3.48. her is that she's actually a right-had sometimes, because of her handed batter, yet she converted to left this year. So to have the batting stats she had this year is

Sophomore

average
• Went 20-10 with 211 strike-

Northville

Named All-Western Division
In 111 innings amassed 93
strikeouts while walking 35
Compilet a 9.50

Northville

"Jessica is going to be a great one," Mavéricks manager Terry Frikken said. "She was already darn near that for us this year. As a 15-year old nid 1 hand. stronger," Northville coach Jean very hard thrower, and her off-

Compiled 18 stolen bases

Danielle Shamus (to graduation) from the year before, and really needed someone who could step in and catch and do a great job an outstanding job. She was tough, coming in and just taking it on for one year. I couldn't in and doing a better job than she did. There were very few passed balls and she threw out a

Junior Northville

 ,364 batting average
 "Kristen started the season injured but came back extremely strong for us this year," Northville coach Jean Calabrese said. "She has such a quick, hard

throw that no one could get a jump on us. She's smart too, which helped her learn to call all the pitches. She was responsible for telling our pitchers when, where and what location she wanted the pitch. We can't wait to have her back next year."

Junior South Lyon

Named honorable mention All-KVC

body to receive her it can make

for a long season. You can strike people out, but when you're not

 Batted .253 and scored team-leading 23 runs
"Because of graduation and injuries we were left to start the season without a catcher," Lions manager Jeff Gale said, "And Gale, I'll catch.' And she per formed superbly. And that was a

next year, coming in with that experience behind her."

Position players Katie Adler

Milford · Named first team Alf-KVC · All-District, All-Region and

All-State
Batted .330 with two home runs and 31 runs batted in

"The great thing about Katie she was early to every prac-All-KVC • Batted .297 with 30 RBI
"I think Lindsey probably has
the most raw talent on the team," tice and stayed late after every practice," Mavericks manage Mavericks manager Terry Frikken said. "She has the potential to be a five-tool ballplayer — she's pretty fleet Terry Frikken said, "When oth off this year. She doubled her time on the field, and that was due to how hard of a worker she of foot, has a strong arm, and she can hit the ball very, very hard. She was over .300 for most of the year, so she makes good contact. Lindsey has the capa-

"Katie put up numbers this year that she hadn't in the past. The potential of her power is pretty impressive — she just hit some monster shots this year. When she got her hands through the zone, the ball went off the bat as hard as anyone I've ever

Christy Badeen Sophomore Northville

 Named honorable mention All-Western Division
 Compiled a .350 batting average and a .462 on-base percentage
"Christy is definitely one of

the leaders on our team," Northville head coach Jean Calabrese said. "She protects us over at first base with some great plays. She does the splits if she has to, jumps for a ball if she has to. She's remarkable at saying balls. We know that if the ball is thrown to her, she's going

Alison Malty Sophomore Milford

Named first team All-KVC
 Batted .361 with two home runs and 32 runs batted in

"Alison has an extraordinar amount of strength and is a very aggressive hitter," Mavericks manager Terry Frikken said. "She goes up there swinging. If

yet she still had the best batting average on the team.

"Alison's refining her skills in good. And if she gets on, she's

Lindsey Morgan

Junior

average on the team.

"Alison's refining her skills in the field. She's our backup catcher, and that has everythin to do with the fact that she's

tough. She'll be vying for the first base spot next year."

Audrey Sabourin Saphomore

Lakeland · Named first team All-KVC All-District and All-Region
 Batted .431 with two home runs and 40 runs batted in

and a .523 on-base percentage
"Audrey's a tremendou somebody to kind of stabilize the infield - and she did that, Eagles manager Joe Alsup said.
"I didn't see a kid who played
better at shortstep than she did this year. She would take a bad hop to the face and get right back in there the next time. She the outfield and catch that loop-er, when most kids will just hope the outfielder gets it. She is one of the best athletes I've ever

Lindsay Richmond

· Named first team All-KVC Named All-District, All Region and honorable mention All-State • Batted .394 with 42 RBI

Lakeland

bility of having an excellent sen-tor year. The sky's the limit."

Compiled 16 stolen bases
"Lindsay was the captain of
our team," Eagles manager Joe
Alsup said, "She was a great
leader and kind of kept the kids together. She knew when there were problems and was able to resolve any that I didn't know about. She was able to take care of things and keep a little bit of tranquility on the team. She did a great job defensively for us all year and came up with some key hits. She's a very determined

Nicole Sarver Sanhamore Lakeland

· Named first team All-KVC Batted .309 with 12 RBI

"I call Nicole 'Dirty Gurdy,"
Eagles manager Joe Alsup said.
"She comes into the dugout after
the game and her uniform is just
filthy. She's just constantly diving and giving it everything
she's got. She's very special,
and I really think she's one of
the best center fielder's around.
She's a tremendous bunter and,

Lindsay Troher

Novi senior Troher was a consistent and solid factor for the Novi Wildcats all season long. Though they didn't have the season the 'Cats were hoping to showcase, Troher made a point of making the best out of it. No only did she make noise while at reigns and helped lead her square during their rough ride through the spring season. Troher is cur-rently being looked at by Oakland University for a spot

Compiled 21 stolen bases
 "I call Nicole 'Dirty Gurdy

Souhomore Northville

· Compiled a .306 batting average and a .469 on-base per

with their softball program

centage
"Laura is an incredible hitter," Northville coach Jean Calabrese said, "When Laura is on, she can really hit the ball. She has just gotten better and better with her hitting and defense. It's at the point that people just can't bunt on us very easily. She just scoops the ball up and fires it across the diamond. She's quick, she's smart and she's solid."



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Research opens doors to homes

By Mary Davis

Whether you're considering a modest starter home or a posh five-bedroom house, you'll do

five-bedroom house, you'll do we'll to familiarize yourself with the ins and outs of buying a home.

Ask plenty of questions. Begin by quizzing your friends and family who have recently bought a home. Did they do something they shouldn't have; should they have done something they didn't?

Besides offering some good general information, they can provide eral information, they can provide you with real estate agent and lender referrats

Call your financial institution to learn of possible home buying seminars, or look in your local newspaper for sessions hosted by community groups. These ses-sions are usually offered free or for a nominal cost. And they often feature a speaker with a financial background who can, in addition to explaining the home buying process, offer strategies for budg-

eting and improving credit scores Your local book bookstore is always a good resource. Or, if you'd rather learn about the process from your desk, consider online sources such as Bankrate.com, which offers tutori-

Understand your finances, So the handsome center entry colo-nial you've been admiring for the last year has been put on the market. Before you put your big toe over the threshold, calculate bow much you can spend on a home. Shopping for unaffordable homes is an exercise in futility and a real spirit dampener. By learning how much house you can realistically afford, you can pour your time and energy into finding the ideal

and energy into thomg the real home in your price range. The rule of thumb says your house payment shouldn't exceed 28 percent of your income. In other words, if your annual house-hold income is \$70,000, your noid income is \$70,000, your monthly house payment shouldn't be any more than \$1,633. This amount should not only include your mortgage, but your properly laxes, homeowners insurance and private mortgage insurance (pro-viding you have less than a 20 percent down payment) and any association fees. You'll also want to figure in the cost of yearly maintenance, which is about 3 percent of the home's total value.

Phone you local property appraiser's office for an estimate on property taxes on the homes in your price range. When you phone an insurance company to inquire how much it will cost to insure the home, have details teady such as the address, square footage and the distance to the nearest fire department. For a list of companies licensed to issue insurance in the state of Michigan and other helpful information on how to save money on homeown-ers insurance, read the Office of Financial and Insurance Services' (OFIS) "Interactive Buyers' Guide Home and Renters Insurance in Michigan" at www.michigan.gov

Even though your yearly income will grow over time, you may wish to allot a smaller percentage of your income to your housing expenses, if, for instance, you plan to have children, or you're late on paying into your retirement fund and want to increase your contributions to feduce your monthly mortgage payments by putting a substantial down payment on your house, or by buying a more modest house until you're financially ready to

shoulder a large mortgage.

About the same time you figure of your credit report from each of the three credit reporting bureaus Examine your report for things like accounts that belong to some one else and closed lines of credit

that are being reported as open.

If your credit has some blempurchasing a home until you clean up your credit rating.

Making your car payments on time for at least three consecutive months and paying down credit card debt will show creditors you're responsible enough to take on a mortgage. With an improved credit, you'll have a better chance of qualifying for a good interest

Lenders like to see a debt to income ratio of less than 36 per-cent, depending on the lender. That means that no more than 36 percent of your pre-tax income should go to paying your mort-gage, credit cards, alimony, stu-dent and auto loans. (You still may qualify at a higher debit to income ratio, but you'll likely feel financially squeezed.) **Paid Advertisement**



Hidden Lake features this European-style gatehouse and fountain for a distinctive entrance to the residential community.

Hidden Lake offers resort living in rural setting

By Duan'e Ramsey

Hidden Lake is a lakefront community of upscale homes that offers the ultimate lifestyle of resort living in a rural setting.

The planned mixed-use residential development is conveniently located off Silver Lake Road, one mile east of U.S. 23 just southeast of Brighton in Livingston County. Livingston County,
Beck Development Company

has created a community where families and individuals can enjoy a luxurious lifestyle that fulfilts a dream. The Hidden Lake community is fulfilling Earl and Steven LaFave's vision

for the property.
"Our mission is to create an environment that allows you to define your lifestyle as one that rivals that of the finest resorts, the LaFave brothers have stated.

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The community commons area at Hidden Lake

house, marina and marketing center pictured here with luxurious homes located across the lake.The private

marina at Hidden Lake offers permanent docking slips for lease or purchase, a boat launch and fishing pier.

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ing mining operation on the site in 1988. They are completing the land reclamation project with their vision to create a developed ommunity on the property. Hidden Lake is a 376-acre res-

idential development surround-ing the 110-acre, spring-fed lake. It will consist of 425 residences including single-family homes, attached and detached condominiums with a private marina and community center on the

"It's a diamond in the rough coming from the mining opera-tions to become a beautiful upscale, all-sports lake commu-nity," said Diane Paczas, market-

ing director for Beck Development. Hidden Lake offers easy access to U.S. 23 and I-96 for people commuting to nearby Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing or the Detroit metro area. Located in the Brighton School District, it

that include a private water system and connection to sev by Green Qak

Custom-built homes begin with minimums of 2,500 to 2,750 square feet of living space and prices ranging from \$450,000 to more than \$1 million. Hidden Lake has established deathers and an extension of the state of lished detailed architectural and landscaping requirements to maintain the high quality of the

residential development.
The developers have selected a small group of custom builders to build homes at Hidden Lake.
People may choose from a wide variety of designs and floor plans for simple from the form of the control of the c

for single-family homes from among those builders.

The homes built at Hidden Lake have the presence of coun-try estates with a timeless ele-gance in a setting with beautiful views, gardens and areas where is the architect. The pro ject's designers have blended the atural areas with the residential

landscaping.
The new Falls of Hidden Lake offers luxury waterfront attached condominiums with a maintenance-free lifestyle in an upscale lakeside community. Four distinct floor plans are available from 2,200 to 2,700 square feet with walkout levels available on most sites, starting in the high \$300,000's.

The Coves at Hidden Lake is a limited edition of individual con-dominium homes, featuring French Country style residences: The Coves offers three ranch and 1.5-story Cape Cod plans ranging from 2,200 to 2,760 square-feet priced from \$490,000 to \$526,000.

The Hidden Lake Community Association represents the entire development and is responsible for maintaining the private roads gle-family homes, attached and

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the home is but also where people come to play with boating,
ishing, swimming and walking
trails just out your front or back
door. Six miles of paved walkway meander throughout the
community with access to all the community with access to all the amenities and is ideal for bird watching, jogging or leisurely

The community center was created to be the foundation for the Hidden Lake lifestyle where family, friends and neighbors gather to enjoy the beach, gardens, lake or open green spaces. The private marina offers permanent docking slips for lease or purchase, a boat launch and fishing pier.

small amphitheater was created on the lakeshore to bring people together with events for adults and children. They have an adult music series with country and western, jazz bands, 50s music and cornedians. They hold carnivals, picnics, puppet shows or have magicians and story tellers for the children on week

ends. Hidden Lake received two prestigious awards in 2003. It was named Development of the Year by the Building Industry of Southeast Michigan and received the Outstanding Planning Project Award from the Michigan

ociety of Planning.
The LaFave brothers are

absentee developers of Hidden Lake, Earl lives in a home on the lake while Steve has a lot where he plans to build a home. He curntly lives with his family in

Brighton.
The Beck Development Company is located on Silver Lake Road near the entrance to Hidden Lake. The developers are no strangers when it comes to creating residential projects in the area.

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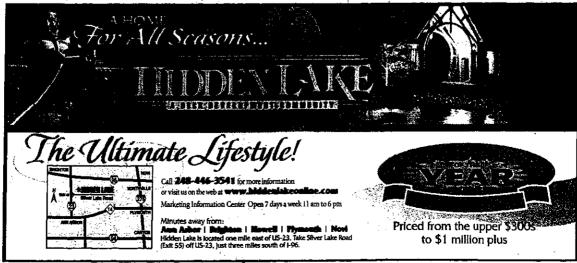
In 1987, they embarked on their first planned community development, Blue Heron Point in Northville. The firm has been involved in other residential ventures such as The Villas in Livonia and Condominiums at Och Point in Brighton.

Oak Pointe in Brighton.

However, it was their award-winning Blue Heron Point that inspired the brothers' desire to create the lakefront community of Hidden Lake that set the stan-dards by which others can only attempt to imitate.



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