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■ Student hopes people understand her message

By Ramez Khuri

Not many students go from being suspended from school for three days for fighting, to being named a homecoming court representative, to receiving major newspaper coverage, to

making an appearance on a national television show - all in less than a week. Yes, Novi High School stu-dent Alexandra Burris had her-

Burris did all of that, and she just hopes that her peers, teach

self quite a homecoming week-

ers and community receive a positive message from all of this: that bullying is a problem in schools all over the country, but it can

Burris' face was on the front page of a Detroit daily newspaper for two days straight last week,

Lawrence sees many positives in Burris story

By Ramez Khuri

Novi High School Principal John Lawrence has been working for the Novi Community School District for 30 years, which means he has seen many homecoming festivities come and go. Most of them have run with a certain degree of normalcy, but nothing can compare to what he witnessed this year.

In only his second year as principal, one of his students, a sophornore named Alexandra Burris, has been featured in a major Detroit newspaper for several days in a row, was named a homecoming court representative for her sophomore class and ended up on a live national television show so she could tell all the country her story. All of this was because of some rumors floating

around the school that her peers were going to tease

her because of her weight.

"Rumors started flying around about how Allie was voted onto the homecoming court so that other students could humiliate and embarrass her," Lawrence said. "That greatly disturbed us, and so



Novi High's Homecoming King and Queen for 2004 are seniors Ryan Pritchard and Sara Bielski. For more photos and a story, please see page 5B.

Superstitious?

Village Oaks elementary student Darrien Hannah was one of many students to lend their talents to painting Halloween-themed scenes to the Novi school's windows last week. The fourth grade student is painting a black cat.

Fountain Walk gettin' **Lucky's**

■ Center's latest venue to open Monday

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

The billiards tables were being assembled, areade games were being installed and the final touches were being put on Fountain Walk's latest addition

early this week.
Hollywood-based Lucky Strike
Lanes Lounge & Bowl is on
schedule and on its way. It's set to open this Monday, despite Fountain Walk's filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in August. A lower-level floor brimming with a restaurant, three bars, a 40-

foot video wall, 200 video games stations and 14 billiards tables,

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Take a drive – come support our troops

■ Drive-A-Thon next Wednesday

By Pam Fleming

No matter what political party we

support, there's one group we all support during this war-time election—our troops and veterans. In honor of these dedicated citizens, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America in Novi will have a Drive-A-Thon for Veterans from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 20 at 40550 Grand River. River Avenue between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads across the street from Glenda's

Nursery, Motorists are encouraged to drive by and drop off a donation of any amount during these hours to help support those who have served our

country.

"We're trying to make it as easy as possible for people to donate. They don't even have to get out of their car," Tony Musu said

Music, a member of the advisory committee for the MPAV, assisting Maurice Jordan, executive director, MPVA, in the project, said the fundraiser will support the organization's programs, which include spinal cord research and the Military Family

"Right now, we have a lot of service men and



T. Musu

Afghanistan and Iraq that are serving us, protecting us, and quite hon-estly, many of them take a gigantic pay cut," Musu said. "This

becomes a financial burden on them and their families. "The military pay just doesn't rank with their civilian salaries, especially if you're a non-commis-sioned officer," Jordan said. "What

we're finding is that a lot of those

soldiers and their families have homes that are going into foreclo-sure, utilities that are being turned off."

"We want to get the word out and let people know what PVA is doing for people in their own backyard," Musu said.

including a general, will be on hand during the 12-hour fund-raiser at MPVA. Musu said he would like to

MPYA, Musu sauthe would take to raise \$20,000 on Oct. 20. "That's a lofty goal, but 1 think it's very doable by the generous people of southeastern Michigan," Musu said. The fund-raiser will also help numbase raines for wheelchairs for purchase ramps for wheelchairs for veterans who cannot afford them.

there are always costs involved,

Jordan noted that Gov. Jennifer Granholm did sign a new law Oct. 8 in support of the Military Family Relief Fund, giving taxpayers an option on their return to support this

Musu said.

THERE'S MORE

Doreen Doss of Movi is spearheading a subdivisionwide garage sale for families who have lost a soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31 in the Broadmoor Park subdivision off Ten Mile Road between Taft and Beck roads.

"We can make a difference, and we need the community's our efforts," Doss said.

Residents who have items they would like to donate to the sale or crafters or independent business operators who would like to set up a table can call Doss at (248) 842-6947.

"Unfortunately, we have to go to Washington to lobby every year for

appropriate funding levels for veter-ans," Jordan said. "These veterans that are coming home now, they may not be able to be seen for six to 12 months, because the VA 12 months, because the VA [Veterans Administration] is over-loaded Funding is critically short."

Business owners interested in purchasing an ad in the Salute to Veterans 2004 event program can contact Jordan at (248) 476-9000. The Oct. 20 fund-raiser is actually a kickoff for the MPVA's Salute to Veterans 2004 on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at the Detroit Marriott

Renaissance Center. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$150 each, and donors may sponsor a vet-eran if they're unable to attend. Make reservations for the dinner by tomorrow to guarantee a seat at event by calling MVPA at (248)

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Long-range school planning focuses on competition

Much has been established since the Novi Community School District held its first long-range planning meeting on Sept. 16, but the job is far from over.

That night, over 80 teachers, parents, administrators and students, were asked to study eight different categories and identify

the trends, predictions and forces at work outside of the district that nay require attention to insure the future success of Novi Community Schools. The group Community Schools. The group was broken up into eight sub-groups, with each one taking a different category:

• Economic Profile
• Demographic Profile
• Technology Profile
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The competition committee met separately on Oct, 5 to go over what has been established so over what has been established so far and to figure out what the next

step is.
"Today we met to gather information and research the topic of competition," said Paul

Cavanaugh, leader of the compe-tition committee and eighth grade special education teacher. "We're rying to figure out how compet

tion affects Novi, who is that competition and what Novi should do to address the competi-Cavanaugh believes that the



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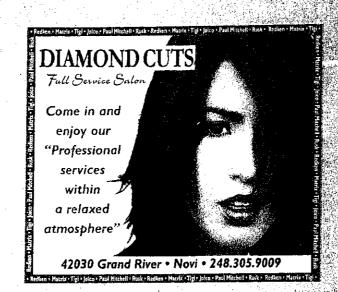
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By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER
If you're looking for a beautiful environment as well as professional salon services, visit Tres Jolie by Cameron Salon in Novi's Grand Oaks Centre.
Owners Jim Warne and his wife, Angela, will soon celebrate two years at the salon, located at 39915 Grand

River Avenue between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads. The couple opened the salon in December 2002.

The couple opened the said in December 2002.

"This is our first venture into the business. We partnered with Cameron Watson, who had a salon in South Lyon, Cammars, which he sold. We went into business together and built Tres Jolie by Cameron in Novi,"

Warne said.

"We've really caught the imagination of people who come in," he said. "Once they're here, they understand what we mean. We looked at a lot of salons, and the whole tone of our salon is different."

The salon is rich with color. "There is so much color here, it knocks your eyes out," Warne said. Art work and antique furniture were combined with modern elements, since a salon must also be functional. Lounge areas with beautiful Italian furniture are featured throughout the salon.

"The whole idea is to make people comfortable and allow them to have a great time while they're here," Warne said. "We encourage clients to bring their friends."

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Fountain Walk gettin' Lucky's

"Lucky's" is the first phase. In six to eight months, an upper-level bowling center and Tequila Rain, a Mexican Cantina lounge. will follow, General Manager

Eddie Bourque said.
"If you walked into an old country clob, that's the feeling we're going for — that warm, country club feeling," Bourque said, "We are tapped into eight different satel-lites. We will have every major sporting event possible on there. "It's not your typical sports har

when you walk in. It's very elegant. There's nothing like it as far as (an) adult entertainment complex in Italian leather scats, cherry "Derby" areade area replace typi-

cal sports paraphemalia.

Corporate Chef Andre Lane helped develop "hands-friendly," American bistro-style cuisine that

Bowling down

A few miles south of Lucky

bowling mainstay: Novi Bowl & coordinating."
Lounge.

But according to managers of Eddie Bourque said the 14 new

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both locales, the close proximity of the two centers, both situated

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Other trademarks are tontato the Emagine Theater.

"Lucky's really helps round out

Insanity' fudee brownie concoction, "Mac and Cheese Balls," and potato pie pizza. "Imagine a potato skin served on

pizza crust with a lot of melted cheese and the bacon and the chives that are baked into it," Lane said, "Delectable,' is how we put it."

a positive opportunity.
T'm actually looking forward

to working with them," Harris said, "We do a lot of corporate parties and a lot of special events. There are times when I'm full. I

look forward to the possibility of

lanes will not threaten Novi

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Hollywood, Boston and Louisville, and soon will soon open in Denver, Toronte and St. Louis. Novi's version, which Bourque

the restaurant component at Fountain Walk, offering both famicheese s'mores, a "Chocolate

ment component."

Prices for appetizers and entrees will range from \$4.95 \times 18.95. Borque said.

Staffing for the first phase will be 150, with about half the employees hailing from the Novi area, Bourque said. The upper floor will have 110 workers.

Lucky's already has locations in Hollyword! Boston and Louisville.

said is the company's largest con-cept to date, is situated across from

ly dining and (a) sports bar feel," Fountain Walk Marketing Director cess is the recreational/entertain

The company has joined Novi's Chamber of Commerce, and an upcoming VIP party will benefit the [Darren] McCarty Cancer

community fundraising programs, and works with bowling centers in will not be doing any leagues."

Novi Bowl, which opened 26 years ago, currently is home to about 50 leagues. Harris said the

Lucky's lanes will feature plas-ma scoring screens and digitized Quibica-brand consoles to keep tabs on scoring.

Novi Bowl has consoles of the Bowl's 40 lanes.
"We are definitely a different breed," Bourque said, "it's a social environment. The bowling upgrade to the newest version. The control has a history of hosting

ation, especially bowling cen-ters," Harris said. "It only daws lounge facility will be renovated attention to our area.

nearby cities and townships.

"I welcome all kinds of recre-

By Kim Kovelle

At a recent city council meeting, Lucky's was approved (6-1) for an areade license for 113 machines. Laura Lorenzo cast the dissenting

vote.
The license was conditioned upon the opening of the second floor bowling lanes within one year of the granting of the Sept. 27 meeting. Bourque said that won't be a problem.
"Six to eight months is where

were at right now on the upstairs," he said. "I don't think there's any-thing in here (any)one can't find interesting."

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> biggest competitors: Catholic Superintendent Emm Central, Southfield Christian, and the school board of Ladywood, Brother Rice and on all eight categories Mercy. Committee members were

sheet.

continued from front page committee accomplished its goals schools.

With that information estab-

- to determine a process to compile researched materials, to prepare a presentation, to highlight group thinking about the most important findings, to prepare a written summary, to schedule an additional group planning meeting (if necessary) and to come up with a final group assignment thereto.

"Hopefully, everyone will give "It's an ongoing process though, and we're still putting together information." Cavanaugh said. "There is so much critical market," Cavanaugh said, who information to present to the rest of the committee. An excellent question was brought up at the Each sub-group in the Long-

of the committee. An excellent tion, question was brought up at the end of our meeting today: How Range planning committee will are we preparing our students for competition in the global market?"

meet as a large group on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 19 and 20; Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9 Brought up during the meeting and 10; and Thursday, Dec. 9. When they're all done, they would which were believed to be Novi's like to have recommendations for

ble to gather some statistics, and they believe that less than one percent of Novi's population attends those schools. Cavanagh said that by the time students reach

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Lawrence sees many positives in Burris story

something that the school has

to deal with collectively. He said that the negative connotation

was something that he wasn't

particularly proud of, but a posi-

tive aspect came out of it in the

message we came out with and

Lawrence met with faculty and talked about the importance

of clarifying the rumors. They

we communicated with."

The administrative staff started talking to kids, and though nobody would admit it, Lawrence believed that the mor was probably at least par-

looking for some controversy sand and say it probably wasn't here and was hoping somethin [true] because I recognize that we do have the issue of bullying was going to happen," Lawrence said, "Something did happen; in fact it turned out to be very posin our school," Lawrence said, "l think every itive. The high school adminis trigh school, and every trative staff's stand was, we have got to make this a positive experience for everybody. That's the



going to be excluded from par-ticipating to no sophomores could come to homecorging. "I arm not a proponent of some of this dents we talked to who were very supportive of her and who thought this would be a very good thing for her to be able to participate in."

don't know who contacted the

media, but I can assure you it was

nobody from this high school."

group punishment tactics," Lawrence said. "That was not going to happen, We will always deal with individuals, and when Lawrence had no idea that the we find out who is acting inap-propriately or against the stan-dards that we have set for our publicity surrounding this story would grow to such a large scale. In fact, he wanted to make it students, we're going to deal clear that no media outlet was with them. I don't think that we contacted by any member of his can place enough emphasis on the importance for bullying edu-cation or for intimidation by stuministrative or faculty staffs.
"We are being accused of letdents to other students. This is a ting this get way out of hand by very good thing for an individual who chose to stand up and who was supported by her high all of this media hype," Lawrence said. "This is something that we haven't caused. We never contacted the newspapers, and we never contacted Good Morning school and community. America. These are all things that just kind of got out there.

"We are being accused of letting this get way out of hand by all of this media hype. This is something that we

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Student hopes people understand message

and she was also flown to New York to make an appearance on the televi-sion show Good Morning America. And all of this occurred because she was selected to be on Novi-High's homecoming court.

Burns is not your average, run-ofthe-mill homecoming princess, however. Her story blew up because of some rumors circulating around the school that her classmates were going to heckle her, ridicule her and just plain laugh at her because of her weight when her name was called at Friday night's homecoming game

and Saturday's parade.

That didn't stop her from participating, though. Instead of backing out, Burn's went ahead with her plan and attained her goal of being her sophomore class's homecoming representative,

"I hope that people can learn a lesson from this - that anything is all of the school events. She didn't possible," an exhausted Burris said, hear any negative comments from sophomore class representative, so it

She explained that she hadn't gotten much sleep during the weekend. She attended the school's home-coming game on Friday, the parade on Saturday and the dance after that, Then on Sunday, she received a phone call saying that Good Morning America wanted to fly her to New York for an appearance. She was flown out on Sunday afternoon

and came back Monday night.

"Never in a million years did I think this whole thing would get this big," she said, "It was a surprise for me when I was in the newspaper, but then I got a call from New York." Burnis has never been on televi-sion before Monday. When she made her appearance early that morning, all she kept thinking was

that she didn't want to mess up, but she said it turned out fine. done.

Burn's wasn't named homecom Burris said she had a great time at

her peers until Thesday, when she got back to school. "The parade was great," she said.

with her promise to her friend.

"This is a major thrill for Alexandra," Burris's mother, Jacque Noe, said. "I think it's very cool, and "I think after all the media attention, people were kind of afraid to start anything with so many people watching for that stuff. By me doing I'm just glad my daughter was not this though, I'm not trying to make there is always a possibility. I'm really glad that this happened for her anybody look bad. I'm not trying to make Novi High School look bad. I'm just trying to get the message out about bullying and how it can be because this child has been through overcome. A lot of kids have come up to me and told me that I'm trying to make Novi look bad and in no

"She has had all kinds of things go on, and for something really pos-tive to come out of this, it has just been wonderful for her." Noe said. way would I ever want to do that."

This whole story started when Burris's best friend, Chelsey Smith, asked her what she wanted for her birthday. Burris joked that she want-"I'm just hoping that it has a long-range ripple effect, and it stays very positive for her." ed to be a homecoming princess thinking that it wasn't possible Smith said that it was going to be

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Stewart's bullying bill sees daylight

By Victoria Sadlocha

Last year, State Rep. John C. Stewart (R-Plymouth) introduced a bill against bullying in Michigan schools. House Bill 4957 was introduced

not until last week the bill attracted ringing off the book following the publicity surrounding Novi High School student, Alexandra Burris, Burris became the center of a

national media frenzy following her ppointment to the high school's iomecoming court.
Rumors spread throughout the

was appointed to the court as a prank, largely because she did not fit the trim physical bill of high school

that is why his bill was thrust in the vulgarity in public."

girl at all," Stewart said. "That is not going to help her weight problem." Stewart said if it is found students were behind the controversy, they should be counseled and sent July 2003 and referred to the through sensitivity training.

Committee on Education, But it was not until last week the bill attracted sentative's initiative.

The bill states by May 1, 2005 Stewart said his phone has been public school districts and academies must adopt and implement a

hillying policy.

According to the bill, "at a minimum, the policy shall define bullying, prescribe consequences for pupils for bullying and establish a procedure for the investigation of a proport made by a until or employer. report made by a pupil or employee school the 15-year-old sophomore that an incident has occurred." Stewart said the concept is sim-

fashioned rules," he said. "One, you teachers, social workers and school royalty. fashioned rules," he said. "One, you Stewart said the notion is an example of high school bullying and their consent and two, you don't use

Cyber-bullying is another aspect Stewart is proud to tackle as part of the new term is bullying," Stewart said. "We talk about stress relief and "What if some middle school boy sets his sights on some middle give them a little freer environmen

school girl," Stewart said. "In my generation the girl would say, "Get Stewart said he hopes a signatur by the governor will result in reduc-ing the amount of bullying and harassment, raise a level of awareaway from me you pest, go.' But kids aren't doing that these days." The representative said now the girl is being propositioned at school, and when she finally makes it home, ness and send a message there are going to be consequences if people don't go back to the basics. the propositioning continues through computer instant messag-

sponsor the bill came after the nu ber of problems he heard fro

psychologists.
"You can call it harassment, you

Stewart's anti-bullying bill sits in the House of Education Policy "If you put someone in a very, "We have a duty to provide a safe very uncomfortable situation by

your speech, by your repeated con-tacts, it goes from harassment to bullying." Stewart said. "People have to have someone to turn to." environment, a non-harassment. hassle and the skinny, little person The representative's decision to

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Novi man charged with first-degree home invasion

Anthony Joseph Stambersky of Novi, the 23-year-old man who entered the home of a neighbor the morning of Oct. 5 and walked into the bedroom of 10-year-old twin girls, is due back in court on Oct. 28.

Stambersky entered a home in Willowbrook subdivision at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Roads through an unlocked, sliding glass door, entering the girls' The girls' 14-year-old sister

called 911 after an altercation took place between the suspect and the homeowner in front of Judge Robert Bondy and charged with first degree home invasion, a felony punish-able by 20 years in prison and/or

His bond was set at \$1 million. If bond is posted, the Court has ordered that a GPS tether be attached to Stambersky so his location can be monitored and

A. Stambersky Stambersky, who is currently housed in the Oakland County Jail, will appear in court for preliminary examination at 1:36 p.m. Oct. 28. Judge Dennis

County road commission promotes Wixom resident

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has named two new division heads. Former Programming Supervisor Dylan Foukes, a Vixom resident, has been named the new traffic engineer, while replace Foukes as programming

In his new position. Foukes. 30, oversees the Traffic Engineering Division of RCOC's Traffic-Safety Department. This division is responsible for all traffic signal and sign installations, all pavement markings and guardrail installations, the setting of speed limits, the collection and storage of traffic volume data, the analy-sis of crash data, including field

"roadway geometrics" for road projects on county roads, whether they are RCOC projects or projects done by others under

University of Michigan.

division must also review the

In this position. Foukes will interact frequently with commu-nity and school district officials across the county, as well as nearly all other RCOC depart-

Road Commission for more than six years, holding positions in the agency's Traffic-Safety and Engineering departments. Prior to working at RCOC, he spent three years working for consul-

hands behind her back, she refused and attempted to get out of the back of the patrol vehicle. A breath test produced a blood

alcohol level in the driver of ,20

A 38-year-old Clawson man

An officer was driving north-

Upon initiating a traffic stop for

strong odor of intoxicants coming

from the vehicle and that the driv-

bound on Novi Road south of

Double trouble after

Novi and Genmar roads.

Doubletree

A 15-year-old female student at Novi High School was hit by a car Road and Wildcat Drive during the school's homecoming activi-

walkway at the intersection of Ten Mile and Wildcat Drive when the driver of a 1993 green Pontiac Bonneville proceeded eastbound through the intersection and struck the girl, causing serious njury.

The girl was in good condition

Grand River Avenue when she saw a 2004 Ford Explorer fail to on Tuesday, according to a spokesperson at William stop for the red light on south-bound Novi Road at Grand River spokesperson at William Beaumont Hospital. The accident is still under investigation. the violation, the officer noticed a

Woman resists arrest

A 37-year-old Novi woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and was cited for resisting and obstructing a police officer at 2:36 a.m. Oct. 10 at Taft

Novi Road north of Ten Mile Road, an officer saw a 1998 Jeep that appeared to be speeding.

The officer noticed that the vehicle was also drifting in its lane. As the vehicle turned southound on Taft Road, it was travel-

the speeding violation, the office noticed a strong smell of intoxi-cants coming from the vehicle and cants coming from the vehicle and that the driver's eyes were blood

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POLICE REPORT

Novi High student hit

and transported to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak about 8 p.m. Oct. 8 at Ten Mile

es. The girl was crossing in the

and White Pines roads.
While traveling northbound on

After pulling the driver over for

shot and glassy.

The woman told the officer that she had consumed several drinks at Gus O'Connors in Novi. After being advised that she was under arrest for OWI and

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Items taken and recovered

included a white Nautica shirt val-

pair of light blue Playboy jogging

pants valued at \$14.99 and a black

A 65-year-old Commerce

Township woman was arrested for retail fraud at 2:07 p.m. Oct. 5 at

shirt valued at \$24,99.

Tag remover tagged



The man said that he had two

beers at the Doubletree Hotel in

Novi earlier that evening.

A breath test showed a blood

alcohol level in the driver of .11

Southfield woman arrested

A 21-year-old Southfield

woman was arrested for retail

fraud at 4:35 p.m. Oct. 6 at TJ

Maxx department store at Novi Town Center.

Loss prevention officers watched as the woman selected a

pair of jogging pants and a jacket in the women's department. She then walked into the men's depart-

ment and selected a black shirt.

The woman next walked to the

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COMMUNITY

DeRoche faces challenge for 38th District seat

■ 70-vear-old makes it a race

By Dan Trudeau

ple in South Lyon probably do not



sentative in the 38th District - because she's not just another politician.

Morgan, who has spent the last
40 years living in Northville and South Lyon, believes that an ordinary citizen can make a strong statement in a political race sim-ply by being accessible and lis-

ing to what people say. talk about themselves. But can

Morean said her experiences volunteering at Providence Medical Center, where she provides support to families of cancer nationts, have taught her the value The difficulties she has faced in her own-lifetime have strength- health care reform and changes in ened this perspective for Morgan, in addition to giving her a view on democracy and education that

many others might not have. Morgan grew up in London, England, where, as a teenager, she survived several years of

Three years later, she joined the

she has taken her education from life and the challenges it has pre-sented. She thinks the lessons young people can learn in school and through civic participation should never be underestimated.

"If we don't get the young peo-ple involved, it's lost," she said, "Education has to be made number one. A good education has to he made available to everyone. A college education should be avail-able to those people who want one. And teachers should be given a good wage so they can be available to people who need them."

As a naturalized citizen,

Morgan said she gets upset when

people give up their right to vote. This is another reason why she is rights for granted and who want to be involved in the political

moment; to become a citizen," Morgan said, "The first time I "Thave a voice, but I can also listen," Morgan said. The first time I can also listen," Morgan said. "A lot of people in elected office, they can saddened when people tell me they can't be bothered to vote.'

Morgan said she gets excited when she hears of young people registering to vote, but is upset when fellow seniors neglect to send in their absentee ballots. She said she feels the need to be an example, as well as an advocate, for other seniors. In addition to education, she thinks

the coming years.

"My health is still good, and I still have a voice. These positions are open. If we want to see change we've got to put ourselves out," Morgan said.

German firebombing in the areas around her home during World War II. At age 14, she left school and began working with the British army.

"Two been here for a long time, around her bouring with the british army.

"Two been here for a long time, and I've touched on all these issues. Do I know it all about every one? No. But I've seen them all."

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■ Incumbent's record is sound

By Pam Fleming

State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) says voters should elect him to a second term in the



C. DeRoche 38th District. District representative serves resi-

"I think my first term qualifies me to serve again in the legisla-ture," DeRoche said, "The Beck Road interchange [at I-96] is well under construction. When I won the election in 2002, the governor cut funding for the Beck Road interchange, and I, along with State Senator [Nancy] Cassis, was

for 10 years. He and his wife, Stacey, and daughters Carley, 3, and Zoe, I, moved into a new home in the city's northwest corner about a month ago. He was elected to Novi City Council in 1997 and re-elected in 1999.

Michigan Home Builders, Citizens for Traditional Values, Deputy Sheriffs Association of Michigan, Great Lakes Education Project, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents and Michigan Association of Police

ness Association of Michiga The Republican candidate said

has been able restore

The 38th

dents of Novi, Northville, South Lyon and Lyon Township.

able to restore funding. DeRoche, 34, has lived in Novi

Endorsements include - the

Organization.
Other supporters are the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, Michigan Townships Association, Right to Life of Michigan, Small that besides restoring funding fo

road improvements he also successfully passed into law a bill that allows teachers convicted of felonies to be fired.

"Prior to passing the law, teachers with felonies were able to return to the classroom, regardless of the charge, and even receive back pay if entitled," DeRoche said.

"As for accomplishments,

Completion of the Wixom DeRoche believes the Beck Road Road interchange at 1-96 is one of the main challenges for the district in the future, according to DeRoche, who said funding for the project was canceled by Gov. Granholm.

"We also need to clear the DNA backlog for suspected rapists and murderers, which currently stands at a six-month backlog, by hiring more personnel," he said. DeRoche noted a Wixom case

in which the Michigan State Police Lab took eight months to process DNA following a rape. Meanwhile, the man raped another woman twice at knifenoint. The Novi resident also plans on district is continued growth. One keeping a tight rein on how tax community's urban sprawl in

Morgan of South Lyon.
"I have not had the opportunity"

to meet Joan, but I understand that she has done some wonderful things for her community. I look, forward to meeting her and letting the voters decide who would be their best state representative." interchange at 1-96 and Providence Park Medical Center DeRoche said he doesn't want

to jinx himself by talking about it too much, but that he is in line to pital are the high points of his last be the next Speaker of the House. Since this is a term-limited position, Rick Johnson, the cur-rent Speaker of the House, will felon represents good policy as not be running for re-election DeRoche said a vote will take:

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well," he added.



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posed the change at the end of the Oct, 4 council meeting.
"I do think we should start carlier and and earlier," said member

Kim Capello.

Member Toni Nagy, who works as a court reporter and often has to attend out-of-town depositions that don't begin until 4:30 p.m.

Nagy was worried that if she were late to a meeting that she would not be able to amend the Gerald Fisher, city attorney.

assured Nagy that a council mem-ber can make a motion to amend an agenda at arry time during a meeting.
City council meetings will continue to be re-aired on government cable Channel 13 at 6 p.m. on the

Sunday following the meeting.

The fall-winter session of Novi lcc Arena's Learn to Skate Program will run from Oct. 26-Dec. 18. Classes are offered at a variety of times Tuesday through Saturday, and there will be no classes held the week of Nov. 22- Skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skale students with their registration receipt get free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the seven-week session.

The following classes will be

Sheraton Dr. Activities span today from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 c.n

a.m.-3 p.m. The event is sponsored by the

USDA Forest Service, DTE Energy, The Greening of Detroit and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The cost is \$125 per person, and

an extra \$25 for those who got to take a tour with Track B. Call The Greening of Detroit for more at (313) 237-8733.

Parade entries sought

The local Robin Horlock Band The City of Novi Parks, l Novi and Northville will be on the front cover of CMJ Magazin Recreation and Forestry for the Music Marathon Edition in Department is seeking entries for the 3rd Annual Ringing in the Holidays-Electric Light Parade set for Thursday, Dec. 2 in Novi's biggest magazines for independent and college radio artists. "Gone," from Robin's album "Risk To Main Street area. The department Try," will be the first song on the CMJ ON AIR CD that goes out is seeking floats, vehicles and marching groups for the event, which attracted over 2,500 people with the edition, They will perform their showcase in New York last year. Floats entered into the parade must be illuminated with holiday lights. For more informa-tion call (248) 347-0400. City at the Lion's Den tomorrow

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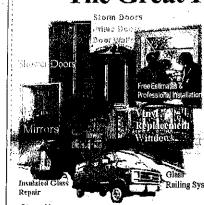
extension in August, the Internal

the deadline for filing 2003 federal income tax returns is Oct. 15. As

of last week, it reported nearly 60,000 Michiganians still faced

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Novi author Sylvia Durant is a ositive person.

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ber work and in her new inspiraself to do better. tional book of phrases, "A Better Man, Woman & Child," Her first book of phrases, "A been in Michigan for 47 years and lived in Troy for 13 years before moving to Novi eight years ago. She is a creative writing consultant and Better Woman," was published in 1993, with "A Better Man" and "A Better Child" to follow. This fourth work combines the three works into

one, as well as some new material.

The first three books were small. rational books. pocket-size works, with this fourth one a little larger. However, it's still She writes her phrases while driv-ing — often on receipts or other scraps of paper. Her books are slim enough to slip into a newspadesigned to excite, delight and give wisdom to the reader. Her mission to is breathe love, wisdom and joy per, a briefcase or purse for reading

books was an article that she wrote titled "Intentional Thinking" in the Somerset Gazette in Troy.
"It was about being a better A religious person who attends Word of Faith, a nondenominational church in Southfield, Durant has about your good points," she said. shared her motivational messages to "Some people say, 'I'm disgust-ed.' Turn it around and say, 'I'm such places and groups as Border's Books, the American Business

and inspire yourself."
"Then, a lot of people say, 'I was so dissappointed.' I say, 'Be appointed, not disappointed. Appoint your-DaimlerChrysler and more. A native of Washington, D.C., Durant started writing poems when she was about age 7 or 8. She has

entrusted. Be committed to be your best," she said. "Lift yourself up, the National Association of Female

University public radio station, and has interviewed and written articles on many celebrities over the years. She has interviewed Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Arlene Dahl, Clifton Davis, Josephine Baker, Arthur Ashe, Mohammed Ali, Carol Channing, Stephen King and Eartha

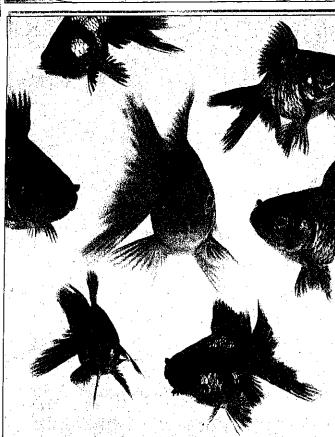
Executives, Schoolcraft College,

Durant also worked for the first

Although her new book hasn't hit back into our personal and business

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A brilliant move

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Novi resident sings for Bush

Mary Grace Denton, 14, of Novr, was invited to sing the United States "National Anthem" President George Bush's Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, visit on Oct. 6. 1 12-year resident of Novi, Denton is a freshman at Notre Dame Preparatory in Pontiac. Denton also sang "God Bless America" During the president's speech, she was seated in the front neyt to former Detroit Piston

Compiled by Novi News staff

Airport Cities conference a boost for metro development plans

By Kurt Kuban

The highly anticipated Airport Cities Conference at Detroit Metropolitan Airport last week went off without a hitch, and pro-vided Wayne County officials and regional planners a glimpse of what the area around the county-owned airport might look like some day.

Airport officials from every con
Birm made a presentation about

tinent in the world attended the twoday conference, which explored the concept of airport cities - phrase that has come to define the way airports and their surrounding environs are developed. Presentations were made about some of the world's most notable examples of airport cities, which have become destinations unto themselves.

Wayne County officials believe the idea of an airport city is particu-larly relevant to Metro Airport, because of all the development potential that exists around the airpon. According to Mulugetta Birru, executive director of Wayne County

The theme of this conference — Economic Development, the county hosted the conference not only to learn from other airport officials, but also in hopes of stirring the interest of local municipalities and

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the vendors, the universities - that there can be an airport city right bere in our backward. People med here in our backyard. People need to know this is a concept that is accepted around the world," Birru said, "We believe the airport cities

the long-planned Pinnacle Aeropark project, a state-of-the-art husiness community the county will soon begin developing south of Metro Airport. He said the project's first phase, covering 150 acres, should begin construction next year. tion, he said there is 25,000 acres of undeveloped land, stretching across six communities between Metro and Willow Run airports, which, if developed correctly, could become a new high-tech corridor unrivaled

creating airport cities - really fits with what we are trying to do with the Pinnacle project, Wayne County fits the model. We have 25,000 acres available for development the development community, between the two airports, and all the "The whole purpose of hosting infrastructure in place to support it between the two airports, and all the

ness among all the stakeholders – the communities, the developers, the developers, Airport Cities, please see Airport Cities, please see Phil Power's column on

> including the roads. We just have to have a collective vision to see it

come together, Birm said.

The conference also included numerous presentations from local business officials, who said they also have an interest in the development at and around the airport.

Doog Rothwell, executive director
of worldwide real estate for General

Motors, which is headquartered in downtown Detroit, said the automaker is keeping a close eye on what happens around the two air-ports, in fact, he said GM would offer economic strategies and mar- on what he learned, he plans to keting assistance to the airport com-munities as they begin to develop all the vacant land.

"For an airport professional this is great, because you get an oppor-"GM promotes economic devel-tunity to see what other aimorts are opinent. It's in our best interest, doing," he said, "You're always because people need money to buy looking for new ways to increase

our cars," Rothwell said. "We see the airports as being absolutely critical in the local business atmosphere. If Detroit didn't offer a cargo intent file will not be used to be a few files and the state of the cargo in the cargo in the state of the cargo in the state of the cargo in the state of the cargo in the car

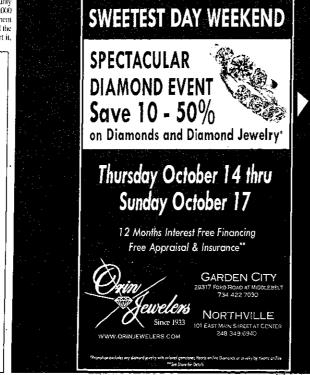
who chaired the second day of the airport like Willow Run and a pas enger hub like Metro, we probably - conference and is a leader when it ouldn't be bere." Wayne County officials weren't the only ones benefiting from the tions. one only ones calculated from the conference. Airport officials from around the world did some serious note-taking during the two days of presentations. Some said they would take what they had learned at "I think we added new definitions to the concept of airport cities.

of, he said. the conference and employ the new economic and development strate-gies at their own airports.

Donald Willis, land acquisition Now that the conference is over CEO Lester Robinson hopes it will lead to the right kind of development around the two airports.

manager for Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport in Georgia, said this was the first Airport Cities Conference he had attended, Based "Will we have strip malls and gas stations? Or will we have carefully-planned, dynamic, forward-thinking development?," he said. "I hope istorians will look back at this con ference and truly see it as a cross

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BUSINESS

Deals on electronics and appliances get closer

■ New ABC Warehouse celebrates Novi grand opening

By Kim Kovelle

The "closest thing to wholesale" is now Novi's closest new stop for electronics and appli-

Realizing a quest that began in the 1990s, ABC Warehouse last Wednesday cut the ribbon to its 42nd location, situated in Novi's West Oaks Shopping Center. On hand to

christen the 40,000

Pontiac-based company known can actually and we will at the for his cameos in ABC's commercials.

"We searched this area probased for the search of the sear

by for the last seven or eight years," said Hartunian, who founded ABC in 1964 and now lives in Orchard Lake. "It's one of our largest stores. We're happy to be here and we're looking for-

Sunday and will be marked by storewide savings of up to 50 percent, demonstrations, free gifts with purchases, manufacturer pro-

Sprucing up

new columns installed.
"We did some major work outside in the front," Tanas said. "As far as the inside, everything is new. We have one of the larger selections of wide screens. We have working kitchens here. We

ward to serving customers."

An official grand opening begins today and lasts through

ABC is one of several "reuse" projects that have quickly sprung up in West Oaks. Others include a former Kmart, now Gander Mountain, and the shell of Service Merchandise, reborn as Michael's.

Permission to split the parking lot from next-door Art Van Furniture was granted by Novi's planning commission last May, ABC General Manager Gus Tanas said the building's long front windows were partially filled in, and

refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, computers, televisions (plasma, digital light pro-cessing and high definition), cam-

Mongo" advertising campaign launched earlier this year, in

operators in three categories based on system-wide sales. Bd's won first place for the

Single Television Commercial

category for companies with annual sales under \$100 million. It was judged based on originali-

ty, use of visuals and how well

Blair Bowman, founder and

owner of the Novi Expo Center.

Patterson.
At the 2004 Quality People,
Quality County Breakfast, held
Oct. 5, Bowman was cited for
transforming an abandoned light

into the Novi Expo Center.

uîacturing building

recently was honored by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks

essages were conveyed

Expo owner honored

The award honors foodservice

- Where: West Oaks Shopping Center
- What: Electronics and appli ed "The closest thing to grand opening in Novi
- When: Now through
- Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

Contact: (248) 348-2988

typically takes two minutes, and the average rate is for \$7,500. ABC also offers next day delivery in the state, and a \$1,000 assurance poli-cy for 90 days from purchase. Of 46 total employees, about

from the area, Tanas said. Faris Nassouri, a major appli-

section and an installation bay. An attached warehouse holds another \$2 million in merchandise.

nine are from Novi, and all others

ance salesman who started with Mickey Shorr, hails from West Bloomfield. He's been with ABC for 22 years, and two of his chilcorders, cell phones and more. dren have worked at the Mickey Short, owned by ABC, Southfield location.



The ABC Warehouse store in Novi's West Oaks Shopping Center

"The company is great," was national sales manager and Nassouri said. "My daughter needed a job ... and they are very needed a job ... and they are very happy to how ABC come here," Csordas said. "They can high conditive products. It's a

offer high-quality products. It's a compliment to the city."

Hartunian will again be in town

going to be the ride of my life."

Novi Mayor Lou Csordas
worked with Hartunian in 1984 at for some of the opening festivi-White Automotive, when Csordas ties, And he didn't discount the

was national sales manager and Hartunian bought the company. ABC commercial at his newest

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for kkovelle@ht.homecomm,net.

"I'm proud to be an owner in a

firm that genuinely values the elient's best interest above all

else," Dixon said. "I'm absolute

ly passionate about the way we

the standard for our industry."

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Business Briefs

ABWA hosts quilter

At its Oct, 18 meeting, the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will host guest speaker and master quilter Loma

Fippin,
The Waterford quilter, who has won awards for her work, will present at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 7:15 p.m. Prior to that, networking begins at 6:15 p.m., followed by a 6:45 dinner.

The cost for members and nonmembers is \$16. To reserve a spot, call Christina Struwe at (248) 269-2035 or email

Mongo TV spots are tops Bd's Mongolian Barbeque. whose owner Billy "bd" Downs lives in the city, recently received a top national award for its com-

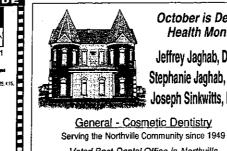
The Nation's Restaurant News named bd's first place winner of its EAT Award for Excellence in



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Tower expects higher loss

Tower Automotive, Inc., based in Novi, announced that it expects earnings to be down in this year's third quarter.

will open in

The company expects to report a net loss between \$22.5 million and \$25 million, or \$0.39 to \$0.43 per diluted share.
Previously, those loss numb were estimated between \$10.4

million and \$12.8 million, or \$0.18 to \$0.22 per diluted share Reasons included lower vehi-



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October is Dental Health Month

Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S. loseph Sinkwitts. D.D.S.

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cle production in North America. Crain's Detroit Business's "40 continuing steel costs climbs and to a lesser extent, higher launch Under 40" list.
Each year, the citation honors costs on new business the best and brightest in

Tower is a global designer and Southeast Michigan who have producer of vehicle structural components and assemblies used made their marks in business before age 40.

Dixon specializes in invest by major automotive original ment and wealth preservation

Dixon's in 'Top 40'

Novi resident Mark Dixon, a Family Wealth Advisors practice

Dixon's leadership as investment

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amed Charles A. Stabb of Novi

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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as territorial underwriter and business development consultant Stabb will handle all of the mutual insurance company's accounts that are more than \$10,000 in Southeast Michigan He'll also work with MCIM agents to develop new business

opportunities, Previously, Staab was director of marketing/professional liabiliry at American Physician Capital in East Lanking. He has more than 30 years of fasurance experience, primarily in the workers, compensation and prolessional hability sectors.

Staab lives with his wife, Becky, and their three children in Novi.

Decor & You salutes Patroske

Commerce Township entrepre neur Linda Patroske last month was honored at the fourth annual Decor & You Conference in Connecticut for outstanding busi

ness and decorating achievements Patroske received the Rookie Decor Designer Award, which goes to first-year franchisees who demonstrate business excellence and success in marketing, net-working, sales and decor design.

Employment rising?

Last week, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Region V. which includes Michigan, reported that 96,000 new jobs created in Sept. 2004.

new jobs over a year. Region administrator Patrick Rea said the Bureau of Labor Statistics also announced they had underreported more than 236,000 new jobs from April 2003-March 2004, Payroll survey indicates over 1.9 million new

jobs since August 2003. He also said much has improved in the Midwestern economy and the trends point to continued growth.

Suttle makes speakers' board

The National Speakers Association Michigan Chapter amounced that it has appointed Novi resident Marilyn Suttle to its 2004-05 Board of Directors

A speaker, author and columnist, Suttle also owns Suttle Enterprises LLC, a personal and professional growth seminar company specializing in work/life balance strategies. She has been designated direc

for of marketing. The association is the leading organization for Michigan-based professional speakers.

Audi recalls some sedans

Audi of America, Inc. announced it is soluntarily recall ing 28,363 Audi A6 sedans in the U.S. from model years 1998-1999. Included are vehicles with 2.81. V6 five-valve engine and automatic transmission registered in cold weather states, including

Lights, Camera, Auction! Brighton resident Anita Knatz checks out the the food selection of Farmington Hills' The Vineyards Wine Cellar at last Tuesday's "Lights, Camera, Auction!" event at Novi's Emagine Theater, She was one of 250 attendees who helped raise \$30,000 for the Variety's Produce Rescue Mission. Twenty restaurants were present, a silent auction was held all participants were treated to a sneak preview of the movie "Shall We

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Auto production update

Automakers are expected to nduce 268,803 vehicles in the U.S. this week, up 5.2 percent from the 255,591 cars and trucks built last week, according to Ward's Automotive Reports. To date, the output is an estimate 9,374,850 units, down 1.2 per

Rust-be-gone

The term "Rust Belt" no longer accurately describes Southeast Michigan, the Detroit

Ratings dubbed Detroit is the third-most broadband-wired city in the country, trailing San Diego and Phoenix and bypassing Seattle and Silicon Valley

Also, 90 percent of U.S. auto-notive research and development takes place in the region, and more than half of the top 150 North American autom companies are in the region than in any other single state, too.

View the complete study at
www.nielsen-netratings.com.

Compiled by Kim Kovelle

EDUCATION

Novi High School teacher impacting students lives

again trying to revolutionize teaching for the better

Dunbar has also started a part-

nership with Providence Hospital in Southfield. He sends his stu-

dents there to do job shadowing

expand that program to Providence Medical Center in

important, rather then just having them do class work and book

the way students are taught came

time he spends attending schools in the summer. Secondly, Dunbar

teachers in Novi

her excellence in the classroom.

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A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:15 and on Wednesday, October 20, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Circle Center, 45:175 W. Ten Mille Road, Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the fills 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 Mille Road, Novi, MI 48:375.

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DENISE ANDERSON TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETAR

By Ramez Khuri

It has been three years since Novi High's Bill Dunbar created the anatomy and physiology courses that so many students have made popular, and now he's at it again.

Dunbar, who still teaches

advanced placement anatomy and physiology, is now a member of the district's long range planning committee and one of his main goals is to combine a more real-A study by Neilson//Net vorld connection with education.

State University, a master's

equivalent of a second mas-

University and University of

Spouse: Has been married

times with his kids. likes

wood working and has done

many home improvement

projects, enjoys traveling.

feature

Teacher

Michigan University, an

ter's at Wayne State

Michigan.

- the seed for me to take a look at it. He had a lot of patience, which is one of the factors that you need to have to be a good teacher."

 It wasn't until later on, however, that Dunbar discovered his love of science. He said he got into the subject because of one of School: Novi High School Grade: Teaches some juniors, but mostly seniors
- Subject: Human anatomy into the subject because of one of his teachers at Schoolcraft College named Gerald Snider. "I don't know if he's still and physiology Years leaching: 28
 Years in Novi Community
- I don't know if he's still there, but he taught zoology and I was so impressed with his organization that it made study-ing and learning so much easier," he said. "I had success in the School District: 21 College: Has three earned degrees. Has a two-year associate's degree from Schoolcraft College, a bache class, which felt good, so I kept lor's degree from Michigan

pursuing it."

Dunbar pursued zoology for so long that he eventually earned a bachelors degree from Michigan State University in the subject. From there he took so many science courses that one would have thought he was going to become a doctor. But he decided that just because he could have, he just didn't have a burning desire to

Children: Stephen, 26: Leah. 25; Shawn 22 "I really am interested in Interests: Likes to go to and he said he would like to health science, which is why school frequently. In fact, a teach anatomy and physiology," Dunbar said, "I also taught lot of his summer is spent going to school. Runs abou 18 miles per week, some-

Novi as well.
"I'm real interested in working with Providence to get our kids the real-world experience," Dunbar said. "I think that's throughout a said. "I think that's throughout the said of the said that the single most aspect that he likes about eaching is the kids. He expressed that Novi has been blessed with the said that it's a real joy to great kids and that it's a real joy to Dunbar's passion to improve on to the next grade or graduate, he wants his students to remem from a combination of different aspects of his life. First off, he has a tremendous love of school, if they learned while they were in which is evident in the amount of his class.

Dunbar's most memorable was influenced by his father at a when he was student teaching at young age, which is what he attributes his choice of profession

Walter French Senior 1
School in Lansing. He expla Walter French Senior High that a young girl gave him a card "My dad was not a teacher by rofession, but was a good ment that said, "Thank you for

profession, but was a good ment that said, 'Thank you for teacher,' Dunbar said. 'He always thought that teaching would be a good career and that kind of set

Wanted: Outstanding tors or community residents who News staff will select the winner and a feature story and photograph will appear in the Now News on the second Thursday of the following month. Those not selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Month will be expected. have contact or knowledge of a teacher's classroom activities Nominations can be mailed to: Now News, Cal Stone, 104 W. Main, Northyille, MI 48167; faxed to (248)

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NOVI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meetings of Novi City Council, to be held on October 18, November 8, November 19, Nov the Novi City Councit, to be held on October 18, November 8, November 22, December 6, December 13 and December 20, 2004, has been changed to begin at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Beachwalk Apartments is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a storage trailer to be locat-ed by Building Six (6) (address of 31075 Beachwalk) at the back of the parking lot in the complex. This permit would be issued for the period from the date of the meeting to Cotober 21, 2005.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:30 am or Wednesday, October 20, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objec-tions will be accepted into the fille if received prior to the scheduled meet-nig. Please address all communications to Denlise Anderson at the City of Novi Bullding Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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

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Orthodomists cannot overstress the need for patients to maintain good oral hygiene. Braces make it all but impossible to use regular dental floss. Instead patients must avail themselves of the use of a floss threader that holps stip the floss behind the archwire to get at the gams. Brusking must be undertaken with a great amount of diligence, with special care directed at the fledges and crevices that braces create. A fluender innse may also be suggested. As far as prevention goes, decayed teeth and broken wires can be avoided if patients steer themselves clear of stick, yard and/or crunchy foods. Raisins, which stick between the treeth, can pose a bigger problem than pure

Read...Then Recycle This Newspaper



Novi High School teacher William Dunbar talks of compound fractures and fractured skulls as he goes over a quiz with his human physiology class on a recent Wednesday morning.

Why he was chosen:

I feel especially qualified to nominate Bill Dunbar because I was a student in his class in 1996. His teaching and support motivated me to become a biology teacher myself. Now as his colleague, I recognize how innovative and relevant Bill's teaching methods are. Bill is the Advanced Placement Anatomy and Physiology teacher at Novi High School. Since Bill created the Anatomy and Physiology courses three years ago, they have become immensely popular. In his classes he meets a growing need to give students practical hands on experience in medical fields. Bill has coordinated with Providence Hospital in order to help his students job shadow with professionals in medical careers. As science department head, Bill has demonstrated outstanding leadership. He advocates for our department to make sure that we have exceptional resources and support. As a result, we have excellent facilities and materials for all of our science classes. I strongly encourage you to make Bill Dunbar your Novi News Outstanding Teacher of the Month.

job," he explained, "But I do want

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the other day," Dunbar said. "I'll always remember it because it was the first time I ever received something like that. The girl was really sensitive and it was a really

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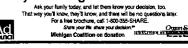
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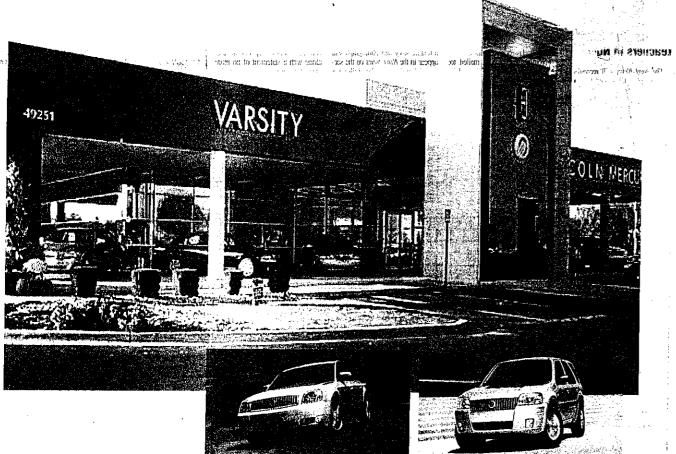


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webeans.net/hutt/home.htm

enjoying words in print.
"Hopefully the children realize
that reading is fun and that they
get excited about it," said media

specialist Jenny Kramer, who

was in charge of running the book fair. "I'm seeing that, which is great. They are so excit-

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12 hours of professional | Crisis plan to be improved staff development OK'd

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Educators in the Novi Community School District are required to spend at least 1,098 hours of time actually teaching students in a classroom every school year. But that doesn't leave much time for teachers to learn about how to make their schools more successful at achieving their

That's why the State of Michigan. the Michigan Department of Education and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have all said that educators are now allowed to take 51 clock hours from that 1,098 to use as Professional Staff Development

lime. Novi is taking full advantage. Nancy Davis, assistant superin tendent of instructional services. spoke before the school board of education on Oct. 7, asking for 12 hours of professional staff develnours of prinessional start devel-opment time to be spread across three days: Six hours on Tuesday. Nov. 2, and three hours a piece on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and Thursday March 24. The board

granted her wishes.

What does all this mean for Novi? Well, for the students it

STUDENTS OFF

Professional Staff tion day means no school for

 Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004 Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004 Thursday, March 24, 2005 about education and about how

children learn," Davis said, "The teachers need time to learn about all of that. That's what the purpose of PSD time is for." Davis explained that PSD time is not for routine administrative or faculty meetings, which are also necessary. It is time when teachers and principals have to talk operations and management of the school and information they tors and city officials

need to know about schedules and

ealendars, student behavior and discipline issues. Davis said that the district is doing a much better job now of getting timely information about student achievement and teachers need time to talk about that with means that there won't be any school on those three days. Teachers, on the other hand, will about what they are doing, what "Ramez J

and the district usually seems to have a little higher absentee rate on that day because of it. The same is true for March 24, which is the day before spring vacation

"We figured it would be less of a burden on families because some of them are choosing to take their children out of school on those two days," Davis said. Nov. 2 is a different story

because it is election day. The city of Novi is predicting a record ternout for the election this year and three of the district's eight buildings: Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and the Instructional Technology Center, are used as precincts. Traffic congestion and parking are sure to be more than normal that day, which caused much concern for the administra-

The district will be offering a child care program at cost for Nov. 2 for parents who do have small children and are concerned about where to put them. Call Judy Pahl at the Community Education Office for more information on that service at (248)

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

State wants CBRNE plan implemented by schools

By Ramez Khuri

Though the Novi Community School District believes it already had an effective crisis plan in place, it is implementing prair in prace, it is implementing an improvement this school

The district will be implementing a plan called CBRNE, which will address what the district should do in case of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear Explosives attack. School disencouraged by the Michigan

Department of State Police, Emergency Management Division to implement this plan. "It's important to note that the district does have a crisis

ing where appropri-Director o Human

Resources expansion of our current plan called CBRNE, which is part of the Novi News. He can be the state of Michigan Homeland Security Program."

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

110 or by e-mail at In addition to these four types

Department of State Police Emergency Management Division has strongly encouraged school districts throughout the state to develop plans to respond to an incident of terror-ism or of weapons of mass destruction. Novi district staff, including all principals and at each of the buildings, will be participating in training exercis-es on Tuesday, Oct. 26, to learn

"We feel that it's important to state is suggesting, which is what we're doing," Schram



Novi High School school-merchandise store workers Richie Fetters, left, and Sara

■ Novi High store's bigger and better

By Ramez Khuri

The Novi High School store tence for 12 years, according to marketing and store operations

1992 by former Novi High School Principal Art Miller, At the time it was about 200 square feet. But with all the construction and improvements that were made to

1992 before the school's marketing class took over, but now it has grown to where students and teachers alike can buy cookies.

to price everything.
"Supply and demand is basical-

competition like the candy they sell in the vending machines. We Bielski also helps to design some

"I want to pursue a career in advertising, and I want to be more on the creative end," she said. "That's why I have a lot to do with the signage and the posters and

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Creating better readers

Zahradnik and Kerry Kowalczyk provided a showing of some of the literacy activities parents can do with their children at home.

They even compiled a packet of ideas for them to make it easier.

Parkview Principal Jenifer

Michos came up with the idea for the night. "Balanced literacy education is teaching children how to read and write," she said.

"We're trying really hard to bring

parents in as part of the team with a common goal of reading

and writing."

Michos said that the most

important key to learning in ele-

mentary school is for students to

are going to help them be suc-cessful for the rest of their lives,

and she feels it's her and her staft's number one priority to

help children become the best

Literacy specialist Wendy Gould explained that in order grow into literate adults, children need to start reading early and

First Literacy

The first-ever Parkview Elementary School Literacy Night took place Sept. 30, and

those involved agreed that it was

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and writing among children - but

the way it was done was pretty

invited to show up to the school

speakers, including some Novi

High School students, read to the

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children. There was a book fair, and first grade teachers Bridget dents in the habit of reading and

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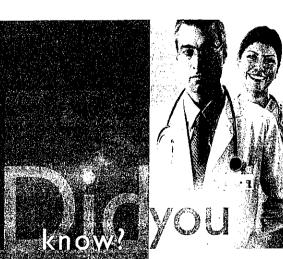
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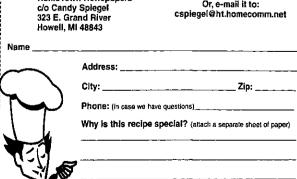
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BORDERS

Meet Best-selling Children's Authors **Christopher Paul Curtis** & Tamora Pierce



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Tamora Pierce - Trickster's Queen Saturday, Oct. 23 7:00 PM

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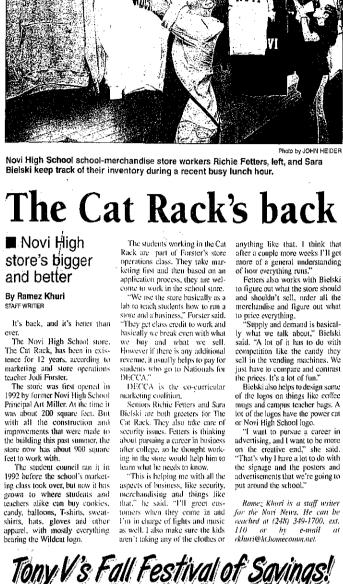


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Mr. and Mrs he engagement of daughter, Michon, to T. J. Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim

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T. J. graduated from White Station High School in Collierville, Tenn., in 1994. He graduated from Davidson College in 1998. T.J. is a pilot for America High School, Wilson, N.C.

An October wedding is planned. They will reside in

announces engagement son, Jason Rollins, to Leigh Ann daughter Ann Bryant, daughter of Richard and Carla Bryant of son of Eugene and Sandra

Hampstead, N.C. The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, He is employed at Edelman Public Relations, Adhata. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Beddingford

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OBITUARIES

Elmer H. LaFevre, 83

Elmer LaFevre died Oct. 3, 2004. He was 83. Survivors include his

Survivors include his whe, Louise; children Sandra (Jim Yenekel), Lafevic, Russ (Marlis), Painela (Jerry) Hirst, Dennis (Mary), Cheryl Kobel, Janet McSorley, Fred (Mary Jo), and Timothy; eleven grandchildren, Michael, Jayme, Dykin, Lauren, Bridter Lindsey, Iseiea Bridter, Bridter Bradley, Lindsay, Jessica, Brigitte, Nicholas, Kaidyn and Sarah; seven Nicholas, Kaidyn and Sarah; seven siblings, Marian "Pat" Schooley, Robert Brugman, Janet Brodzik and the late Albert "Ski" LaFevre, Edward Brugman, Doris Harding

and Gerald Brugman; and his loyal companion, Buttons, A funeral service was held Oct. 6 at Good Shepherd Evangelical Church, Novi Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran

Church.

BIRTH

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Anna Roblin died Sept. 27, 2004.

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Madalyn Gwendolyn Stevens

Caryn and Gabriel Stevens of Fenton, formerly of Novi, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madalyn Gwendolyn Stevens, on Gwendolyn Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at Genesys Regional Medial Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches ong. Madalyn joins her big sis ter, Macyn, 3

Proud grandparents are Ken and Beth Stevens of Howell, formerly of Novi, and Greg and Gwen Dobson of South Lyon, also formerly of Novi, Proud great grandson, Gavin.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry.
A funeral service was held Oct. 1, great-grandfather is Ted Bourne of Onsted, Mich.



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SENIORS

Seniors schooled on 'awesome' travel

Crawford. Schwarck inform and entertain

By Kim Kovelle

Audrey and Dick Cartwright have done their share of traveling in their 58 years of marriage.

Often it's day trips with church or treks to Mackinaw City and Florida. They've even driven to Audrey's home state, California, three times—the first along Route 66 in 1948.

"I don't see how anyone can trayel all over the world and not visit the United States first," Dick said. "The people are so wonder

Even though they've learned a lot (such as traveling for five days with a 7-month-old), both stopped

with a 7-month-old), both stopped by the Novi's Senior Center last Friday to hear travel tips from two seasoned pros.

Kathy Crawford, formerly the center's manager, and Karen Schwarck, who's organized senior group tours with Escapades for 14 Crawford's advice ranged from easy pulling, and control of the ears, announced their motives

upfront.
"We'll talk about some practical tips for the traveler," Schwarck said to the 110 attendees. on cords unless you are having an emergency," and "Don't drink cheap rum punch with the group "Between the two of us, we many say some things that will strike your funny bone."

The duo, recently returned from rfive-week United Kingdom tone of Ireland, Scotland and England,

didn't disappoint. Using personal luggage and clothing to demonstrate, Schwarck suggested taking a snitnated worrier," she said, "You can simply go and have a good time. I case with a long handle, avoiding red dyes that can leak, and label-

ing cases inside and out.

She also recommended rolling up clothes and using new "vacuspecial event at the center or a country tour, Crawford said, keepum bags," which help compress ing a positive and open mind is Crawford demonstrated with

allegedly her own.
"Look at this," Crawford said.

all kinds of fluffy suff?"
"On "Schwarck's ligg also was" feuriess when you take their glass using garbage bags for rain pro-

key.
"People have the greatest stosome white undergarments, ries," she said. "You gotta be open to this stuff."

"Look at this," Crawford said.

"Your underwear's like freezedried beef. You can do this with

Crawford said she's learned:

the practical - "Wby take a trav-

el iron, when you don't iron at home?" — to the humorous: "Don't press red buttons or pull

and then sign up for optional tours

Schwarck underscored the value of group traveling for sen-

"Somebody else is the desig

also gives you the opportunity to

But whether the road leads to a

like white water rafting.

make new friends."

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traveling.

(dye runs when it gets wet)

Use Ziploc bags (sandwich-size for wet soap; gallon-size for breakables/spillables).

Take "vacuum bags" to use

Choose a wardrobe of "mix

luggage space efficiently

and match" lightweight

Write addresses for post

cards on "peelable" labels beforehand.

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Kathy Crawford, seated, and Karen Schwarck spoke to a

incheon-hour crowd at the Novi Senior Center last

Friday on their experiences in traveling around the

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Fox Run residents get flu vaccine **Now It Comes** With A List Of

. .Pinochle

..Clogging*

All 347 men and women living at Fox Run in Novi will be receiving free, annual flu immunizations in time for the cold weather, according to the Erickson Retirement Community.

Despite a national shortage of the flu vaccine, Erickson said it. has already received the vaccine from Aventis. It'll be given to all of the 14,000 residents who live in the company's 11 communi-ties across the United States.

"Residents, as always, are our number one priority and will receive vuccine first," Erickson Vice President Richard Powell said. "Secondary to the residents will be all health care-related employees. Sufficient quantities are available for them as well." Matthew Narrett, M.D., medical director at Charlestown, said

more than 90 percent of people who live in communities developed or managed by Erickson choose to be immunized against the flu each year. The national average, he said, is 50 to 60 per-



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OPINION



Read more about Alexandra Burris' story on the front page.

Suprised by the ending?

admirable.

Was her whole homecoming saga planned? No way. Did she make the most of it? Absolutely.

She and her friend, Chelsey Smith, initiation of the same plant in the same plant. ated the process to get Burris nominated to the court. She was *not* nominated by peers whose intention was to tease her about her

According to John Lawrence, Novi High School principal, lots of students like her and wanted her to be on the court. She even had a date lined up for the dance.

Who knows when the idea of taunting her came mo

up, but when she learned of it, I believe that's when Alexandra realized there was an opportunity to be a pokesperson.

All it took was a Detroit daily paper to latch on.

and the ride began. It could have wound up being a black eye for Novi. Instead, the community did not allow the media to dictate its values.

Instead of being teased, Alexandra received encouragement and flowers. She wasn't heckled. She was applauded and given freehies

Alexandra may have planned for and braced her-self for the worse, but I hope that this is what she really wanted and that she wasn't in some way disappointed by the positive reaction of her classmates. estone@ht.homecomm.net.

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marketing the bullying story that newspapers, networks and politicians thought it could be. What it did was bring this community together instead of tearing it apart. munity together instead of tearing it apart.

Much of the credit for that outcome needs to be given to Lawrence and his

staff. They were proactive in making sure things didn't get ugly, (Lawrence wouldn't comment on Alexandra's three-day sus-pension for fighting with her friend Chelsey, including whether or not that suspension was lifted so she could participate in the homecoming celebration.) Alexandra has been through a lot the last

several years, losing her father and her stepfather. Hopefully, the positive effects of this whole event will influence her future. Her mother, Jacque Noe, was quoted as telling her daughter, "Eat this up haby... You may never have another weekend like this for the rest of your life. Maybe not, But then again, maybe. At only 15, Alexandra, you've got a lot of living to do. Take this event with you, but don't let it be your highlight Shoot for more. And realize that teasing is a way immature people try to cope with themselves. In more subtle ways, we experience it even in adulthood. Rise above it and make this community proud

to continue supporting you. Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can

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On Election Day, voters will be asked to approve Proposal T. a to start new forms of gambling anywhere in Michigan.

gambling would be allowed. That means, for example, that if Hazel Park wanted to add video gaming - the so-called "racinos" - to boost the dwindling revenues o its racetrack, it could only do so after both a local and a statewide

Practically speaking, that would mean no new gambling would ever be approved. And that seems highly sensible at first glance. We've got easinos, racetracks, various lotteries, and scarcely need more ways for pen ple to throw their hard-carned

John Kerry and John Edwards demonstrated knowledge, honesty and fine leadership

skills in the first two debates. Their words showed authentic, moral character traits. They assessed correctly the problems facing the United States of American and the world. They gave concrete details and plans for mak-ing our country stronger and respected and for how they would help solve problems through-

in Crawford, Texas made the right decisions in endorsing Kerry. John Gardner's words are correct: "The citi-

zen can bring our political and governmental institutions back to life, make them responsive and accountable, and keep them honest. No Vote for change and hope

Hannah Provence Donigan

Vote for a change

I want to arge my fellow citizens to vote in the coming election. I can't think of a more neportant election than this national election an election that could change our current apocalyptic course. We need to vote into office, people who will think long and hard before sending our citizens across the world to fight in countries where the objective is not clear, where the citizens who welcome us are outnumbered by those who wish to do us great harm. Our current leaders have involved our nation in a quagmire. We are not safer. These leaders do not deserve another four years. Another four years of the current

administration could be disastrous Fellow citizens: look at where we are! Look at all the poverty here at home! Look at the needs that face our schools here at home! Look at the condition of our health care systent! We should not be imposing our form of government on others. Let's vote into office leaders who recognize the work that needs to he done in this country. Our country can be a shining light in the world, instead of the bul-

stands the mission of CARIlect in the county. Her opponent, Mary Helen

This year, two women with extensive legal backgrounds are vying to succeed 6th Circuit Court Judge Richard Kuhn, who is retiring. Both are relatively young, both have young children

themselves, and each would bring a set of strengths to the job. Cheryl Matthews, is, however, clearly the better choice. She has spent more than a decade in the prosecutor's office, and for most of that time has beaded the chilworking to put away some of the most sickening criminals in soci-

Schnelz perhaps put it best: "The most important thing is protecting the kids. You have to show com-That doesn't mean she won't be fair to defendants; she has also seen her share of trumpedpassion. Cheryl will do that." We up charges, and no prosecutor likes to bring a case to court that agree, and recommend a vote for Cheryl Matthews for a six-year term on Circuit Court Nov. 2.

of the public debate in the City of Novi. While I believe strongly in the benefits and importance of an open discussion of issues, I see too often that we are resorting to namecalling and debating the character of the personalities involved rather than discussing issues in a serious manner. Serious debate of ing and personal attacks only serve to sidespate of letters accusing the mayor and city council of gender bias, followed by a frontpage article last week, finally prompted me to

As a woman who has worked in the busiship. However, it is also crucial for accusa ties that show bias, not anecdotal stories or skewed statistics based on short-term trends not being taken seriously when real bias occurs that blocks women's access to

resources and full participation either in the business world or in our government. This is my concern about recent stories accusing the mayor and the members of the city council of gender bias. Pointing to recent appointments of men as evidence of bias is

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extremely shaky. You must have more evidence to make such a serious accusation. As a soman, my experience in dealing with Mayor Csordas has been extremely positive. During my tenure as a member and president of the Novi Library Board, he has demonstrated repeatedly, through his actions, his respect for my opinions, abilities and leadership. Never in all my interactions with him, or in my bservations of his public service, have

I think our community would be best served by keeping public and written comments directed at disagreements on issues and fact based debates. I have appreciated the opportu nity extended to me by Mayor Csordas to serve on the Library Board and Hook forward to continued work with the mayor and all the members of the city council to make our city a better place to live and work

found any evidence to support a charge of

McCotter bombed

Thaddeus McCotter and challenger

Being an independent voter. I was shocked to hear the question about development of nuclear bunker bombs. To hear Rep. McCo not only agree to the building of these bomb but also for the use of them without any regard, is this guy nuts? Does he think that bombs are exact? They aren't, and if a bomb explodes above ground instead of below, the enemy survives and innocent people die. Plus every nation would be against us, even our

tary is far superior than any other nation's. This debate helped me decide no matter who I vote for president, I will vote against Rep. McCotter to stay in office.

Raymond Raczkowski

It was with concern I recently learned of the council's position in regards to Mr.'s Helwig, Klaver and Pearson. General Filters has been part of the community and doing the rest of the community, we have watched as colossal blunders are perpetrated by the city and the resident taxpayers bear the brunt of the pain. Talent must be compensated, and organizations will quickly snatch it up.
These three gentlemen have been with the
City a relatively short time, and already have

made a much needed positive impact. Combating the City's reputation as one of the worst in Michigan for permitting, develop-ment, inspections, etc., cannot be easy. It must be nearly impossible in the absence of support from Council. Nevertheless, the City's reputation has improved with the hard work of these .. three gentlemen and their respective team members. This is due in large part because they understand residents and businesses alike have a choice of where to locate. Believe it or .. not, this is a competitive business you are in and the sooner the council accepts and under-stands this, the better off the city will be.

I arge the members of council to quickly act in doing whatever is necessary to keep these guys happy so that in spite of it all, they stay. This may include a change in pay, and must certainly entail providing the support they need and deserve, for a job well done. In doing this, the council members will show that this is not about egos as has been suggested, but instead what is best for the City. If any of these gentlemen do leave, it will be an addition to the list of local government blunders

> John A. Redner, Vice President/ Operations Manager

Time to reprioritize

We live in Novi, in Chase Farms, which is on the border of Northville and Novi. As much as we believe in supporting the merchants in our own community, I chose to give most of my business to Northville merchants this past summer to avoid the roadblocks throught the city of Novi. My daughter had the daily challenge of trying to get to her summer job in Fountain Walk, and she found it took twice the time that it should have to

We have lived in Novi for seven years, and τ_{i_1} have become more frustrated each year with the crowded roads, overdevelopment, opening of such establishments as Hooters, the serving of alcoholic beverages in the Emagine Theatres, and the general attitude of material-

sm among our city leaders. I sincerely hope our city leaders will examine their hearts and realize that these poor decisions affect not only the stress level of each Novi resident, but the opening of restaurants such as Hooters sends a message to our youth that we care more about money than

Living in Novi, paying outrageous property taxes, and seeing little good come out of it is a

sad commentary on our city leaders' priorities, Nancy Vaughn

City does well informing citizens

divisions Additington Park and Westmont Village. The road work is going on for the last one month by the contractor John Carlo, Inc. I courteous and working hard to meet the

wited to a meeting wherein Clay Pearson (By the way, you deserve your annual merit raise). Job well done.

OTHER OPINIONS

Southeast Michigan cleared for landing Airport Cities concept

and two Wayne County Executives, Ed McNamara and

Bob Ficano, and virtually the

entire business community, the

airport city project has never quite lifted off. Part of the reason

"Airports are not just airports any more. They're the pivotal ele-ments in a regional economic development strategy that force ees the creation of a new kind of

urban form — airport cities."

So says John Kasarda, professor at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler School on the ways airports stimulate jobs and econom erowth. He was

the keynoter at "Airport Cities," conference held last week that attracted some 200 economic developers, air port managers and airline executives The conference

Phil Power

Westin Hotel, adjacent to the Metropolitan Airport's new McNamara terminal. For years, the economic devel

opment project with by far the biggest potential for Michigan has been the potential linking of the passenger facility at Metro with the freight operation at Willow Run into a coherent "air port city" capable of rivaling those at Dallas-Fort Worth or Amsterdam's Schiphol. Done properly, that would create tens usands of jobs. Dr. Kasarda

thinks the potential in Southeastern Michigan is as good as any in the world, in part because both Metro and Willow Run are not landlocked the way of largery under ..., ning along I-94. Despite strong bipartisan supof largely undeveloped land run-

one. The potential benefits of a first class aimort city are overivity to the rest of th

g, for corporate headquarters r tight links to road, rail and And the project fits today's traitened economic realitie What is needed just now is pla relatively cheap, not the big-tick

world, in just-in-time parts deliv

ery, in the notential for warehous

have on hand.
I asked Prof. Kasarda what the

et capital investment dollars that

bleeding manu-

execute the

immediate priorities were. They're simple: "First, you have to reinvigorate the marketing of the Pinnacle Project (the 1,500odd acres adjacent to Metro des

neither the state nor the county

down near Detroit Metro would bring high visibility and great credibility to what you're trying to do here.

is that Ficano took nearly two years after his election to find a "Second, you have to work up tew economic development a master plan for the 25,000 acre director for Wayne County He that could form an enormous development zone. You need to put together coherent land use Birru fron plans and get the local commun Pittsburgh, and lies involved to realize they're not Birru says he's ctitors but collabor competitors but contanorations.

Without a master plan, you'll get the haphazard, inefficient, uncowith the program Let's hope so, ordinated land planning that bas because the lack dogged other airports that have of progress on this is disgrace-ful, Michigan is ied to develop on this scale."

I asked Kasarda how long it

should take to put a master plar together. "A year to 18 months, he replied, setting out a useful time check for Birru, Ficano, Granholm and anybody else who painful but neceswants to see some real economic based economy to a brain-based

Leaving the conference, I reflected on the famous way in which Sherlock Holmes once solved a case by noting "the curi-ous incident" in which a dog did not bark at night. Over the years, there have been

precious few dogs barking in the night around the proposed airpor city. Maybe this conference will finally set off a few much-needer

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reaction 953-2047 or at

For more information on the Airport Cities concept.



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Merck Pharmaceutical has recalled the popular arthritis medication Vioxx (refecoxib) off the market after studies revealed that it may increase th risk of blood clots, stroke and heart attack and death. According to acting FDA commissioner Dr. Lester M. Crawford, "Overall, patients taking the drug chronically face twice the risk of heart attack compared to patients receiving a place bo," if you or a loved one have suffered a stroke, heart attack or died after tak ing Vioxx, call James Rolshouse toll free at 800-783-6845 for more information. James Rakshause proutice law only in MM, but associate with experienced lawyers throughout the U.S. to help people across the country. YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO MONEY DAMAGES

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A reluctant no is a crass attempt by the casine interests to stifle any potential competition. One of the Detroit Casinos, MGM Grand, has

donated more than \$3.5 millio to the drive to pass Proposal 1. If enacted, it would require both a local and a statewide vote in every case before any new The Chippewa Indians, who own Soaring Hagle in Moun Pleasant, have tossed in \$3.2 mil lion, and the list goes on. Nobody wants more gambling But locking the easino monopolinto our constitution would be both a lawdry precedent and a dangerous one. Gov. Jennifer

Granholm worries it might hurt the state's ability to do creative things with the lottery. The Michigan Education Association New gambling should usually ed. But doing so is the job of local officials and our state legislators, who get paid to make tough decisions. We don't need the casinos

Yet there is more to this than meets the eye. What this is in fact

Matthews for He said she said? **Circuit Court**

Vote NO on Proposal 1.

ties agree on these days is that esort for at-risk Oakland Count

House, which does amazing work

have liked judges with Irish last In truth, she has more experience in the sorts of civil cases - estate law and divorces - that family court also handles. But she cannot match Matthews' track record in the courtroom; for the last two years, Brennan has been a part-

Breman, has the advantage of one of the best names there is when running for the bench; for decades, Oakland County voters

time staff lawyer for Royal Oak 44th District Court. Longtime Circuit Judge Gene

track our progress as a community. The recent

write this letter. ness world for many years, including work in fields that have been traditionally male-dominated, I understand the importance of women having full access to opportunities for leaderto retain credibility, we must only accuse oth-ers of biases based on real evidence and statis-When we make accusations too often, we risk

Last night I was at the 11th Congressional

Democratic Phillip Truran.

Mr. Truran is totally against them, Our mili-

Reward City's leaders

The road construction is going on all over Michigan. I am especially writing this about the road construction in the city of Novi, sub have been watching the progress with interest. The crew of John Carlo is very professional,

Before the construction started we were and Sheryl Walsh of Novi administration told us about the schedule and the road closings, etc. I must commend the Nevi administration, especially Clay Person and Sheryl Walsh, for the super work, keeping the citizens informed

Ramesh Verma

As written, Proposition 2 would create more issues

vent public officials from extend

partners of unmarried employees

and a few private employers pro-vide such benefits now. Some even fear the amendment would

also outlaw so-called domestic

g marriage benefits, such as ealth care coverage, to same-sex

A number of cities, universities

partner benefits

people, even

for any unmarried

ples. That would

affect health care

That would

a Fair Michigan

an ad hoc group of those oppose

to the amendment

has been making

that argument in an effort to pe

Congress in the hopelessly

But that argument isn't work-

On Election Day, Michigan oters will be asked to outlaw something that is already illega out to do so in a way that will invite lawsuits, threaten health care for children, and have other

real mess. But every sign is that voters will do so anyway. The issue, of course, is gay marriage, which is already

nded consequ

against the law Michigan and across the nation Now, however. it want to enact a proposed state

union of one man Jack Lessenberry and one woman marriage shall as a marriage or similar union for got on the ballot this fall, despite

ing. "I think that marriage is between a man and a woman, period," said Randell Shafer, a its rejection by the conservative, Republican-led Michigan legisla-Republican candidate for sary and feared it might have farching effects beyond gay marriage.
But a group called Citizens for the Protection of Marriage then managed to collect nearly half a million signatures to get the issue on the ballot. Polls show it pass-

ing easily, despite bitter opposi-Similar propositions are on ballot in Ohio and eight other states this November, many of them spurred by reaction to San Francisco and Massachusetts brief experiments in recognizing gay marriage carlier this year. However, many of them — including Michigan's — may ive effects far more swee

That was clearly meant to also

tław civil unions between gay

than their framers intended. The main problem is in the last six lar union for any purpose.

Some who are bitterly opposed to gay marriage have indicated to pollsters the hope and the mistak en belief that the amendment will oullaw gay sexual activity, period, But even if Michigan voters not. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year in Lawrence v.

In a photo caption on page 1 of the Oct. 7, 2004, edition of the Novi News, in conjunction with an article of Old Dutch Farms mobile home park, it read that the sample of water pictured was from resident harmaine Jones' tap. The sample was actually taken from a water heater in the home of a resident that lives

doesn't have a chance, but many who vote against him are certain also to vote against gay marriage Surveys have found that black are also some of the strongest orters of the gay marriage ban. Their signatures, many col-lected in packed churches, went a

long way towards helping get it Texas that the state could not proin equal rights for same-sex of law at Wayne State University in Detroit, predicts that eventually the high court is bound to Many lawyers - including some who oppose same sex man - think the current amend-

The hope of those who believe

ment is clumsily written and apt to be overturned by the courts, which may rule that it is too vague to be enforced.

But it would be especially ironic if, Michigan voters outlaw same sex marriage this fall, and that gay marriage is a constitu-

tionally-protected right. Sedler, a Southfield resident, isn't willing to predict that will happen. "I learned a long time ago that you can't predict how

"Indeed, I see Lawrence as pro

viding ... impetus to recognition of a constitutional right to same sex marriage," Sedler said.
The professor, who has been married for 44 years and whose children are all married and het not only is the current amend ment wrongheaded, "the Constitution should protect the right to same-sex marriage under the equal protection clause. There

is no logical or rational reason why marriage should be limited Polls show that his is the minority view today. But they also show that the state's youngest voters are in favor of a right to gay marriage. Thirty years from now, Michigan may

lock Lessenberry is editorial vice president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at

be a very different place.

Billy Fraser - Graphic Designe

TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family
Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook
Road between Ten Mile Road and

DETAILS: We are a nonnmfit

Your Health — "Influenza Update"

The days are still warm and we have not yet turned back the clocks, but it's not too early to plan ahead for the upcoming flu

became available this month, and many were caught off guard by

itting December rather than

the growing obesity problem among children. Today, one out of every five children in our

today, but because overweight

kids tend to become overweight

adults with increased chances of

parents can try to help prevent one

February Here is some helpful info about Influenza and the flu shot that

altacks.

Also, children age 6 months to 2 should help prepare you and your years and their families should be vaccinated. Children in this age group are at as high a risk as eld-crly of being hospitalized from complications of the flu. severe cold symptoms to millions every year. Not to be confused with the stomach flu tracticals Influenza is a virus that causes the stomach flu (gastroenteritis) or the bacteria Haemophilus influenzae (for Fortunately, the flu is not typically as life threatening in young chil-dren as it is in elderly and those with a history of lung problems. which children receive the HIB vaccine), influenza (flu) hits about one-fifth people each winter with 3-7 days of fever, cough, Infants under 6 months cannot runny nose and body aches. It hits be vaccinated, so family members harder and lasts longer than com-mon colds and is often preventashould get the flu shot to protect them. A flu shot is safe and rec-

country is time.

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ommended for pregnant women after the 1st trimester and nursing ble with a flu shot. Since the flu changes each season people need a new flu shot each year. mothers. Even if you or your family does

The flu shot does not contain not fit with those listed above who live flu virus and cannot cause the need a yearly flu shot, the CDC encourages you to consider get-ting vaccinated against the filu. Healthy people between the ages of 3.64 are at less risk of severe complications from the flu, but it soreness in your arm and rarely a day or two of body aches. People who have severe allergy to eggs should not get a flu shot. There also is a nose spray that

delivers a live flu vaccine for is still worse than a normal cold older children and healthy adults. You may want to consider a flu According to the Center for Shot if Disease Control all people over 65, healthcare and childcare workers and all people with the flu. shot if for no other reason that trying to avoid missing a week of school or work stuck at home with chronic lung or heart problems should get a yearly flu shot. This applies to any child with asthma First priority goes to the people at high risk listed above. Although there is no reason to expect a

or a history of wheezing since flu shortage like last year that can be a strong trigger of asthma required flu shot rationing, it is always good to get your flu shot earlier in the season so your body's immune system is pre-Flu shots become available every year during October. More information is available at the

CDC http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm

reached at Providence Park Pediatrics, 47601 Grand River Ave. B233, Novi or by phone (248) 465-4847.

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clean his or her plate all the Ernie Harwell, "the voice of inne.
Get active with your children by walking or going for a bike ride with them.
Try to keep TV watching and video game playing to a service of the service of the Detroit Tigers: for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league methodologies. Today, at age 86, and video game playing to a service of the servic minimum.

• Avoid rewarding kids with sweet desserts like candy and Shield of Michigan and Illue Care Network, public appear-It turns out that the best way ances, writing, traveling and to help your kids is to set a good taking long walks with "Miss example. This way, you develop Lulu," his wife of more than 60 It turns out that the best way

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Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. · Faith Community Presbyterian Church invite you to worship at either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday School is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten

through 12th grade. Faith Community Presbyterian Church is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345.

· The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speak-ing Mass once a month, Ali masses begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the church: Oct. 30 and Nov. 27.

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Center for children ages 3-7, younger and older paristioner who want to learn more about and Sunday School at 10 a.m. The Rev. Karen Henry, pastor and priest in charge. The Rev. their Catholic faith and feel "at John W. Henry II, assistant

Theology on Tap will be held at Gus O'Connor's Irish Pub on the corner of Grand River and Worship Service of Compline at 8:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood Program for all youth Market Street in downtown Novi from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18 "Catholics and the Vote" Fr. John West
 Monday, Oct. 25 "Beyond aged 11 and up. Rite 13 (ages 11-14), J2A (ages 14 and up). Both groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner folthe Fear Factor: Using the Principles of Our Faith to Overcome Fear" Fr. George Charnley, pastor, St. James lowed by 7 p.m. Youth Worship

vice is held the second and · Monday, Nov. 1 "Liberal & fourth Sunday of every month Conservative Catholics: How all are welcome to attend). Can We Seek unity in Our Church?" Fr. John Budde, pas-Church of the Holy Cross is cated at 46200 W. Ten Mile Road (between Beck and Talt tor, Holy Family
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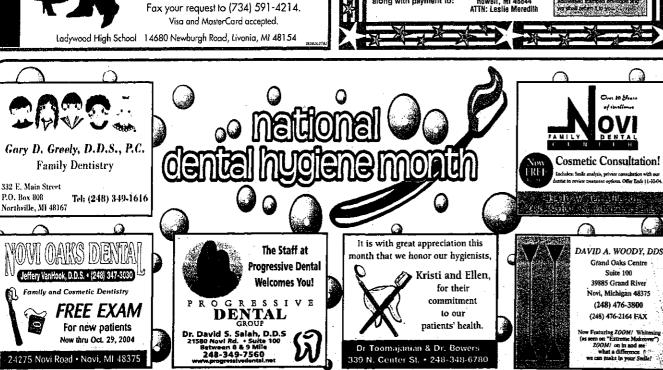
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public to a meeting and film on (with social hour and pizza at 6

p.m.). The film, "Unprecedented

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details the 2004 election in

Author Curtis at Borders

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 19

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TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Borders (Novi

ed new novel from the celebrated author of "Bud, Not Buddy and

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Sarge." CONTACT: (248) 347-0780

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EVENTS

alloween Enchanted DATE: Friday, Oct. 15

TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, south side of Ten Mile between Taft and Novi roads DETAILS: The Novi Civic Center will be transformed into a Halloween haven with five them rooms - "Sock Hop Cafe," King and Queens Corner," "Haunted Hallway," "Superhero City" and "The Swamp" - for kids and adults alike to enjoy. Each room will also feature a special crafts activity and treat associated with the theme. Hungry event-goers will sit down to a pizza and "potion" dinner, where they will be entertained by a Hailoween magician and interact with a bal-Ioon artist. Kids are encouraged

d can be purchased at the Nov Parks and Recreation office from 8 a. m.-5 p. m. Monday-Friday. Adults get in free and can have pizza, salad and "potion" for

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DATE: Oct. 15-17 TIME: Friday 12-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and

Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. LOCATION; Novi Expo Center DETAILS; Presented by Standard Federal Bank and James Hardie Siding Products, the event will feature more than 350 exhibits and displays. The show floor will be lined with cooking strations, kitchen cookin tips from top area culinary experts and products and services for every home. Other features include the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show, Original Hagopian World of Rugs and a pumpkin sale hosted by the Rotary Club of Novi. Admittance is \$6 for adults. ages 12 and under. CONTACT: For 24-hour public

Animal Welfare Conference

DATE: Friday, Oct. 15 TIME: 8 a.m.-4:30 pt.m.

DETAILS: The conference, featuring expert speakers from across the country, will provide animal professionals with oppor tunities for professional deve ment, networking and collabora tions as well as a look into the iture of animal welfare in lichigan. The \$35 registration fee

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Meadows).

DETAILS: The class is free. Sgt, Tom Kielman of the West Bloomfield Police Departmen will be teaching a class on self defense, and personal safety including safety in public facili-ties, parking lots, etc. RSVP by Nov. 1 at

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TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot,

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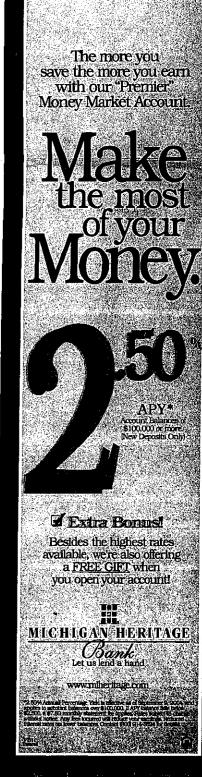
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The Novi Wildcats football team not only won their Homecoming game Friday night, they earned their second-straight KVC title and a berth into the



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The Homecoming festivities at Novi High School found seniors Ryan Pritchard and Sarah Bielski earning the nod as king and Both said it added to their



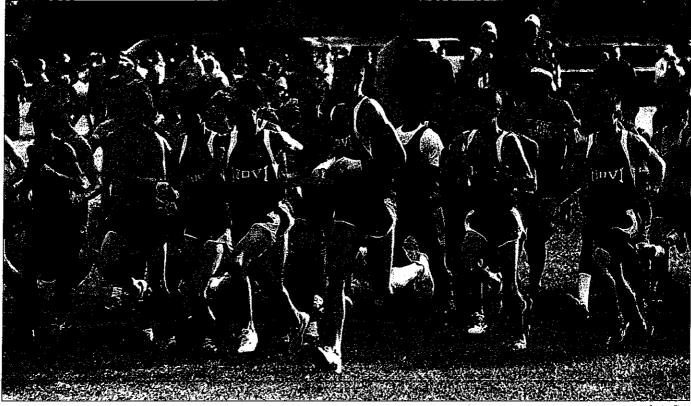
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Novi cross country is burning up the course thanks to some



The Novi Wildcats boys cross country team is currently ranked second in the state. Here, the top five peel out ahead of the pack as they run to a second-place finish in the Oakland County meet behind top-ranked Milford.

By Sam Eggleston

For the Novi Wildeats boys cross country team, the Oakland County meet is a great way to measure themselves against one of their most bitter conference rivals, Milford.

The measuring took place last Saturday when the two teams faced off along with a slew of other Oakland County schools. The result? Milford carned the top spot in the meet with 57 points while Novi came in second

"We didn't get to see everyone like Pinckney, the Ann Arbors or Traverse City, but we did get to see the depth of our team," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "In the Oakland County meet if you have any weaknesses they are going to be magnified. There might end up being a whole army running between

Novi, thankfully, didn't have son. Why? Because the confer- focus daily."

such an occurrence.

"I don't think we have any glaring weaknesses," said Smith. "All of our top five runners stayed really close together. We are tough through the top runners, including our three through sixth, which is a combination other teams are finding hard to

Except, of course, Milford ranked first in the state in the coaches' poll and sec-ond in the Midwest and ond in the Midwest and ninth in the country by running groups. Novi isn't far behind, earning a second-place ranking in Michigan, ninth in the Midwest and possibly the top-25 in the country.

"I don't like talking about rankings," Smith noted. "We can't get stupid and play the rankings game. That came up and

rankings game. That came up and bit us a few years ago."

So, his squad needs to focus instead. Every day and every meet has to be run like they are

■ Novi collects perfect score against South Lyon

By Sam Eggleston

It looks like South Lyon cross country coach Scott Smith is in

debt for yet another steak dinner.

A bet that has been around for as long as the Lions' coach and as iong as the Lions' coach and his brother, Novi boys' cross country coach Bob Smith, have been coaching each other has once again come due. "I think he's behind by four,"

Bob Smith noted.

Novi took charge of the meet, earning a perfect score as they trampled the South Lyon Harriers, 15-49.

Leading the way for Novi was Amol Huprikar, who ran to a first place finish for Novi while

ence meet and the regional are right around the corner.
"It's been kind of a wild ride," Bobby Watts took second.

Spencer Ornes showed that his continually driving himself to be better and stronger, notching a third-place finish in the race while Kip Miller captured fourth and Justin Namm took fifth to capture the perfect score. In sixth was Mark Moore, while the nearest South Lyon runner came in seventh in the race. was held at South Lyon's

All six of Novi's runners cross the line shoulder to shoulder, but had to be given places by the officials at the meet.

That was Novi's plan

the boys run together and finish in a tight pack. "It's a tremendous confidence

The Wildcats had a strong showing at the Oakland County race with Mark Moore leading

builder and those guys understood what it takes to stay in a pack and just how close they really are to the front runners." However, Novi's ability to

However, Novi's ability to pack did leave the Lions in the dust.

"We were able to keep a tight pack of six and we ended up taking care of a very good team's lead runner and put them in our pocket," Smith noted. "My poor brother was a victim of our trainbother was a victim of our trainbrother was a victim of our train-

ing strategy though."
South Lyon, however, may be back next season to help even the odds and the steak dinners.

"We'll graduate a lot of very talented runners this year," Bob Smith said. "They graduate no

16:19. Not far behind was Amol Hupikar with a sixth-place finish while Spencer Ornes finished lustin ish. He ran the course in just 20th. Taking 25th was Kip seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

Miller, while the always-improving Bobby Watts crossed the fin-ish line in 29th. Mike Wheat, a sophomore, was the seventh runner for Novi, carning a 60th

"This was Milford's home course," Smith said. "You've got to see that they have a little

advantage."
Home course advantage is more prominent in cross country than nearly any other sport. With hills, twists and turns and trails to be run, a team that races the course and practices on it now and again will have the better advantage.

If the run would have taken place elsewhere? "It just may have been too close to call," Smith said, noting

he wasn't going to speculate. His team will have their chance to prove their mettle against the Mavericks. Novi is scheduled to vis Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. visit Milford

Sam Eggleston can be reached

Wildcat girls continue with strong races

Ramos, Shannon earn honors as they lead team to third-place finish in Oakland meet

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

In the beginning of the sea-son, Norm Norgren said that he hoped his girls would strive to bring their times down with each meet and compete in the Kensington Valley Conference.

They've done both, and it only looks as though they are going to continue on course for great ending to a great season

Novi ran to a victory over South Lyon October 5 at South Lyon's home course, 18-45, and showed they are at the top of their games heading into the final stretch of their year.

"Individual times are coming down, but we still need to work on the pack," said coach Norm Oakland County Meet

Norgren.
Leading the way for the Wildcats was none other than consistent senior leader Patti the race with an impressive time of 20:02.

Not far behind the leader was Katie Shannon, who took sec-ond overall in 20:27 while Megan Bannatz took fourth in

Finishing in fifth was Andrea Kramer, running a time of 20:41 with Laura Brunner finishing in

20:50 in sixth place Novi is currently 4-1 in dual meet action and is slated to take on top-ranked Milford Tuesday before competing in the KVC championship Oct 25 championship Oct. 25.

Novi, led by two All-Oakland-County runners Ramos , pounded out a and Shannon, County Meet last

Saturday.

The showing was one of the best in school history, considering the 'Cats finished third sumber one ranked ing the 'Cats finished third behind the number one ranked team in the state in Clarkston and the third-ranked team in

Clarkston notched their firstplace finish at the county meet with 33 points and Milford was second with 126. Novi finished

with 189 points.
"The Novi girls' cross country team had a great outing," Norgren said.

"This was one of the better efforts by the Novi team and gave the Novi girls 12-straight ears in the top 10 of Oakland

The key? A great pack time Novi was led by Ramos, who finished 22nd in a time of 20:41, while Shannon took 28th

The top-30 finishes gave the wo Wildcats All-Oakland

County recognition.
Finishing in 38th for Novi
was Bannatz, who ran a 21:05,
while Laney Sekuloski took
48th in 21:22.

Notching a 21:28 was Kramer (53rd), while Brunner ran a 21:35 (58th) and Erin Haynes recorded a 21:41 (64th).

The pack time for the squad

through the top five runners was just 47 seconds while the top seven runners were split at just a minute flat.

The times may have been bet-r had it not been for the weather conditions.

The always-tough Possum Hollow Course was in good shape after the overnight rains, but there was a strong wind for the start and the mile mark," Norgren said.

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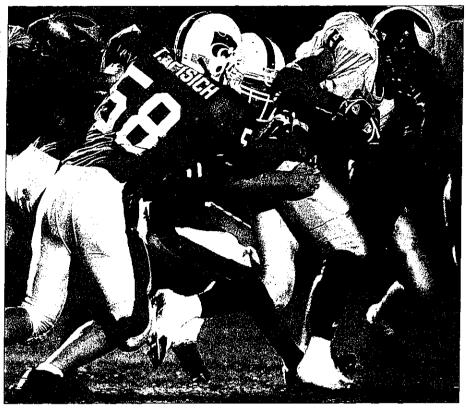
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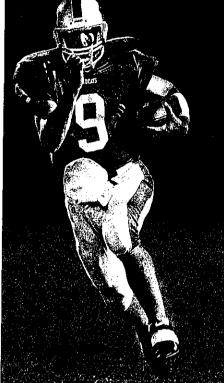
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> **Horm Noraren** Girls cross country coach

KVC CHAMPIONS!





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LEFT: Wildcat Tom Spisich, left, and others bring down a Hartland ballcarrier during last Friday's home victory. RIGHT: Wildcat quarterback Kevin Cislo scampers to the north

Novi wins Homecoming, earns KVC title and berth into the playoffs

team earned a convincing 33-3 victory over the winless Hartland Eagles last Friday to secure their Homeconing. The added excitement came in the with a 6-1 record — their form of the victory also guaranteeing a playoff berth and the outright Kensington Valley Conference title for the second-

"Our Kensington Valley Conference is a very important goal for us." Novi, coach Tab Kellepourey said. "It was one of the extra point for the 7-0 lead. "Our Kensington Valley those things we set out there and the kids went and got it. It's a great accomplishment because no matter what else happens yards by Jarrell Woods and

If they hope to secure a first or second seeding in the playoffs the team will want to win at field goal to cut the Novi lead to

It was the sweetness of a Milford Mavericks at 7 p.m. in a Wildeats went on a seven-yard Homecoming victory but with a little extra sugar.

The Novi Wikkcats football string Northville in the annual

> ground attack and their defense. Novi scored all five of their touchdowns on the ground. The first came with just 16 seconds left in the first quarter as senior

this year this team will always be the 2004 KVC champs." With a 20-0 bole to dig out of, Nov still has two weeks to go to find out just where they stand only scoring push of the night. in the bigger scheme of things. After driving down the field on

seconds left in the half for a 27-3 lead following Sijan's extra The final Novi tally came with 7:09 left in the third, just as the rain started pouring down on the field. Carnegie took the

> seal the victory at 33-3.
> "Homecoming is a lot of fun for the kids." Kellepourey said. "The student body is in attendance, the cheerleaders are there and so is the pom pon team. The kids have a good time building floats and being a part of that, but come Friday night

they are ready to play."

And ready they were, Novi
was led by Cislo's 116 yards on
just five carried while Woods pounded out 69 yards on 10 Josh—assisted, hauls.

On the defensive side of the lineman Elliott V

Carnegic each snagged an inter-ception while junior Tim four solo and two assisted. Thomas and Brad Sisson each Thomas had three solo tackles,

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On the defensive side of the ball, Scan Coscello and Brandon recorded five solo and two

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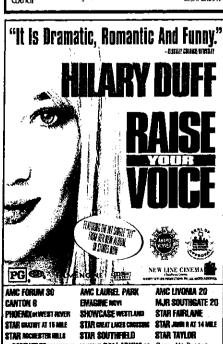
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'Cats win KVC, fall in region play

t was an ending that came

more abruptly than the Wildcats tennis team may have liked, but the girls took it well. Of course, it helped that during the same week their season came to a close, the team carned their fifth-straight outright Kensington Valley Conference

championship.
"We had a good week of tennis," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Sometimes you're not going to make it to the state finals. Many of the better teams in the state are in our area and are going to be in our regional."

gave up. Instead, they played some of

Farmington Hills Mercy upset a lot of flights and earned the top spot with 22 points while West Bloomfield took second with 21

e going to be in our regional."

And that was the case. Two of e top 10 teams in Michigan ere in the regional Novi bowed

Bloomfield duo of Alex Gold the top 10 teams in Michigan were in the regional Novi bowed

but fell to Mercy, 6-4, 6-4. Carly Lyall also made it to the finals in

and Clarkston was third with 19. Novi did, however, have a flight champion in the duo of

their best tennis of the year. A team needs 18 points or needs to finish first or second to escape the regional. fourth and had 16 points.

her respective (light of third singles. She fell to a tough Clarkston player named Alyssa Lucas, 6-0, 6-0. "We had a really good team this year," Hanson said, "Just because we didn't make it to the Emily Holt and Lauren Thomas, state finals doesn't mean any-frie doubles team earned the one doubles tide after bearing Walled Lake Western, 6-0, 6-0, before tennis this year."

The Novi Wildcats were much

Conference champions

and Hartland - who were tied

week when they secured their fifth-straight outright conference for second but finished second and third in the conference, respectively - to take the top two singles player Ayano

"Just because we didn't make it to the ing tennis," Hanson said.

The fourth doubles team of state finals doesn't mean anything should be taken away from them. They played some great tennis this year."

mark in the KVC, winning the Jim Hanson title at one doubles while Amonda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover put the final touches on

their senior seasons with a

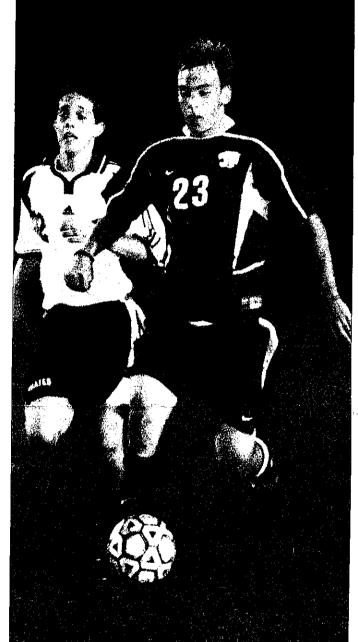
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'Cats edged out Brighton good of a team they can be." Plenty of Novi netters walked

Kensington Valley Conference The final championship flight Brandemihl and Yee notched a

At third singles, Lvall earned a

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Novi feels sting of heart-breaking loss

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi Wildcats soccer team unfortunately learned a new definition last week - heartbreak The squad's definition solidly represents the word. They tied perennial rival Brighton, 1-1, last week, but failed to win which

Conference. "It was a little bit of a heartbreaker because now we are a game and a half behind South

Lyon, so even if we were to beat

them they would still be in first place." Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. The Wildeats did come out with a lot of energy though. They scored their fone goal in the first half as Matt Simpson snagged a flick pass from Dan Beal and scored past the Bulldog goalie on

the side of the net. The Bulldogs, however, weren't about to be denied and

er - something they accom- winner will advance to play the plished thanks to their height. "Brighton is such a hig team they gave us a tot of trouble in the air," O'Leary said, School next Thursday. "Especially since our best player in the air, David Deighton, hurt his leg right before halftime and had to sit out the rest of the

With a minute left. Brighton was awarded a free kick at the 50 yard line that they played into the box and headed into the goal for

Brighton had other chances throughout the game, but the acrobatic showing of senior goalie A.J. Glubzinski helped keep the Wildcats ahead. Novi will be back in action today when they visit Hartland in a Kensington Valley Conference

The Bulldogs, however, weren't about to be denied and tied the game in the waining minutes of the second half on a head-

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Wildcats earn two conference victories

pen against the wrong foe.

The Novi Wildcats have proven themselves lucky this year, finding their slow starts coming against squads they have been able to bounce

back and defeat. Novi, coached by Bill Keln, beat South Lyon, 48-30, and Hartland, 47-34, in Kensington Valley Conference action last week. Both games found the Wildcats coming out slower than

they would have liked.

"Both games mirrored each other in that we came out with slow starts," Kelp said, "We came out and strug-gled in the first half but pulled away in Novi's main concern at this point is

that they have too many individual trying to win the game instead of a team trying to do it.
"We just need to work together,"
Kelp said. "That's the key to winning

Brighton and Pinckney, but they'll have a chance at climbing the ladder when they glay both squads for the second time in the coming weeks.

Novi will visit the Pirates Tuesday at

Pinckney Milford South Lyon Hartland

7 p.m. but won't see the Brighton ulldogs until October 28th. Novi will rely on their impressive scoring ability to earn their victories. Against South Lyon, Novi had 18 points come from the smooth shooting of Rachele Folino, while Jessica Gasiorek, Kelly Hebert and Stephanie

Crawford scored eight apiece. right now."

Folino also led her team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley conference behind such foes as the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the Kensington Valley the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Hardand Eagles, scoring 15 place in the team against the Stephen scored 12 in the victory while Hebert added six and Crawford, Gasiorek and Amanda Diacono notched four each. Even with the slow starts this year,

Kelp said he's happy with the intensiget after it," he said, "We just need to start taking cure of the basketball." With a 9-3 record overall and a 4-2 mark in the KVC, Novi has had a strong showing thus far this year – but they'll have to have an even stronger showing to end the regular season if they hope to reach one of the tearn's

top goals in winning the league.

"There aren't any easy wins in the KVC this year," said Kelp. "We've got to play our best basketball in the second half of the schedule."

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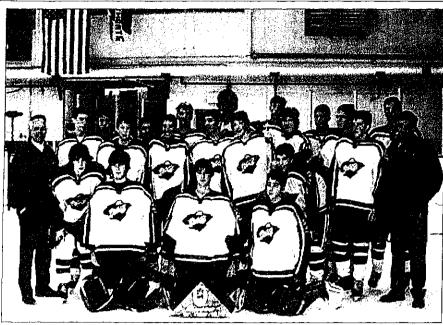
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evened the game at the 6-46 town rival, Grosse Pointe South, mask of the Zodtsatnaz, Goals by David Duquesnel, Walczak, Justin Jeffe, along with a second flat phy Donahue gave Novi a 5-2 lead. Adding an insurance goal late in the third period was Ryam Richardson, helping seal the victory for the Wild, Solid goal-profiled by higher avalender.

NOVI BOBCATS FOOTBALL

The Novi Bobeat Freshman foot-

Blue Jays homecoming game with

lightening offense and thunderous

lefense. The Bobcats prevailed 18-The Bobeat offense struck early and often. The first two touchdowns

came from quarterback Blake Boron, Each time, the offensive line of Scott Schramm, Collin Pew,

Mario Ferrini, Alex Kinnamon and

Kyle Matel blew huge holes in the Blue Jay defensive unit allowing him to dash straight into the end

zone. The first half would end with the Cats ahead 12-0.

The special teams unit, for the ifth game in a row, covered every

kick-off and punt. Kevin Wenner's

deep punts kept Livonia in poor

field position the entire game. Jason Carless, Josh Schiesler, Daniel Vera-Burgos, Connor Daly, Matthew Mizerowski, Kyle

Haustein and Conor Sherman held

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the Blue Jays to negative yardage

At the start of the second half,

ment last weekend. Teams from as far away as Chicago made the drip to the Detroit area for this "Big Bear Tournament," played at area areas in Southgase, Canton, and Plymouth.

In their first game, the Wild Richard Son, Walezak, and Mills WCC opposite was been deadly by the Wild's Junior forward Blady Babala, with assists to Mills Richard Son, Walezak, and Kyle Richardson and Duquestel, evened the score at one a piece. Unanswered goals by Art Ferris, Toun Jeff Donathue, assisted by Ben Gemse and Breit Walezak and Walezak and Kyle Richardson, Walezak, and Kyle Wild was Ferris, assisted by Walezak and Ogusy. With Farmington with fisc contest with the menonity of that loss, fresh on their minds. Quick first period goals by Behala and Mart Quay, gave Richardson, Walezak, and Kyle Walezak and Ogusy. With Farmington down 1-0 early in the first period care area as a minute later, a goal by the Wild's Junior for dust discounted with this contest with the menonity of that loss, fresh on their minds. Quick first period goals by Behala, with assists by Babala and Mart Quay, are Richardson, Walezak, and Quay. With Farmington down 1-0 early in the first period at Less than a minute later, a goal by the Wild's Junior for dust bis contest with the menonity of that loss, fresh on their minds. Quick first period goals by Behala, with assists by Babala and Mart Quay, are Richardson, Walezak, and Quay with the second period to the first period goals by the Wild's Junior for the Suday and this casen's playoffs, Novi came into this contest with the menonity of that loss, fresh on their minds. Quick first period goals by Behala, with assists by Babala and Mart Quay and this contest with the menonity of the late of the contest with the menonity of the late of the contest with the menonity of the late of the contest with the menonity of the late of the contest with the menonity of the late of the contest with the menonity of the late of the contest with the menonity of the late of the contest with the menonity of the late of the conte numble to penatrate the tough Novi defense, the Wild advanced to the finals with a 3-O victory. Posting his first shutout of the season was junior goalie, Derek Matt Vincenti helped contribute soason was junior goalie. Derek

Sunday night's final was standing 6-0-1 start of the 04/05 against Glenbrook South.
Having beaten Glenbrook earlier season, is head coach George tending by junior goaltender.

Mall Waggy, helped ensure the being the only thing filling the Wild's first win of the tournal
we wanting to make the long trip

of the Wild is Paul Flavin.

yard touchdown run by Lucas Buck. The Blue Jays scored a

touchdown on a reverse before the close of the third quarter, bringing

the score to 18-6 in favor of Novi. The third quarter featured great tackles by Brad Miller, Zachary Johnson, Dylan Klocke, Brad

Kozinski and Michael Metz, Adam Haynes and Nick Morgan recovered Blue Jay fumbles caused by

the bard hitting of Colter Huacuja.

the opening drive of the second balf, Novi struck again on a 30-

second period goals by Richardson, Jack Mason, Brian Winkle, and Kyle Potocki. Assisting on Novi's second period goals were Mike Arnold, Kyle Mouch, and Justin Jeffe. Two late 3rd period goals by Glenbrook turned this potential blowout into a close contest. The Novi Wild fended off a late 3rd period flurry by Glenbrook to win it's first tournament of the

nament victory, but to an out-

season. Coaching the Wild this season is head coach George Yelick. Assisting Coach Yelick is

of ground to the Blue Jays for the rest of the game. The stingy Novi defense again, took over the fourth

quarter with a storm front of tack-

les by Adam Haynes (10), Kyle Matel (10), Alex Kinnamon (6), Collin Pew (6), Grant Wheeler (5),

Scott Schrainm (4) and Preston

to play, the Bobeats will be work-

ing hard to finish the season strong and hopefully carn a position in

ost-season play. The Bobcats would like to thank

the cheerleaders for traveling to

'Cats busy reaching their season goals

champions – again. what it takes to pear like that. came into the season knowing it was going to be difficult to defend

the conference title they secured last year. Every team was than Sam

games behind them, the Wildcats aren't wondering if they can do it this year. Instead, they're wonder-ing if they can take the entire prize

Boasting a 6-1 record on the year (5-0 KVC), the Wildcats have done their Homecoming game, which is always nice. Second, they're guar-anteed themselves a piece of the Kensington Valley Conference title, something they can have all of if they beat Milford tomorrow. Third,

Novi's magic looks like the stuff they were showcasing when I first arrived in town four seasons ago. A snap of the ball, fake a hand of here, fake one there, sprint around the end and pitch it if a defender gets too close. Sounds easy, right?

There are times that I have wice to see when the same and a snap of the sound the gets too close. Sounds easy, right? There are times that I have to look twice to see who has the football, and I've been watching option and wing-style programs since I was a kid. I couldn't imaging what it would be like to be a defender try-ing to sniff out the pigskin in that

Novi does things most teams wish they could do. That comes from incredibly talented athletes with incredibly talented coaches to teach them the secrets of good foot-ball magic. Somehow, every year, Novi has a quarterback that can make the ball look like it went one way when it's really going another. It's really a beautiful thing, I'm sure it takes plenty of talent on the quar-terback's part, but I hope one day Novi coach Tab Kellepourev will

For his next trick? Since Kellepourey and his Wildcats have proven to be so successful at mak-ing a football disappear and reaping a tooloan reappear and teappear, it would be interesting to see them make an entire defense disap-pear—oh, wait, they already do that. Teams that come in boasting pow-erful defenses, such as Brighton. end up watching the back of a green-and-white jersey as it streaks down a field. Sure, they make a stop here or there but the Wildeats always seem to make them disap-pear for just a moment, which is plenty long enough to score a

In just two weeks Novi will visit Northville. The Mustangs have an impressive defensive from that can sniff out the option fairly well, and the Wildcats have a tenacious defense that is salivating at the chance to shut down the spread.

What I'm excited about is the

fact that this game means nothing more than pure rivalry this season. Novi and Northville have already

fact the Wildcats shouldn't look past the Mavericks. Milford has weapons. If those weapons are used to their fullest potential or not is what will decide if they stay close to Novi or get left eating the KVC champion's dust.

I expect Novi to finish the season strong, with a KVC title that is all theirs and no one clsc's.

I teach my 3-year-old daughter Shaylyn, that sharing is important. There are exceptions though, like a Kensington Valley Conference title. Then it's OK to be selfish.

Underclassmen Scores

Freshman Baskethall

The Wildcats beat South Lyon with a score of 44-13 October 5. Christina Bagdon was the Wildcuts' top scorer with eight points. The

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South Lyon 55-30 on Oct. 5, Brenna

girls also beat Hartland just two days later. Beat Hartland 41-13 two days later, be game was Anna Cynar with eight points Graybiel once again led the 'Cras with eight points and six rebounds and Kristen Lowney had six points.			
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Novi High School student Jennifer Rudolph, with a unique style of fashion, won "Ms. Spirit" for the week of Novi High's Homecoming festivities.

Novi High School golf team captain Brett Jaussi urges on the crowd after addressing last Friday afternoon's homecoming pep assembly.



### **NOVI HIGH SCHOOL 2004**



Novi High's Homecoming King and Queen for 2004, Ryan Pritchard and Sara Bielski, were crowned at

# Classmates pick Pritchard, Bielski; 'Cats top Hartland

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

two Novi seniors who were. Homecoming, standing out in the elements were smiling despite one wear-ing a Homecoming dress and the other dressed in football pads. For Sara Bielski and Ryan

Pritchard, being named the Homecoming king and queen tast Friday during halftime of onditions.

Both stood in the brisk breeze
nd slight rain of the game's
ndblime and waited as the entire

"To get, it from, Brent, was
avecome," said Pritchard, "Just and slight rain of the game's halftime and waited as the entire court was announced and the

king and queen were named. "Oh my god, it was amazing,"
Bielski said of hearing her named
called. "I would have never thought it was going to be me." But the student body did. Chants of "Bielski" and "We

said. "It just added that much more to the experience of Homecoming." It was, "she said when asked If she was crying when she beard her name called. "I just

been a member of the vursity football team for the past three years and has seen plenty of friends get the nod for the crown.
"I've known the guys who got
it the years before me, so it was
kind of neat," Pritchard said, the football game was an anaz-ing experience – and they were going to smile no matter the conditions.

unting it was expecially nice to receive the crown from last conditions.

knowing what he went through and to have him there to give me the crown was great." Prior to the announcement.

the girls from the court were haddled beneath umbrellas as a slight drizzle assaulted the area. When the names for king and

after the names were announced.
"It was a lot of fun," Pritchard said. "It just added that much more to the experience of Homogeneis"."

Bielski was shivering and her lip started to quiver – but it wasn't from being cold.
"I was," she said when asked if the said when asked it was a said was a said when asked it was a said was a sa

couldn't helieve it. Oh my god, it was such a great moment. My whole Homecoming experience the Wildcats beat Hardand
33-3 Friday night. King
Pritchard and Queen Bielski
completed the nomination the

following day at the morning parade and evening dance, hav-ing their photo taken together as

the Homecoming royalty.

For both seniors, just being a part of the experience would have been worth it.

"Heyryone on the court was just awesome," Pritchurd said.

"They are all great people and it was a lea of fur." was a lot of fun

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Brendan Buff takes a breather on the Wildcats' sideline before re-entering the game against Hartland

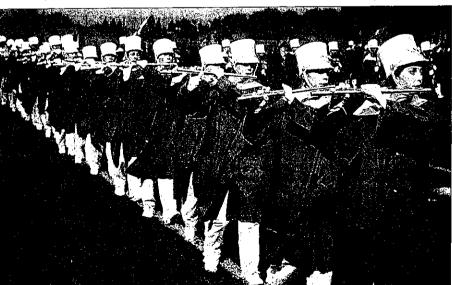
# This year's Novi High

nciuded: Seniors — Ryan Pritchard, Kevin Cislo, William "BJ" Chaklos, William "Billy" Morrison, Nicole Blaszczyk, Marybeth Miles, Sara Bielski and Carlee Rodriguez

and Audrey Smith Sonhomores – Wiley Moss and Alexandra

■ Juniors – Ryan Heffernan

■ Freshmen – Joseph Pritchard and Jennifer Lau



The Novi High School marching band takes the field before Friday night's tilt with Hartland High.

### Got fired? Start a small business

Getting fired by Donald Trump before a television audience of 20 million people might be painful for those getting the boot, but they should be consoled by the fact that Americans hold a favorable view of those who pursue a career in business, even when they aren't



Jack Faris

Although small-busi ness owners can't get sometimes fail. But even failure as good guys

The public, by an overwhelining majority — nearly 90 percent — consider bankruptcy a good-faith effort that just didn't pan out, according to a recent public opin-ion poll, "The Public Reviews Small Business," conducted by the NFIB Research Foundation.

The poll revealed that the nation enjoys a culture that strongly supports small business entrepreneurial activity. Those favorable opinions have a significant influence on the ulti-

mate success of small firms.

Getting ahead in this country demands perseverance, sacrifice and a strict focus on one's goals. Along the way, there are certain to be setbacks and challenges, especially by those who take the path of entrepreneurship.

If you want to get ahead in America, own a small business. Two-thirds of Americans hold that view and it's even stronger among the nation's minorities, 81 percent whom see business ownership as an avenue to opportunity. What's more, an overwhelming majority of Americans — 90 per-cent — would approve if a daugh-ter or son started a small business.

Sorry, Donald, but the public by a large margin believes that small business exents an even greater positive influence on the nation positive influence on the nation than television. Actually, small business ranks well ahead of many major institutions including higher education, federal govern-ment and even big business. And here's a heads-up to politicians in this election year: 67 percent of those surveyed said big business has too much influence on the

way things are going in America and 58 percent believe small busi-ness has too little sway. Public support is vital to those who take the entrepreneurial plunge because it influences the number and type of people who attempt to start businesses and how often they will try. Additionally, it shapes the formal and informal rules that govern

commerce.

Why does the American public have such a close bond with small business? Because many have "been there, done that." One-in-four Americans have been self-employed full time at some point in their lives; over half have had a direct association with private business ownership and operation. Many have worked in small firms and many have personal relation-ships-particularly friendships-with small-business owners. Most Americans think small-

business owners possess desirable personal attributes. Ninety-one these business people work harder than people like themselves, and 82 percent believe that the owners of small firms contribute more to

So would be apprentices, don't sweat Mr. Trump's pink slip. Take your entrepreneurial skills and join the growing number of men and women who are starting their own small businesses. Americans

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-prefit, non-partisan organization foundnon-partisan organization jouna-ed in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at ww.NFIB.com

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### Why clean your ductwork?

Patrick Ruggiero says Since the ventilation system/ duct work is often the biggest culprit in poor indoor air quality, inspect-ing the ductwork should be the first order of business. In most cases, this system has been operating for some time without much attention. Dirty ducts can circulate odors, contaminates like mold, and irritating dust, dust mites polien and dander throughout your building or home. Recently found items in duct work such as beer cans, bottles, glass, saw dust, rocks, sand other construction debris and one

Think about this. Do not vacu-um under your bed for five, 10 or 15 years and see what would accumulate. That is what is found in duct work. How much of a difference

does duct cleaning make? Rugg Brothers says, you would be arrazed and they even offer to show you how dirty they

How often should your duct

work be cleaned?
Michael Ruggiero answers:
"If the ducts in your house have
not been cleaned in seven to 10 years it is time to get them

Does every house need to have their duct cleaned?

Patrick and Michael Ruggiero both answer, no do not have the duct work cleaned until it has been inspected. Rugg Brothers will give you a free duct work

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Where did Rugg Brothers learn to clean duct work?

Michael Ruggiero states, "While enlisted in the United States Navy I was a Hospital Corpsman and while on board a ship be larged hour to close desirable larged to the company of the comp ship he learned how to clean duct work. It is a necessary task to clean the duct work every three months to ensure healthy living and preventing fuel (such as dust) for a fire to run through out the ship. But, a house only needs to be cleaned every seven to 10

Be careful when hiring a

duct cleaner.

Michael Ruggiero states "I have been to customers houses just after they had their ducts cleaned, and when asking the homeowner how they did it, they said they used a leaf blower and shop-vac." So make sure you hire a company that has invested ince and roopen in the sculing. time and money in the equip-ment and that their employees to do the job right.

How long should duct clean-

Patrick Ruggiero answers,
"Duct cleaning done the right
way in a 1,200-square-foot
house should take about two to

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r vents When cleaning your HVAC system we are thorough and we never rush through a job. Since most of the dirt in your ventila-tion system is hidden, it could easily be overlooked during the cleaning process. To prevent recontamination of your system it is important to remove all the contaminants from the site and not just mask them with chemical sprays and deodorizers.

### When does duct cleaning make sense?

There are several situations when duct cleaning could make sense If you have a problem with water in your ducts, this may result in mold growth in the duct. In this situation, solve the water the ducts where mold growth has occurred, and have the rest of the ducting system cleaned as well. In some cases, it may be necessary or more cost effective to simply replace the affected duct

areas.

• If you are moving into a newly constructed house, and have doubts about the diligence of the construction crew, duct cleaning can be useful. Drywall dust, fiberglass pieces, and saw-dust have no place in ducts. Duct cleaning will also catch the occurrence where lunch bags or soft drink cans have fallen or been swept into ducting. For similar reasons, duet cleaning may be advisable for older hous-

riay be advisible for control houses following major renovations.

• If you are having trouble with furnace airflow, a duct cleaning could reveal significant blockages. Have the ducts cleaned before you embark on more expensive duct replacement or rerouting to solve an airflow problem, has been shown to

registers and see an accumula-tion of debris in the duct below, you may want to have it removed, its probably worse fur-ther in where you can not see, research showed that return air ducts, which are relatively big and have slow moving air, are generally far dirtier than the sup-

### How often should residential HVAC systems be professionally cleaned?

Frequency of cleaning depends on several factors, not the least of which is the preference of the home owner. Some of the things that may lead a home owner to consider more frequent cleaning include:

• Smokers in the household.

· Pets that shed high amounts

of hair and dander.

• Water contamir Water contamination or damage to the home or HVAC sys-

Residents with allergies or asthma who might benefit from a reduction in the amount of

indoor air pollutants in the home's HVAC system.

• After home renovations or

remodeling.
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and microbial growth do you get

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The Cost of HVAC Cleaning The Environmental Protection Agency says that duct cleaning services typically but not always range in cost from \$300 to \$1,000 per heating and cooling 51,000 per heading and cooling system, depending on the servic-es offered, the size of the system to be cleaned, system accessibil-ity, climactic region, and level of contamination and the type of duct material. Consumers should beware of air duct cleaning com-panies that making sweeping claims about the health benefits of duct cleaning such claims are unsubstantiated.

Consumers should also

beware of blow-and-go air duct cleaning companies. These comfee and do a poor job of cleaning the heating and cooling system. These companies may also per-suade the consumer into unneeded services with and/or without their permission,

