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# Parks Foundation gets \$5k



arts programs at the Novi Civic Center and LifeTime Fitness Now, the martial arts expert has a shop in Beverly Hills and new, permanent location in Novi



Our listing of local church services for the holiday. Page 16A

OBITUARY

## Michigan 50's Festival to earmark funds for city parks

# By Pam Fleming

The new Novi Parks Foundation The new twort rats rounauton is already receiving community sup-port, with a golf tournament in the works as one of the organization's first fund-nisers this summer. Community-leaders came out to celebrate the birth of the new foun-dation Merch 18 at a sensition merch

dation March 18 at a special recep-tion at the Novî Civic Center. The foundation, which will fund

scholarship programs, recreation enhancements, accessibility

Interest in

ments, was formed because the city does not have enough funding for its parks system. Dave Stau Staudt secretary/measurer

Dave Statut, series ynessite and a founding member of the foun-dation, announced that he was mak-ing a \$250 donation in honor of his mother.

Staudi said. "The funds just after t there to do everything we want to do with our parks department."We had the support of the community and city council to create the foundation, and it seemed like the right thing to do at the right time." He noted that there is an

for the services the city offers. "It's not just enough to do what you have to do. You have to do more, and to do more you need the additional funding," he added. Novi resident Jim Wickham,

whose son used to participate in the Novi Youth Recreation Program, made the foundation's first major donation. A check for \$5,000 from

Wickham was unveiled following an audio/visual presentation by Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studies in Faminington. Mayor Pro Tem David Landry, a er of the Board of Directors of the Michigan 50's Festival, also announced that festival organizers will donate a portion of the proceeds from this July's event to the Novi Parks Foundation.



Members of the Novi Parks Foundation Board (from left), David Paul, Dave Staudt and Charley Stabb, chat with Novi Youth Baseball President Michael Frasier at the

foundation's kickoff event March 18. Novi Youth Baseball, also a licensed charity, recently donated continued on page 4A \$10,000 to the city of Novi.

## Crazy Robert A. Baskins, 91 - Page 21A like a SPORTS Fox

From boy to man

Novi graduate and former athletic star A.J. Rowe barely had time to knock the dust of his fatigues from his first tour in Irea when he was told his his fatigues from his first for in Iraq when he was told his batallion, the 2nd Batallion, First Marines, was headed back. This time, they were going to Fallujah.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Welders work on attaching a metal balcony at Fox Run Village's Fountain Pointe development. The Novi retirement community hopes to have the 120 apartment building functioning by mid-April.



# City, cops anxiously wait for funds from drug bust

Justice Department signs off on first ofpayments

#### By Pam Fleming TAFF WRITER

It's been a year now since Novi police sumbled upon \$4.8 million in drug-related money found in a hotel room at Studio Plus in Novi March 18 and later at a rented

hand in Northville. The Novi Police Department is supposed to receive a large chunk of that seized cash. But the city

of that seized cash. But the city hash' received the funds just yet. So, what's the formal process? The department is looking for-ward to such a large sum of money, that has reportedly grown since the 2004 arrests. A lot of "red tape" is involved, however, before the actual checks are pro-tuned duced



D. Shaeffer

Shacffer. The Novi Police Department has filed a form from the Department of Justice. The form was then filed, in this case, with the Drug Enforcement Administration. DEA staff memthe bers then review the form in Washington, D.C.

All forfeitures over \$1 million go back to the Department of Justice for a second review. The funds are then dispensed to the agencies involved. "Anybody who's involved is entitled to a share, but it's not necessary an equal share," Shaeffer said. The DEA receives 20 percent of the seized funds. However, the Novi Police Department, as the initial inves-tigative department in the case, will receive the most money, with the Northville Police Department

Novi retirement community skyrocketing By Kim Kovelle History books, a white cat called Sugar and black puppy Puck were critical considerations for Doreen Poupard, 69, when seeking a retirement community. "It was important to me to be

able to bring my pets with me," said Poupard, retired Ann Arbor Public Schools assistant superin-tendent. "I had to have a room for

"It's also a time to simplify my life, to kind of let go of some of the outer stuff so I can... do my inner journey.

She's one of nearly 150 people moving into Fountain Pointe, the fifth and final building of the Ascot neighborhood at Novi's Fox Run, slated to open April 15

All 119 apartments are claimed, the Erickson retirement commu-nity reported, and a national wait list has swelled to more than 600 "I think that the building is just

simply fantastic," Executive Director Mike McCormick said. "There's great views from every

spread. Our No. 1 source of refer-rals is friends telling friends." With a colonial architecture

side. "The word of Fox Run has

With a colonial architecture theme, the latest building offers 20 floor plans on five stories, all including appliances and emer-gency pull-cords. Monthly costs cover utilities, cable, one daily meal, property taxes, local transportation and 24-bour security and emergency care.

hour security and emergency care. Fred Moschetta, marketing director, gardens, a nine-hole putting green and, of course, a fountain are "Senior housing is growing because that's the largest growing segment of the population," Moschetta said. "There's not Moscheffa said. There's her enough affordable options, and that's why Fox Run appeals to people. The retired schoolteacher can afford us and still receive everything that they want to be exists " activ

# mother. With less money available from state shared revenue recently to fund park projects, foundation members hope they can help improve Novi's early parks. "There's a need at this point, and we had an opportunity to fill it," Staudt said. "The funds just aren't

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Depending on the apartment, Fountain Pointe residents paid a 100-percent refundable deposit of \$116,000-\$398,000, Moschetta said, and service packs are \$1,303-\$2,079 per month.

Only the telephone is a separate cost. Decorators, movers and senior relocation specialists are available to help.

Residents contribute to nevolent fund, though, to help

"We never ask residents to leave once they move in," Moschetta added. "We give them a home for life."

In a fully linked campus, residenis can walk to a bank, beauty salon, store, health club, hobby shop and pool. A larger chapel someday will attach to Fountain Pointe

Health is another factor. Pullcords connect to EMTs and med-ical first responders. Dr. Vrinda Suneja keeps electronic records at an on-site medical clinic, and prescriptions are delivered right to apartments

Novi Dentists John and Joel Toupin and Stephen Card start offering services this month, as offering does podiatrist Michael Burke. A cardiologist, urologist, ophthal-mologist and audiologist will

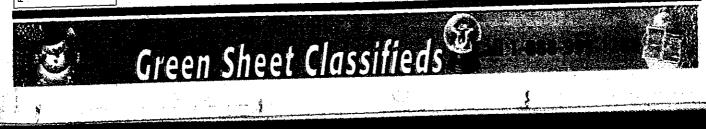
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Fountain Pointe, the fifth and final building of the Ascot neighborhood at Novi's Fox Run, is slated to open April 15.

the Northville Police Department receiving a lesser amount. Northville police were brought in when Novi police learned that additional bags of cash were stored in a rental home near the intersection of Eight Mile and Novi Road in Northville. Shaeffer can't discuss any details of the investigation, other than to say that it's consolue.

an to say that it's ongoing. He did say, however, that he than

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# CANEL LIEUS DE NOVI NEWS-Thursday, March 24, 2005 SPRING BREAK: Time to party or not?

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us. They trust us though.

8. What kind of things do

plan on experiencing? I've never been there befor I'm looking forward to going beech, going downtown and th

9. Do you plan a spring

first time? I've never gone down to any where in Mexico, but my famil has traveled for spring break.

went to New York last year a

description of what goes on? I think for a lot of the kids it is

there are no parents around. If shot for everybody, but that definitely.

goes on. I think I'm going to behave on this trip. Some kids go

crazy, but we're not going to do that.

Kevin Cislo

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not going on spring break Can you tell me why? It's right before our

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10. When most people think of spring break, they think of the beach, loud music and partying. High Do you think that's an accurate break break

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Novi seniors share their plans for break

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

What kind of activities do high school seniors plan for spring break? Do their trips linclude the traditional beach, loud music and partying, or is it a more subdued vacation kids seek? Five Novi High School senior

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Sherbeck

1. Where

are you going

for spring break?

I'm going on a five-day

western Caribbean

oorts in Mexici

Beech or Daytona

you, but we had to choose what we

wanted to do when we got off

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most parents who let their kids go

trust them enough that they will be

responsible to make it back safe.

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ure things out.

chosen randomly, shared their plan with the Novi News: Tehranisa

1. When are you going 10% for spring break? I'm going to

Southern California for vacation 2. How are you getting there? Flying

3. What are the major hot ots for spring break? Mexico, Cancun

4. What kind of preparation did it take to plan the trip? You need tickets, a place to stay, you need to know what you're going to do each day, you need a car when you get their, you need to know where you're going to cat. The preparation didn't interfere

with my school work. 5. What are you budgeting and who's paying I'm going with my family, so nothing

5. What are you budgeting and who's paying? 6. What kind of concerns de your parents have? My parents are covering the The question doesn't apply because I'm going with my parents main costs, but I have to pay for

anything I buy when we got off the boat. I'm taking a couple hundred 7. What kind of things do you plan on experiencing? dollars. I've been there a few times before. We usually go to the beech, hang out go shopping. There are a 6. What kind of concerns do your parents have? I think because I'm going to a foreign country and I'll be in some-

ton of things to do. 8. Do you plan a spring break trip every year, or is this your first time's

. We go to the same place every year because we have a house there

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spring break, they think of the beach, loud music and partying. Do you think that's an accurate plan on experiencing? We're going deep sea fishing. scuba diving, we're going to have a lot of time on the islands just being description of what goes on? For some kids it is an accurate able to explore. description. Some just stay home and do nothing and that's not really 8. Do you plan a spring break trip every year, or is this your first time?

My family and I have always one somewhere every year since I 9. When most people think of spring break, they think of the beach, loud music and partying. Do you think that's an accurate descending of whether same accurate description of what goes on?

To an extent. When I was young, for a number of years we stayed at Panama City Beech when MTV was there. It was the place to be. cruise and we're stopping in two Even though I was young, I remember sceing what you see on TV, with the partying. Even if you go to a place like that though, there

2. How are you getting there? Flying to Texas, then we're tak-g a boat. is so much else offered and other things to do other than just partying and misbehaving. 3. What are the major hot

spots for spring break? Probably Cancun, Puerto Katie Vallarta, maybe Panama City Mulvaney 4. What kind of preparation

1. Where did it take to plan the trip? are you going for spring break? It was quite a bit because I m going with two other guys and one of their parents. Because it's a Puerto Cruise, not much is planned because a lot of it is laid out for Vallarta.

2. How are you getting there? Flying

shore and figuring out how we're going to pay for stuff. It takes a while and we're still trying to fig-3. What are the major hot spots for spring break? The really popular ones are I think we had two meetings to go over all of this that were an hour long each. If you budget your time, it's not a big deal at all. Cancun, everybody wants to go there and Florida if you don't want o leave the country. Anywhere in Mexico.

going on

ho's paying?

saved up from work.

HONEYBAKED

4. What kind of preparation did it take to plan the trip? We researched a lot on line to find the best deals and packages we could get. We had to plan and coor-dinate with everybody and make

sure everyone knew what was break trips in the past? 5. What are you budgeting and My parents are paying for my trip down, but any souvenirs, or anything else I want to buy, I'm going to pay for I saved up about two or three hundred dollars I

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when Yeu went? Notified as I'm not the partying Notified and they know that. It's did it take to plan the trip? It's an all inclusive trip, so we booked it through a travel agency. All the transportation is taken care of and we're basically going to stay at aresort the whole time. We d also with a l alwar raveling a little bit ose by u budgeting and the whole thing,

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is you

con artists lurk on the Web By Pam Fleming Your children are out of school on spring break, and you're at work. Do you know what they're doing in your absence, and, specifically, what sites they're surfing on the Internet? With break starting and children

Pedophiles,

process. They listen to and empathize with the problems of children. They will be aware of their latest music, hobbies and spending more time home alone, Novi police urge local parents to pay attention." "Just like you wouldn't send interests. These individuals attempt o gradually lower children's inhibitions by slowly introducing sexual context and content into their conyour children near a busy road without some safety rules, you versations, according to the FB1. shouldn't send them on the infor-The first tool parents can use is to without any mation superhighway without any rules either," said Det. Kevin Rhea, open a dialogue with their children. Let them know that there are those on the Internet who do not have Novi Police Department. Dangers lurk - from pedophiles to con artists who can reach chil-dren through the Internet. their best interests at heart, Rhea said

## POLICE BRIEFS

Things aren't always what However, they neglected to identily themselves, and the girl did not they seem recognize them. "She did exactly the right thing," said Chief of Police Doug On March 14, a 13-year-old Novi gid was walking home from school when two young men in a sport utility vehicle putled up next Shaeffer. Another letter was sent to schools the next day explaining the outcome of the investigation. to her and asked if she wanted a Shaeffer said the department is The girl said no and kept walkalways responsive to any incident ing. They asked again, she refused that threatens youth. "We took the incident very seriagain, and they drove off. Once home, she told her parents about the incident, who called ously," he said, "We're happy that ent issued a it turned out to be something other police. The department issued a letter to local schools about the than what we first believed it night have been." incident the next morning. On March 15, the school resource officer learned that the St. Pat's Day mischief two boys who stopped the girl

#### A malicious destruction of prop were, in fact, neighbors. The girl is dewin the neighborhood. The boys erty incident was reported 81751 March 18 that the victim said he "Recognized her, were trying to be nice by offering her a ride home. will winter a her ween the



"Just like you wouldn't send your children near a busy road without some safety rules, you shouldn't send them on the information superhighway without any rules either."

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

Police urge parents to monitor

Internet usage over spring break

blocking software

hours of 11:30 p.m. March 17 and 2 a.m. March 18 at Gus

The White Lake resident told

Chevrolet Trailblazer. He said that

it looked like someone had physi-

cally broken the mirror off. There were no witnesses or sus-

Ponchos are all the rage

p.m. March 19 at Motherhood

natemity store at Twelve Oaks

Mall for allegedly stealing a pin

An employee at the store told

police utili site greated the woman

A 33-year-old Canton womar

was arrested for retail fraud at 1:56

O'Connor's Public House or

police that a driver-side mirro been broken off of his 2002

Grand River Avenue.

pects at this time.

poncho.

"Unfortunately, the same advances in computer and telecom-

intunication technology that allow our children to reach out to new sources of knowledge and cultural

experiences are also leaving ther

alnerable to exploitation and harm

by computer-sex offenders," said Louis J. Freeh, former FBI director. Some of these individuals gradu-

ally seduce their targets through the

use of attention, affection, kindnes

and even gifts. They are often will-ing to devote considerable amounts

of time, money and energy in the

Autolign room ponce national and any reports of students being solicited, the Michigan Automey General's Office has arrested pedophiles who have been solicit-ing to come to Novi to meet young Det. Kevin Rhea Novi Police Departmen when the parents walk into the If parents face resistance, they

Rhea advises. Parents or children who have can explain that it's not because they don't trust their children but room, this should be a sign that something's awry, Rhea added. Police recommend that parents questions can call the Novi police at (248) 348-7100 or the National because they don't trust people on not let children use a computer in their bedroorn but have it in a more the Internet, Rhea said. Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678. The Internet has sites that promote human exploitation, pornog-raphy, hate groups or excessive viovisible place. Parents also need to warn their children to never give out their name, address, phone numbers, lence. Using an Internet Service for the Novi News. She can be Provider that offers parental conreached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at rols. Parents can also purchase passwords, school names, parents 105, or by e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

names or any personal information over the Internet, Rhea said, If a child becomes defensive

of the mail.

An officer paced a burgundy was wearing a pink shirt and comnented her on it. 2004 Volvo traveling north or Beck Road from Eleven Mile The woman tried on the poncho, Road moving at 53 mph in a 40 mph zone. When he stopped the came out of the fitting room wearing it, with the price tag in her driver for the speeding violation, the officer noticed that there were right hand and walked out of the store without paying for the item. The woman admitted later that she had hidden the price tag under a three subjects in the car acting very After asking the driver if he display sign. The poncho, valued at \$9.99, was recovered from inside a fitting room at another maternity store could search the car, the officer found two screens used for a marijuana pipe in the pouch on the front of the front passenger seat. He then found a glass marijuana Mimi Maternity on the upper level

pipe in a plastic bag on the right passenger side floor. When asked, the driver said the marijuana was under the rear driver's side seat. Man arrested for possession A 17-year-old Novi man was ted for possession of marijua Police logged into evidence a pipe, na and narcotics equipment at 8:36 2.9 grams of marijuana, screens and a ginider. Succession Bant

1i.enners the West Markel Square shopping Compiled by Pam Fleming center on Grand River Alenue:

sday, March 24, 2005-NOVI NEWS 34

Senate

Amber

Alert

Lt. Tom Lindberg also suggests having parents check their chil-dren's screen names. Make sure

there's nothing in their screen name

name or age. Although Novi police have not

Police also advise children to not meet with someone they've only

"And don't send photos of your-

Pam Fleming is a staff writer

self to someone you don't know,"

had contact with on the Internet.

children via the Internet.

that would identify their gende

approves

abuse bill

The state Senate on March 16 unanimously approved leg-islation sponsored by state Senators Nancy Cassis and

Mike Goschka to penalize peo

ple who falsely report an Amber Alert. The need for the legislation

arose from several cases where

the Amber Alert system was abused, including a case in

Tulsa, Okla., where a woman

told police her child had been

abducted when her car was

stolen from a grocery store parking lot. She later recarted

the story, telling police that she

wanted a higher priority placed on finding her stolen vehicle.

Another case in Edmond, Okla., involved a girl who was

out with her boyfriend and

false report so that her parents

would not know the truth as t

why their daughter was not at

Amber Alert, we did not envi-sion that people would under-

mine this important system

intended to protect children by filing false Amber Alerts," said Cassis (R-Novi). "It's like

velling 'fire' in a crowded the-

ater when no smoke exists." Dubbed by Cassis as the AAA (Amber Alert Abuse)

package, the legislation, Senate Bills 74 and 134, make it a

felony to falsely report an Amber Alert and establish a

penalty of up to four years in

prison and fines up to \$2,000.

Cussis sponsored Public Act 712 of 2002, which created

Amber Alert of Michigan, a

coordinated notification sys-

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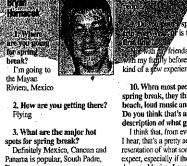
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starts and I want to focus on base hall. Also, college is con I'm trying to save a little more and help my parents a bit. It's opening week at University of Michigan for baseball, so I'm. I'm going to going to go watch a couple games there with some friends. the Mayan Riviera, Mexico 2. Have you been on spring Flying Yes, during spring break I've gone to a few places, mostly dow to Florida with friends and their parents. I went down the last cou-ple years. 3. Were your parents con-4. What kind of preparation cerned about you going down The Flavor Jaorel

2. How are you getting there? 3. What are the major hot spots for spring break? Definitely Mexico, Cancun and

aring break iends, I've gond before, so this is experience for me 10. When most people think of spring break, they think of the beach, loud music and partying. Do you think that's an accurate description of what goes on? I think that, from everything that I hear, that's a pretty accurate representation of what someone can expect, especially if they're going



down to Mexico. I guess I don's really know for sure quite yet, but really know for It will be fun! nustra with noin

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Interest in Novi retirement community skyrockets

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soon join 218 current staff mem-

bers, Weather is also behind recent

wait list surges. "Uthink people, after experienc-ing such a bad winter, just feel like, 'Gosh, what am I doing Iving in my home, feeling isolat-ed?" McConnick said, "People ire sick of the snow, they're sick of shoveling. With last year's hurricane: even Michigan retirces in Florida are moving back.

There's potential for two more Fox Run neighborhoods on 54 of 102 total acres. "We're completing the first neighborhood and reviewing it

rom there," Moschetta said. As bricklayers finish covered balconies and carpeting and ceiling are installed, Pourard is geared up. She even hopes to start a book club. "There's so many options there

Justice Dept. signs off on first of payments continued from front page received a call a couple of weeks ago that the Department of Justice has signed off on the first of the payments, and that the Novi Deline, Department, checklo, ba Police Department should be receiving a check soon. "I can't say the check's in the mail, but it kind of sounds that way," Shaeffer said. The funds can be used for anything that relates to the police department, including a new com-puterized payroll system for all city departments updated information technology system for the city was noted as one of the top priorities at the recent city council goal seting session in January **K**athy

Smith-Roy, finance lirector, said once the forfeiture

funds are received, they will be set aside in a special revenue fund The maney will then have to go hrough the city council appropriation process, which will require five votes to allocate the money. actual expenditures.

Following are opening dates: By Kim Kovelle Meadowbrook Square: June 2003 Hickory Grove: Apoust 2003 Madison Green: March 2004 Patrons still can order up Freekled Lemonades and spirits at Chelsea Court: September 2004 Novi's Red Robin, but a lit ciga-rette at the bar is no longer an Fountain Pointe: April 2005 Fox Facts Subtle yellow signs announce . What: Fox Run, an Erickson Retirement Community for people the smoke-free policy, which took ages 62 and older, is opening Fountain Pointe, the final 119-room apartment building of its first colonial-architecture Ascot neighboreffect several weeks ago at the 230seat restaurant "Our biggest reason is we have a big, big family base," said Regional Manager Jeff Housel. When: move-ins begin April 15 . Where: 41000 Thirteen Mile Road "There's not as many smokers. We're just trying to do what our · Site: 102 total acres on Thirteen Mile Road just east of Meadowbrook Road. Ascot was built on 18 acres of former farmguests are telling us." land: 64 acres can still be developed. The switch has been met with · Cost: for Fountain Pointe, residents pay a 100-percent refundmostly positive reaction at the 12-year locale, Housel said. Of his company's 14 other local spots, Livonia and Birmingham also able deposit ranging from \$116,000-\$398,000; monthly service packages are \$1,303-\$2,079 Call: (248) 926-5200 made the cut. Red Robin joins 11 other smoke-free eateries in Novi. Though Oakland County still perto kind of like live life to the Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or ula fullest," she said, "I love the fact the Novi News. She can be that I'm going to have to walk my nuits smoking in private business 107 or via e-mail kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net. buns of Smoking or non? When Allen Attee opened Picasso Cafe four years ago, he said smoking didn't fit in with "We will be presenting items to city council based on the Chief's ■50's Festival recommendation," she said earmarks funds City council will not discuss priorities for the use of the funds, health-conscious salads, soups and sandwiches for city parks "It's really just for the cleanlihowever, until the funds are ness and the smell of the restaureceived, according to Rick Helwig, city manager. They have received informa-tion from the Chief in terms of his continued from front page rant and for those who don't rant and for those who don't smoke so they can enjoy," Attee said. "We're more of a lunch type place. I think people can get by going a half-hour without a smoke." The catered event, which thoughts, but it's just strictly featured everything from sushi words right now until we receive a check," Helwig said, "We will proceed when we receive funds." from Shiro's Restaurant in Novi to coffees and teas from Healthy Jones health food Popping in for a sip of coffee last week, Julie Porte, 25, of Shaeffer sent a separate letter store, brought members of city Livonia said she prefers the poli this month to the Department of administration and citizens Justice's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section in together to rally 'round the new cause. Foundation board member Kathy Cosentino organized the kickoff, and cy. She lived in California when all the state's private businesses went smoke-free by law, "I personally think it's a good Washington, D.C., seeking authorization to use a portion of the forfeiture funds to purchase information technology to be used for a citything," said Porte, a non-smoker. "I really enjoyed going even to bars. I hate the smell of smoke." For Gene Woo, part owner of hoard member Robert Churella Sr. donated much of the food wide (including police and public for the event. safety) payroll, personnel, purchas-ing and other financial reporting. The proposal is to use forfeiture funds for 34 percent, or \$209,100, Sheri Sansom provided music, and Walker Tools the Hoa Hoa Inn, it was a matter donated favors. For more information about of space in his 60-seat restaurant. It doesn't do any good when you have one side smoking one of the estimated \$615,000 cost for making a donation to the Novi this computer technology, as the police department uses a signifi-cant amount of these resources. Parks Foundation, call (888) side non-smoking because the place is not that big," said Woo, who opened shop last May. "You've got to have separate 288-1199. Pam Fleming is a staff writer The police department received 38 percent or about \$9,100,000 of for the Novi News. She can be rooms reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pflem-ing@ht.homecomm.net. the city's 2003-2004 general fund of about \$24 million, based on His other restaurant in West Bloomfield is set up that way, allowing smoking at a bar area.

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DETAILS

Construction began in 2003, and now the first neighborhood at Novi's Fox Run Erickson Retirement Community is nearly complete.

Fox Run Timeline



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Photo by JOHN HEIDER **Red Robbin waitresses** 

Lindsay Haaseth, left, and Stacey Mahnke and every one inside the Novi eat will be breathing a lot eas ier as 100 percent of the restaurant including its bar is now smoke-free. SMOKE-FREE DINING The following Novi restaurants are smoke-free Don's of Traverse City Maisano's Italian Restaurant

depends on the person. "If I just needed... a little bit more motivation than I already had, that might push me over Bologna said. "If I did not and I was a veteran smoker ... I guess I would be resentful. I would just At restaurants like Red Robin. that's now the norm. "Literally I can count on one of Michigan adults still smoke hand how many extremely nega-tive comments I got," General Manager Lou Farkas III said, "I ranking the state fifth highest. At \$2 per pack, it has the third-highest cigarette tax. At Novi's Providence Hospital, think this is a wonderful thing," Jim Bologna, respiratory thera-pist, helps run "Smokeless," a

program that over 10 years has Bologna supports smoke-free said quitting kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net. light to get involved 'Everyday

Communitv should be able to give information because they're important. Things that happen in the city affect them Relations either directly or indirectly," he Department to said He added that he also approved

serve as liaison of the boards and commissions selected for teenagers to join in an ex-officio position. "The ones they picked seem excellent for kids, They will give us some responsibility, but we won't By Pam Fleming

Young people will now have an be making decision involving millions of dollars. They're good com-mittees for kids our age," Jodoin opportunity to get involved in city government in Novi, with the approval of two resolutions at Monday night's city council meet-He's looking to join either the

Beautification Commission or the Parks and Recreation Commission. "I have a lawn business, and I'm In a 6-1 vote, council adopted a resolution to have student non going to be doing some job shad-owing with some members of the Parks and Recreation Department this spring. I like being outside," voting members on the following city boards and commis board

sions: Parks Recrea Iodoin said. and Forestry "I'm interested in making the city Commission; In another vote Monday night, city council unanimously approved Historical

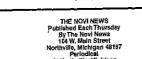
Commission the establishment of a separate Novi Reautificatio Youth Council, Gatt did approve the Youth Council, "I'm very excited ommission; Library Board; and about this," he said. Monthly reports of the Youth and Cor

Council's activities will appear on Chamel 13, the local government access channel, according to Lynne Paul, council member. The council Advisory Students who serve on these five bodies must be entering soph-omores and residents of Novi and will have a chair, vice chair and a will be interviewed by city counsecretary. A beginning budget of \$500 has been established for the group, which will include entering freshcil, just like voting members. Novi has four school districts plus a private boys high school that will open in fall 2005. men through seniors from Novi High School. Staff from the city's Community They must fill out an applica-ion and submit a short essay

Relations Department will assist members of the youth council on about why they want to be on the particular body. Member Bob Gatt voted no on Paul noted that she expects the the proposal. "It seems like we're letting students pretend they're on these boards and commissions. youths to have a positive impact on the city of Novi. She said, for examthat

dents on planning commission or city council. It sounds like we think their communities we're too good to have students on these groups," Gatt said. "I think it's a first step," said Member Toni Nagy. "I would like to thank Member Paul, because she this spring. did a lot of work on this." Christopher Todoin, a sophomore at Novi High School, said he thinks young people should get involved. "I think it's an exceptional idea

It's interesting how things happen in the city, I'm really interested in and I feel that teenagers and youths should be in on that. They nfleming@ht.homecomm.net.



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DeLaurentiis

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Being in the kitchen is fun. And

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That's the message from Giada

8 at Borders Books & Music in

Novi. The TV celebrity and grand-

daughter of movie producer Dino

De Laurentiis will appear at the Novi Town Center bookstore for a

talk and book signing. Her first book, "Everyday Italian," includes

many of the recipes featured on her

"Giada De Laurentiis is a multi-

taleated chef, teacher and televi-

sion personality whose star keeps getting brighter," said Bob Tuschman, senior vice president,

programming and production, at Food Network, who oversees De

Laurentiis' show. "'Everyday Italian' is one of our most popular shows, and we are thrilled for

Giada that her new cookbook is

firms the popularity of the new

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loing so well."

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star of the Food De Laurentiis

> will share

secrets

Network's "Everyday Italian," who

Italian cook-

# Youths get the green | Food celebrity makes run for Borders "Giada's book is doing very well at all of our stores, so it's a real treat her to have her visiting Novi Borders. We're expecting a great turnout," she said, "There are so

many photographs of the recipes so

you can actually see what it's sup

posed to look like when you're

On a book tour that started Feb.

25, she chatted via cell phone

March 16 on her way to a cooking demonstration for more than 200 at a St. Louis athletic club.

De Laurentiis discussed her rela

tionship with her movie-producer

grandfather, currently in London working on his next film on ficti-tious serial killer Dr. Hannibal

Lechter. She is close to the 85-year

old producer who greatly influ-enced her career. "He instilled in me the passion of

Born in Rome, she grew up in

Chicken Saltimbocca --- which she

describes as a little surprise inside when you cut the chicken open —

and Baked Rigatoni with Bechamel

Sauce, which she says is comfort

with Endive Leaves because they

require only basic assembly. "I think a big part of entertaining

of food," she said.

spread,

ing from 7-9 Los Angeles, where she now lives. p.m. on She began helping her grandfabler Tuesday, April in his kitchen on Sundays when she os & Music in was 5. Her favorie dishes include

# 'EVERYDAY ITALIAN' RECIPE TO TRY AT HO

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Chicken Saltimbocca 1 10-ounce box frozen, chopped spinach, thawed 3 T. olive oil 1 1/4 t. salt, plus more to taste 1 t. freshiy ground black pepper, plus more to taste 6 3-ounce chicken cutlets, pounded to flatten evenly 6 paper-thin slices of prosclutto 1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1 14-ounce can reduced-sodium chicken broth 3 T. fresh lemon juice

Squeeze the frozen spinach to remove excess water. In a small bowl, toss spinach with 1 T. of the oil to coat. Season with 1/4 t. ach salt and pepper. Place chicken cutlets flat on a work surface Sprinkle with 1 t. salt and 3/4 t. pepper. Lay one slice of prosculto atop each chicken cutiet. Arrange an even layer of spinach atop the prosciutto and spinkle the Parmesan cheese evenly over each. Beginning at the short tapered end, roll up each cutlet like a jelly roll and secure with toothpick

In a large, heavy skillet, heat the remaining 2 T. of oil over a high ilame. Add the chicken rolls and cook until golden brown - about two minutes per side. Add the broth and lemon juice and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and simmer until the chicken is just cooked through, about four minutes

Using tongs, transfer the chicken to six places and set aside. Increase the heat to high and cook the sauce until it is reduced to about 2/3 cup - about five minutes. Season with sait and pepper to taste. Drizzle sauce over chicken and serve

food. She loves chocolate, is a desser is not trying to make every single freak, and suggests her Chocolate Zabaglione or Grilled Pineapple with Nutella, a chocolate-hazelnut dish from scratch, or else you'll drive yourself nuts." she said drive yourself nuts, she sau. There's no denying that Italian food is one of the most popular types in America with the numer-She enjoys making her Steak Salad for herself and clothing-

designer husband, Todd Thompson, a native of Grand Rapids, A pasta dish that tops her list is Farfalle with ous Italian restaurants that dot our landscape, De Laurentiis believes this is because Italian food features simple, fresh ingredients. "Food is very much a part of our Turkey Sausage, Peas and Mushrooms. When entertaining, she likes to start with her White Bean Dip with Pita Chips or Olive Italian culture, and I think that's what really attracts people," she said, "They see how much passion and Sun-Dried Tornato Tapenade

sort of catches on

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at Italians have for their food, and it 105, or by e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. The chef studied at the famous

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Paris, then worked in a variety of Los Angeles restaurants, including

Wolfgang Puck's Spago, befo

starting her own catering and pri-vate company, GDL Foods. Currently, De Laurentiis is work-ing on another cookbook, more "Everyday Italian" shows and may

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And, I think it's demeaning to these ple, that the Farmington/Farmington Hills youth boards when we won't have stucouncil is raising money to help The Novi Youth Council will be modeled after Troy's, and students will be interviewed by city council Youths interested in participating on a board or commission can con-"(act") the Community Relations Department at (248) 735-5628. Pam Fleming is a staff writer

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set June 11

# By Pam Fleming

Putting contests will cost \$40 perturned with the money going to the Humane Society. Gos O'Connors Public House next to It holes like Novi's going to the and the cars. needed ter Sponsors and needed for "H.O.G.s.for Cats and Dogs" and "Putts for Pays," a Michigan Motor City Golf Warehouse will cool, hot dogs and hamburgers, and other Main Street Novi busi-Humore Society Jund parset nesses have agreed to participate.
 Free food will also be served. cheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 part and the Michigan Humane Society Annual Cops, as seen on the hit relevision show "Annual June 11 at Main Street Novi. Luna Sponsored. Sponsored by Lutia Entertainment, Inc., Motor City Hadey Davidson in Enumeron Cops" aired on the Animal Planetcable station, will also be on hand

ionetary domation.

Hills and Motor City Golf Warehouse, this is the fifth year-for the event. About \$4,400 was sign autographs The Oakland County Mounted raised last year. Police Division and the K-9 Unit trong the Southfield Police

In past years, the fund-raiser was called "H.O.G.s for Cats and Dogs." But with Motor City Golf Department will also participate. "It's a great opportunity to part-ner Motor City Haley-Davidson Warehouse's involvement this "Puts for Paws" event and Motor City Golf Warehouse was added H.O.G. is a registered trademark. for Harley Owners. and reach a larger audience," said Tricia Brosnaban, events director,

Michigan Humane Society in-Croup. The event used to take place at Southfield Motor City Harley Davidson in Accal Fannington Hills, but Luta Dogs' w Entertainment decided to move to washes. Novi's Main Sucet Novi, It's a and other stores in rgei area, and other stores in losa rold Donna Hammar of

A local vendor "Gone to the Harley-Davidson location, Dogs" will set up an area for dog Pan Flening is a staff writer iom Celan, owner of Luna for the Novi News, She can be Entertainment. Motor City reached at 2483 349-1700, ext. Hadey Davidson and Motor City 105, or by e-nuil at Golf Warehouse, is an animal phening@ah.homecomm.tet. Luna Entertainment they wanted

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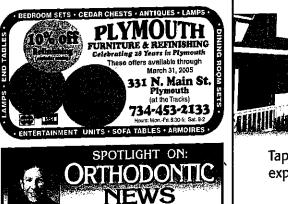
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Crossing the chasm from reality to abstract itself," Miron said. Growing up in West Bloomfield with three older Novi artist's REMEMBER brush strokes brothers, Miron's early life was marked by two strong elements; ice rinks and the Bible. reinterpret realism" with watercolor, faces, places "My brothers all played travel hockey and I was always in a rink," said Miron, whose father coached. "One day my dad asked printing press By Kim Kovelle me - I was quite shocked, I was 8 - if I wanted to take figure STAFF WRITER skating lessons. I jumped around

At the right angle, Novi artist Staci Miron — just over five feet tall — looks like she could leap into one of her colorful, abstract like there was no tomorrow. "I skated ... five days a weel then ever since, pretty much." Training and competing for seven years, Miron next had a nurals. The petite figure skater pointed out details Monday in her cityscapes, portruits and "Spinal Entropy," now on display at BWA Gallery in Northville Township. pivotal experience at age 15. "I found the Lord," she said.

murals.

BWA Gallery. The 26"x32" oil on canvas is \$695.

"That changed my life big time and my worldview." Through studying. Miron said "It's kind of a new direction I'm going," said Miron, 37, of the large canvases. "When you're she likened life to two cliffs connected by a cross. "Christ has provided a bridge," painting it, you think it looks huge. I'm humbled when I put it Miron said, "I accepted the Lord as my savior... and kind of, if you could say, walked that plank, crossed over from death to life." "It kind of to me is a symbol of how our lives are. We're just a

speck of dust." The imagery impacted an early Classifying her work as "abstracted realism," Miron's work. Having quit skating for finance and time reasons. Miror began taking art classes at West Bloomfield High School. ubjects range from the streets of Malta to a portrait of Lt. Cpl. Justin Ellsworth, 20, of Wixom, killed in battle in Iraq last She created a cross out of hand-made paper. "I wove together into a cross and I mount-ed it sideways, so the cross was on its side," Miron said. "Under Vovember. lt accompanies "Remember," her title piece bearing homage to New York City and the events of the long brace, I wrote a scripture verse." It netted her a first place Sept. 11.

"I'd like to just keep doing a scholastic art award. After graduating in 1985, a body of work that resembles



Oil painter Staci Miron and her daughter Gigl, 4, view Miron's painting of Varenna, Italy at Highland Lakes Plaza's

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lessons at Gallery Anastasia, her home studio, 5:45-7:45, Mondays and Tuesdays; cost is \$90 for eight weeks; call (248) 668-1718 for details.

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watercolor, acrylics and print-making, Miron injects her art with colorful interpretation — and, oftentimes, small crosses.

"Buildings, street scenes it

Malta, harbor scenes, those are

my passions," she said, "I love to paint Malta. That's where my paternal grandparents are from."

Many works are personal. The young soldier's family had attended Miron's Baptist church.

A portrait of baby son Paul, nov

won an award — and commis

sion requests. In "Remember," faces near Twin Towers depict images of

real people. "I kept it real vague because

think it's more interesting in a painting if you're asking ques-tions," Miron said. "Your eye

stays longer." Giving art lessons, coaching one skating student and caring for Paul and daughter Gigi, 3,

keep Miron busy. For now, "chunky oils" are an interest — but the future is as col-orfully abstract as her work.

"It seems like I have art ADD,

and I never stay on one thing very long," Miron laughed, "You know what you're looking at but there's something a little bit still

that leaves you questioning.".



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New martial arts school tough to pronounce, good to know

### Canton resident teaches Choi Kwang Do

# By Pam Fleming

Saturday, April 9. The event Erin Austin of Canton used to includes refreshments, tile run her Choi Kwang Do martial painting, games and special arts programs at the Novi Civic Center and LifeTime Fitness. Now, the martial arts expert has promotions. All introductory lesson participants will be entered into a drawing for free a shop in Beverly Hills and a new, classes

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306. from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., on

Austin CKD Performance

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students of all ages. Austin Choi Kwang Do offers a preschool development program for children

ages 3-5; a junior student program for ages 6-12; and an adult pro-gram for teenagers and adults of all areas

ether." Austin said.

"With the opening of this new

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An open house is scheduled

permanent location in Novi. She celebrated opening day March 12 for the new location of Austin Choi Kwang Do at 24404 Catherine Industrial Rd., Suite 306, off of the north side of Ten (ages 5 through adult; 30 min-

Mile Road just east of Novi Road. The new 4,700-square-foot school features a large training floor and separate introductory lesson room with spacious view-

ing area and changing room. So what is Choi Kwang Do (pronounced choy kwong dough)? "Choi is a noncompetitive. "Choi is a noncompetitive, practical form of effective self defense with emphasis on health, longevity and personal success,

Austin said. Choi Kwang Do was developed by ninth degree Grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi as a superior form of exercise, self-defense training, and as a means toward realizing ninth degree Grandmaster one's highest mental and physica potential. The art is easy on the body and for the practitioner to perform, according to Austin. "It involves fluid motions," she

location, we will offer a class for families. This will provide the opportunity for different age said groups to come and practice Austin started training with her together," Austin said. The art emphasizes yoga-based stretching. "We also talk about awareness of oneself and your family 17 years ago as a child and has been a certified chief instructor since 1996. She's a third degree black helt, nearing testing for her fourth degree black helt. surroundings," she said. Austin claims the art boosts confidence and relieves stress. and is a certified examiner "It's a great form of physical through Choi Kwang Do nternational exercise," she said.

Between her schools in Novi and Beverly Hills, she has 220 Classes begin this week, and audents can sign up at any time



Erin Austin, left, and student Keirsten Benninger cut the ribbon on the new Choi Kwang Do location in Novi, 24404 Catherine Industrial Road, Suite 306, Austin, of Canton, also has a shop in Beverly Hills to go along with the 4,700 square foot facility in Novi.

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"Choi Kwang Do is a noncompetitive, practical form of effective self defense with emphasis on health, longevity and personal success.





#### Just for businesses

Janet Hubbard, of Novi's Walsh College, talks to Sue Liu, left, and another person attending last Wednesday's Small Business Expo held at the Novi Civic Center. Participants had small business services specialists on hand to talk to like St. Johns Health systems which provided information in preventing and treating work-related injuries and illness and ergonomics.

# Andiamo's, Second City to open in about four months

General Motors building, on the looking forward to our new water in the Winter Garden. home. We should be in full swing Comedy theatre shows may start first

General Motors building, on the water in the Winter Garden. This ninth restaurant just opened Dec. 7. "We're doing very well down here," Vicari said, He urges Novi residents to check out the new Andiamo's downtown until the construction of the sale of the formation of the theory will be able to capture Second City. By Pam Fleming local restaurant opens. "They Andiamo's Italian Restaurants

won't be disappointed," he said. Caroline Syran, producer of Second City Detroit, said the staff Second City Detroit, said the staff of the comedy theatre is working and the Second City Comedy Theatre are still coming to Main on the theatre at the same time that Andiamo's Restaurant is Street Novi, and opening day i drawing closer. Joe Vicari, owner of nine completing renovations to the Andiamo's restaurants in the Metro Detroit area, said last week that he's submitted building plans

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 this week, and we're looking at a six-week process; 'she said, The cast also includes a musical director and a stage manager. to the city of Novi, and the building department has signed off on ing department has signed off on most of them. City staff members only need to iron out some minor details with the architect, according to New March, and classes are no longer taught at the former loca-tion at the marchitect with the horizon.

Vicari. The bid process is going on in estlecting a contractor. And, some demolition has been done inside Novi business center. center. Actors are rehearsing at a training facility in a Main Street "If we can get a staggered the building. "We're hoping that we're going to be open about 120 days from opening for the theare before the restaurant actually opens, that's what we'll do," Syran said. She noted that Second City now, so I'm thinking mid-June, maybe early July at the latest," Detroit has more than 200 stu Vicari said "We'll see how the contractor

dents. A title is not yet available for does. Sooner would be better than this spring's show, but this will be Vicari invites Novi who resithe 26th revue in the Detroit area, Andiamo's downtown at the for-"We're very excited and are sance Center, now the





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## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

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Women," the National Association of Women Business Owners is

Candidates will be judged in six

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to pass an exam and show profi-ciency in all aspects of home inspection. Now, he must mainta recently created a new United Way for Southeastern Michigan continuing education credits and file three written reports annually for audit to remain in the program Effective April 1, the new Western Oakland and Livingston Counties. He also is certified in Radon, Mold and Water & Air Quality Testing. The non-profit association promotes, develops and maintains home inspection Way reported. Ourrent United Way

Community Services President Michigan J. Brennan will lead the new organization. Former Oaklan County president Rick David will be vice president of strategic rela-tions will be Rick David. A 30member board of directors will se the regional agenda, priorities and

strategic direction. In part, the move was made to eliminate overlapping services. Led by voluncers, United Way operates programs addressing eco-nomic self-sufficiency, children, at-risk youth at risk, families, neighborhoods, communities and health

keting, procurement and woman-owned dealer. Winners will be honored May 20 at a black tie awards and dinner Home sales exceed Fortune event at Rochester's Royal Park Hotel. Membership in the associa-500s

tion is not necessary. For nomination forms and more information, visit www.naw bogdc.org or call (313) 961-4748. Fortune 500 companies, the Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan announced March 16. Mercedes radios go satellite Satellite radio receivers will be offered in all 2005 Mercedes-Benz vehicles sold in North America, than most recent annual repo the company recently announced. The Delphi receivers offer more than 100 channels of music and

Michigan, according to Aubum Hills-based Moceri Companies. Novi's Tower Automotive, for programming coast-to-coast. The instance, reportedly saw \$2.8 bil-2002, but now the factory will do the work. Novi's Mercedes-Benz is locallion in revenue. Michigan ranks eighth place in

number of statewide permit issues, according to the Building Industry.

in the latest ranking of top states for micro and nanotechnology development, according to the Michigan Small Tech Association. Tying Texas, Michigan moved up three places with strongest

Using image-based technology, the service reduces the time it showings in industry, innovation and venture capital. Other consid-erations included research, work checks and makes funds available more quickly. Checks are scanned at the customer's office and trans-



#### deposit accounts and fees, Standard Federal reported. Inspectors, Inc. To earn the rank, Patterson had **Regional United Way formed** Boards of directors at United Way of Oakland County and United Way Community Services

regional economy is continuing to move "sideways," according to Comerica Bank's Detroit Area Business Activity Index. Business Activity Index. In January, the index rebounded to 116, partially reversing a five-point drop in December. That reading was I point above the average for all of 2004, Comerica reported. organization will serve Oakland, vne and Macorn's counties. The two groups now will dissolve and form a new legal entity, United

A surge in electrical power gen eration related to the harsh winter was one reason, Comerica Chief Economist Dana Johnson said, but overall, the economy is still flat Vehicle production update

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in the Hotel Baronette and other local haunts. Standard Federal Bank, which has four Novi locales, recently "There's enough announced it is offering a remote we're creating to do in the area, there's no reason to drive in and drive out," Capello said. deposit service as a new option for companies. tion at Fountain Walk shopping Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at takes for companies to deposi

"I think it's a big coup for us to be able to capture Second City. It's going to bring additional pco-

ple to the whole area," he said,

when the two new spots open, but

that the openings will attract more visitors to Novi Town Center, Fountain Walk, Moe's on

Post Bar, the No. VI Chop House

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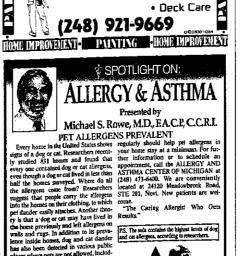
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# **EDUCATION**

# District makes developing the 'whole child' a priority

Concept is critical issue in Long Range Plan

# By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

For every student who goes through the Novi Community School District, there is an effort put forth to make sure he or she is rovided a full, well rounded edu-

cation. From kindergarten through 12th grade, a child is exposed to the necessary teachings, guidance and sup-port, not only in academics and test scores, but in emotional security and physical safety as well. Thats to make sure he or she will become a well rounded individual by gradu-ation. The district believes that all of these aspects combined is what makes up a whole child. The concept of developing the the 'whole child' and will be built

whole child is nothing new to the Novi Community School District. It is just being emphasized more now than ever as the district's long range plan begins to be put in place. "We've always been involved in looking at the whole child so that when they do come out of Novi

when they do come out of Novi High School they are well rounded individuals," John Lawrence said, Novi High School principal. "Educating the whole child is not just cognitive. You deal so much with the aspect of domain as well." "Lawrence said that behavior, respect and responsibility and the successful life respect and responsibility and that they are prepared well for teaching students to make right schooling and then successful life choices are all aspects that go into the process

"It's a very complex issue we have to deal with, but a lot of that scores are important measures of can be dealt with by building strong, personal relationships with students, making them feel a part of Novi-High "School and making the success of teachers, the district also knows that children must be healthy, happy and safe in their learning communities. Davis said them feel that this is a good, whol-some place for them to be," Lawrence said. that enotional security and physical safety, coupled with the academic and extracorricolar events and experiences, will produce a well Developing the whole child is critical issue number three in the rounded individual.

plan. Its challenge states: "When we neglect to meet the needs of the whole child, we keep learners from The process begins as early as with 3-year-old preschoolers. Judy Pahl, the school district's child care realizing their full potential and coordinator, explained that teachers becoming caring, responsible and productive members of society." According to Nancy Davis, assisincorporate a variety of learning centers and activities to focus on not only the beginning literacy skills of students, but it's also a tant superintendent of business and finance, this means the district will place where they can develop social be exploring ways to connect with and engage the community so that students who attend Novi schools skills, make friends and where they learn to communicate positively with one another. are healthy, knowledgeable, moti-

"Respect is a big issue," Pahl said, "We teach them to respect each other's personal space, we teach them how to share their feel-ings without feeling uncomfortable. vated and engaged in their world. In fact, a number of initiatives have already been started to address upon in years to come. Davis explained that the district we try to be consistent with encouragement and we try to give parents the emotional support that they need because they're the first teacher in their child's life." has reached out to day and child care providers in Novi who care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and even some of the district's own kindergarten students, to invite them to join some of the district's The Novi Community School District's Long Range Planning Committee presented its recom-

mendations to the board of education on Jan. 20. The board approved the whole plan on Feb. 3. The plan is now in its next process, where administration is

coming up with strategies to figure out how to address the whole plan with timelines. "The Long Range Plan is going to launch Novi into the next five after they graduate from Novi," Davis said. years." Davis said,

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# Cassis unveils S.A.V.E. The Children Early Learning Initiative

Specifically, the legislation will:

## • Establish an Early Intervention Grant Program.

The bill calls for \$1 million of the \$26 million allocated for small class sizes be used to develop up to 10 model sites and at least 40 sites of improvement. Only schools with a special education popula tion greater than the state average would be considered. The legislation also allows small class size funding to be used for early intervention, in addition to the purposes for which it can already be used Novi is below the state average in terms of a special education population. According to a Dec. 1, 2003 report, the state's average said that 14.1 percent of students in all district's were in special education. The same report states that the Novi Community School District was at 10.46 percent and the Oakland Intermediate School District was at 12.3 percent. The December, 2004 report is not offi-

 Increase the number of reading credits required to receive an elementary teacher certilicate from six to nine and for a secondary certificate from three to six. The bill also requires teacher candidates to do field work as tutors in schools where the learning disabled population is greater than the state average. Also requires one-on-one early intervention training to be a part of the reading

course work. Tracy Timmerman, a Michigan State University graduate who is doing an internship at Deerfield Elementary School in first and sec-ond grade as graduate work, welcomes the change.

"I'm in an outstanding program and that they prepare us very well for our teaching experiences, but I do also believe that any program can be improved and that, by increasing the number of read-ing credits, it can only benefit a student teacher in their own classroom." she said. "Also, as a teacher you're working with students with learning disabilities and any experience prior to that is a definite benefit for a student teacher intern."

• Require any school district that has a special education rate greater than the state average to spend one of its five annually required professional development days on early intervention

 Require that 25 percent of a district's at-risk funds be used for early intervention, if the school building or district has a learning disabled population greater than the state average and is not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress.

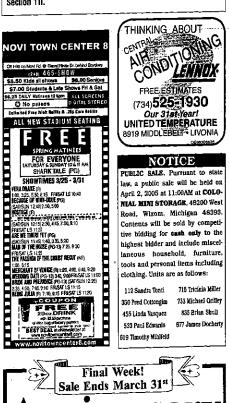
• Two bills that move the kindergarten start date from Dec. 1 to Sept. 1 across a three-year period. The student age requirement emains age 5.

If a student is 5 years old by Dec. 1, he or she is eligible to start kindergarten that fall. In other words, a child can start when he or she is 4 years old, as long as that child will be 5 by Dec. 1.

"I believe eventually (Cassis) wants to get to the point where you couldn't start kindergarten unless you'll be 5 by Sept. 1," Tinberg said. "The way they would do it is, right now you have to be 5 by Dec. 1, next year you might have to be 5 by Nov. 1 and the following year you'd have to be 5 by Oct. 1 and then three years out, it would be where a child would have to be 5 by Sept. 1."

Where a child would have to us b by sept. 1." Thiberg explained that a lot of parents elect to keep their kids home anyway, but on the other hand, some parents of kids who are early readers are saying that their child is ready even at earlier ages. "There are a lot of mixed emotions about that," Tinberg said.

 Allows for further flexibility in the use of Durant funds in Section 111.



## Legislative package to prevent early

# learning failure By Ramez Khurl STAFF WRITER

The concept of early interven-tion for children was brought up almost 30 years ago. Now it looks like it might actually become law. State Sen. Nancy Cassis, joined by several of her colleagues, last week unveiled a legislative pack-age to prevent early learning fail-ure and give students the skills they need to succeed both in school and in life. school and in life.

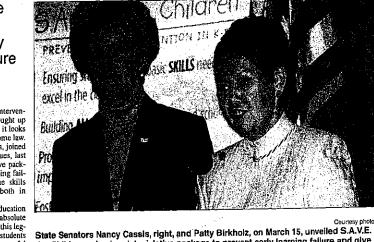
"At this time, when education success is considered an absolute necessity for life success, this legislation will help ensure student the Children, a landmark legislative package to prevent early learning failure and give get the best start to be successful in the classroom and in life," said Cassis, a former teacher and

Cassis, a volume, teacher and school psychologist. The legislation will ensure that students master basic skills to be successful in the classroom; encourage alliances between Education Committee, since the 1990-91 school year, the percentage of students statewide identi-fied for special education has increased from 10.5 to 14.2 per-cent in 2003-04. In Northville, home, parents and school; and increased from 10.5 to 14.2 per-provide valuable training for each in 2003-04. In Northville, anong those attending the press ince implementing an early inter-each there were in place prevention programs. vention program in 1992-93, the "I'm excited about anything to Cassis (R-Novi), rate has decreased from 10.2 to the source of the services in the service of the service in the service increased from 10.2 to the service increased from

students the skills they need to succeed both in school and in life. who is vice-chair of the Senate 5.38 percent in 2004-05. ure for kids," said Tinberg said, Novi Woods Elementary School Teacher Pam Quitiquit and Donna Tinberg, director of stu-dent services for the Novi "Certainly, the fact that people recognize that kids need support is huge."

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# Non-residential students a non-issue for time being

why no decision was ever made. "If we approved this and there was a giant influx of students com-

ing in, it might affect the communi-ty school district, and it might dis-place some of our Novi students," Streit said, "How much would those

students be allowed to participate in,

and would we be losing the idea of community?" Streit still hasn't made up his

### Board of education has many concerns over idea

# By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

mind on the matter. He explained It was brought up in front of the school board of education just once, months ago. At the time, the issue was tabled indefinitely, and it hasn't that each student who would come been talked about publicly since. The concept of allowing non-res-idential employees of the Novi Community School District to allow their children to attend Novi Schools may seem like a good idea at first, but hidden under the surface at first, but hidden under the surface are wide range of issues. One stems from the district's offi-Novi could receive is that lesser cial title, which carries the word amount. 'community' in it. According to "If it carne back and I had to John Streit, school board president, make a decision on it right away, I

the board didn't want to either lose that word, or just have it become meaningless by allowing non-Novi community students to attend its community students to attend as schools. Another issue is that these students could conceivably take spots away from residential students classroom, in after-school clubs and on sports teams. That is

into the district would bring in rev-enue from the districts they came from in the form of a foundation you break even on the foundation grant, with the possibility of not bringing in as much," Kortlandt grant. It wouldn't be local taxes, but it would be taxes nonetheless. said. Bruce Bagdady, the board's vice Novi could receive no more money from the state than it would president, had a similar feeling toward the idea. He said that, gener-ally, he is not in favor of people attending Novi schools who don't normally receive if those students were residents. However, if the stupay taxes here. One common theme that all three make a decision on it right away, I would like to consider all the

men shared was a sense of being surprised to be talking about this issue again. None of them have heard any recent talk about it com-ing back to the board and there has would like to constant options, like how many people we would have taking advantage of it, Streit said. "It is a revenue-generat-ing option, so 1 think I'd want to e review what our guins would be over what the negatives might be for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at -bhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

sider allowing this to happen.

# **ON CAMPUS**

Pitcher, both of Novi, will be pre-senting projects at the 36th Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Schedule and Estimate System. Novi resident, Matthew Britten, has been named to the dean's list for fall 2004 semester at Syracuse Western Michigan University in Both students are Novi High and Jeffrey April. Emily's project is Design School graduates Emily Nicol Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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## Learning about the disabled

Orchard Hills' fourth graders participated in the Disabilities Awareness Workshop sponsored by the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee of Oakland Schools. The students were able to participate in a full day of hands-on activities that deal with hearing and speech impairment, vision impairment, physical impairments and learn-ing disabilities. The purpose of the workshop is to provide awareness of different disabilities and to promote a more empathetic understanding of how difficult and com-plex daily living can be for individuals with disabilities. Here, fourth grade students Aaron Ye, Sage Helminger, Christopher Puente, William LI and parent volunteer Kate Harmon talk to guest speaker Tom Hoatlin who is from the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. Hoatin's main message for the students was that "people with disabilities are the same as anyone else, they just do some things a bit differently."

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# Operation Iraqi Children takes center stage at Deerfield school

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A box of colored pencils By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER A package of notebook paper
 A composition book
 Three folders with pockets Deerfield students did their part inside A zippered pencil bag.
 "The school supplies are put into kits," Huacuja said. "Because last week to make sure that thou-sands of Iraqi children are given the supplies they need to do well in of the war, schools have been destroyed. There are all these kids chool. Thanks to actor Gary Sinise and author Laura Hillenbrand, who wrote the book Seabiscuit, who are very happy to finally have freedom, but they also had their Deerfield students participated in a own needs, like school supplies." nationwide effort to do something The kits will be sent to Iraq from Kasas City via FedEx. "It's a really exciting project because you're making a differ-ence in some children's lives who good. The two started an organization called Operation Iraqi Children, which many elementary schools and businesses are helping with by donating school supplies, that will be shipped to Iraq for distribution are really far away, who's lives have been really torn up by this war," Huacuja said, "This is some-

by American troops. According to Cindy Kane-Huacuja, a parent who organized the event at Deerfield, donations thing very special for them because they will have their own paper and their own colored pen-cils, things that we take for granted vere accepted through March 9 here.'

Fashionably stylin'

Huacuja said the project also gives the American soldiers an opportunity to do something that

the project to Derively exclusive she thought it would mean some-thing to the students, teachers and parents to help kids who live so far away. Each grade was assigned two items to bring in. The program use kided off mith an assembly

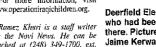
"They talked a little bit of their experiences and gave a flavor of what this is about," Huacuja said. Later in the week, each class was be able to go in an assembly line to put the kits together in the plastic bags. They were put into a box yesterday to be shipped to a warehouse in Kansas City, From

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eates good will Huacuja decided to introduce the project to Deerfield because

was kicked off with an assembl on Feb. 28, where two U.S. sol-diers, who had been in Iraq, visit-ed, along with the parents of a sol-dier who is currently there.

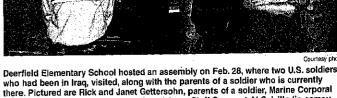
there, FedEx, shipped them to Iraq. For more information, visit www.operationiraqichildren.org.



Jaime Kerwan (in the navy uniform), and Army Staff Sergeant Al Calvillo (in camou-flage). The students are Harchint Arora, Kathryn Giroux, Hannah Schreitmueller, Sekuloski and Mitchell Knedgen.







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# Best Farmington teacher's been around the world, back in Novi

### Award includes free

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## By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

All good things come out of Novi...or so it seems. Earlier this month, the Farmington Public Schools named Tess Kelly, a Novi her classroom to match what it is students are learning. For instance, if the topic is Camelot, the class-room looks like castles. If it is resident, the district's teacher of the Dinotopia, there are dinosaurs. year. Included with this award is a free

"She does a lot of experiments one-year lease of a vehicle offered by The Subarban Collection. She with us," third grade student Carly Tashman said. "She really makes it elected a 2005 Mazda Miata seem like you're in the place that you're learning about by making the class look like where you want to

and fun.

Speed. "I felt like a queen," she said. "They were parading all these cars in front of me and they were all nice, but when I saw the Mazda Miata

Speed, it had my name on it. It's fun to drive, but not in the snow." From the Netherlands to Turkey Kelly has seen much of the world. Her impressive credits include conducting a presentation of interdisci

plinary curriculum in Den Haag in 1991 and she helped write the curiculum for a gifted school in stanbul. Kelly's goal is to do overseas international work as well as con-

sulting after she retires in about five "I was very fortunate because

while I was presenting in Den Haag. the person who hired me was in the audience at the time," Kelly said. "I flew directly from Den Haag to Turkey and they hired me on the

spot." Through a translator, Kelly helped write that school's curricu lum. She was asked to stay and was

offered a two-year contract, but "I wanted to go home." A 17-year veteran of Farmington Public Schools, Kelly has shared her their lives," passion for teaching with her second grade students at Highmeadow Common Campus Elementary School, She has been teaching second grade for six of those years, Kelly said she knew she wanted to teach ever since doing volunteer work while in high school.

it to her significant other. Roger Palmer, a Novi resident who stores all of her school materials in his "I love the second grade because home. Watch & Clock Service

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## at that age they're booming and they want to learn so much," Kelly said. "I look at where kids are at and what they can't do, rather than what they can't do. It's a subtle difference, but it makes a big difference." Two third grade students at the Grew up in Oswego, N.Y. Not married, no children

Attended Oswego Catholic High School. school, who went through Kelly's class last school year, both say she is their favorite teacher. They both enjoy how Kelly changes the look of Attended State University College in Cortland, N.Y. Attended Central Michigan University for her master's dearee Second grade teacher at Highmeadow Common Campus Elementary School. Tess Kelly with her prize:

Has taught in Farmington School District since 1988. Activities and Honors include: 2005: North Central Accreditation math committee member

2003-Present: Participating Third grader Alanna Chapell expanded on that a bit. 'Miss Kell' member of Friends of Rouge wants us to learn about the world and how it changes," she said. "She water quality monitoring 2000-Present: Guest lecture really makes a lot of things realisti at Madonna University-focusing on interdisciplinary cur-Co-workers and students nomi iculum for oitterl students. nated Kelly, who has been active in diverse district activities including the School Yard Habitat-National 1999-Present: Assisted in the development of second grade ict River Trips 1994-Present: Participated in

program, for this recognition. They cited her outstanding impact on all and her innovative teaching methods that transport children into the worlds in which they are studying. "She's a wonderful person and loves children," said Beverly Miller, principal of Highmeadow Common Campus Elementary School, "It's A committee of administrators educators and parents deliberated to determine finalists for the elementary, middle and high school levels. They then chose Kelly from the her personality and style that's unique. She creates a unique envi-ronment within her classroom that three levels to be named Teacher of the Year. "Most of my nominations were generated from parents and students transforms the classroom into something that is just a wonderful learn

who got together and put a package together of how I teach kids, or what ing experience for kids, It's such an adventure to be in her classroom that kids will remember the rest of my management style is and other several things about me," Kelly said. They had to do it in a certain format because the application is being sent to Oakland Schools where Kelly is one of the participants com-peting for the Oakland County Miller said that Kelly outs a great deal of time and energy into what she does and she integrates the cur-

riculum in such a way that stimulates students to think beyond the Teacher of the Year as well. curriculum. Kelly attributes much of her cred-Local Teacher of the Year officials esconed Kelly to the Suburban Chrysler Jeep dealership in Chrysler Jeep dealership in Farmington Hills to test-drive cars from among the pre-selected mod-

# SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Habitat for humanity Michigan Youth Ensembles



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Be sure to brush your teeth!

Local dentist, Dr. James Ross D.D.S., visited all of the first grade classes at Orchard Hills. Using magic, he taught children the importance of good dental health. He also distributed goody bags filled with essential products to help in this pursuit. Pictured from left to right are: Alex Kroll, Ross, Aaron Howe and Matthew Ross.

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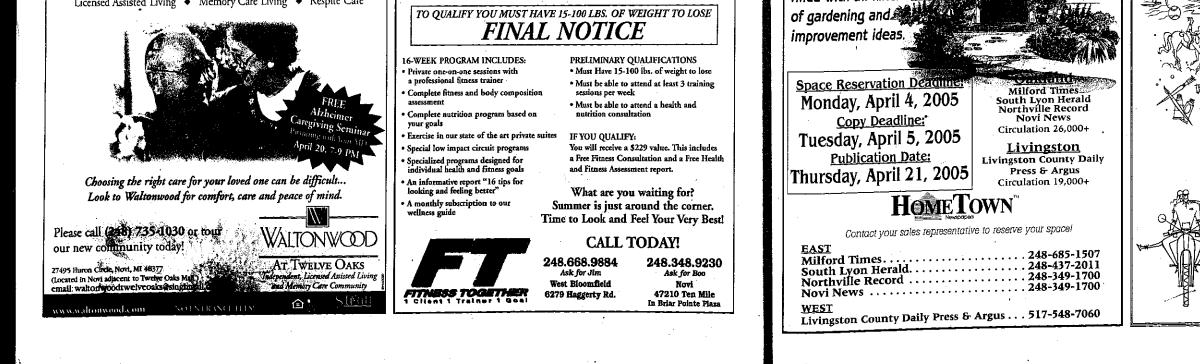
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## **EASTER SERVICES**

Brightmoor Christian Church 40800 13 Mile Road, Novi (248) 668-7000 Good Friday — noon Easter Sunday — 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

#### Christ Community Church 46200-10 Mile Road, Novi (248) 380-8633 Good Friday — no service Easter Sunday — 10 a.m.

Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal

40700-10 Mile Road, Novi (248) 427-1175 Good Friday — noon, Ecumenical service at Church of the Holy Family: 7 p.m. Saturday — 8 p.m. Easter Sunday — 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. (248) 427-1175

#### **Church of the Holy Family**

24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi (248) 349-8847 Good Friday - noon, 1:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil - 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

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41415 W. Nine Mile Road, Novi (248) 349-0565 Good Friday — 7 p.m. Easter Sunday — 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m.

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21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi 2481 348-7757 Good Friday - no service Easter Sunday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

#### Novi United Methodist Church

41671 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi (248) 349-2652 Good Friday — noon, Ecumenical service at Holy Family Catholic Church Easter Sunday --- 7:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m.

#### Oak Pointe Church

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#### **Orchard Hills Baptist Church**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

 Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship with the congregation during Holy Week at the Maundy Thursday service tonight at 7:30 p.m. Traditional Seder Meal is presented along with the worship serv-ice. The Community Good Friday service will be held at Holy Family Mile (between Meadowbrook and Catholic Church on Meadowbrook. near 10 Mile Road in Novi at noon. Three worship services will be offered on Easter morning: Surrise choîtheholycross.com • Meadowhrook service will be held at 7 a.m., with Jann Martin preaching. This service will be followed immediately by breakfast which will be prepare and served by the deacons and Fellowship Committee. Traditional Festival of Resurrection, Easter Easter services will be held at 9 and 10:30 a.m. with Dr. Henderson preaching. The church is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd. in Novi, For more information, call (248) 349-2345. • The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship serv-ice every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your Meadowbrook Rd., between Eigh and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is 348-7757 for more information.

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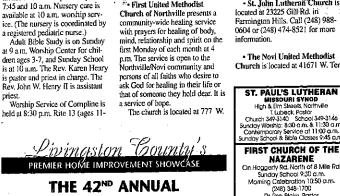
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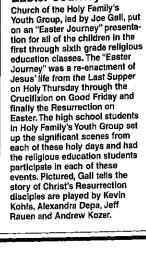
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Mile Road, Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m. with Reverend Jacqueline Eight Mile Rd. (at Taft Road wille, Phone (248) 349-1144 E. Holdsworth. Call (248) 349-2652 for more information The Holy Family Church offers a Spanish speaking mass once a month. The following is the schedule for the 2005 calendar Special events: Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Labyrinth Walk on Good Friday, year. All masses begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church: April 30; May 28; March 25, 6-9 p.m. Sunrise Service on Easter June 25; July 30; Aug. 27; Sept. 24; Oct. 29; Nov. 26. Lenten Opportunities: Join with Sunday, March 27 at 7:30 a.m Easter Breakfast served at 8:30 a.m. and Easter Worship Service at others to pray every Tuesday 9:45 a.m.

evening we have a 7 p.m. mass and during Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after • The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is holding the 2005 Women's Retreat, sched-Mass until 10 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray at any time. Scripture Sunday: A Lenten Walk Through John's Gospel. uled for Saturday, April 9 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This event is open to all women. Speaker Sadie Bolos will lead the retreat and dis-Maria Koncius will offer a study of John's Gospel on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and a repeat on Thursday morning at 9:45 a.m. durcuss "Finding Joy on the Journey." The day includes continental break fast, large and small group ses-sions, catered lunch and worship The Church of the Holy Family service with communion. The cos is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road; between Grand River and 10

is \$25 per person before Sunday, April 3m and \$30 thereafter. For For more information, please more information or to register, contact Lori Danes at (248) 374contact the Holy Family Church at (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holy-5568 or the First Presbyterian Church office (248) 349-0911. - St. John Lutheran Church is · Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15

a.m. every Sunday For more inforion, visit www.oakpointe.org or mation, visit www.or call (248) 912-0043. Compiled by Ramez Khuri



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## SAVVY SENIOR - "FAMILY HISTORY"

Dear Savy Senior, My wife and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. To celebrate this milestone, we	and grandchildren. Here are some tips to consider to help you get started.
would like to write a personal family history for our children	Where to Start
Jaminy instory to but childen and grandchilden, and since we are both retired, we have lots of time. The problem is, we have piles of old jamily letters, docu- ments, photos, and other items and are feeling, well, over- whethened and don't know how to get started. How do we begin to turn all this stuff into an interest- ing personal history for our fami- ty to read? Can you give us any	If putting together a family history spanning your entire life, as well as other generations, scems overwhelming, start small Instead of plowing aimlessly through your piles of photos and mementos, make a simple outlin of your lives. A good starting point is to separate your life's history into different stages or chapters and keep a different file
advice or directions on this mat- ter?	on each one. This can help you focus and simplify your project.
Writer's Block	Here are some categories to con- sider:
Dear Block, Great idea! Writing a family	<ul> <li>Family history and genealog;</li> <li>Early childhood schools,</li> </ul>
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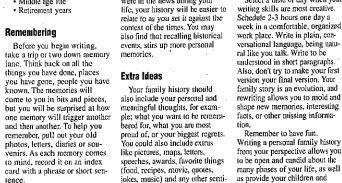
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**Current Events** 

History affects all of us, so sprinkle in some current events to your family history. By includ-

ing major historical events that

life, your history will be easier to

were in the news during your

family story is an evolution, and rewriting allows you to mold and shape new memories, interesting facts, or other missing information Remember to have fun. Writing a personal family history from your perspective allows you to be open and candid about the

mental memorabilia that helps

Select a time of day when you

tell your story.

Writing Tips

Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the many phases of your life, as well as provide your children and NBC Today Show and author of "The Savyy Senior" book.

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www.CyndisList.com/writing.ht

Personal History Heip:

you organize and write your

personal story. Visit

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www.PersonalHistoryHelp.com.

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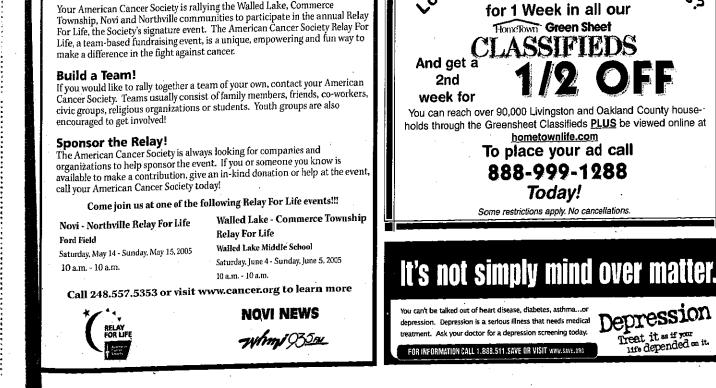
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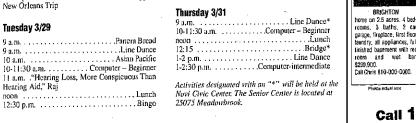


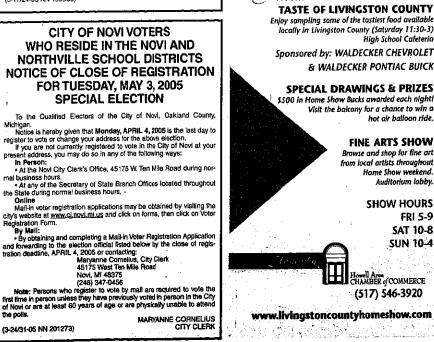
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#### WHERE WE STAND

## City's COO retiring: Smart move not to fill position

At first glance, one may wonder how the city of Novi could function properly without a chief operating officer when Craig Klaver retires June 30. But smart planning has put the administration in a position where his duties will be absorbed by other directors on staff. The result will be a savings of nearly \$150,000 when one factors in the COO's salary, pension, insurance, car

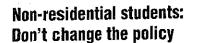
allowance, etc. The elimination of the position is a continuation of the streamlining process Richard Helwig, city manager, began when he came on board in six years ago. The director of development services, director of public services and economic development coordinator positions were abolished and netted the city annual savings

of almost \$200,000. With the city facing a 1999 Sandstone judgment of \$30 million (at 12-percent interest), city employee contracts in negotiations and a failed road bond, Helwig needed someone to run the city while he concentrated on the major issues at hand.

Klaver was the choice, and it proved to be a wise one. In his 24 years with the city, his accolades include project manager of the Novi Civic Center, Novi Building Authority member, project manager for Meadowbrook Commons and on and on.

Helwig, who spent 10 years as city manager of Dayton, Ohio, now has what he calls a "seasoned team" in place that's becoming more and more efficient, and that extra \$150k could help put more police officers on

All in all, it's a smart move that council should support overwhelmingly when budget soon begin.



The concept of letting non-residential employees of the Novi Community School District have their children attend Novi Schools is not a good idea. Though the concept was tabled indefinitely by the school board of education months ago, it is still a hot topic among parents who feel strongly against it. Concerns include a fear that the district might lose the word "community" from its name, having students who attend Novi schools who don't pay taxes to fund the facilities and having those students take away spots (which are sometimes hard to come by) from residential students on clubs and sports teams.

There is still no word on whether or not this topic will return to the board for a decision, but if it does, we hope the board does not allow it.

## Library land swap: Do it fast and start raising funds

The Novi Public Library Board will present a proposal to the Novi Community Schools District Board on May 5. The proposal is to exchange property the disat Eleven Mile and Beck roads for the current library property on Ten Mile Road. The Library Board has determined that building a new building is better than renovating the current structure, as there are limitations with the current site. Hopefully, the proposal will be approved quickly by the school district, and the city, so an intense fund-raising campaign can begin for a new library.



Casting for spring With a long flyline swooping around his head, John Bueter test drives a flyrod outside his Bueter's Flyfishing Unlimited shop in Nevi on a recent Wednesday afternoon. Bueter and other fish enthusiasts know that the state of Michigan's trout opener will be Saturday, April 30.

# Help guide community resource

## here your whole life, what types of informa-tion would you like to see in our guide? For instance, Novi has many great parks, and we've included basic information on there Around 1980, I decided to pack my bags and move to southern California. I was 19, the weather was great and the adventure was about to begin. It only took three days to get there, but it

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this would be all I would need."

Cal Stone

for many years. However, this year we will add a man to make it easier for guide users took a lot longer than that to figure out whe everything was at. Knowledge that I took for granted here – like where parks and libraries are tocated – all had to be learned about an area that was new to me. After six years of res

est, places of worship and historic sites, and the newest edition will now include locator maps for those three subjects. Our education section will be updated to idency, I was still scratching my head about some things. Luckily, for folks movinclude Novi's newest addition, Catholic Central, which will open this summer. As we know, Novi is home to hundreds of ing here, this newspaper puts together the Novi Community Guide, a handy publication that

and restaurants. This guide does not include a comprehensive lising of those because there are other publications that are better suited (I might suggest our company's phone book, HomeTown Directories) for that purpose. makes relocating and li ing a little easier. Over the years, the guide has grown both in size (the 2004 edition was 76 pages) and depth Advertisers know the value of this book

Available spaces fill up quickly when a prod-uct contains this much useful information and of information (see sidebox for what's includ ed). Each time we try to improve the product to make it more useful. has a shelf life of one year. The 2005 edition of the Novi Comm to make it more useful. Last year, our guide earned first place in the special sections category of the Michigan Press Association's editorial contest. Guide will be inserted into the April 21 edition of the Novi News. This is, literally, your book. Please feel free to let me know how it can be

"Very user-friendly," wrote one of the con-test judges, "If I moved to your community, even better Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or by e-mail at cstone@ht.homecomm.net. That says it all, and the award is wonderful. But we want to make the 2005 guide ever bet-

ter, and you can help. If you're new to Novi, or if you've lived

# All children benefit from March Reading Month

nervous in front of people anyway, and need-less to say, I had some major butterflies in

my stomach as I walked into the school about a half hour before I was scheduled to

read. To my surprise, however, it wasn't so

I was immediately greeted by Parent

Teacher Organization member Sue Snider

and Principal Mary Goedert. The two walked

It is quite an unbelievable experience knowing that with comething as simple as a children's book, you can touch some kids' lives, even if for a brief moment. lives, even if for a brief moment. I had such an experience just last week when 1 visited Donna Wells' special educa-tion classroom at Village Oaks Elementary School. It started out as a task, as my mis-school. It started out as a task, as my mis-school. It started out as a task, as my mis-school. It started out as a task, as my mis-school. It started out as a task as my mis-school. It started out as a task as my mis-school.

sion was to read a book to children in a celebration of March Reading Month. That task soon turned into a pleas-ure, however, as the stu-

tains the following categories. What else would you like to see in this year's ediwho might still be unfamiliar with our streets to locate the individual parks. Likewise, our guide includes points of inter-Government - City of Novi, Courts, Novi Township, Oakland County Administration, Post Offices, State Administration, State

WHAT'S INSIDE?

The Novi Community Guide 2004 con-

House of Representatives, State Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate and Voter Precincts. businesses, including an abundance of retailers Libraries Recycling Parks/Facilities Seniors Education - Novi Community School District, Northville Public Schools, Walled Lake Schools, Private Schools, Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College and Walsh College.

Points of Interest **Historic Sites** Places of Worship Civic Groups/Organizations Homeowners Association **City of Novi Street Map** 

es and if the children in the book can put aside their pride and say I'm sorry, then why can't everybody else? I'm

sorry, there many disputes would probably be resolved just by saying those two short words before they turn into a loss of friendsnip tor good, or worse, even a fight. Getting back to my experience, the only things I knew going in was the fact that the class I would be reading to was a special education class and what the book was all ship for good, or worse, even a fight. about, due to the fact I got a chance to pree hand. I g

the kids, I'm pretty sure I could have handied it just fine on my own. There were only about nine kids in the class and we all sat at a table. I introduced myself and the kids told me their names. They seemed very interested in my presence as some even pulled up chairs right next to me on either side, just so they can view the pictures in the book more closely. I read every page aloud and asked the students ns about what they thought would happen next and why they hought the two children in the book were arguing. Of course, each student had their own

ions on why, but the point is, with that

mple activity. I was able to engage the kids

in a fun and meaningful experience that they were able to learn from. It was fun for me as

well, because I was finally able to witness,

first hand, what every teacher in the district is talking about when they say they love it when they're able to see that little light bulb

turn on in each child's head. I believe I saw

again in the future.

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that myself, and WOW! What a cool experi-

I definitely wouldn't mind reading to kids

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# **OTHER OPINIONS** Future of our state will be based on brains over brawn April is the cruelest month es me it was not always thus. He too big, too complicated, and the iron grip of the United Auto recounts the days in the 1960s

veding Lilacs out of the dead land, mix-Workers union on costs — labor contracts with the outo industry Memory and desire, stirring make labor, in effect, into a fixed Dull roots with spring rain cost - is as firm as ever, Of course, now that Chrysler's long-forgotten side deal with the UAW has surfaced, which allows T. S Eliot (The Waste Land) had

it wrong, at least for Michigan. April isn't the cruclest month. It's the company to do something about March, not reall health care cost - but not you may be sure that the phone will yet spring. Officially, spring he ringing off the hook in the office

this year started at the equinox (when light and dark in a of Ron Gettelfinger, the 24-hour period are UAW's president. equal) last Sunday. But this so far is Until he answers it, you may be sure that the market share of the lifth coldest March since the 1870's, according our two remaining to the National domestic manufac Weather Service.

winter --

Michigan.

urers will keep And the winter going down. Michigan's unemwhich has just offi- Phil Power ployment, now tied with Mississippi for second highest in the nation, is cially ended --- but still scems too much with us -- was among the hostage to the automobile industry wiest on record, with an average both manufacturers and the supply chain. To her credit, Goy Jennifer of 84 inches in Southeastern Granholm is making a pitch to Yet since it's officially spring now, there are grounds for hope. At our house, the Snowdrops just start-ed blooming over the weekend. Toyota to put a new manufacturing plant in Michigan. But its nearness

ed blooming over the weekend, pale green and white, and if I look n Solidarity House seems more than likely to spook the Japanes carefully I can see the crocuses just Granholm is also proposing beginning to stick their green tops above the winter-yellowish grass. some changes in the Single Business Tax designed to help out the manufacturing sector, But the insurance industry is howling. The But it's still a cruel time for Michigan. The story that General Motors is going to lose money on State Chamber of Commerce, res automobile operations this year came as a big shock to most peo-ple. The folks I talk with at GM are olute in its opposition to any taxes at all, is grumpy. And the Republicans who run the legislature are happy to let the Governor twist aying that the best outcome they can see is to soldier on for another slowly in the wind. five years or so, when the "legacy costs" of hundreds of retirees begit ome down and, maybe, some body will do something about the rising costs of health care.

# Haney took a swing at building

or more, about

ourselves as a family, and about

people, as we did about building a

golf course," Bill Haney told me last

you'll love this book. If you don't like golf, you may even love it

more. This columnist personally loathes golf, would rather do laundry, and had to be strongly per-suaded to open this book. Once I started, I couldn't put it down. It is really no more about golf than the of building his own course, one that would be just the way he wanted it. Unlike nearly all the Oscar-winning movie Million Dollar Baby is about boxing. What rest, he decided to do it. it really is about is the American

Except this made absolutely no sense. Haney, who looks faintly like Wally Cox, was then 29 years old He bada wife and former d dream. Someone, I wish it had been me, called this book sort of a "A Year in Provence comes to the Rust Belt." It is all that. "We old. He had a wife and four tod dlers, the oldest of whom was 6. He was hardly wealthy; he had a learned as much



Marcy, who could-nt have cared less about golf, said, "If you don't do it

weekend over a platter of pancakes. The best thing about this book is that he waited so l >

when George Romney was gover-nor and the idea of creating a Single Business Tax was fresh on

everybody's mind. When it finally

came down to crunch time, accord

ing to Ruff, the only people gath-ered around the table in the gover-

UAW. Michigan's economics and politics were concentrated in those

politics were concentrated in those days in a way difficult to imagine

Which is why I'm beginning to lose hope that any public policy fixes might be a success. The cli-

mate is too partisan. There are too

large know far too little about what

they're doing. But there is hope in the news

from Oakland County, where County Executive L. Brooks

Patterson wants to blanket the

entire county with wireless Internet by 2006. Yes, all 910 square miles and 61 cities, villages and town-ships! The technology would let

anybody with a PC, laptop or other Internet-compatible device have ful

access to the Internet without any

access is a basic tool to connect people and companies with the essential technology of our age.

County-wide wireless access would help Oakland attract and

retain "brain-based" businesses that are much more the future than old

fashioned "brawn-based" manufac

turing that relies more on bending

He sees that widespread Internet

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many contending constituencies, Term-limited legislators have been there too short a time and by and

nor's conference room were

today.

General Motors, Ford and the

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were in many ways closer to the 1860s. There is also a suitably haunting, and totally real, darker aspect

to the Haneys' sojourn in rural America. There is a mystery the locals won't tell them about at first that involves a mean old man named Nate Fish, perhaps the nations first blood transfusion, and a gruesome death — all right in the front room of the house in

which they lived and plotted their off course. In the end, they indeed built it, and the customers did come. But the thrill left, "I wanted to build a golf course. I really didn't like running one." After two years they sold it to people who had no idea

how much work a golf course real ly was, Today, the golf course has long since vanished, and develop-ers will undoubtedly soon swallow

up the land. Recently, however, Hancy went back and bought the ancient 1841 pole barn that stood on the place. He dismantled it. Someday, he will reassemble it - or use it to build that vacation house he has always been thinking of.

do in the 1960s? "No way," he

says, a bit sadly. The price of fer-

tilizer and seed, not to mention th

land, has soared far beyond infla

and recently eyed some land ...

"Look all you want, but just

husband."

until Marcy brought him up short

remember: One golf course per

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Could a young man do today what he was able - barely - to

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Any chance for a radical restructuring of the company, along the lines of smaller but better? Negative, say my GM sources. It's Some men see things that never were, and ask why not, as Bobby Kennedy used to say. Bill Haney is one of those. Take golf, for instance. He had been in love with golf since he first started caddying. Like most golfers, he dreamed

## City business expo: Keep helping the small guys

On March 16, the City of Novi hosted its first Small Business Administration Expo. Forty-eight attendees included both aspiring business owners and current companies looking to expand or clip costs in a tight economy. Groups like the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE Services, Small Business and Technology Development Center Services and Walsh Family Business Center offered advice and answered questions.

City officials said they hope to make this a yearly event. That would provide a critical resource for entrepreneurs. Novi might also consider a similar event to guide businesses through city processes such as planning commission, zoning and other ordinance rules.

dents turned their : tion to every word 1 was eading. The book, entitled "I'm Sorry," is about two friends, a little boy and a little girl. It follows the s they spend time pair as they sp with each oth Ramez Khuri day, through an argument

me down to the classroom, explained what I should expect and put me at ease on the that makes them mad at each other, to a point where they apologize and become friends again. It was written by Sam whole thing. As soon as I arrived to the room, I was greeted once again by Wells and Special Education Para Professional Audrey McBratney, illustrated by Jennifer Eachus and published by Harper Collins Publishers Edwards, who seemed to have quite a firm in 2000. It was donated to the class by a past handle on the class. At first I was glad to see tudent's family. Now, I know most kids love a good story there would be two other adults in there with

st to make sure everyone stayed in anyway, but what a great lesson to teach line. But after a few minutes of chatting with Everybody gets upset or frustrated with their

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many years to write it, "You need years of per-spective to deal Jack Lessenberry iouse, borrowed more with some of the more painful money, bought a "rundown popthings," he said, There are personal com farm" in rural Jackson County, rolled up their sleeves, and went to work. Toddlers and all. tragedies; money crises and balky equipment. There are also an assortment of That was in 1966. Haney not rural characters, described in a manner part William Faulkner, part only went on to build his golf course, but eventually established a highly successful career in Laura Ingalls Wilder. The Har advertising, with offices in both Detroit and Manhattan and foundbegan building "The Boondock: the late 1960s, and opened it to the public on May 2, 1970, two ed a high-quality book publishing company in suburban Detroit days before the student shootings at Kent State. ntum Books) when every-Those were the years of student one said that couldn't be done. protest and a nearby Woodstock-like rock concert; of massive social And now he has written the story of how his young family built a upheaval in Ann Arbor, where solf course and lived to tell about Hancy went to work every morr t: Chasing Dreams in the ing. But he came home at night to Boondocks: A Golf Course Comes a world right out of American to Life (Crofton Creek Press; Gothic, where the rhythms of life \$24.95.) If you are a golf nut

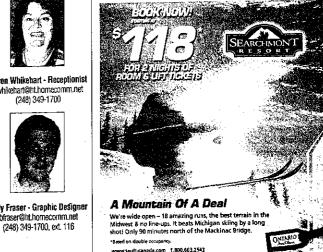
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**Corrections:** Last week's article on page 5A on courtroom security following the Brian Nichols case in Atlanta this nonth, a case was mentioned in which a Chicago judge's family members were murdered. The article stat-nonth, a case was mentioned in which a Chicago judge's family members were murdered. The article stat-nonth, a case was mentioned in which all U.S. District Court Jean Lefkow's husband, Michael, 64, ed that it was her parents who were killed. It was U.S. District Court Jean Lefkow's husband, Michael, 64, and mother, Donna Humphrey, 89, who were shot on Feb. 28, 2005. In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue, it stated that city of Novi Chief Operating Officer In a front page article in the March 17, 2005, issue and the march 17, 2005, issue article in the March 17, 2005, i

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# HEALTH

# Chemo-Fairies get artist through treatments

### Cancer survivor's work on display at

Providence's Assarian Center

Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents "The Chemo-Fairies, a journey, by local artist and cancer survivor Pamela Campau. The collection of artwork expresses the movement, art and emotion that Campau experienced while undergoing chemotherapy. This mixed media show includes the whimsical, yet thought provoking, chemo-fairy series, as well as additional pieces. The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery

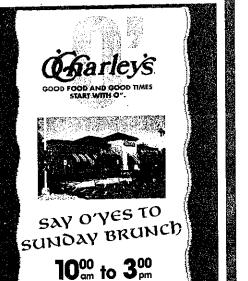
is located in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The show will be on display through April 30. The gallery is open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Monday through Friday. Campao is a mixed media artist who finds inspiration in mundane and everyday places. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and underwent extensive chemotherapy. 'I never go on a trip without my sketchhook in my suitcase,'' she says. 'Who knows what interacting things will note suicase, she says, who knows what interesting things will pres-ent themselves while traveling? I drew and created at throughout the long journey back to health." "The Chemo-Fairies were a

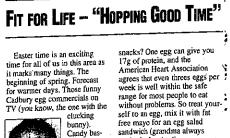
means to express the range of feelings and emotions 1 experi-enced in a land of needles, chemicals and tubes," said Campau. " drew a Chemo-Fairy every treat-ment in an effort to stay present in the moment," she added. "The first Chemo-Fairy that I drew was a complete surprise to me. However, it did not take long for me to realize that expressing

whatever feelings I was experi Cancer survivor Pamela whatever teelings I was experi-encing in this way was much bet-ter for me that not doing so. The process of creating art was a real comfort to me. The healing played out on a landscape that I couldn't see, and my artwork helped me trust that all was going well tile as art my continuing Campau's "Chemo-Fairles" artwork will be on display at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center through April. well. Life as art my continuing

each moment is yours to be awake, to create joy and to heal." Providence Center for the journey." It is Campau's vision that the images will help someone else who is going through a similar experience. It is her belief that Healing Arts, located in the Assarian Cancer Center, provides a variety of programs that pro-mote emotional, mental, and spirthere is a creative spark in every-one that can help when undertaking this kind of journey. Campau says, "Whether it's writing a let-ter, creating a journal, or drawing, greater community. ing this kind of journey. Campau says, "Whether it's writing a let-



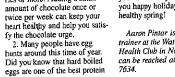




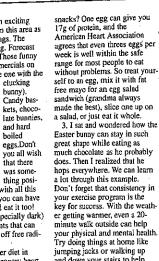


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your physical and mental health. Try doing things at home like jumping jacks or walking up and down your stairs to help hum some calories. Don't let the holidays get you down, Stay positive and keep yourself healthy. I wish each of you happy holidays and a healthy spring!

Aaron Pintar is a personal trainer at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. He can be reached at (248) 449-7634.

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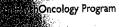
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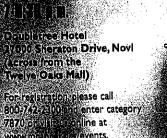
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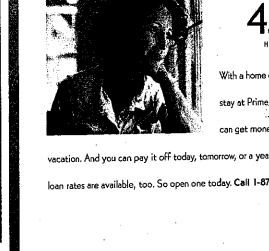
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residents raise money to walk 60

**EVENTS** 

TIME: noon LOCATION: Sims Park at Quinif and South Commerce in

Walled Lake

City of Walled Lake Easter Egg

DATE: Saturday, March 26

DETAILS: Free event for chil-

**Cassis Town Hall Meetings** 

DATES: Monday, March 28 and Thursday, March 31 TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.

LOCATION: March 28 - Novi

Richardson Senior Center's meet-ing room, 1485 Oakley Park Dr., in

Commerce Township. DETAILS: State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) will host two town

hall meetings to gather input from

residents regarding what they believe the state's budget priorities

should he. CONTACT: (517) 373-1758

**Experimental Art Exhibit** 

DATES: now through March 30

TIME: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: The Meadowbrook

International Society of Experimental Artists' Edge Joppich is being exhibit-

ed. This is a compilation of dream

Art Center, 41200 West Ten Mile

DETAILS: The work of

ke, abstract collages. CONTACT: For more info

M.F.F.C. Youth Fly Fishing

School & Huron River Trout Tune-up

DATE: Saturday, April 2 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake

Outdoor Education Center, 3577

Sleeth Road, Commerce Townshi DETAILS: The fishing school i for children, ages 7-17. Free for

mbers and non-members are

\$35. All children must be accon

nied by their parent or sponsor for the Trout Tune-up. The Tune-up is

a free members club outing, in con-

release on the Huron River in Wixom. junction with the DNR's trou

call (248) 477-6620.

Civic Center council chambers, 45175 W. 10 Mile; March 31 -

Iren age 12 and under.

CONTACT: To sign up or for

more information, call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

DATES: April 9 TIME: 9-11 a.m. DETAILS: Caribou staff will treat

park guests to five coffee while

exercising your dog. The Nature Center will be also be open from

a.m.-5 p.m.on Saturdays. CONTACT: Sue Wells, chief of

creation, at (248) 858-4634

Meadowbrook Churcl

Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

DATES: Friday, April 15

aturday, April 16 TIMES: Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road (between

DETAILS: For more information

Novi Fourth Graders Meeting

kating Center, Farmington Hills DETAILS: This event is intend-

ed for the fourth graders in Novi to

and potentially some of the staff from Novi Meadows, There will be games and prizes as well as social-

meet kids from the other schools

zing and making new friends

CONTACT: Karen Kotche

Casino Bus Trip to benefit

DATE: Sunday, May I TIME: 2 to 9 p.m. LOCATION: Casino Windsor

DETAILS: Leave from Eddie Edgar Arena/Ford Field in Livoni located in northwest area of 1-96

and Farmington Road. Please arriv by 2 p.m. Will return at about 9 p.m. A \$20 donation includes \$15

n coin and two-way transportation

All passengers must have BOTH of the following pieces of ID:

· Birth certificate or passport

Donations will help two Novi

including all tolls to Casino Windsor.

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**Breast Cancer 3-Day** 

before they start fifth grade

(248) 449-5079

DATE: Tuesday, April 26 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Bonaventure

Eight and Nine Mile road).

tion, call (248) 348-7757

Rummage Sale

Lyon Oaks Bark Park

Saturdays

Young Life Golf Outing DATE: Thursday, May 19 LOCATION: Links of Nov 50395 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi DETAILS: For more information

449-6551

Workshops

**BUSINESS** 

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Ap

6; 8:45 a.m.-noon DETAILS: Small Business Loans

finance options for small bus

urial skills.

call Paul Anker (248) 349-8425 or Mike Neville at (248) 449-8234. Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services April Business SCHOOL/

GOVERNMENT

#### Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Thursday, March 17 ness owners TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd. DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 7; DETAILS: How to Start a

CONTACT; (248) 449-1200 Business --- learn how to implement your ideas and examine your entre-Wixom City Council

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 14 DATE: Tuesdays, April 12, 26 May 10, 24; June 14, 28; July 12, 26; August 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. (Wed.) 9, 22; Dec. 13 DETAILS: How to Write a and (Tues.) 20 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 19045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Mondays, April 4 and 18. TIME: 7 p.m.

## Business Plan — for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to suc-LOCATION FOR ALL WORK-SHOPS: Oakland County complex, 200 N. Telegraph Road, Ponjiac.

COST: The fee is \$40 per work-shop, which includes all materials. CONTACT: For more informa-

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Line Dancing Classes DATE: every Wednesda LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 5175 Ten Mile Rd. TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi lee Arena DETAILS: Meeting of local pro 42400 Arena Dr. (activity room, mai fessionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications floor) lessons in this pay-us-you-go program Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for open and eager to bring you qual fied husiness leads. CONTACT: (734) 462-6460 those ages 55 and up; 56 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening)

NCC General Membership Luncheon

**CLASSES** 

Assarian

enjoy a

Healinn Arts' "Tuesdays at

DATE: Every Tuesday night

LOCATION: Assarian Cance

the adult community to come and

enter, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: Variety of activities for

unique mix of classes sponsored by

the Providence Center for the Healing

Arts, Some activities may include :

Line Dancing Classes DATE: Tuesday, April 19 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LOCATION: Fox Run Village DATE: every Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners 41000 Thirteen Mile Road, Novi 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, DETAILS: Guest speaker Tim McConnick was drafted to the NBA in 1984 and is currently a 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. (activity room main floor) DETAILS: No partner needed for commentator for ESPN. Registration begins at 11:30; lunch will be served at noon; cost is \$20. CONTACT: Novi Chamber of lessons in this pay-as-you-go program.
 Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up. \$6 for non-resi dents (lees are for the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 Commerce (248) 349-3743

SUPPORT **GROUPS** vidence Center for the

Moms Club of Novi

DATE: meetings first Thursday of ach month 11ME: 10 au LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The MOMS Club (Moms Offering Moms Support) is a non-profit support group, specifically

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supplies fee (no more than \$10) CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

DATE: every Monday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners

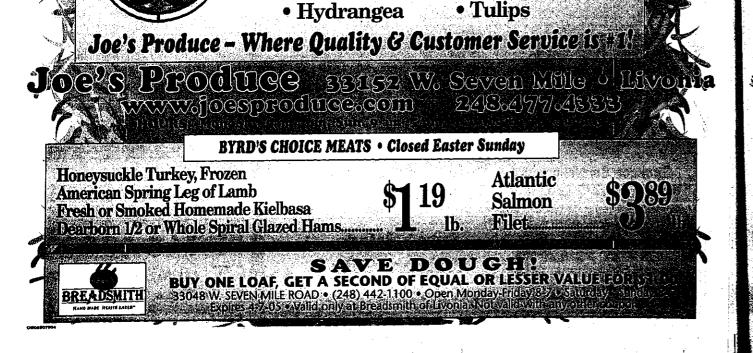
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aimed at meeting the needs of moth-ers who choose to stay at home with their children, including those who work out of their homes, as well as those who work part-time CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc-

#### Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATES: second Thursdays

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Villey school conference are all welcome. CONTACT: For more informa-

tion, call Jackie at (248) 437-5496.

#### Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the

church). DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's prob-lems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer, CONTACT: Nancy and Susari at

(248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at luarvestfellowship@comcast.net

#### Breast Cancer Support Group DATES: second and fourth

Tuesdays of the month. LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital. TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: There is no need to

register. CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

#### **Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes**

DATE: ongoing series. LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walted Lake. TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be taught

by public health nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill, Cost is \$25.

CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003

#### Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month

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#### Boost Camp Day

LOCATION: Holy Family

month meetings provide families

with the opportunity to share play

and conversation. CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan

DATE: first and third Tuesdays

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room. TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Toastmasters will

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New Take Off Pounds Sensibly

DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075

TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30

a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20 per annual mem-

hershin includes handbook; \$1 per

meeting. New members welcome

**Oakland Physical Therapy** 

May 11. The latest advances in exercise for low back pain. TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand

River Ave., Suite B124. CONTACT: RSVP by calling

**Dakland County Health** 

DATE: ongoing until supplies.

LOCATION: Pontiac Office.

County complex, building 36E. HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.;

CONTACT: Flu vaccine hotline

Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Flu shots are avail-

**Division Flu Shots** 

are depleted

(248) 3880-3550.

DATES: April 6, Fit for golf; and

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Grand River Avenue,

(248) 960-3257

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HEALTH

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Novi Toastmasters

Catholic Church (on Meadowbroo Road between Ten Mile Road and

DATE: Friday, April 8 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.\* LOCATION: Providence DETAILS: A nonprofit, nonde-nominational group that brings adoptive families together, Twice-a-Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave

DETAILS: A day of enrich-ment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new pertools, mormation and a new per-spective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants. Open to the public, \$50 per per-son (includes lunch and materials; registration required), CONTACT; (248) 465-5455

## LIBRARY LINES

#### **Novi Public Library Hours** LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten

Mile Road

HOURS: Monday-Thursday, HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 1-5 p.m. DETAILS: Unless noted below,

all programs take place at the library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

#### **Easter Holiday Hours**

DATE: Friday, March 25-Sunday, March 27 DETAILS: The library will be closed on Good Friday (March 25) and Easter Sunday (March 27). The library will be open on Saturday, March 26.

#### **Help Match the Walker** Million

DETAILS: With "A Million Books" going up on the walls, there are more books than usual these days at the library. By pur-chasing one of the paper signs in the shape of a book for \$1, you can help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. irchased

Movie Day @ NPL

DATE: Thursday, March 31 TIME: 1-2:30 p.m. DETAILS: Take a break and join us for a G-rated movie. Bring your own pillow or blanket, and we'll supply the snacks. For kids in kindergarten and up; no registration.

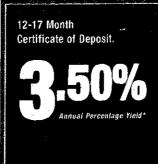
#### Story Times

DETAILS: Spring Story Times start April 4. Brochures listing the days and times of each drop-in Story Time session are available in the library.

#### Mini-Battle of the Books

DATE: Wednesday, April 6 TIME: 4:30 p.m. DETAILS: Teams of third and fourth graders will compete in answering questions about three books: "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" by Judy Blume, "Cam Jansen and the Triceratops Pops Mystery" by David Adler, and "Summer Reading is Killing Me!" by Jon Scieszka. We'll create the teams when you arrive, and award a prize to the winning team. No registration.

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### NOVI EXPO CENTER

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"Families are spending more time together at home and backvards can become retreats from the busy world outside," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool and Spa Association, a member of The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals

At the show, Twiggy, The Water Skiing Squirrel, wearing a life jacket will ride on water skis behind a remote-controlled boat in a custom-made swimming pool

Other features at the show include the Ultimate Backyard with a deck, bot tub and pool and seminars on what homeowners need to know when buying a pool or spa to make a good decision

Tips and advice are available from experts on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety exercise, health, financing and landscaping. Exhibits are filled with pool.

spa, hot tub and backyard living products and services. All the

Twiggy, the Water Skling

Squirrel, rides into the Expo Center show next weekend.

major backvard living categories are available from inground and aboveground pools, spas, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, patio enclosures and sunrooms

Show times are Friday, 3-10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m

Admission is \$7 for adults; \$3 for children ages 6-14; and free for children under 6.

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#### Earning recognition

Sarah Celeski and Laura Hirshfield were given Mid American Pom Scholarships recently. The sport changed both addletes and earning a scholarship was just icing on the cake for them. - Page 2B



The Novi porn pon team finished the season with a third-place finish in the state. They had a highly successful year. - Page 3B

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#### Like father, like sons

Anyone who follows Anyone who follows wrestling in Novi knows about the Churella family. It's as though they were born with one purpose — to twist opponents into pretzel shapes and beat on the wrestling mat.

The eldest Churella, Mark, was an All-American wrestler at the University of Michigan. His two sons, Ryan and Josh, aren't far behind. Just recently at the NCAA wrestling tourna-ment, Josh took eighth place in the country for 141-pound wrestlore.

wrestlers. Ryan did even better, making Kyan did even better, making a splash with a fourth-place fin-ish in the country in the 161-pound weight class. The apple, it appears, doesn't fall far from the Churella tree.

#### Hometown recognition

Who says you can never go home? At the very least, you can be written about in your ometown newspaper. Novi volleyball coach Julie 'noi

Fisette recently answered the phone and found the South Bend Tribune on the other end all the way from Indiana.

They wanted to talk about her program, what she does to motivate her kids and, of course, they wanted to reminisce about the good-old days when Fisette was a part of a team that won the state title.

a team that won the state title. Hopefully Fisette clipped a copy to hang on the refrigerator next to her children's artwork. next to her children's artwork. She's not often the focus of articles these days — especially with the way her team drew in all the attention with their his-torical season. It was a year for the history books for her Wildcat volleyball team and a year for the scrannbak for year for the scrapbook for Fisette.

#### Springing into action

So what teams are looking for a KVC title and which ones nave even



Novi graduate A.J. Rowe with a machine gun on duty in iraq.

# Rowe forced to grow up in midst of war in Iraq

## By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Novi graduate and former athletic star A.J. Rowe barely had time to knock the dust of his fatigues from his first tour in Iraq when he was told his batal-lion, the 2nd Batallion, First Marines, was headed back. This time, they were going to

Falluiah.

Fallujah. "At that point it was going through my mind that I wasn't coming home," said Rowe, who graduated in 2000 and signed up for the United States Marine Corps in April of 2001. "I fig-ured I'd go out there and do what I can do and hopefully make it borne." make it home."

The lance corporal quickly found out things were as dire as he had heard them to be. The Army's 82nd Airborne Division was pulling out of Fallujah. The Marines were going in as Marines were going in as replacements to take over the

(Milwaukce) Brewers who said (MINWAUKCE) Brewers who said they were sending a scout to talk to me at my house," he said. "Basically they drafted me and wanted to follow me around for a year to see what I could do." past him. Not all of it was like the drills though. Firing a rifle in training wasn't the same as a live battle. wash t the same as a nee battle. Raising his weapon against someone that was his enemy is something that still sits vividly in his mind. "It's a lot different," he said. do.

the Major League hopeful jumped at the chance to strut his stuff, joining the first college program that showed interest — Macomb Community College. There, he didn't do as well as he "It's a lot different," he said. "It's the biggest rush of your life, or at least the biggest l'Il probably ever feel. It's crazy. You're actually shooting at someone that's trying to kill you. They're going to kill one or you're going to kill one." Rowe said he's one of the lucky ones. He came home. Decrite what is said about

vould have hoped. "I went to college for half a semester and got into a bit of trouble," he said. "I decided to

trouble," he said. "I decided to sign up for the Marines. Then September 11 happened." Rowe barely had time to take in everything that was happen-ing to the country when he found out he was being sent to boot camp at Partis Island in South Carolina earlier than he expected.

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one ear and out the other. his mother, Lynn, was in Novi hearing all of the reports on the news channels. When she got the word her son was coming home, she made a point of ng right out to see him. It was an emotional moment

The Major League hopeful

A.J. Rowe pitches during a district game in the spring of 2000. He was later drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers

fought the enemies of his country. He did what he had to do to survive.

When he saw the newspapers and the television, the media was always saying the people that were killed in the fighting bystande

File Photo by JOHN KEIDER

# a while I just let the news go in

# The realities of war

As a Marine, Rowe found himself on the front lines of the United States' assault. He

bigger plans for spring? Check out the April 7 edition of the Novi News,



when the spring sports preview will come out.

Complete schedules and pre-ews will be available for all of the varsity teams at Novi High School.

#### Did you know?

Since it's March Madness and everyone is getting frustrat-ed with their brackets and watching their championship team get knocked out in the early rounds, here's a little bit of trivia-show style information to help feed your basketball-bungry brain. Wow your friends at the next big get-together. The fewest games that had to

played to reach 100 wins by toach at one school in NCAA he Division I history is 110. The school was St. John's University and the coach was

James Freeman

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The fighting, said Rowe, was

intense. He was caught in fire-fights, defending himself and the members of his company. Not all of them were destined to

"Out of our batallion, we had 27 dead when we came back," Rowe said. "Our company lost people. I had a couple es that were shot in the buddie head and survived. It was insane at times.

He said training kicked in when needed, allowing him to act on instinct to survive. He ducked and covered when bombs exploded. He fought against those seeking to back kill him and bullets whizzed lucky ones. He came nome. Despite what is said about soliders, he said he's not a hero. "I don't look at myself as a hero," said Rowe before point-ing out the men who didn't come back. "I look up to them. I feel sorry for their friends and their families that don't get to see them any more I'm not a see them any more. I'm not a hero. They are. I was just doing my job, doing what I get paid to do."

#### Once a Marine, always a Marine

Rowe never expected to step into the service of the United States

As a senior at Novi High School, he was the talk of the School, he was the tark of the town; Against Brighton in a baseball game he threw 20 strikeouts, making him one of the few prep pitchers in the state to ever do it. When the scason came to a close and the Major League Basebali teams started selecting in the draft, it was at his house the phone rang. "If was someone from the

hey tota us when we got there that we wre pretty much all going to war," he said. "They said the buddies to the left and the right of you are going to die if you don't put out."

From a young man looking to play professional baseball to a Marine Corps recruit, Rowe suddenly found himself being forced to grow up in a hurry

forced to grow up in a hurry. "You start growing up right away when you hit the Marine Corps." he said. "But it wasn't until I was over there that I matured the most. I was sitting in Kuwait waiting for the order to go into Iraq and thinking about college. I couldn't believe what I had done and what an idiot I had been."

"The news everyone here was

getting was a pretty one-sided ordeal," said Rowe. "They were saying there were civilian casualties and that we were the ones killing them. Those were the same people we were fighting. The weapons they were carry-ing were gone by the time the reporters came into the area reporters came into the area because their buddies came back and got them. It made us look like the bad guys."

He did his best to ignore the news reports, as did the other members of his battalion. They knew what had went on and

who they had been fighting. "At the same time it made me mad," he said. "But with me mad," he said. "But with me being there, I knew what was right and what was wrong. After

It was an enroused in the second seco nce. You're like 'Oh my God, 'm home." I'm

I'm home." The Marine, who is sched-uled to get out of the service in September, said he still hasn't been able to come completely out of the state of mind he was in while serving in Iraq. "I'we still out the edge", be

In white serving in fraq. "I've still got the edge," he said. "It's not as had as it used to be but I don't like being in large crowds still and I still the jumps, especially with loud noises

And then there are the nightnightly mares, which were nightly when he returned from the war.

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you're going to kill them.'

A.J. Rowe Novi graduate and United States Marine

"It's crazy. You're actually shooting at someone that's trying to kill you. They're going to kill you or



A.J. Rowe (right) stands next to an Iraqi soldier trained to fight with U.S. forces.

# Rowe hoping to play baseball again

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ting back into playing shape. While in Iraq, he made a point of throwing the baseball every day. He still throws four solid pitches and is around his Most of what wakes him up in the middle of the night are the the middle of the night are the things he still won't talk about. "There are things 1 still haven't told my mom about pet," he said. "Those are the things you can only talk about with the any who were there. top speed of an upper-80-miles-ner-hour fastball. "I still have it," he said with a laugh. "I'm just going to work at getting back in the best shape I can be in. I'll work out and see with the guys who were there with you. That's the only way you can really get it off your what happens after that. Even baseball's recent steroic chest

The Novi graduate isn't bitter The Novi graduate isn (bluer about being sent to way. He's a supporter of President George W. Bush to this day and isn't shy about noting he voted for him in the last election.

He, for one, will still be cheer-ing on his favorite squad. "You've got to love the home and the terrorists were going to come to us. Now, Iraq is going to have its freedom. We did the right thing." He enjoys reminiscing about the days of high school base-ball. His teammates, his coaches

and the year they had - making Six more months a run to the state quarterfinals Rowe has big plans when he returns to Novi following his release from the Marine Corps. He's going to hurry home, take a deep breath and adjust back to civilian life. - are things he'll always look back on all of it with fond memories. "It was a great time," he said. "The only thing I regret is that we didn't win the state champi-Beyond , that, his eyes are onship." If Rowe has his way, he'll locked firmly on the game that he once excelled at as a kid in high school. locked firmly on the game that in Rowe has his way, he in he once excelled at as a kid in high school. "I'd like to get back to the diamond," he said. "I'm not going to rush into anything. If I keep him from trying to reach can even play baseball again I'll be happy. I don't even have to wake it to the big show." make it to the big show.

The former Wildcat said he Sam Eggleston can be reached plans on looking up his former coach, current head Novi baseat (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.home

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Novi pom pon boasts two Mid

University. "Poin gave me a second fam-ily for four years," Celeski said, "During the season I spend more time with the team that I more time with the team that I do with my family. You become friends with each other and you become family, It's going to be really hard to say good-byc." But good-byc it must be, Celeski and Hirshfield, along with four other seniors, will leave a team they helped lead to a third-force finish in the state

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By Sam Eggleston

Novi pom seniors Sarah Celeski (left) and Laura Hirshfield earned Mid American om scholarships recently a third-place finish in the state.

They leave a team they've been a part of for four strong years. Neither scholarship winner had anything but good things to an appy that we trinsited third but all the seniors were sad because it was the last time we'd be doing pom." The season is over and the avards were handed out. For say about their pom squad. Both said they'll miss the com-petition, the coaches and their

"My best friends are on the team, said Hirshfield. Hirshfield and Celeski, pon Following the state finals competition, even as they were end. But, it was no where near Mitch the balance of the step back and think about what leaving the competition floor, it what they had already taken

hit the seniors their careers were through. "All the seniors came off the said Hirshfield. "I was shy **"SIDE SPLITTINGLY FUNNY** 

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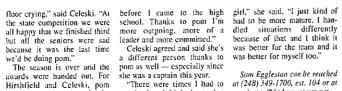


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# Novi pom pon ends great season

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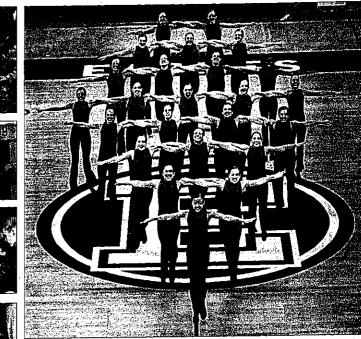


ABOVE LEFT: The Novi pom coaches hug after the team took third at states; Top RIGHT AND DOWN: Novi pom seniors dance in the middle of a circle of girls prior to a competi-tijon; The seniors wave good-bye from the bus taking them to camp; The Wildcats their scores at a competition; A pom girl takes a moment to grab a bite to eat.



ABOVE: The pom girls are gathered at the team's annual picnic. BELOW LEFT: Two Wildcats help each other apply their make-up; BELOW RIGHT: Boys from Novi participate in the annual guy/girl pom routine at Novi High School.

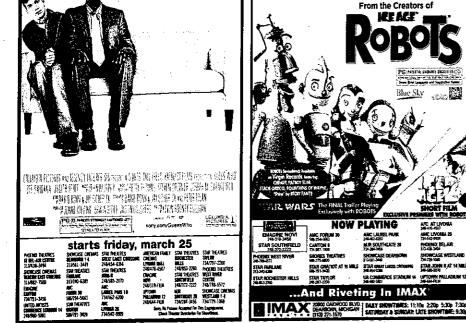




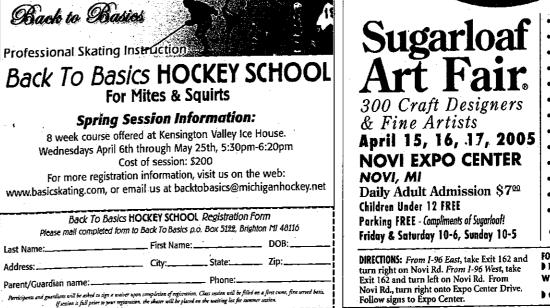
ABOVE: Novi pom participates in the kick competition; BELOW: Sarah Celeski (left and Audrey Oh try to get passerbys to stop for the team's car wash.











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# **REGIONAL MARKETPLACE**

# Could somebody in Washington be listening?

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There probably are fcw American small-business owners who could correctly identify the federal group whose primary job is to keep the president of the United States updated on the activities of government such as management, sporting, intragency cooperation and work performance. But count-less small-business owners, cepc-cially manufacturers, may soon be doffing their hats to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for daine is icb. for doing its job. Many of the greatest problems

small businesses face are govern-ment-related, particularly some-



**Jack Faris** 

Independent Business Research Foundation's most-recent quadrennial survey "Small Business Problems and Priorities.

Forty-four percent of small employers who responded to an NFIB poll on coping with regula-tion termed the problem either

"very serious" or "somewhat seri-ous." More than one-fourth said the ous. extra paperwork deerned necessary was the primary hassle; 22 percent was the primary hassie; 22 percent gave the top vote to difficulty understanding what was needed to comply. Nearly half – 49 percent – considered the federal government the main culprit of their regulatory

For many years, small-business owners just took it for granted that no one in Washington, D.C. was listening to their concerns about the

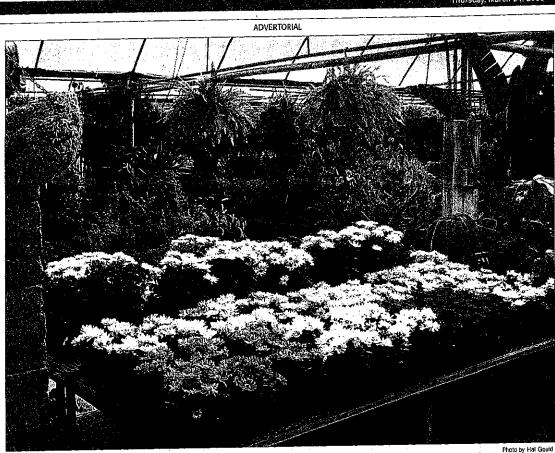
listening to their concerns about the regulatory burden. Each year, some 150 new proposed rules futurered down from the nation's capital. And each year, small firms collectively coughed up more than 5100 million to comply with new rules. But last year, OMB launched an effort to do something about the regulatory burden on the manufac-turing sector. In February, the office announced it would seek public nominations of rules and guidance documents that could be reformed to case some of those regulations. to case some of those regulations.

to case some of mose regulators. By December, the office collect-ed and sent to major federal depart-ments such as Treasury, Agriculture, Environmental

Protection, Labor, and Health and Human Services nearly 200 regula-tions that were identified as candidates for reform by more than 40 industry and non-profit organiza-tions. The Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy compiled a list of 27 rules considcompiled a list of 27 (dies consid-ered small-business priorities. Of the rules submitted, some 76 were given the green light for considera-tion and action by the Bush Administration, which will give the Administration, which will give the federal agencies their marching orders to modemize the regulations within specific timetables. John D. Graham, who heads the Office of Information and

Regulatory Affairs within OMB, said these nominations would get priority action "to case the excesrden for the manufacturing industry while maintaining health, safety and environmental protec-tions for the public."

What's more, the agency has released a draft report to Congress on the costs and benefits of federal over the past decade While this may not be cause for immediate celebration, the report could be an eye-opener for legisla-tors who fail to consider the negative impact on small-business growth and job creation that ill-con-ceived regulations cause. At the very least, OMB's action appears to be a clear indication that nebody in Washington, D.C. is listening to the concerns of American small businesses



Raney's Greenhouse offers a full palette of colorful flowers and plants to put a little spring into your landscaping plans.

**Raney's Plants, Inc.** 

#### By Annette Jaworski ECIAL WRITER

If winter has lingered just a little too long, a trip to Raney's Plants, Inc., should convince you that spring is on the way. Their bright sunny greenhouses are a sure sign of warmer days to come. The Raney family has been working hard all winter to bring 'customers hundreds of flats filled with flower and veg-

ctable plants. "Tve rooted over 40,000 cut-tings of annuals to be ready and 7,000 geraniums. We have over 8,000 baskets planted," said

A convolution of the standard state of the standard state of the standard state of the state of Look for new varieties of coleus and perilla, trailing snapdragons and calibrachoa. They're also a great source for the unique, carrying the area's the widest vari-eties of plants.

If any area that when the model have eties of plants. Rancy says their product speaks for itself. The high quali-ty of their merchandise is one of the main reasons people come to South Lyon from surrounding areas to fill their nursery orders. "It's a greenhouse. We have a higher quality product because we raise it here and sell it here." Brothers Tony and Mike Rancy agree their agricultural background is the reason for their high standards. Rancy's starts all of their annuals and perennials from cuttings or seeds in their own greenhouses. seeds in their own greenhouses. "Our biggest advertisement is

the customers that come in, take their plants home and their neighbors and ask 'Where did you get those, because mine aren't growing like that?''' said Tony Rancy.



Soon their greenhouses will be filled with traditional favorites like impatiens, petunias, begonias and geraniums in every vivid color of the rainbow.

The staff includes three mas-ter gardeners ready to assist cus-tomers. They're happy to share their expertise. Raney explains they are constantly exploring new varieties and plants. One of their favorite places to research includes the trial gardens at Michigan State. Here they select products they believe will grow well in this area's climate. This helps to ensure their customer's success. The staff includes three massuccess

"I take it home personally and see. We try all of these our-selves. If it works out well, we'll offer more next year.

In addition to plants, they carry a wide variety of other gifts. There are many unique home decor items, including life-like silks and gift certificates that allow the gardener to make their own selection. "When they (Raney's) go to

the Chicago trade shows, they

Customers will always find fun scasonal merchandise to cel-ebrate holidays or special events like Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day or Thanksgiving, When the growing scason is farther along in May, Raney's will offer an own horse selection including even larger selection, including hanging baskets and combina-tion pots in a wide variety of shapes and sizes for Mother's Day. They're proud of their diverse offering of combination pots.

ly business founded by Ray Raney, who began seedlings for their vegetable gardens like tomatoes, melons and cucum-bers. He is still an active part of the business today. Other family members include brothers; Mike Raney, who is vice-president, and Paul Raney, as well as sis-

Raney's Plants, Inc. is a fami-

ters Ann Brown and Mary Sue Bennett. They're represented in Joela organizations like Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association where Tony is

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 Aside from the obvious beauty of flowers and enjoying fresh vegetables, many studies show the positive health benefits of gardening.

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#### Easter

Even if the weather doesn't cooperate this Easter, you can still add a ray of sunshine to someone's day with a gift of flowers. Raney's makes certain all their florals for the holiday are special and ready for gift giving. Look for all the traditional favorites. Bulbs will be in full bloom including liles, hydranges, tulips, hydrintis and daftodils adding fragmance and beauty. Of course, a bouquet of fresh cut flowers is always available. Or try colorful blooms such as cineraria and cyclamen in pots for a touch of

we'll design a gift, it's a nice presentation, whether it'll be a basket with grass or maybe a bow," said Lori Vogel of Raney's. "Everything is prepared so that when you present it, it will be a gift. There will be lots to pick from."

When giving bulbs don't forget, once they're done blooming they can be planted in flowerbeds where they be enjoyed year after year, she reminds. "It's the gift that keeps on giving.

President, and Vice-President of the Michigan Floriculture Growers Council. If you're a little behind sched-

I you to a mite befind sate ule planting, don't worry, gar-dens and flowers planted in June do amazingly well, they assure. "The ground is nice and warm, the sun is more intense

and the days are longer. All this is conducive to growth, although any time after Mother's Day should be okay," said Tony

more available in a week or so. Customers are welcome to enjoy browsing the rows of plants for inspiration, but even on busy weekends Raney's staff makes every to handle orders as quick-ture newithe ly as possible.

ty as possible. For your convenience they carry all your gardening needs and potting supplies. For those who prefer natural pesticides, they carry organic insecticides and fungicides. "We'te farmers and up here."

lack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of ndependent Business), the nation's Independent Districts), in contract largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943. NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is avail-able on-line at www.NFIB.com.

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get things that you don't find everywhere," said associate, Lori Vogel. said associate, Detroit

