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Hospital wins legal go-ahead

Opposing health care systems to appeal ruling

By Pam Fleming

Providence Hospital officials are moving forward with plans to build a 200-bed, \$224-million hospital in Novi despite an appeal on a lawsuit against the project that will be presented soon to the

Michigan Supreme Court.
St. John Health System, which
owns Providence Hospital, and
Henry Ford Health System
announced March 23 that the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld a July 2004 ruling giving the two hospital systems the right

transfer beds from a larger hos-

pital to a smaller one.

Henry Ford Health System
plans to build a new hospital in
West Bloomfield. Providence's

plans to blind a new hospital in West Bloomfield. Providence's new hospital would be at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

Botsford General Hospital, Covenant Medical Center, Inc., William Beaumont Hospital, Trinity-Health-Michigan and Mount Clements General Hospital Inc., filed a lawsuit against the two systems to block the transfer of beds. But the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the July 2004 decision by the Ingham County Circuit Court in favor of St. John Health and Henry Ford Health System.

The judges dismissed the opposing hospital systems' claims on the ground that they lack

the ground that they lack

standing.

Lou Martin, director of public relations, Providence Hospital,

said Novi Mayor Lou Csordas, former Mayor Richard Clark and seniors in the community supported a full-service hospital coming

Stephen Afendoulis, chair, trial department, Varnum Law Firm in Grand Rapids, which recenty opened a southeast Michigan office in Novi, said the plaintiffs will definitely file an appeal with the state Supreme Court in mid April. The plaintiffs are question-ing the constitutionality of the earlier courts' decisions. In the meantime, Providence

Hospital officials are getting ready to pour foundations soon—at their own risk.

at their own risk.

"We're excited," said Rob
Casalou, president, Providence
Hospital. "Actually, I was
absolutely dumfounded, because the appellate court acted so quickly. The hearing was only on the 15th of March, and they ruled in a



An artist's rendering of the proposed Providence Hospital – a 200-bed, \$224 million facility to be built at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

week." Casalou said typically a court of appeals does not produce a ruling for 45 days.

The opposing hospital systems continued on page 2A



Dane Schlief attaches a microphone to anchor Amanda McCracken as she and Dan Church, left, prepare to be taped for an edition of Novi High School's TV show, "The Cat's Eye," by cameraman Nate Quay.

Get the Cat's Eye view

Students' daily newscast covers world. local headlines

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Their faces can be seen on television monitors throughout Novi High School on a daily basis. They are the source of local and national news for students and their own right.
No, they're not the anchors of

morning news shows on local FOX2, WDIV or WXYZ. These people can relate to high school students a lot easier than those folks, simply because they are high school students themselves. They are the anchors of Novi High's news broadcast, The Cat's

Each day, students in David Legg's broadcasting class take turns being anchors for the show, while others work behind the

scenes to make sure it goes off without a hitch.

without a hitch.
"This is really a unique class and broadcasting in general covers so many of the state standards, it's amazing," Leg said. "The state has language arts standards and this is a language arts class."
The broadcast usually lasts tambars from four-six natures.

anywhere from four-six minutes anywhere from foresta finace, each morning, Monday through Friday, and covers world headines, school news, club news and athletics, featuring Novi High, local and national sports. The weather forecast is then done in front of a green screen, and the show ends in the announcement of student birthdays throughout the building.

Students write and speak every day, but they also use technology to do it. They learn how to gather information, do interviews and condense it all into a tight news

broadcast.
"I love doing this," Student
Emily Holt said. "We use the
entire hour to write our stories.
We basically just start from

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Big bucks for parks?

Council eyes proposal for department

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

City council members discussed a new policy at their March 21 meeting that could potentially raise some signifi-cant dollars for the Novi Parks, and Recreation Forestry

Members reviewed a plan that would include a park nam-ing policy, event and program sponsorship policy and naming rights policy.

For more on the parks plan, please see ou editorial on page 14A.

Naming rights are when an individual, family, private business or corporation purchases the right to name a fixed asset. These rights are usually considered in a commercial context, meaning that the naming right is sold or exchanged for signifi-cant cash or other revenue for a

cant cash or other revenue for a fixed period.
On Dec. 9, 2004, the Parks, Recreation and Foresty Commission members met with city council to review the department's progress on 2005 goals.

goals.

Discussion focused on the need to generate other revenue sources and the role the new Novi Parks Foundation could serve. The foundation has already raised about \$8,200,

according to Lynne Paul, council member.

Topics also included the need to solicit and secure naming rights revenue for parks and reation facilities, and sponsorship of events and programs

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Library board to seek land proposal approval

■ School board plans to hear details in May

By Pam Fleming

Novi needs a new public library, and it needs one soon, according to members of the Novi

The library board has spent several months trying to whether a renovation/expansion project at the current Ten Mile Road site or a new site was better.

The board decided recently that new construction offers advan-tages over renovation because of tages over renovation imitations at the current site.

"We feel the school board prop-

erty is the viable alternative

new two-story library on a 74-acre site at the southwest corner of Eleven Mile and Beck roads owned by the Novi Community School District.

Margolis, library board resident. Board members want to build a

The board is looking at an even trade between the current library property on Ten Mile Road and the school district's property. No money would exchange hands,

"All were very pointed in saying that the success of your fund-raising campaign is around forming a vision being able to show something to people that they can get their minds around."

Bichard Smith

and the deal would be subject to a

uperintendent, said John Streit, avorable millage election.

Dr. Emmett Lippe, district

School Board president, received a letter from the library board two

weeks ago saying members were weeks ago saying intended were ready to present their proposal. Strict has placed the proposal on the district's May 5 agenda, according to Lippe.

"We will outline to them what

we'd like to see in this proposal," Lippe said. "We need to know more details."

Brenda Evans, library director, said that the current site worked well for many years. In fact, the library was the first building in the municipal complex when it

opened in 1976.
"As the high school has gotten bigger and the need for parking

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recalled.

tal in the community.

Patient would have preferred local treatment

Marge Anderson had barely arrived at Providence Park Medical Center when she suffered a heart attack on Nov. 25, 2001. Today, she is one Novi resident who would like to see a full-service hospital in the community.

A widow, Anderson had to be

transported to Providence after after being treated at the Novi facility. She lived in Northville

when the inci-M. Anderson dent happened and now lives in the Island Lake of Novi subdivi-

One day while working at Marshall Field's at Twelve Oaks Mall, she started to feel nauseous. She told the guest she was waiting on that she would have to get a co-worker because she felt like she was

"I told her I was going to lie down on the floor," she said. Mall security arrived and, after should get its hospital."

"You have a growing community, and it's not just Novi. You have South Lyon, and you have the Wixom area."

Marge Anderson



Opponents plan to file another appeal of ruling

By Pam Fleming

The hospital systems opposing the ruling giving St. John and Henry Ford permission to build two new hospitals are not ready to roll over and play dead just yet. according to their attorney.

"The case raises very important issues of constitutional law," said Stephen Afendoulis of the Varnum Law Firm in Grand Afendoulis said there is now an

opinion by the Michigan Court of Appeals that says voters who claim their constitutional right to vote has been infringed upon by our legislature do not have a suffi-cient interest — or standing — to be heard.

"Standing" is a constitutional may docume that locuses on the quality of the party bringing a claim.

clain.
"It isn't enough to say 'I pay
my taxes, I'm a voter, so I should
be able to challenge any legislation that I don't like.' To be a
proper plaintiff, you have to have sufficient stake in the outcome. You must suffer or will suffer some kind of an injury as a consequence of the law that you're claiming is unconstitutional,"
Afendoulis said.

This makes sense, Afendoulis said, because U.S. courts want to make sure that parties will vigor-

ously pursue a claim.
But, long ago, But, long ago, the U.S. Supreme Court held that voters have standing when the claimed injury affects the right to vote. However, both Michigan courts in

We claim this was special legislation because it didn't pass by a twothirds vote — it passed by a very thin majority. They might as well have written in, 'This is a law that we're passing only for the benefit of Henry Ford and Providence St. John and nobody else ever.'"

Stephen Afendoulis

this case found voters lacked

standing.
"I find this to be inconsistent with decades of established con-stitutional law," Afendoulis said. He said actually two constitutional issues are at stake in this

case.
One claim in the lawsuit is that exemptions from the Certificate of Need law, designed to provide fair competition among the state's hospitals, are special legislation, which must be passed by a two-

Sunday

"We claim this was special leg-islation because it didn't pass by a two-thirds vote — it passed by a very thin majority," he said. "They might as well have written

in. This is a law that we're passing only for the benefit of Henry Ford and Providence St. John and nobody else ever." If you look at the debate in Congress, Afendoulls said law-makers knew what they were doing. They talked about them by name. They said, 'We're doing this for Providence and Henry

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Can the legislature do that? Yes. "But, they have to follow the procedure set forth in the consti-tution, which means that this

piece of legislation has to pass by a two-thirds majority and then go to the voters," Afendoulis said. Even the state's attorney general says the legislation approving the transfer of beds from the two hospital systems is unconstitu-tional, according to Afendoulis. He noted that the plaintiffs have also submitted evidence that the

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expansions will divert about \$400 million a year in revenue from the

other hospital systems.

"It is the responsibility of our court system to make sure that whatever law gets passed is con-stitutional. And that is why we're going to the Supreme Court," Afendoulis said.

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Opposing "I guess it's anybody's guess as to health care systems to whether you'll meet that challenge. appeal ruling The question is, 'Too little, too late?'"

Laura Lorenzo

goal to raise 20 percent of the \$1 million Walker challenge, or

school district property because

School Board efforts. She noted that in the plans to hear library land details in May

has gotten greater, there's so

much that is placed on the 62 acres. It wasn't designed to hold this many functions," she said.

"I think we're just a little too

congested for what this area is designed to hold."

Evans said if they move to a

new location, the design would

be a 30,000-square-foot, two-story building, with plans to expand to 90,000 square feet.

The library would need a simi-

lar amount of property to what they occupy now — about seven acres at the Eleven Mile and

Time is of the essence in the

library's plans for a new build-ing because there are less than 10 months left for the communi-

ty to match donors Charles and Myrtle Walker's \$1 million gift

Beck location.

John as it is a victory for the comcontinued from front page Michigan House Speaker Craig

DeRoche (R-Novi) praised the appellate court's ruling.
"Families who live and work in and around the Novi area need the peace of mind of knowing that nuality care is available to themand their loved ones, whether it's an emergency or an annual check up," DeRoche said.

ing to Steve Shivinsky, director of

corporate communications, Trinity Health, headquartered in Novi.

Health, headquartered in Novi.
Casalou said the March 23 ruling strongly affirmed what the circuit court ruled last year.
"All in all, we couldn't have

asked for a better outcome,". Casalou said, "It's not as much a

victory for Providence and St."

Casalou has worked at Providence Hospital since 1989, the year the hospital filed the paperwork for a new hospital in Novi. He credits the legislative eadership of State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) and DeRoche for getting the project off the ground.

Besides the \$224 million hospi-

tal planned for Novi, another privately-funded project totaling about \$100 million is slated for the campus, according to Casalou.

These additional investments would include a large fitness and wellness center, hotel services and; a new medical office building.

Major construction of the Novice

hospital is on track to begin this summer. Plans include an expanded emergency department, state-of-the-art imaging, inpatient and outpatient pediatric service, pediatric unit and pediatric short stay unit, Neuroscience Institute, Muskuloskeletai Center of

approval on a loop road and some of the campus elements. Members of the planning commission have yet to review the hospital's plans. Casalou believes foundations

Casalou believes for will be erected at the hospital around August or September, with an opening date scheduled for 2008. NBBi from Columbus, Ohio, is the architect, with Barton-Malow from Southfield serving as construction manager.

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Friends of the Library "Million Pennies" Campaign \$10,558.14 "The legal process may not be er," Casalou said, "but my inter-Money raised as of 3/14/05 est is not creating more bad blood with our competitors. It's been a

By the Numbers

Current space .

Snace needed now

Space needed by 2030 .

Cost for new building .

Contributions from major donors\$800,000

library's long-range planning goals, establishing a fund-rais-ing program was fifth on the \$200,000, by the end of 2005 through small events. The remainder will come from

major donors.
"I guess it's anybody's guess as to whether you'll meet that challenge," Lorenzo said. "The question is, "Too little, too late?"" to each story. The library board wants to get the ball rolling in acquiring the

it plans to obtain most of the Walker matching donations with the help of a professional fund-raising company. And, those in the fund-raising business have told board members that it's difficult to solicit major donations without a building

plan firmly in place.

Rick Smith, fund-raising chair, said, "All were very pointed in saying that the success of your fund-raising cam-

to the library.

After making that donation in 2004, the Walkers signed an agreement last fall saying they would match each dollar raised by the community through December 2005 up to their mil-

At a meeting March 16 between the library board and city council, council member Laura Lorenzo told board members they should be more aggressive in their fund-raising Students' daily newscast covers world. local headlines

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scratch and every single day it's brand new."

Within the time period of the class, students must find information, figure out what the angle of each story is, narrow them down to a 20- or 30-second stories and produce them. One student writes, one reads, one has to run a teleprompter and somebody else has to produce the graphics. The switcher and the director also have important roles and have to know when all of the technical changes are taking place related

"The kids put it all together in basically 60 to 70 minutes," Legg said. "We've come from just a couple people reading the school announcements back in the early 1990s, to something that really comes across as being a profes-sional five minute newscast." Seniors Bryan Dechart, Jordan

Barnes and Holt were the anchors of the show on the morning of March 18.

"I've done weather and I often do headlines, too," Dechart said.

"It's a career I'd like to go into. I'd like to either go into acting or possibly voice over work for movies or animation and things like that Like his co-anchors, Barnes i enjoying the experience. He has been involved in broadcasting for three semesters now. "My favorite things to do in this

paign is around forming a vision - being able to show something to people that they can get their minds around."

Smith said professional fundclass are to anchor and to produce the show," he said. "Producing is kind of different because you're in raisers estimated it would take four-five months to raise the \$800,000 from major donors. charge and you have to make sure everyone is on task and be bossy. Sometimes it's hard because it's your peer group, but I like being in a position of control."

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cast, the students have TelePrompTers to read from and it's up to their fellow classmates to make sure all the video equipment runs smoothly.

Legg explained that team work is an absolute must. He said that one person cannot possibly do .23,000 square feet something like this on their own Cost to renovate/expand

"Everyone has to know that they can rely on others to do their jobs," he said. "If one person slacks off, the whole thing can fiz zle right out, like the domino effect."

Senior Alli Goodwin was direc-tor of the show on March 18. While the three anchors were doing their jobs in front of the camera, she was in the back room, feverishly calling out comma

Just like a professional news

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

mpters, Frank Tafralian, left, and Tony Mora inputting the dally weather onto tele-pro prepare a daily broadcast of "The Cat's Eye" in Novi High School TV's control room on a recent Thursday morning.

sure everyone stayed on course. "Being in the studio, you have to be much quieter and the job is a lot more laid back, but in the back The soft, we'll get back on track."

Also, the kids always have to pretty tense for some kids. The something ever goes wrong, the said. "It gets very firstrating and stressful sometimes, but it's a fun class."

If something ever goes wrong, the said it is a sometime goes wrong, the sometime goes wrong, the said it is sometimed that the broadcast is live and there are no time delays. "There is no going back on track."

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to the group and say things like, "It's OK, we'll get back on track."

Goodwin said, she just has to talk they also have to walk out of this room, go to the lunch room and face their audience, which can be

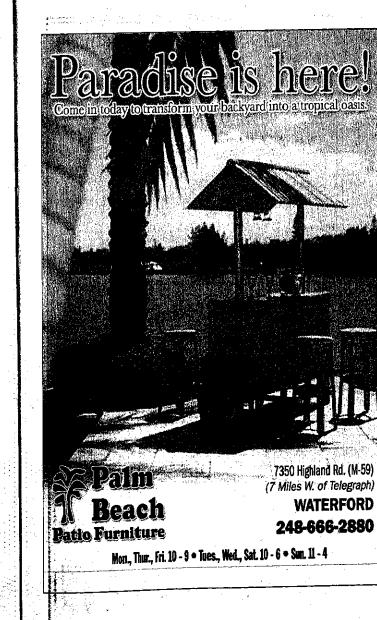
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Volunteer firefighter arrested in cyber sex case

■ Novi man also charged with firearms offense

Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 49-year-old volunteer firefighter March 24, saying he attempted to meet a 13-year-old girl to have sex with her, according to Sheriff Warren

Novi resident Wayne Wang was arrested late last Thursday at an undisclosed meet site in the Downriver area. Officers say Wang chatted with an undercover

deputy for only two hours one day before setting up a meet with the officer. was the fact that Wang had in the console of the vehicle a loaded 45-caliber handgun. Although he

While Wang is not a full-time member of the Novi Fire Department according to Wavne Wang

Wang. He arrived at the emergency light bar on the roof. The SUV was also equipped with

a police radio.

More troubling, Evans said,

construction trailer near 30303

Pennington Lane. The damage was estimated at \$350. Another win-

dow was broken on a home under

man they would step up area patro

Woman's purse stolen

A 25-year-old Novi woman

day when her purse was stoler

reported a theft at 8:33 a.m. March 26 that she believed happened

The woman told police that she was at O'Tooles with some

friends, and that they were sitting at a table close to the bar. She was

about to leave around 2 a.m. and

prosecutors charged Wang for having a firearm in the commission of a felony, which carries a own vehicle two-year prison sentence if he is

convicted.

While executing a search war-rant on Wang's home, deputies also found about 40 additional firearms. Although Wang appears to be a legitimate gun collector, Evans said his deputies removed the weapons so they would not be unsecured while Wang, who lives

had a permit to carry the weapon,

alone, is in jail. Investigators say that Wang planned to take the girl back to his Novi home to have sex with her. He also had a sleeping bag in cases involving online predators the back of his vehicle

back around, her purse was gone

Coach purse contained \$90 cash,

er Comerica checkbook a

her daughter's Social Security

cards, health insurance eard, dri-

three gift certificates worth about \$100 and some company checks

Police gave a theft ID pamphlet to the woman, told her to call the credit bureaus and the Federal

Trade Commission, They also

advised her to contact Nextel in

also advised to cancel the credit

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eference to the stolen phone and

ver's license, four credit cards,

for her employer.

She called her cell phone, which was in her purse, but no one answered. The black and gray

Wang is being held at the Wayne County Jail on \$200,000 cash bond and also has been charged with one count of Illegal Use of the Internet and another officers are on firm legal ground in Michigan, he found it trou-bling that there may be a movement afoot in another state to strip law enforcement of a very useful tool in catching Internet predators. Since Evans took count of Child Sexually Abusive Behavior, both of which carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in office in January 2003. Internet Crime Unit has made 63 The arrest comes at a time

Faster Sunday theft

An 18-year-old man and a 37-

reported a theft from a motor vehi-cle at 8:20 a.m. March 27 that they

thought was committed between midnight and 8 a.m. that day.

got in her 2003 convertible BMW

when she noticed that her cell

missing from the center console

Upon further inspection, she noticed that the convertible top had

phone and charging cord were

college, told police that his unlocked, 2002 Pontiac was

o go to church on Easter Sunday

The woman told police that she

year-old woman, both of Nov

cent conviction rate. when a Reno, Nev., Circuit Court judge has ruled that a man cannot be charged with a similar crime Wang's preliminary exam is scheduled for April 7 in 31st District Court in Hamtramek, according to John Roach, spokesman for the Wayne County because he was chatting online with an adult police officer, not an underage girl.

The Nevada ruling comes despite a previous U.S. 9th District Court of Appeals ruling Sheriff's Office.

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 pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. that supported the use of under-cover officers, specifically in Evans said that although his

mother's car. When he looked in

The new black Nike cross train-

ers were valued at \$100. Other missing items included his driver's license, college identification card,

\$40 cash and an ATM card from

keys were in the car, but only one

was missing.
Police advised the woman that

the ignition on the Pontiac could be changed if she was worried that the suspect may come back and take the vehicle. The officer sug-

gested she park the car in the garage until the ignition could be

Compiled by Pam Fleming

the car, he found that his new shoes, wallet and set of keys for

the vehicle were missing.

ROAD REPORT

The Road Commission for Dakland County has issued a permit allowing the closure of sec-tions of Pontiac Trail and North

Wixom roads, beginning in April.
Pontiac Trail will be closed
between South Wixom Road and the detour route will be South Vixom Road to West Road to Beck Road and vice versa

North Wixom Road will be osed between Pontiac Trail and West Maple Road from April 11-June 1 so that the City of Wixom June 1 so that the City of can reconstruct the road and rail-Road to Beck Road to West Maple Road and vice versa.

Heavy trucks barred from

The city of Novi began pro hibiting vehicles that weigh more than five tons from driving on dowbrook Road between Ninc Mile and Ten Mile road due to a crumbling bridge on the

began March 24 and will contin until repairs to the bridge are completed — possibly through the end of April, according to Gerylann Garris, records clerk.

on Meadowbrook Road is also posted on the city's Web site at www.ci.novi.mi.us.

POLICE REPORT

Boy's mountain bike stolen

A resident on Ashbury Drive near Roethel and Chase reported a theft at 8:08 p.m. March 28 that occurred between 4:30 and 5:30

construction at 30251 Pennington Court. This damage was estimated p.in. that day. The 41-year-old victim told police that his son had his AMX Mountain Bike stolen while he Police also learned that the man found bricks and rocks inside the trailer that appeared to have been used to break the windows. The was at a friend's house. The boy and his friends had parked their bikes behind a garage, and when he left at 5:30 p.m. he discovered door to the trailer was still locked, and nothing was missing.

A piece of brick was also found inside the home. Police told the the bike was gone. The powder blue, silver and

white bike with black seat and multicolored spokes has a sticker on the front of the bike that says "Boo" which glows in the dark. The bike was valued at \$120;

Construction site hit

A 23-year-old Novi man reported a malicious destruction of prop-erty at 9:02 a.m. March 28 that ook place between 11:45 a.m. March 26 and 7 a.m. March 28

The man told police that three

had her purse on top of the table. She had her coat on and her car keys in hand. She turned around to hug a friend, and when she turned

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Road closings in Wixom

Beck Road from April 11-June 1 reconstruct the road and the railroad crossing. During the closure,

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city of Novi.

Alternate north-south routes would be Novi Road and

Haggerty Road
Information about the weight restriction for vehicles traveling

+2.



The Novi beginning for Sarah "Sally" Thornton was around 1827, when second husband Ira died. The 48-year-old wanted a

better life for her young family. On the cusp of statehood, Michigan provided an attractive setting, said Barbara Louie, archivist and author of several Novi

Starting over

By Kim Kovelle

from my grandfather.

The bedroom where a Novi matriarch slept

nearly 170 years ago now holds the bed of a

"That's our guest room," said Judith

Hudson, who lives in the Sally Thornton

House with husband Alan. "The bed is older,

"The movers said that it looked like we

had chosen a house knowing that every sin-

gle piece of furniture would have a place to

A professed lover of old things, Hudson

shares a few facets with Thornton, the deter-mined widow who pioneered Novi in the

Both hail from New England. While

Thornton uprooted her five children from Caledonia, NY, Hudson moved from

Since Thornton built it, the home migrated

— as many as three times — and doubled in

size by the time the Hudsons saw it in 1998.

"It sounded too good to be true," Hudson

said, "That was the beginning,"

But pine floors and aged, wavy glass panes

Maryland with five cats after she wed.

"Back in the east, little ads were going out

saying, 'Come to Michigan' because it was a wonderful place to farm and to raise your family and to start over," Louie said. "Mrs.

ed out that the original house was only one story, and that the second level was added later.

Kathy Mutch, of the Novi Historical Commission, looks at the 1830's Sally Thornton House, which she helped save in the 1990s, off of Eleven Mile Road. Mutch

Built in 1830s, Sally Thornton House is still a home

A 'MOUNG' TALE:

Novi pioneer's residence survives

Thorton was one of those... who came. With five kids, she likely took a rough, muddy two-week trip by crude pathways and the recently opened Eric Canal. Along with early settlers William Yerkes and Thomas

Pinkerton, their entourage numbered 16. Around 1839, she bought 400 acres near Novi and Nine Mile roads from English settler Thomas Watts, building a Greek Revival style home. Her three teenage sons worked

he farm. "The property remained in the family well into the late 20th century," Louie said. "It was part of the family for a long, long time."

On the move

As Novi shifted from sleepy farm town to booming suburb, the land under the clapboard home was sold to Irwin Arkin in the

"When I got into the picture, it was rented." Arkin said. The house also reportedly had been once moved in the 1930

Then a toy supplier, Arkin aimed to plant his business on the spot. In the way, the home was shifted behind nearby Rodgers Mansion, now Shiro Restaurant. "I think that the most important thing was

the way people lived back then. Everything centered around the big room," Arkin said. "I attempted to find someone who could... save The quest gathered steam in 1990 when Novi

Historical Commission President Kathy Mutch created Friends of the Sally Thornton House. "It was one of the oldest homes dating back to the pioneer period," Mutch said.

"What was difficult was finding an alternate

location or an alternate use." Work paid off. That year, Bill Garfield, a Northville minister and real estate agent, bought the vacant home - missing shutters, hoisted on I-beams and cradled in weeds. He had painted the home while in graduate school. That was in 1948, when it belonged

the dad of Mary Rodgers, his high school sweetheart and a Thornton descendant.

The home was so old that it soaked up the

"We really lost money," Garfield recalled. Ironically, the same thing happened when he bought the home in 1990 for about \$10,000. His vision: double the size and make it the model of "Old Novi Village," a six-home subdivision on off Eleven Mile Road, east of

The home traveled a final time in 1992. But ultimately, renovations took four years and the highly-specialized home was a tough

body called it a labor of love," said Garfield, who estimates he lost seven times what he paid. "That's what it turned out to be. It's a delight to see it there.

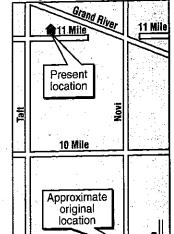
"I was glad to do it, but I wouldn't do it

Home — again

Wayne State professors, the Hudsons instantly loved the white paneled, green-shut-Today, they store family heirlooms in the

home and relish historic tales - like that of a cupboard/ attic reportedly once an Underground Railroad stop for escaping

Judith Hudson said she, her husband and



Sally Thornton House

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

surviving cat Ziggy have no plans of leaving. "I love the floors and knowing that it really is an older home," she said. "There's a huge difference between making a brand new one look old. It's a perfect house for us."

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COMMUNITY



Novi's Tollgate Farm manager Roy Prentice holds up twin Columbia lambs at the educational facility on March 23. At that time the lambs were one week old, and Prentice said they'd need about a whole year to reach full maturity. The farm hopes to eyentually have a flock of slightly more than two dozen sheep

Shop Sugarloaf Style

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Miracle' gets god

There was some concern about sport courts, but Novi's planning commission last week passed Miracle Software's preliminary plans. The Southfield-based company aims to move head-quarters to 5.5 acres of Novi land south of Grand River Avenue and west of Taff Road. Commissioners generally liked JB Denaldson

Commissioners generally liked JB Donaldson Company's proposal, but questioned safety of basket-ball and sand volleyball courts tucked behind a 30,000 square foot building.

The unfenced areas, for the 115-150 employees, sit

in view of the under-construction Novi Family Fun Park just to the west. Donaldson agreed the site would

be secure.

The commission recommended the plan to city council in a 6-0 vote. David Lipski and Andy Gutm

Another car wash nixed

Two weeks after American Land, Inc.'s first Haggerty car wash proposal was voted down, the Novi Planning Commission unanimously nixed

another.

This time, Tony J. Gallo proposed an L-shaped car
wash at the southwest corner of Fourteen Mile and
Haggerty roads, behind a Speedway gas station.

That would have taken rezoning the 1.33 acres
from office to retail use. City staff advised against it,
since the corridor had been zoned office in 1996 to

diversify tax base. Also, a 2002 citizen survey showed The developer included a plan in its gitch, but it desire disregarded in the commission's 6-0 decision to deny the rezoning request to city council. American Land's prior proposal was on the east side of Haggerty, just north of Eight Mile, on less than a half-

Political sign changes?

Soon, political signs may no longer be allowed in

Soon, political signs may no longer be anowed in public rights of way, but there might not be a limit to the quantity residents can put on their lawns. Novi's planning commission March 23 approved an updated ordinance that would do just that. Prompted by an American Civil Liberties Union letter Frompets by an extendent of the move, if approved by city council, reportedly would update rules to current legislation.

Also, there would be no restrictions on when signs

Also, there would be no restrictions in what signs can be put up—provided a candidate has started a legitimate campaign—and a relaxed 30-day time span to take them down.

General "message" signs, such as those reading "no taxes," could be kept up year round.

Keeping up with the Joneses

Novi CPA John Douglas is "not really a soda

Soda bottles, he said, "I might drink it occasi Douglas, 60, took a picture of the German

mephero last year.
"He likes the dog," said his son Tom.
It's actually Tom who is responsible for his father's "My son orchestrated the whole thing," said John,

"I didn't even know he sent it in."

Jones, which boasts flavors like Chocolate Fudge,
Peachy Keen and Fun, among others, is known for its unique labels and exotic flavors.

People are allowed to submit photographs to the beverage maker and loyal soda drinkers get to vote on which ones are most describing to make it onto a bot-

tte.

As time passed Tom, 16, started to doubt if Lily would make the cut.

After three months of waiting he recieved a letter that the face of Jones' Sugar Free Cream Soda would indeed be the Douglas' German Shepherd.

Marvels of Motion will take moms and sons on a journey through the world of Newton's three laws of motion from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15. This interactive event is all about the fundamentals of moving science. Audience participants will have a chance to take part in wacky experiments, while the Mad Scientist prepares to unveil their top secret "Motion Machine." Professional photos and snacks are included in the evening. Be sure to dress casual.

Price is \$14 for non-residents and \$12 for residents. This event is for ages 5-10. Tickets are required and available at the Novi Parks office through Thursday,

The annual Arbor Day celebration from 10 a.m.on Saurday, April 30 at Community Sports Park is an opportunity for you to learn about nature, plant and mulch trees, receive information about tree care, give back to your community and celebrate being a Tree City USA award recipient. Snacks, bevcrages, equipment and gloves will be provided. There will also be raffle prizes.

For more information on these events, call (248) 347-0400.

Compiled by Kim Kovelle and Tom Filipcza.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life



Your American Cancer Society is rallying the Walled Lake, Commerce Township, Novi and Northville communities to participate in the annual Relay For Life, the Society's signature event. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life, a team-based fundraising event, is a unique, empowering and fun way to make a difference in the fight against cancer

If you would like to rally together a team of your own, contact your American Cancer Society. Teams usually consist of family members, friends, co-workers, civic groups, religious organizations or students. Youth groups are also encouraged to get involved!

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BUSINESS

Farmington developer proposes strip mall at Ten Mile/Novi Road

■ Tenants may include Starbucks. restaurants and a bank

By Pam Flemina

Area residents may be able to one of Novi's busiest intersec-

into a new 10,000-square-foot

city council approved a rezon-ing request March 21 for a par-cel to be changed from a light industrial designation to a gen-

Farmington Hills developer J. Bennett Donaldson wants to develop a 1.92-acre, L-shaped parcel behind the gas station.

The request was approved 4-3, with Mayor Lou Csordas, Mayor Pro Tem David Landry, Kim Capello and Bob Gatt voting in favor of the rezoning. Lyane Paul, Toni Nagy and Laura Lorenzo opposed the request.

proposal, but city planning staff recommended approval because the rezoning conforms with the master plan and ties in with adjacent businesses.

Donaldson is trying is to interest Starbucks Coffee, a bank restrictions and several

make a quick stop for some gournet coffee, grab lunch and bank at a new retail complex at tions in the not-too-distant

structure at the northeast corner the next couple of years if plans

are approved.

After some heated discussion, believes a retail complex will increase traffic at an already crowded intersection. However, Stephen Dearing,

Speedway. Farmington Hills developer J.

bank, restaurants and several other small retailers in building at the site.

Starbucks would use about

Starbucks would use about 1,600 square feet, and a restaurant would take up about 4,000 square feet, and a bank would need about 4,000 square feet, according to Donaldson.

"We still have to get drive-throughs approved for both Starbucks and the bank. That's all Starbucks is building now,

he said. Donaldson's next steps are to set up a preapplication meeting with city consultants and present a preliminary site plan to the

planning commission.

Because the property has entrances on both Ten Mile Road and Novi Road, Paul

manager, traffic engineering services, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment in Livonia, said safety concerns can be addressed by restricting turning

movements into the complex.
"We can work out the safety issues within the context of a site plan," Dearing said.
Paul also mentioned that the

Paul also mentioned that the developer could turn around and sell the property, with a new take place due to contamination developer proposing a less and ground instability.

"Light industrial or office this are feasible for this desirable plan.

"Light industrial or office building are feasible for this

WORK RESUMES ON INTERSECTION FUTURE NOVI

The contractor for the Road Commission for Oakland County resumed work Tuesday on the project to widen the intersection of Ten Mile and Novi roads in Novi. Motorists should expect increased congestion at the intersection due to the elimination of the temporary right-turn lanes for westbound Ten Mile and southbound Novi that were put in place for the winter.

The project involves widening all four approaches to the intersec-tion to five lanes and widening Novi Road to five lanes 1,000 feet north and south of the intersection. At the intersection, each direction will include a center left-turn lane, a dedicated through lane and through/right-turn lane.

The east and south sides of the intersection improvement were ompleted last year. The north and west sides are expected to be

The total project cost is approximately \$6 million, with 80 percent funded through a Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund, Category C, grant. The grant is made up of state and federal funds, and grants are awarded to projects that help to relieve congestion caused by economic development. The remaining 20 percent of the project cost is being split evenly between RCOC and city

The contractor for the project is Dan's Excavating, of Shelby

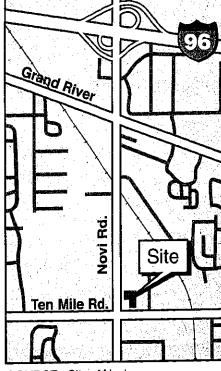
This section of Ten Mile Road carries about 21,000 vehicles per day. This section of Novi Road carries about 27,000 vehicles per day.

what will come in there. I think what will come in there. I think
there are too many issues with
this property. It could generate a
significant traffic problem,"
Paul said.
Donaldson believes the prop-

erty is not a good site for light industrial because large trucks would not be able to maneuver on the small purcel. The land will also require some major to see a development agreement between the city and developer

Donaldson added that more vacancies currently exist in office and industrial space in the area than in retail.

able uses of the property. reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. **Retail Complex**



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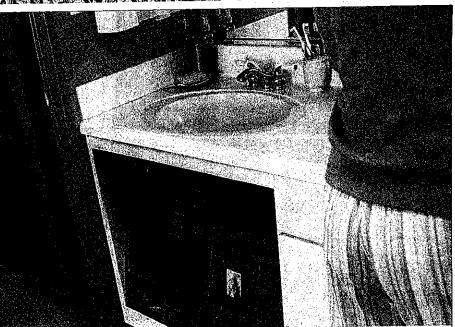
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wixom woman wins \$2,000 April Gilbert of Wixom was

ing the January grand Lake's a \$3,000 trav-



Lake took second place vinning a \$500 gift certificate for Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall Walled Lake's Citizens branch office is located at 546 N. Pontiac

Foy promoted at DENSO

Novi resident Bill Foy recently was named vice president of DENSO International America, Inc., Southfield-based headquar ters for Japanese auto supplier

DENSO Corporation.

With the company for eight years, Foy had been director of eustomer Daimler/Chrysler sales since 2001 and General Motors les before that. Leading Daimler/Chrysler

sales, Foy's duties include coordinating global Mercedes business and tending to materials, accounts and distribution for the Big Three

utomakers.

Foy holds four degrees from Michigan universities and is a member of Marketing and Sales Executives of Detroit, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Detroit Economic Club.

'Alley' announces initiatives

Automation Alley recently mnounced initiatives to suppor mational business opportuni-

Topping the list for the Southeast Michigan technology network is a new Automation Alley International Business Center. It also is establishing two educational efforts to support global business development pro-

grams.
In focus are requests from small- to mid-sized foreign companies and government entities looking to bring business to the

Partnerships with select univer sities would offer research help

for member companies.

The Alley is planning two May educational summits at area colleges and universities to discuss exporting area education overseas and attract foreign students to the

State retail sales slip

Despite continued good prospects, the state's retailers con tinue to see slipping sales, accord-ing to the Michigan Retail Index. For the second month in a row, retailers in February expected better sales in the short term. As

many as 27 percent projected bet-ter sales for March-May. In reality, only 35 percent saw sales grow since February of last year; more than half reported

February was the fourth consecutive month the industry's sales-performance fell. Gasoline prices and interest rates also con-

Trends dating back to 1994 are at

KitchenAid toasters recalled

About 40,000 KitchenAid ProLine Toasters imported by Whirlpool Corp. of Benton Harbor, Mich, were recalled

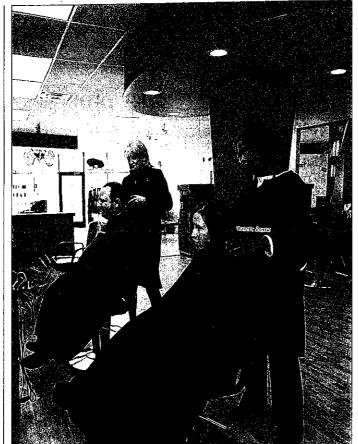
The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced that interrupted power to the toast ignite flammable items left on the unit and cause a fire. Toasters are stainless steel or metal and hold

2003 to January 2005, serial numbers start with "WTP" or "WTR." Consumers should contact KitchenAid direct at (800) 874-0608, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Priday, or 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; or visit www.kitchenald.com/repair.

Auto production down

Automakers countrywide were expected to make 209,286 vehicles this week, down 19.4 percent from the week prior, according to WardsAuto.com, So far this year, production is about 2.97 million, down nearly 2 percent from this

Compiled by Kim Kovelle



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New to Novi With its unique interior decoration and architecture, Briarpointe Plaza's Fantastic Sam's offers clients pleasing surroundings as they get their hair cut. Sam's employ-ees practicing their styling techniques, from left: Tom Maude, Deborah Rozan, Christine Reese, and Michelle Wilson-Fulton.

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SENIORS

Toddlers parade their way into seniors' hearts

Waltonwood fashion show held in time for Easter

By Kim Kovelle

For Nan Lowes, there was no question who stole the limelight in the Easter Parade Children's Fashion Show last week,

"That would have to be my great-grandson Duncan," the 81-year-old said. "Stuck one hand in his pocket as if he was one of Even stopped to talk to some-

Donned in jeans and red tie, Duncan, 2, joined 10 other kids in the third annual event at Waltonwood retirement community just east of Twelve Oaks

Mall.
Following a trail of paper
bunny faces, toddlers showed
off "Cinderella shoes," suspenders, princess dresses and
plenty of candid moments.
About 100 residents angland

ed the tiny models, who in turn

They all did a beautiful job

kids. The holiday is about fami-

Anna Gomez, 3, modeled a pink "princess" dress. Afterwards, though, she was more focused on racing around the banquet hall. helped kids "play" tunes on a

Too young to walk, baby sister Ella found pulling at her great-grandma's necklace more also was a hit. Barbara Lowes-Cannizzaro

that they follow directions."

Kelsey Henn, 3, daughter of
Waltonwood caregiver Karen "They were pretty confident," Barbara said. "They were the last ones to go, so it was kind of hard waiting as long as we did. Henn, wore an off-white dress.
"I loved the Easter Bunny,"
the little blonde confided. "She

held my hand." Hailey Cooper, 3, chose a black dress and bright pink tights to complement her curly grandchildren show off gym-borec skills in her apartment, Nan Lowes said she enjoyed watching her fashionable little "I'm wearing black. It's soft," she explained. "These are Ariel

shows."

The Disney "Little Mermaid" character was a popular choice in young ladies' wardrobes.

Mom Pam Cooper, who attended with the Novi Mom's Club, said the experience was a good one for her daughter.

"She was very shy at first with "I just love to see kids enjoy themselves," she said. "That was our Easter."

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and they were all under four years old," said Chris Lee, activities director and emcee. "Seniors just love to be with loves to sing and she'll make up the place," Pam said. "She was getting into that music. She loves to sing and she'll make up

songs."
In Barry Manilow style, Frank

toy piano,
A friendly dog named Kia

ran around rounding up toddlers and helping with potty duty.
Her two little ones, Anna, 3
and Ashley, 2, joined their
cousins Duncan and Emalee, 3. fascinating.
"The kids do pretty good,"
chuckled family friend Sophia
McDonnell, 80. "I think it's cute

Used to seeing her great

ones from the head table.



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12:30 p.m	10-11
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9 a.m Stretch & Strength	11 a.ı
10 a.mnoonComputer Class-"Refresher/Practice"	noon
10 a.mBody Recall	12:30
11 a.m. Discussion Programs offered through	1:30-

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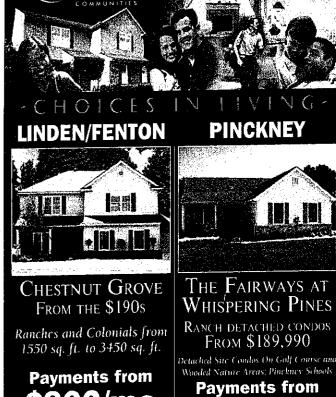
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Sharon Nicholas helps Anna Gomez and Hailey Cooper, both 3, "play" a piano tune at last week's Easter Parade Children's Fashion Show at Waltonwood Re





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EDUCATION

Decisions, decisions

■ Middle School Career Day a success once again

By Ramez Khur

Goutham Kondapi, an eighth grader at Novi Middle School, ended his day on March 23 having lost \$668. That was after trying to be careful with his money and purchasing less expensive prod-

It's a good thing it wasn't his parents' money — or real money

This was just one of the many reality checks that students learned at the middle school's annual Career Day last week.

The event is in its second year of a new format. Seventh graders have an afternoon program where they witness different career pre-senters from across Novi and beyond, Eighth grade students, on the other hand, go through some-thing called the "reality store." The main goal of the day,

according to Bernice Van Buhler. co-chair of the event, is to give students an eye-opening view of some different career paths that might spark their interest.

"We did a lot of surveys with teachers last year and they are very happy with the program," Van Buhler said, "It gives us diversification for the eighth graders so they don't do the same thing twice. In seventh grade they do the speakers and they move on to reality store in eighth grade,

and it's a great program."

The reality store is based on real life. Students choose a career they are interested in from a list and they receive the pretent and they receive the precial salary of that career as a 25-year-old, just out of college. They then go through many sta-tions, each based on different real

life situations. They pay bills and make choices on expenses, from housing to grocery shopping. Some even elect to support a fam-

"They have to go around and make it through with their budget and see how they do with their careers," Van Buhler said. "They make choices at every station, to

A list of all career day presenters, who spoke to seventh grade dents, and their jobs

Michael Zerkich — writer/active trader on Wall Street

 Joyce Zerkich — Ford Motor Company employee
 Brian Kewak — special agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations Rob Murphy — director of sales and marketing for the Plymouth

Whalers Brian Larson — jeweler

Lieutenant Tim Prokop — firefighters Jeff West — Salon Head West owner

Steve Printz — Novi City forester

 Robert Goodman — orthodontist • Margorie Nanian — lawyer

 Denise Brockman — speech and language therapist Dave Ray — Sspecial agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations
 Debbie Nutile — ACE certified personal trainer, certified nutrition specialist, certified nutrition manager consultant, AFAA certified

group exercise instructor Rnb Boyd — urban wildlife specialist

Major Kurt Schuster - United States Air Force Reserves Nancy Schubring — engineer Tim McNamara — lieutenant, patrol division commander in the

generic. They go through the whole program and at the end, they'll do the math and find out where they're at, to basically see how they did in life."

Novi Police Department

instructor. He felt the program was very beneficial to himself and his classmates.
"I know now that if you don't the Novi Police, engi

make a lot of money at your job, you'll be in trouble," he said, "It's pretty realistic of how life is going Jenn Lee, another eighth grad-

er, fared a little better, by escaping the reality store with \$56.

I thought it was a really fun experience just to find out how it's

On the seventh grade side, each sentations from volunteers repre-senting different careers. Students were divided so that they witnessed a variety of different career

pathways.

Van Buhler explained that all the presenters are very motivational and many don't just touch where they're at, to basically see now they did in life."

Kondapi chose to be a sports and other important aspects of life

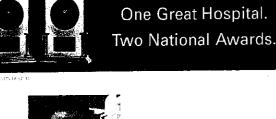
This year's presenters included someone from the U.S. Air Force, the Novi Police, engineers and a

couple FBI agents, to name some.
"I think it's great that the seventh grade students have their own program and the eighth graders have a separate program that's a little more like the real world," Sue Lover said, a seventh grade language arts teacher who helps coordinate career day every year going to be in the future," Lee "It's a really good way for kids said. "I think I benefited a lot realize how far the dollar goes." "It's a really good way for kids to

student saw four 25-minute pre-sentations from volunteers repre-reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.



Novi High School graduate and Air Force veteran Kurt Schuster helps Novi Middle School student Curtis Berrenger try on his flight suit during last week's career day. Judges, police officers, heir stylists, journalists, sports broadcasters and jewelers al came to the middle school to tell students what they'd need to do to make it in their





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Atlanta bound: Award earns Robotics team national bid

■ Novi High's Frog Force 503 wins Chairman's Award at regionals

It has been quite an eventful year for Frog Force 503, and the team is proud to announce that it's

Though Frog Force, which is Novi High School's robotics team, lost its last regional competition at Wayne State University in Detroit March 17-19, it did come away with the Chairman's Award. That award, which is the most

prestigious award any team can receive, will allow the group of students from Novi to compete in the national competition in Atlanta from April 21-23. "Our team is very excited and is

preparing for nationals," d Jennifer White, a Frog Force 503 team member who is in

charge of marketing.
Frog Force's marketing team
was mostly responsible for the
squad winning the Chairman's Award, because it put together an essay to declare itself in the running for it. The award is judged by involvement in the community and how it spreads the meaning of what the competitions are all about. Novi's team has also put together a Lego League for school, which also helped in win-

long enough now that we've made friends with many other teams, said Jennifer Harvey, who is the teams instructor. "In Detroit, we had quite a few teams that are friends of ours, who were sitting with us and when they announced our name for the Chairman's
Award, the whole place went

At that point, everyone involved in Novi's team, from members to mentors, went pour-

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ing out of the stands. They ran running across the field, received their gold medals and trophy and were honored with a standing

ovation from the crowd. "They really deserved this because they've worked so hard," Harvey said. "There were 33 teams there, 12 submitted Chairman's Award submissions

and our team won."

Ryan Gee, president of the Frog
Force team, described the atmos-

"We were ecstatic when we knew we were going to Atlanta," he said. "After we had been knocked out of the quarter finals, we were feeling pretty down because we knew our robot is really good this year. We felt that by not being able to participate in nationals, we were sold a little

Gee explained that while the rest of the eliminations were play-ing themselves out, there was already some discussion among his teammates about attending another regional competition that would give Frog Force another chance at nationals. It was very last minute planning, but there were still openings in nearby regionals that the team could have attended.

"At that point I said, let's not jump the gun," Gcc said, "because there was still a good shot that we could win Engineering Inspiration or the Chairman's Award, which would both ailow us to go to Nationals in Atlanta. It turned out we won the Chairman's."

The team's first regional competition took place at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti from March 10-12. Novi finished in third place out of 58, but lost in the second regional just one week later in Detroit.
"I wasn't really disappointed at



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IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

Fron Force 503 got its name a few years back when students on the team took a vote to change it. The team was originally called Team FATE, which stood for Finding Achievement Through Education. The students who originally came up with that name had graduated and the

current students didn't like it. It was suggested by Team it be called the Wildcats, after Novi High School's mascot, but the students liked Frog Force.

we won the Chairman's Award," team member Kevin Rowe said. "It qualified us for nationals in Atlanta, and that was our goal - to get to Atlanta."

Rowe, a sophomore, is leader of controls on the team. He explained that during the second regional, teams were competing in alliances. The alliance that fin-ished in first place was automati-

cally awarded the trip to Atlanta There were a few other ways to qualify for nationals as well, how-ever: Winning the Chairman's Award, which Novi did, and by winning the Engineering Inspiration Award.

'I've never been to Atlanta, and robot this year and how well our t's pretty exciting," Rowe said,
Novi also won the Imagery

Rowe said, "With all the time we

Award at both competitions, put into it, it's exciting to see how which is judged on how the team presents itself from the pit to unipresents itself from the pit to unipresent itself from the pit to unipr

forms and how the robot 100ks.

"The competitions are a good in an alliance format, Rowe said that much of the competition was out of his team's hands. test of how well we worked on the

Detroit Regional The award earned the team an opportunity to com

"It had a lot to do with our alliance partners and how well

Novi High School's Frog Force 503 won the Chairman's Award at the FIRST Robotics

Detroit Regional. I ne award earned the team an opportunity to compete at the National Championships in Atlanta. The championships will be held Friday-Saturday, April 22-23 at the Georgia Dome. Pictured here (left to right) is the Frog Force Marketing Team: Apoorva Rastogi, Pam Siegfried, Brian Riley, Brittany Riley, Lynn Hepler, Alekhya Ratnala, Maria Hilliard, Jennifer Harvey and Jennifer White.

a few modifications to its robot before the National Competition.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net





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An organizational meeting was held in January with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County to evaluate student interest. More than 70 Novi High School students, freshmen to seniors, attended. Novi High School was

granted two days to help with the build due to the overhour work session on a Saturday, and to collect as many donations from family, friends, and community mem-

bers as possible.
Novi High School students will work on-site at a home on Prospect Street in Pontiac on April 9 and 16, helping with tasks ranging from light con-

struction work to painting.

Anyone interested in making a donation to this project can contact Barbara Clift at belift@novi.k12.mi.us.

PLANS Novi Student Talent PLANS AND SHARM THEM Show: 7 p.m. Monday, April 25 in the Instructional Technology Center Forum. The evening will benefit Teens Aiding the Cancer Community All and are used. Community All acts are wel-come and need to be three minutes or less. Audience

members are asked to bring a toy or other donations to ben-efit TACC. For more information, contact Lee Linton, (248)

forum, scheduled for 7-8:30 will provide an opportunity for attendees to hear candi dates' thoughts about school

The seven candidates include: Danford Austin, Mario Fundarski, Ann Harold Glubzinski, Paul Flavin,

Racon and Lisa Ann Smith. During the forum, audience members will submit written questions to a moderator, and each candidate will then give

the event. It will not be broad-cast live on television. The Interschool Council and League of Women Voters,

Oakland Area.
The ITC Forum is located at 25345 Taft Road in Novi, between Novi Meadows fifth

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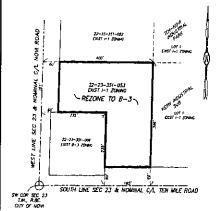
Ann Nelson of Novi and Rachel Lilly of Wixom were named to the dean's list for winter term at Northwood



CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.644**

644. Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinances

hereby repealed.
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and salety and is hereby ordered to take effect filter (15) days dater final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinancië sen (15) days MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 21st day of March, 2005. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 6:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local



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Dennis O'Connor, Katie

a brief response.

The forum will be video-taped for broadcast on Novi Cable Channel 10 following

and sixth grade houses.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 05-18.193**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 18.193, AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION UNLISTED USE DETERMINATION" AS SECTION 2823 OF ORDIVANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDIVANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDI

NANCE.
The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 21, 2005, and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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Maylen, Keegan O'Donnel, Madison O'Donnel, Laura Oberlin, Ann Marie Peper, Gabrielle Pichardo, Kirsten West and Paula Ramierez.

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Naming for dollars: We call it bringing in new money

Novi City Council is currently reviewing a plan that consists of a park naming policy, an event and program sponsorship policy and a naming rights policy. As long as council will be able to exercise its authority

over items to be named in the community, we think it's a sound idea to generate new revenue. If council passes such a plan, what types of items might

be named in the city for a fistful of dollars? A good example, according to Dave Staudt of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission, who helped work on the first draft of the proposal, would be naming a room at city hall for someone like former mayor Richard Clark.

"We're not looking to change any park names," howev-

But, major sponsors could still donate money to

become a major sponsor of a park, Staudt said. He noted that Detroit Metropolitan Airport recently decided to sell naming rights to practically everything inside the terminal — from benches and bathrooms to

"This is exactly what we're talking about doing," Staudt

Other items that could be used for naming rights include park benches, gardens, entry signs, trails, rest areas and bridges within parks and trails, gazebos and

"Anything that is a physical structure has the potential to be named," Staudt said.

Event sponsorships in the proposed plan, however, would only be designed for programs organized by the Parks Recreation and Forestry Department. So, does Mayor Lou Csordas like the idea of selling

naming rights in the city? "I absolutely do," he said. "With declining state shared revenue and the financial crunch that cities are in, efforts

like this will provide a valuable asset to the city in the future. Plus, it gives companies the opportunity for much greater exposure in the community." Not only would this policy give area businesses a vehi-

cle to promote themselves, but it also would create a meaningful way for individuals or families to create their own little legacy in the community by naming something after themselves or a loved one.

This is a sound proposal that has the potential to bring some needed revenue to the city in a time of financial uncertainty.



Taking shape

Bricklayers work on some of the walls of the new fine arts wing of Novi High School. The building should be ready for students this fall.

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Governor using business sense

At the Novi Town Hall meeting that State Sen. Nancy Cassis hosted, I enjoyed the structure the state uses to resolve another year of deficit and having the

of spending money.

Companies have used this innovative approach for decades. It helps eliminate private interest spending on 'niceties,' as she put it. Bravo on using an innovative, for-government approach, coming from a professional in the methods of analyzing and making appropriate decisions.

The audience brainstormed and gave

ideas to accomplish the priorities. Top priority was creating jobs, as Michigan has the highest unemployment. The idea came up, and the governor is thinking to invest

in key companies locating in Michigan, using new issued bonds.

Sen. Cassis is against taking risk and

has no business being in business. But ernment is already investing in areas that border being private sector; innova-tion in government is needed and not in the same old ways. We could invest in land and buildings for a new corporation, allowing years of free rent and increase company or a developer would buy it and monies would be reinvested.

Until that night, I didn't know the senator was running against the governor, but she needs to think more innovation and not be against something the governor is

Raymond J. Raczkowski

Freedoms lost already

Regarding your editorial on Sunshine Laws, I could not agree more. However, recent arti-cles have stated that the current administration in D.C. is using diversion and unnecessary fees to avoid Freedom of Information Act requests. Add to this that this administration is airing videos of simulated news reports and

also planted a fake White House reporter, One would have to question the trustworthiness of the mainstream media.

Coupled with this, the mergers and buyouts to build mega media and consolidate informa; or tion sources could make it easy to control and or manipulate public opinion. Perhaps we have not been vigilant enough and have already

lost a major source of freedom.

Chuck Tindall'.

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This man makes me care about Detroit again

I'd like to live in Detroit -- but only so I could vote for Freman Hendrix.

I don't live in Detroit because of the erime, drugs and poor school system.

Those are three things Mr. Hendrix will focus on if he becomes that city's

Rarely do politicians grab ahold of me and make me want to somehow be a part of "the process," but there is integrity, honesty and commitment from this candidate that I can't recall n my 27 years of voting. Detroit's current mayor, Kwame

who ruled the Motor City for what eemed like forever, Coleman Young. it's the same old, same old. But we caught a glimpse of what is possible when Dennis



Cal Stone

And Freman Hendrix was right there s Archer's Chief of Staff and Deputy

Mayor. Hendrix knows that the lack of a transportation system is driving the city to bankruptcy, but he's got a plan to get Detroit its fair share of SEM-COG funds and develop an efficient

He knows crime continues to be the city's biggest problem, and he wants to put more money and officers back into the specialty police units to combat it.

He has plans to bring in economic development,

and form foundation partnerships.

For the last three years, Hendrix has been developor his "Roadman to Detroit's Future" instead of hiphopping around the country. He's spreading his mes-sage not through corporations and large organizations

but one on one in homes and barber shops.

It won't be easy to go up against Kilpatrick's deep pockets or Sharon McPhail. Hendrix is currently trying to raise \$1 million by June, and feels he needs double that to win. But he says the incumbent will need about \$6 million for campaigning because of a

poor image.

Hendrix knows a thing or two about campaigning. interested in the force, beginning with a junior cadet program for seventh graders? recognition is much higher.
With 25 years of public service in the city and

"Being mayor is not going to be fun at all," said Hendrix. "I already know what's waiting in there." He admits Detroit cannot solve its own problems, but notes that "the image of the city affects the whole

He's right. If you don't think that what happens in Detroit has any impact on you and the suburbs, you're sadly mistaken. Keep ignoring it (and its lack of leadership), and you'll have a ringside seat for the eventual, collapse of this state.

llapse of this scale.

As suburbanites, we swoop in for a Tigers game, catch dinner at Greektown, maybe hit the casinos and then bail back out. The potential for more is there. If you want to learn about a man who is offering plans not promises, visit www from a band in the plans promises, visit www.fremanhendrix.com.

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'Profiling' a busy Novi area on the brink of booming

Novi in 1995, traffic wasn't the only scarcity.

"We were concerned that our employees couldn't

find a place to cat lunch." General Manager Jorge Gonzalez said. "There was no McDonald's, no Burger King, no nothing. We were just by ourselves

"A lot of things change in 10 years."

Around Profile's perch southeast of

Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road, that's lightly put. Kids flock to Deerfield Elementary

School and Novi Middle School. Toll Brother's Island Lake of Novi subdivi sion is booming. Providence Hospital spans east to Beck Road.

Novi Promenade had a Target store, and Sam's Club and Huntington Bank have been approved. Oh — and there's Catholic Central High School, set to Kim Kovelle

Despite changes, Profile has kept low profile, its 15 employees cold rolling industrial nuts

and bolts. A few 80,000-pound steel trucks wind down 800-1001 driveway.
"That's the only bad part," Gonzalez said. "Now that it's so residential, it doesn't look very pretty, a truck full of steel. But when

e in, nobody sees them. They

sion agreed to rezone Profile's land from industrial to "two family" homes. Ditto for 12 acres under Karl Wizinsky's historic home on the west

ing the home. But the plan hinges on

side of a nearly 38-acre rectangle

Profile moving out.
"Profile has been a very good neighbor," he said, but, "the whole plan, either it gets built on both parcels or it

Nearby a park and shopping, it makes sense, according to attorney Matt Quinn, representing plan-proposer Schafer Development.

"You could actually walk to Providence Hospital," he said. "This particular project really opens that area

have not seen the impact of Catholic Central yet. It will

be considerable."

With part of Beck Road under construction, the clog-zone is anticipated at Wixom and Grand River. "If our crystal ball is clear, we're forecasting that's going to be the one." Novi Police Chief Doug Schaffer said. "Getting home will be the most inconvenient time. We're looking at that 20-minute window."

As planned, the school has a loop driveway — one way in and one out. With education and patrolling, police think that will handle student traffic.

"It's increased somewhat but we're nowhere near the , capacity that the road can support," Schaffer said of Wixom Road.

So what of a 70,000 square foot siecl producer?

Profile has buffered its property with trees, but there are no fences. That womes some, with homes and chools flourishing.

Where walkability goes, it wouldn't be much of a

pany forged a decade ago.
"We would not oppose the development of Novi,"
he said. "If nobody says anything to us, we will stay
until the lease runs out." And, if not, the Ann Arbor area along US 23 and forth Territorial Road is tempting.

"Again, we would be away from everybody — for

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some time," Gonzalez said.

OTHER OPINIONS

State cuts focused on higher ed, again

Here we go again: Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the legislature agreed last week on mid-year spending cuts to crase a \$380 million deficit in the state budget. State iversities took a \$25 million hit, supposedly offset b a deal that gives higher education first dibs if tax revenue comes in above projections, (Don't hold your

Sound familiar? It should. It's been the same sad story for years. State support for higher education was once considered something society was just supposed to do; something, that, in addition, benefited not only students and their families but the citizens and the economy of the entire state. Now, however, it has evolved, or

deterioration of what used to be one of Michigan's most wonderful assets Thirty years ago, state appropria tions covered roughly 75 percent of the operating revenues of Michigan public universities. Today the propor-tions are nearly reversed, with tuition and fees accounting for a bit more than 60 percent, Think about this: Michigan pow spends more on ware

degenerated, into a system of private user fees, accompanied by a gradual

than in educating our young people at college.
Talk about misplaced priorities! Unless, of course, we want to be known more for the size of our prisons than the quality of our work force.

Phil Power

Frankly, for a state whose economic base in brawnhandy, for a state whose contents or a state whose manufacturing is evaporating before our eyes, the policies we are following are nuts. And this trend is a road sign on the route to economic disaster.

If we are to have a future, the health of our great universities is paramount. If we are going to maintain our historic base in auto-related manufacturing, it will be only by keeping research, engineering and upper management functions in Michigan — precisely those etivities that require university degrees. It is perfectly clear that the agile manufacturing techniques of the future will require a college-educated work force.

And if we have any hope of generating a diversified economy — life sciences, homeland security, informa-tion technology, whatever — we must attract highly educated entrepreneurs who can translate the discoveries of university research labs into the reality of hightech start-up companies.

But you don't get there by inflicting on your best schools the slow death of a thousand cuts. Michigan for years has had a state budget that is chronically and structurally unbalanced by more than \$1 billion each

year. This has been aggravated further by the bad economy of the past few years.

What to do? The obvious remedy is to conclusively address the core of the problem, the structural budget

deficit. My own preference would be to radically reduce business taxes and at the same time broaden the

A general sales tax pegged at 5 percent, for example, would nearly wipe out the structural deficit, while also aligning our tax system with the increased service base

Frankly. I doubt if the occupants of our political system have either the guts or the far-sightedness to adop such a step. Instead, the politicians have been relying for years

on a policy that can only be described as remorseless incrementalism, in which the legislature and governor make numerous little cuts, ye year, throughout the entire state budg-et. The result? Overall priorities are seldom respected and the most impor-tant things in our state's future — our great universities, for example - are

> They are doing that, of course, because they think it is the best cours politically course for them. Intellectually, the only way you can rationally justify such an approach is to argue that Michigan is merely experi-encing a cyclical decline in our economy, and everything will turn around i

we just hold out for a while longer.

subject to death by slow bleeding.

That argument made sense in 1955. Sadly, there is no evidence that it i true in 2005. Our real economic problems are deeper, caused by fundamental changes in technology and erall economic conditions, not mere oscillations in

the business cycle.

All this has produced the worst of all possible outcomes for our state universities. Simultaneously, they face budget cuts year after year, they are prohibited from managing their income by arbitrary caps placed on tuition increases; and they are asked by the Cherry Commission and others to double their output of grad ates during the next decade.

ates during the next decade.

As my old philosophy professor used to say, these are "mutually exclusive and jointly exhaustive." As for the future — readers might remember the old story about the frog in the pot of cold water on the stove. You put a frog in the pot and you slowly turn up the heat, a degree or two at a time. Supposedly, the frog will sit

quietly until, yep, he's poached. quietly until, yep, he's poached.

Based on the way we are going, the combined effect
of our present policies will leave our signature universities well and truly poached. As the governor and legislature consider this, they might also investigate how much it will cost to repair our universities once we dis cover our goose is, well, cooked. What is clear is that the costs, and the grief, will be far higher than doing the right thing now would be.

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FROM THE MAYOR: Two fund-raising efforts

you should know about

Did you know that there are currently two fund-raising initiatives in progress in Novi. Both of them are well intentioned and are worth your considera-tion. One is The Novi Parks Foundation and the other is the Novi Public Library. If Novi parks and recreation and our library are not important to you, thanks for reading this far. I am sure there are other interesting Novi issues to read about elsewhere in

If you are interested, or use our parks and library, opportunity is knocking for you to help both entities.

The Novi Library

In 2004, Novi residents Charles nd Myrtle Walker donated \$1,000,000 to the Novi Library to assist in their efforts to expand the current facility or build a new an additional \$1,000,000. This is a notential \$3,000,000 contribution As successful business people, the Walkers put a near cavear on the additional match, The matching funds would only be available for a ited time after the original donation.

limited time after the original donation. Very smart, and the clock is ticking.

The Novi Library is currently funded by a voter-approved millage. This keeps things going at the library but it does not provide funds to expand or build. So each of us taxpayers have a stake in this program already. If you believe that a modern library is something that adds to the quality of life the reservit users a value is Novi please consider.

and property resale values in Novi, please consider a donation to this cause. A donation of \$5 gets them \$10 and a donation of \$50,000 gets them \$100,000. Hey, you can't take it with you anyway.

The Library Board is holding an event on April 30, at the library. This will give you the opportunity to meet the folks that support the library's fundraising efforts. You can bring a buck or two (or

\$10,000) and feel real good about yourself. Please feel free to contact Brenda Evans at (248) 349-0720. She will be happy to hear from you.

The Novi Parks Foundation Here is another good volunteer organization that is trying to help defer the cost of supporting our Parks and Recreation facilities and programs. If you are a Novi taxpayer, you have a stake in this program too. As Novi continues to grow, and state red revenue evaporates, it will be increasingly difficult to improve our parks and support its pro

The city is already trying to move to a pay-to-The city is aneauy raying to move to a pay-to-play program, but this will not be enough for capi-tal improvements. Now, when my boys played in the Parks and Recreation programs the fields were not as nice as they are today, and if

you needed to use a restroom . . . well, it was as big as all outdoors, 't mind it, but times have changed.
If you believe that Parks and Recreation, for all ages, is important, you have the opportunity to do good. The Novi Parks Foundation it back to the Novi parks programs.

They even help qualified low-income families pay to participate in our programs. A noble effort in today's "what's in it for me" world. Want to have a Novi Park named Lou Csordas after you or your company? This would be great community exposi

for sure. All you have to do is cough up some money. Hey, it's a write-off anyway.

Now lets see, The Providence Hospital How about the Husky Manufacturing Lakeshore Park. Kind of rolls off your tongue, doesn't it? The

International Transmission Company Power Park.

Just makes you want to go out there and turn on the How about a park beach with your name on it? A Bob and Millie park bench. Perfect! The Bob Churella concession stand? I think Bob likes hot dogs. Maybe the Novi News bandshell? The Jump Cats could play there any time they wanted. My personal favorite would be the Blair Bowman Novi

ersonal favorite would be the blan bownian recixpo parking lot (pick the park).

If you think The Foundation is something that your could support please contact Randy Auler at (248) 347-0405.

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In an article on page 5A of the March 24, 2005, issue on a book signing at Borders Books & Music in Novi by Glade De Laurentiis, star of the Food Network show "Everyday Ladian," the wrong day by the week was listed with the date. De Laurentiis will be at Borders from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, April 8.

Terri Schiavo case evokes memories of Kevorkian

There was something virtually unnoticed, but really quite odd about the debate that raged last week in courts, offices and living rooms over the fate of Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged

an effort to allow her to die. What was odd was the name that was never mentioned, the little man who everybody remembers but who in this right-to-die debate, wasn't

Jack Kevorkian.
Ten years ago, the former pathologist was among the most famous people in the nation, thanks to his crusade to make physician-assisted suicide widely accepted and legally tolerated. For a time, he actually succeeded, helping, by his count, in more than 130 suicides between 1990 and 1998. Courts refused to convict him, and after a time, pros-

ecutors stopped charging him Then, in September 1998, he moved from physician-assisted suicide to the moved from physician-assisted suicide to the euthanasia of a middle-aged man with Lou Gerbirg's disease. He videotaped himself doing it; sent the tape to Mike Wallace, who aired it on 60 Minutes. Wham. Kevorkian got himself convicted of second-degree murder in 1999, and sentenced to 10 to

25 years. Today, he sits in the Thumb Correctional

lawyers say, in declining health. He won't be eligi-ble for parole for another two years, and there is no guarantee he'll get it "He thinks it's outrageous that the politicians and the courts are med-dling in what should be a private family and medical decision," said Dr. Stanley Levy, a friend, support er, and Kevorkian's own physician. Does Kevorkian support Michae

wife's feeding tube? I am sure that he does; for five years, I saw him frequently, talked at length with Jack Lessenberry about every conceivable end-of-life Putting it bluntly, would Kevorkian help end Terri

Schiavo's decision to remove his

her agrees, is in a persistent vegetative state with no Kevorkian back on the show

Schiavo's life if he could? What if Kevorkian were free and Michael Schiavo came to Iack Kevorkian and asked him to help his wife, as he has helped so many others? Terri Schiavo, every doctor who has o

Facility in Lapeer. Soon after his sentencing, the hope of recovery.

According to her husband, Terri was deeply Michigan Department of Corrections stopped allowing prisoners to give broadcast interviews. affected when doctors kept her brain-dead grand-And Jack Kevorkian vanished from the national mother alive despite her wishes, and made Michael yow he would never let that happen to her. consciousness. Today, he is nearly 77, and, his But it did, after her heart stopped in February, 1990, less than four months before Jack Kevorkian

leapt out of obscurity by performing his first assist-ed suicide on an Oregon woman in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's Disease. For years, Terri's husband was in denial, and So what does he think about Terri

sought every treatment and therapy for his wife he ould find. But in the end, he was forced to admit the person he had loved was gone, and only a shell remained behind.

So what would Kevorkian do?

Nothing.

The man in prison for committing euthanasia, probably for the rest of his life, would not help Terri Schiavo die. "He couldn't help her because her because and studies who couldn't help her because her because the studies who couldn't help her because her because the studies who couldn't help her because he only belied mentally competent adults who could

decide for themselves," Dr. Levy said. "He never knew her when she was mentally competent." The husband's word wouldn't have been enough. "He believes very firmly that there have to be afeguards."
Incidentally, last week I talked to Mike Wallace, who is still working full-time for CBS News at age

87. He is still the very model of a skeptical, hard-

Without any doubt, Jack Keyorkian was the person who did the most to spur debate over the issue of how long medical science should prolong existence when any quality of life has long since disaptence when peared. He is a scholar, a linguist and an intellectu While I haven't talked to him in years, friends tell me that he is finishing a book on the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution in his cell.

Autenument to the Constitution in his cell. In a sense, Kevorkian is a political prisoner, who knowingly violated a law he fell unjust and risked jail for it. It is easy to understand why he is in jail. It is much harder to understand why he should be presented from discussion his idea with a patient. prevented from discussing his ideas with a nationa lience. Almost weekly, shows like 60 Minutes have mobsters and child molesters behind bars, dis

cussing their crimes.

But Mike Wallace told me that Gov. Jennifer Granholm won't even take his phone calls. Some in Lansing say she has her eye only on the next elec-tion, and that she fears offending the religious right. Others say she is conflicted herself, as a pro-choice Catholic. Whatever the case, just let's say that nobody is arguing that any new edition of Profiles

in Courage ought to include her. Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of HomeTown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at flessenber-

Want to form a bond with your children that lasts a lifetime?

When I was growing up in Pennsylvania, I learned fly-fishing the old fashioned way: At the age of 10 I was given a "combo" rod and reel, a few litres and set upon a stocked stream with little knowledge and a lot of gumption. I whipped the rod around in the air, hooked my ear, a few trees and went home fish-less. Somewhere around 20 years later hooked ears, and wrong

to learn fly-fishing and tag into a really big trout during the Youth Fly Fishing School sponsored by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. The 38 year-old non-profit organ

the nearby Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. In conjunction with the annual trout stocking of the Huron River (which flows by the education center) by the Michigan DNR, the MFFC will be holding its 10th

> (The DNR will be stocking pretty (The DNK will be stocking pretty good sized trout in the Huron with a few fish in the 'oh-my-gosh!' range of 30" – or more than five pounds). Dale Ross, a Northville Township resident and fly-fishing enthusiast for 35 years, is in charge of the club's educational efforts and describes what's in store for the kids: "We teach them complete fly

fishing: Casting techniques, knot tying, fly tying and they have the

there will be constant activities to keep youngsters occupied and learning.

Ross notes that they already have 28 kids signed

up for the day which is free for children of club members and only \$35 for non-members. The day is a blast for kids and their accompan ing parents who can go from absolute beginner to enced novice by the end of the day, "Kids

important to get more people interested and active in the outdoors to keep the resources vital and valued and protected.

"We're teaching fishing, bringing it to the kids so that they can learn the sport and the love of the river and respect for our ecosystem. And by getting

them at an early age it instills proper sportsman-ship and ethics on the stream." Ross said. Ross started his boys fly-fishing when they reached 8 years of age. He says they love the sport and describes them as his fishing buddies. Ross

also notes that teaching your kids fishing forms "a bond between the parent and child which in most bond betweeen the pare cases lasts a lifetime." Ross said that the classes are very popular

So sign your kids up for this valuable, educational outdoor experience run by the volunteers of the MFFC. It's close, convenient and could hook your kids on a fun, active sport for the rest of their lives. "Out of 10 years," of running the school, said

tact Dale Ross of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club at (734) 420-2233.

annual hands-on, learn-how school for kids 7-17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the WLOEC at 3577 Sleeth Road. they come in, nobody sees them. They unload and they leave." He said the company easily could last its 15-year lease, signed in 1998. Under the plan, Schafer would sell the land to Toli love it. They have a full day, they're fed, we have games, their sponsors learn a lot too and there's no charge for the adult," said Ross.

With sales of hunting and fishing licenses show-Brothers. About 171 duplexes are possible, Quinn said. Five of six commissioners agreed. For chair Lynn Kocan, the dissenter, higher home traffic predicted for destination, others argue. and after years of frustrations, falls Gonzalez thinks it's just part of the process his comlives. "Out of 10 years," of running the school, said Ross," I haven't seen a kid come out of there with-But that isn't likely.

Last week, Novi's planning commis purchases, I finally began to figure ing a decline both statewide and nationally, it's evening hours was the issue.
"Wixom Road is a two-lane road," she said. "We out how to catch fish. out a smile on their face."

out now to catch tish.

Do not let your kids suffer the same learning-thow-to fish fate!

This Saturday, you can take your youngsters to nearby Commerce

Township and give them the the state of the same of the Township and give them the chan-



out of Livonia, will be sponsoring the seminar at

opportunity to go down to the river with a fly they've just tied to catch fish". Students will have both their minds and bodies (a pizza lunch) nourished throughout the day, and

among all kids and that the school on April 2 will have girls representing almost 50 percent of the

For more information on the April 2 school, con-

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FAITH

Good Friday: Service means a lot to many

Church of the Holy Family fills to capacity

By Ramez Khuri

They came from all over town and some even from out of town. They all met at one spot on Good Friday afternoon, for Madelyn Benisatto, a 17-

one purpose: To celebrate the core belief of Christianity. The service is according to Father Robert Shafer and Deacon Bill Waldmann of the Church of the Holy Family in Novi, to commemorate the belief that Jesus Christ suffered. died and then rose from the

I would hope that the people M. Benisatto who attended the service have a greater understanding and a stronger relationship with to be involved," she said. "We carries. Small and are on a journey of faith, We can hopefully bring each other closer to Christ by our words, by our actions, but by also coming. With school closed Friday.

about an hour and a half, is quite different from a typical Protestant Good Friday service, according to Dr. Gary Elfner. Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Novi.

Elfner explained that a Protestant church would have less formality to their service. and it would be much shorter as well. Also, Protestant churches don't normally have the liturgy that a Catholic church would

etropold consist of a lot of singing and preaching at a Protestant church," he said, "It goes more by tradition than by belief, as far as their service is concerned. Tradition plays a real big part in any church. Baster are the most important masses to attend.

for three days; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

liucharist, or core value of the Roman Catholic Church. "This is what we do every Sunday, but in this case, we have three days to celebrate those events," Waldmann said. Shafer agreed. "Because we focus on the

Because we focus on death on this very holy day, we really ask ourselves in the midst of that how we have died with the really ask ourselves in the midst of that how we continue the real three religious.

Holy all life,

stronger relationship with to be involved," she said. "We Christ," Shafer said. "All of us need to know what he did for us

hopefully bring each er to Christ by our words, by our actions, but by also coming together as a community."

The service, which lasted about an hour and a half, is service, which she said was "more mellow" than a regular Sunday ovice, "it's serious," she said. "People are praying more."

Benisatto said she attends

Good Friday service every year and on Easter she relaxes with dinner at her family's house after attending Easter service with her mom.
"I learned a lot about Jesus

and what he did for us and how Simon carried his cross," said Benisatto, "This is all a part of us today." To Katie Pinkelman, a mem

To Katie Pinkelman, a member of the Church of the Holy Family for 29 years. Holy Thursday. Good Friday and Easter are the most important masses to attend.

"For Catholies, it comes down to these three days, she said."
It's a tradition that makes it so important for me. That's why I important for me. That's why I

attend Good Friday every year." D. Daguano



as she is always reminded of

Madelyn Benisatto, a 17year-old who
has been a
member of
masses, that's when I really

member of the Church of the Holy said. "That's when I really think about my dad," Pinkelman of "That's what it all really Family all means to me." said. "That's what it all really means to me."

Pinkelman, who had the day

her life, believes Good Friday is important.

"God died for our sins, and for own sins, and the single sing Earlier in the day, the church had a community service where dif-ferent church leaders from different churches paid a visit. Pinkelman and her family go

to church every year on Easter and have an Easter egg hunt afterwards. The family also sits make it, but it's worth it once down to dinner.

reflective time about my place Jamaica. in the world and maybe my pur-pose. I really believe that everyhody has a purpose in life.

body has a purpose in life.

"Because Catholics believe that Jesus died for all of us, there is an importance for us to be people who follow Jesus' way and understanding and to fill their purposes."

Debbie Daguano, a Redford resident



er has been a

tion runs a little deeper for "This is a day that the good Lord suffered and it's in remembrance of him," she said. "I didn't take off time from work, but always I took off, like anybody would, reminded of her late father brought my mom here because she loves to glorify the Lord K. Pinkleman

Easter time too. It brings lears to my eyes the passed just to think of what the good days were the most important to Daguano said that the Good

Friday service is different from any typical Sunday service because there is a kissing of the feet, which is a way for one to show the Lord how grateful one

family and have dinner and celebrate the resurrection,"
Daguano said.
Her family makes a type of a

make it, but it's worth it once it's finished. down to dinner.

"I have a number of nieces and nephews, but all the adults have Easter baskets too," she said. "I think for me, this is a si in Florida and one's in After performing a Good Friday service at the Church of the Holy Family in Novi Father Robert Shafer, Deacon



lter's SPRINGSale!

the Holy Family in Novi, Father Robert Shafer, Deacon Bill Waldmann and Father John Budde stand in front of a cross at the altar.

said that it was more focused on the whole Easter holiday season than normal and that the whole now trying to than normal and that the whole mass is devoted to the death and

rears of my life," he said. "It's usually have a good meal toget to know God together."

McGuckin took time off from McGuckin said that when he was younger. Easter was all about baskets and finding eggs, 110 or by e-mail at

service. After it was finished, he him. It's also a good time to be

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Church Calendar

• St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi. Call

First United Methodist

Church of Northville presents a community-wide heal-

ing service with prayers for healing of body, mind, rela-tionship and spirit on the first

Monday of each month at 4 p.m. The service is open to

ty and persons of all faiths. It is a service of hope. The church is located at

777 W. Eight Mile Road (at

Taft Road), Northville, Phone

The Holy Family Church

offers a Spanish speaking mass once a month. All mass-es begin at 6:30 p.m. in the

church: April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26. The Church of the Holy Family is located at 24505

Grand River and Ten Mile

(248) 349-8847 or visit

www.holyfamilynovi.org.

• St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225

Hills Call (248) 988-0604 or

Gill Road in Farmington

· The Novi United

Sunday worship is at 9:45

Holdsworth, Call (248) 349-

· The First Presbyterian

Saturday, April 9,8:30 a.m.-

3:30 p.m. This event is oper

Journey." The day includes

continental breakfast large

service with communion. The

cost is \$25 per person before

Sunday, April 3 and \$30 thereafter. For more informa-

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• Faith Community mation, call (248) 349-2345.

• The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery coordinated by a registered

Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Rev. Karen Henry is pasfor and priest in charge and Rev. John W. Henry II is

Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. Ten Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads), Novi, Call (248) 427-1175 or visit

Meadowbrook

Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road. Congregational Church: April 3 — Sunday Worship and Church School 10 a.m. At 3 p.m., a concert by the General Motors Employees' Chorus with an afterglow. All are welcome to this free con-Church of Northville is hold-ing the 2005 Women's Retreat

The church is holding a rummage sale Friday, April 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m.-1

o.m.
The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757 for

Cost-Effective

 Oak Pointe Church serv ice times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday For more information, visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043.



A ground-breaking event

St. James Catholic Church celebrated a groundbreaking on March 13 to expand its existing facili-ty. The addition of the Family Life Center will nclude additional offices, a commercial kitchen gymnasium, meeting areas and a gathering center. This expansion will allow the church family to offer more parish activities and enhance religious education programs. The projected date for com-pletion is December. Pictured are Father George Charnley and Parishioner Ken Krause.

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

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CALENDAR

M.F.F.C. Youth Fly Fishing School & Huron River Trout

EVENTS

DATE: Saturday, April 2 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center, 3577 Sleeth Road, Commerce

Township
DETAILS: The fishing school is for children, ages 7-17. Free for members; non-members are \$35. All children must be accompanied by their parent or sponsor for the Trout Tune-up. The Tuneup is a free members club outing in conjunction with the DNR's trout release on the Huron River

n Wixom. | CONTACT: To sign up or for more information, call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233

Lyon Caks Bark Park

Saturdays DATES: April 9 TIME: 9-11 a.m. DETAILS: Caribou staff will treat park guests to free coffee while exercising your dog. The Nature Center will be also be ope from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.on Saturdays. CONTACT: Sue Wells, chief of recreation, (248) 858-4634

Commerce Township Area Historical Society Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, April 13 Liberty St., Walled Lake DETAILS: The speaker will be Robert A. Lytte, author of A Pitch in Time. Admission is free, bring CONTACT: (248) 624-5727

Meadowbrook Church Rummage Sale

DATES: Friday, April 15; Saturday, April 16 TIMES: Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadlowbrook Road (between Eight and Nine Mile road) DETAILS: For more informa tion, call (248) 348-7757

Novi Fourth Graders Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, April 26 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Bonaventure Skating Center, Farmington Hills DETAILS: This event is intended for the fourth graders in Novi to meet kids from the other schools and potentially some of the staff from Novi Meadows. There will be games and prizes as well as socializing and making new friends before they start fifth grade.
CONTACT: Karen Kotcher,

Casino Bus Trip to benefit Breast Cancer 3-Day

DATE: Sunday, May 1 TIME: 2-9 p.m. LOCATION: Casino Windsor DETAILS: Leave from Eddie Edgar Arena/Ford Field in Livonia, south of Plymouth Road and East of Merriman Road. transportation, including all toll: to Casino Windsor.

All passengers must have both of the following:

Birth certificate or passport · Photo ID Donations will help two Novi

residents raise money to walk 60 miles in three days, July 15-17, in Day and National Philanthropic Trust. Donations will help fund research to find a cure for breast cancer as patient-related programs. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

CONTACT: For additional 2882 or Audrey, (248) 426-6549.

Novi Choralaires Spring

CONTACT: www.novi-

TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. DATE: Saturday, May 7 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School, Fuerst Auditorium, 10 Mile and Taft roads. DETAILS: Cost is \$10 for dults and \$8 for seniors and children. Purchase tickets at Novi Civic Center or at the Novi enior Center at Meadowbrook Chamber Seneral

choralaires.org Chamber of Commerce Casino Night Fundralser DATE: Saturday, May 14 TIME: 6-10 p.m. LOCATION: Lucky's in ator for ESPN. Fountain Walk
DETAILS: This is the only

fundraiser that supports the Novi Chamber of Commerce. CONTACT: For more information, contact the chamber at (248)349-3743

Young Life Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, May 19 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. ion, call Paul Ankerl, (248) 349 8425 or Mike Neville, (248)

SCHOOL/ GOVERNMENT

Wixom City Council

449-8234.

DATE: Tuesdays, April 12, 26; May 10, 24; June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, Tuesdays, 22; Dec. 13 and 20 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City

Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Mondays, April 4 and

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Thursday, April 7 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educa Services Building, 25345 Taft CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

Novi Plannipp Commission Meeting DATE: Wednesdays, April 13

TIME; 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center. 45175 W, Ten Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Woods Shapping Extravaganza Date: Friday, April 15

Time: 4:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Novi Woods Elementary school 25195 Taft Details: Come enjoy an evening of shopping and social-izing. We have 22 vendors dis-playing everything from unique me accesories faux painting, womens clothing, iew lery and much much mor Contact: Dawn Kamal (248)

BUSINESS

Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services Business Workshops

DATE/TIME: Wednesday April 6; 8:45 a.m.-noon DETAILS: Small Business Loans — finance options for small business owners.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April DETAILS: How to Start a

Business — learn how to implement your ideas and examine your entrepreneurial skills.
DATE/TIME: Thursday, April

DETAILS: How to Write a Business Plan — for small business owners who are developing a plan to success.

LOCATION FOR ALL
WORKSHOPS: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. COST: The fee is \$40 pe workshop, which includes all CONTACT: For more infor-

on, call (248) 858-0783.

Business Referrals DATE; every Wednesday

LOCATION: Novi Civi DETAILS: Meeting of local secionals and husiness look. ing to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various clas fications open and eager to bring CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

Membership Luncheon

DATE: Tuesday, April 19 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LOCATION: Fox Run Village, 41000 Thirteen Mile Road, Novi DETAILS: Guest speaker Tim McCormick was drafted to the NBA in 1984 and is currently a Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at noon; cost

CONTACT: Novi Chamber of

CLASSES

Home Buyer Seminar DATE: Thursday, April 14 TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W.10 Mile Road

DETAILS: Learn about find-

ing and financing a home, free class.

CONTACT: 1-(800)-705-

Providence Center for the Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at

DATE: Every Tuesday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,

DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes cropsonyl by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10) CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Monday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin ers; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermedial LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive (activity room main floor)

DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi resi lents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents (fees are for he entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road (activity room, main floor)

DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi res dents and for those ages 55 and up \$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

SUPPORT GROUPS

MOMS Club of Novi

of each month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Mons Offering Mons Support (MOMS) is a nonprofit support group, for mothers

heir children, work out of their homes, or work part-time. CONTACT; dinataliman@sbc-

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATES: second Thursday of TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot,

300 Dorothy St., South Lyon, DETAILS: This group provid information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.

CONTACT: For more information, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496.

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking behind the

DETAILS: Come for encor ment, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and strations. Drop in for five minules or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan,

(248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow ship@comeast.net Breast Cancer Support Group

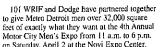
DATES: second and fourth LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sina on the ground floor of the hospital TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

Cakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series. LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake.

MOTOR CITY MEN'S EXPO

It's the everything. "just for men" show



on Saturday, April 2 at the Novi Expo Center.

Poker is all the rage, and fans of the game will be able to join MDA as they host the 1st Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, Fans should call MDA at (586) 274-9000 to secure their seat as spaces are limited. Got the winter blues? Cheer on the ladies in the Motor City Men's Expo "Bikini Contest" or sit back, tip a cold one, and watch sporting events on television in the Miller

water sporting events on television in the infliet Lite Sports Lounge.

Feel like hitting the track? You can catch a ride in a NASCAR simulator, or step up to the plate and play in the indoor Home Run Derby and Speed Pitch Challenge with special host and instructor Milt Wilcox, a Detroit Tiger alum. Also on display will be the latest cars and trucks, bites from Harley-Davidson and Buell, electronbikes from Harley-Davidson and Buell, electronics, music and more.

Meet the celebrities of the hilarious surprise blockbuster movie of 2004, "Napoleon Dynamite", Aaron Ruell, who played the role of Kin, and also wore the hats of actor, writer, producer and director for the movie, and Efren Ramirez, who starred as Pedro. The appearance of both actors is presented by The Mortgage Experts at Rock Financial.

Also appearing at the show on Saturday will

be Tom Mabe, well known to the WRIF audience through the antics of the Drew and Mike show. Prank caller Mabe began his personal cru-sade against telemarketers, fabricating elaborate stories to exasperate the phone solicitors to the point where they hung up on him. In time he began recording the calls on his answering machine and playing the tapes for friends. His new CD is called, "Revenge on the Telemarketers" that features his best pranks.

Other noted appearances at the Motor City Men's Expo on Saturday, will be Playboy Playmates Pilar Lastra (Miss August 2004), Kimberly Holland (Miss October 2004), Detroit Lions Kevin Jones, and a live performance by he band Grinder, Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty's own musical group.

101 WRIF jocks, including Drew and Mike,

will be broadcasting live from this event with a chance to win over \$10,000 in prizes in every-thing from ATV's to a custom 101 WRIF poker Admission is \$7 at the door, For more infornation on the show, and for \$2-off coupons, log on to www.WRIF.com,
he Novi Expo Center is located off I-96 and

Novi Road, in Novi. The Motor City Men's Expo is presented in party by your Friendly Dodge Dealers, Motor City Harley-Davidson, Motor City Golf Warehouse, Miller Lite and 101

TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes taught by pubhealth nurses. Topics include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, infor only to high-risk priority groups. Cost is \$7 Medicare and Medicaid insurance can be billed to cover the

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

Adoption Playgroup DATE: first and third Fridays of the month TIME; 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family

Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue) DETAILS: A nonprofit, nondenominational group that brings adop-tive families together. Twice-a-month meetings provide opportunity to play and talk CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau

Carholic Church (on Meadowbrook

(248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan

(248) 960-3257 **Novi Toastmasters**

DATE: meetings first Thursday DATE: first and third Tuesdays of une monun LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

> TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish you presentations and practice leadership CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: Wedt DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook ons Activities Room, 25075 Acadowbrook Road, Nov

TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.

HEALTH

Oakland Physical Therapy DATES: April 6, fit for golf; and May 11, the latest advances in exer-

cise for low back pain. Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124. CONTACT: RSVP by calling

Boost Camp Day

DATE: Friday, April 8 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Provide Medical Building, 47601 Grand

DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide tools, infor mation and new perspective on healthier living through whole-ness. Open to the public; \$50 per person (includes lunch and materials; registration required).
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Caldand County Health Division DATE: ongoing until supplies

LOCATION: Pontiac Office, 1200

Elizabeth Lake Road) in the Oakland County complex, building 36E. HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Flu shots are available

DATE: Thursday, April 7 TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: This hands-on class, uses a self-guided online tutorial to learn and practice the basic functions of using a com-puter mouse. Call the library to

SWOCC Studio Tours

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cost. Bring photo identification; prox

of Oakland residency is required. CONTACT: Flu vaccine holline.

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington.
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your cal community television studio SWOCC offers tours to many orga zations, such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and service clubs. Groups have an opportunity to make a short promo for the public access channel, INFO TV-12. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248)

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten 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

brary. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Help Match the Walker Million DETAILS: With "A Million Books" going up on the walls, there are more books than usual at the library. Purchase one of th paper signs in the shape of a book for \$1, to help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. The book signs may be purchased at any service desk in the library.

Story Times

DETAILS: Spring Story Times start April 4. Brochures listing the days and times of each dron-in story time session are available in

High School Literature Club

DATE: Tuesday, April 5 DETAILS: High school writers and readers are invited to share their own writing or a favorite piece by another author, and participate in a group story-writing project. No registration.

Mini-Battle of the Books DATE: Wednesday, April 6

DETAILS: Tearns of third and fourth graders will compete in answering questions about three Nothing" by Judy Blume, "Cam Jansen and the Triceratops Pops Mystery" by David Adler, and "Summer Reading is Killing Me" teams and awards a prize to the

Mastering the Mouse for

Introduction to the Internet

DATE: Thursday, April 7 TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: In this basic class, students discover what the World Wide Web is and learn about various search tools, search engines, and using a Web browser. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. For all ages; call library to register

Battle of the Books

DATE: Saturday, April 9 TIME, I p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic

Center DETAILS: Community members are invited to attend and cheer for the ten teams of fifth

Internet Practice Lab for Seniors

DATE: Thursday, April 14 TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: Work on any Internet skills, with librarians to assist and answer computer-relat-ed questions. There is no set agenda for this class; come and go as you please during the ses-sion. Call library to register,

EXPO CENTER

The Novi Expa Center is local ed at 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest corner of 1-96 and Novi Road). Call (248) 348-5600

Backyard Pool & Spa Show DATES: April 1-3

TIMES: Friday, 3-10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. DETAILS: Detroit's show for home relaxation focusing on and outdoor er Admission is \$7; \$3 for children oes 6-14: free for children under age 6. Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (800) 328-6550 or www.showspan.com.

Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to

PEOPLE

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Barber

Pamela Joy Beal and Terry Alvin Barber were married Oct. 16, 2004. Pastor Thomas Schroeder officiated the ceremo-ny. The reception was held at Baker's of Milford.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Joyce Beal of Novi. She is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School and earned her bachelor's and master of arts degrees from Michigan State Univ She is employed by Plante and Moran, PLLC.

Moran, PLLC.
The groom is the son of Oliver and Bonnie Barber of Rose City and Bay City. He graduated from Bay City Western High School in 1993 and earned his bachelor of cience degree in accounting from Central Michigan University, He is also employed by Plante and Moran, PLLC.

Nicole Weiland was the maid of Jesionowski and Cathy Anklam Serving as best man was Tim Barber. Andy Beal, Brian McDonald, Steve Swanson and Mike Sobczyk were groomsmen Ushers were Jesse Bowel, Mike Pifher and Rob Humerickhouse.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and will make their home in Walled Lake.

In the Service

Army Pvt. Paul S. Neely has ing in the proper use of tools, equip graduated from the Light-wheeled Vehicle Mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, spark- and npression-ignition wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic hoist, and winch assemblies.

Neely's mother is Luanne E. Neely of Walled Lake. The private is a 2004 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Army Pvt, Ronald A. Grabowski has graduated from the H-8 tracked vehicle recovery spe-Pvt. Ronald A. cialist course at Fort Knox, Ky The course is designed to train students in the skills and knowledge needed to perform recovery opera-tions using the M88AI/A2 tracked recovery vehicle. The course from Adrian High School, includes field and classroom thain.

ment and technical data to deter-mine recovery methods, locate recovery sites, operate tactical communications equipment, and main tain recovery vehicle armament syserns.
The trainee learns to drive, main-

tain, and perform preventive main tenance on recovery vehicles receives operating instructions in recovery vehicle component equip-ment, auxiliary power units, and use of proper recovery safety proce dures when rigging, recovering and towing tracked vehicles.

He is the son of Steven M. and Kathy M. Grabowski of Wixom. Grabowski is a 2003 graduate of

Joshua C. Ford has arrived for duty at Misawa Air Base, Japan. Ford, a signals analyst, is assigned to the 301st Intelligence

Walled Lake Western High School.

He is the son of Cynthia L. Moyer and stepson of Michael G. Moyer, both of Wixon. in 2002, the airman graduated

OBITUARY

VIRGINIA E. GILLESPIE 82 died March 24, 2005. Dear wife of the late Leonard. Beloved mother of David, Gail Edgar, Mark, Loving Grandmother of Great grandmother of 11. Siste of John Emley, Burlal at Fort Custer Nat'l Cemetery, Augusta, MI, March 28 -12:00 P.M.

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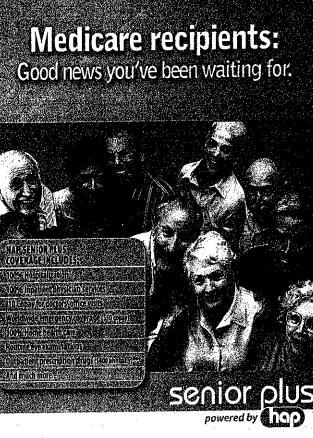
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Council eyes proposal for city's parks department

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to generate revenue. Council asked the commission to prepare

asked the commission to prepare a naming rights policy and pres-ent it to council in 90 days. Parks, recreation and forestry department staff will revise the policies presented March 21 and submit the changes for council

approval.

Mayor Lou Csordas said the proposed document was a good one, except that it did not men-

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tion city council oversight.

Dave Staudt, of the Novi
Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Commission, said the commission understood council would
exercise authority on every
aspect of the plan.

The parties agreed that final
approval on any naming issues
or sponsorship agreements
regarding parks and recreation
facilities would have to be
approved by city council.

"I would like us to aggressively pursue naming rights," said
Laura Lorenzo, city council
member. "We are entering a
decade of financial uncertainty."

When Staudt said commission

When Staudt said commission members would need to be reim-bursed for expenses incurred for fund-raising efforts, Lorenzo

questioned this request.

"If we're going to use general fund money, we might as well have staff do it. I have a severe problem with that," she said.

Randy Auler, director of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Department, said that instead of money coming from the general fund to reimbarse volunteers' expenses, that a portion of the money raised through naming rights and sponsorships could be

used.
"There is no such thing as free fund raising," Staudt said.

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Earning recognition
The Northville and Novi hockey teams dominated the All-Area this year with control of the entire first-team. Find out who earned the cu

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Swim selections

The Novi Wildcats were represented by Chri-Alberty on this year's All-Area Swimming and Diving Dream Team. -- Page 3B



Regional Marketplace

O'Toole's Bar bartender Shannon Rancy serves up a cheese burger to a patron. The Novi establishment is a great place for food, fun, friends and sports

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Thursday, March 31, 2005

By Sam Eggleston

Talk about one heck of a season.

The Novi Wildcats volleyball team headed into the 2004-05 season with so-called experts picking them to finish near the bottom of the barrel in the Kensington Valley Conference. It was old hat for the squad, picked to finish low nearly every year they've played under coach Julie Fisette.

"I think at one time we were picked to finished seventh in the KVC," said Amanda Toffoli earlier this year. "We wanted to prove them wrong."

And that they did. The Novi Wildcats not only shocked the "experts," they shocked the league as well, tying for first place with the Milford Mavericks.

.they're not sure you'd understand

to earn Novi's first-ever league title in volleyball. The Wildcats were thrilled. So were the fans.

"Our fans were great this year," said All-Area selection Megan Miller. "People would get upset because of how loud they were. They were just supporting us. The people that got mad just didn't know

volleyball was supposed to have fans.' The Wildcats were pretty thrilled themselves. They used the momentum to add another notch to the vic-tory pole, winning the district tournament at Walled Lake Central for only the second time in school his-

"It felt great," Fisette said. "I don't think I could have asked for more from this team.'

But more they got. The team earned three first-team slots on the HomeTown All-Area Volleyball Dream team this year. They also took two second team positions.

Sarah Schmitt and Nicole Barndt, both senior captains, joined junior Jenna Kuhn on the first team while Miller and Toffoli were second-team selections

"This has been such a great year," said Schmitt in the beginning of the season. "I just hope we can keep it going. People underestimate us."

Little did she know, especially then, that she was so right. The Wildcats were the most underestimated

team in the KVC this year. Now, however, there is a lot to defend come next season. Juniors Miller and Kuhn will be responsible for

leading their team in defense of the KVC title and the district crown.
"I think we're ready," said Miller of taking over the lead. "We know what it takes to win and we're ready

to do it. We'd rather be the underdogs but now that people know we can win they'll be after us. We're ready for that too." The Novi Wildcats volleyball team shouldn't fall off too much despite the graduation of some very

experienced and very talented players. All-Area players Barndt, Schmitt and Toffoli will be joined by Liz Clark, Sara Bielski and Becky Reichel when they toss their caps into the air this spring.

"It's always hard to say good-bye to your seniors," said Fisette. "This group has been fun to coach. I'm going to miss them a lot. They've left a lot behind for the other girls to follow."

Some of the things include their extreme dedication to the sport, their desire to win and their championship manner. Even in loss, such as against Howell in the final regular-season game that stopped Novi from winning the KVC outright, they showed class.

With so much to defend, one has to wonder just how prepared the Wildcats really are going to be

Well, wonder no more.

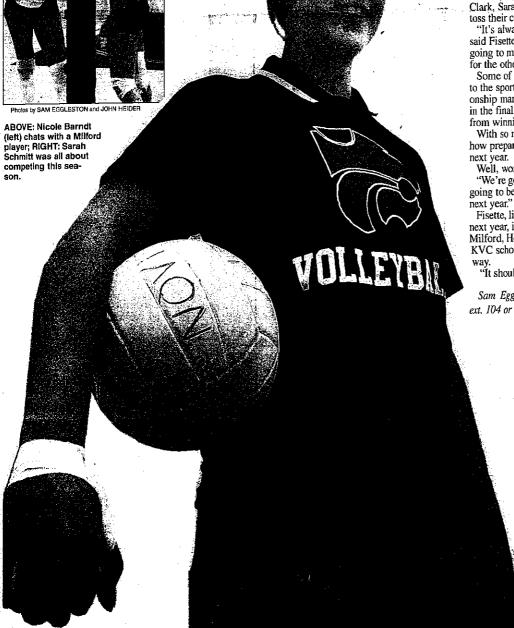
"We're going to be ready," Miller said. "We're going to be going after the Kensington Valley again

Fisette, like the underclassmen who are returning next year, is looking forward to the challenge.

Milford, Howell and Brighton — as well as the other KVC schools - will be looking to stand in their

way.
"It should be a lot of fun," said Fisette.

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Amanda Toffoli prepares to come out of a game against Milford. Toffoli earned All-Area honors this season.

senior

Harbin is area's best

well aware of one thing when they

need the season this year: they

Gerblick was happy to accept that

self into a fierce post player despite

job, stepping up and turning him-

played so much bigger than he is,"

Schumacher, "He just has such a

Gerblick was a force to be reck-

oned with throughout the season and especially so when the Mustangs came out of the starting

through several of their early-sea-

son games before running into a few hard snags before things were

through. While playing at their best, it

much bigger than him was out-

standing, Schumacher said.

Novi Senior

blocks this season

We counted on his scoring, but

Fourth-overall selection to All-

KVC first team
• Led team in rebounds and

Averaged 10 points per game and eight rebounds Moore is the kind of athlete that

gates in full gallop. They tore

said Northville coach Darrel

It was a remarkable year to follow basketball in the area through the 2004-05 season. Wins, losses and some amazing players helped add to the excitement of a great

The Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs found then selves boasting some note-worthy talent. Both teams had their fair share of impressive players and both eamed recognition from the coaches in their respective leagues.

Anthony Harbin Novi Segior

 Averaged 15.4 points per game
 Was third on the team in rebounds with an average of 5.8 and second on the team with four

sists

Was selected as the All-KVC Player of the Year When it comes to Harbin, the

uestion has never been how much e can score, but when will be

Player of dribble and a the Year grew into a

tough role of leader this season. He followed in the footsteps of guys like Matt Emmenecker and Brad Simpson and showed he knew exactly what it took to get the other players to follow him.

"He really helped the team by

adding confidence to our guys said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "Fle drew a lot of attention from defens es and was very good at being very unselfish. He made the other play

Scored team-leading 247 points

while averaging 11.8 per game

FIRST TEAM

Tony Acres

at his career too closely.

The senior, who Novi coach Pat
Schluter said is the best big man he ers better by being on the court. Harbin cleaned up when it came has ever coached, made his mark on high school athletics as a long-distance runner. To think the transi-tion to dominating basketball force would be so smooth for the Wildcat often put numbers up into the 20 noint range. He was also capable o freezing an opponent before driv-ing and pounding home the shot. "He was hard to guard, that's for was on the verge of absurd.

Quick off the

But Moore didn't care what his career pointed to. He was deter-mined to lead and determined to be sure," said Schluter, "He could han dle the ball, post-up, rebound, hit the outside shot and the three recognized as a force on the hard-There really wasn't much Anthony couldn't do this year."

guy I've ever coached because he's J.D. Gerblick o versatile. He could score, play defense, shoot outside and handle Moore also made his mark as a All-Western Division

ALL-AREA WRESTLING

ence that returned to the Wildcats rebounds for 6.7 per game The Northville Mustangs we

syear. He had to do a lot of things to help us be successful," said Schluter. "He helped lead this team o two school records (in points this year without him.

Northville Sophomore

· Scored 219 points this season with a 10.4 per-game average

• Collected 4.4 rebounds per game as a point guard and collect

ed 3.1 steats per game
The future is bright with this
one. The Northville sophomore
point guard didn't come out of the eates firing on all cylinders, instead players step into the limelight as the Mustangs jumped out to some impressive victories. It wasn't unti he team hit a few roadblocks that

pouring in the points. Despite a late start in wowing the opposition, Storrs made an impact on his coaches.

"Alvin is young, but growing into the position of point guard. and Northville coach Darrel and we expect some big things from him in the coming years,

Novi Junior

AB KVC secondateum selec-

can be deceiving if someone looks · Averaged seven points per game and went 52 percent from the ree-throw line throughout the sea-Novi coach Pat Schluter knows

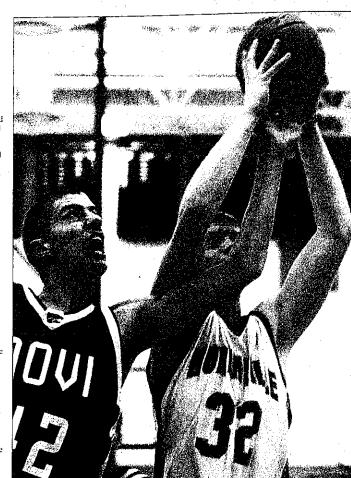
he is losing a lot to graduation this year with two All-Area first-teamers graduating, but he's also well aware of the potential of the player looking to lead the Wildcats next

player this season, from a quiet role player to a convincing long-range "He's a very hard worker and is

very unselfish," said Schluter. "He's a great defensive player and improved throughout the year around kid and someone we expect leader on the team as one of two

Milinra sophomore senior Junior ■ Nathan Kunst South Lyon senior iunior Alvin Storrs Austin McMullen Novi junior 🗷 J.D. Gerblick Player of the Year HONORABLE MENTION

Chris Lorente



Northville's JD Gerblick has his shot bothered by Novi's Mark Moore.

Novi players prove to be area's best

Selections come on the heels of Wildcats' history-making season

What a year for exciting vol-leyball! The Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs both had seasons for the history books with the former winning their league for the first time and the latter winning their division for the first time. Both faces coming back from years

Northville Senior

and served at 80 percent
• Collected 145 kills this sea-

Had 146 digs and 29 blocks

would have normally dominat-

Karchon isn't going to be

"Few athletes come through with her kind of ability," he you put her in, she's going to adapt to that situation and suc-

"Evonna's biggest attributes were her pure athletic talent and her raw speed," said Northville coach Steve Anderson, "She's an explosive

defense," he said. "She can't be any taller than 5-foot-8 and yet she was going against big girls all season and holding her

easy to replace. Beyond her volleyball skill, Anderson said such athletes are rare to find.

ceed. We're going to miss that.'

Novi Junior

All-KVC first-team selec-

When Kuhn smiles, she looks like one of the sweetes girls anyone might have the pleasure of meeting. When she's on the volleyball cour she looks anything but nice. Kuhn is a competitor. She

win. It's that simple.
"Jenna has been valuable t us all year," said Novi coach Julie Fisette in an interview

earlier in the season. "She's aggressive at the net and play i lot bigger than she is Kuhn is one of two All-Arca volleyball players that will return next year from Novi and Northville. The other is team-

mate Megan Miller. Combined

they hope to lead the Wildcats to another Kensington Valley Conference title. But it will take plenty of work and a lot of determina tion. Thankfully, Kuhn has

"She never quits," said Fiscite, "No matter what the score is, Jenna is always look-

Nicole Barndt Nevi Senior

· All-KVC second-team

election As a captain, players are expected to find ways to lead their team no matter what.

tinks to be on the losing end

edge into an edge for her team. scoring points and defending with the best of them. "Sarah is a very talented

slow her down any. Her team can be down two games and she'll be the first to try and fire everyone up.
The key for Schmitt is leav-

Northville Senior

Jenna Kuhn team to the school's first-ever KVC title against Milford Sarah Schmitt despite taking concussion in Evonna Karchon the second game. "Nicole's tough," Fisette said Player of the Yea following that game. "She was n't going to let that stop her SECOND TEAM

■ Alex Prieditis ■ Marissa Bober

Shannon DeRusha

Barndt did what all good captains do, leading her team on and off the court and push-ing them to be their best. At times she's aggressive and other times she's calm with a is said and done, she's all busi

"She's a great competitor,"

Sarah Schmitt **Novi Senior**

· All-KVC second-team selection

Competitive nature must be in the Schmitt bloodline. Not only are her older sisters as competitive as they come, Schmitt knows how much it

Schmitt turns her competiti

player," Fiscite said this sea-son. "She is good both defen-sively and offensively." The senior doesn't let score first-ever division champi-onship. She gets to take that

ing it all on the court.
"I want this to be my best year," she said. "I just want to do my best and not regret any

Diana Deaibes

• 458 assists and a setting average of .280
• Had 102 digs on the year · Collected 34 aces and

Milford Emma Hurst Lakeland Lakeland Kera Dukic sophomore Audrey Sabourir Mary Pelligrino
Alison Scoffins Lakeland senior Diana Dealbes ■ Amanda Toffoli senior

Milford Milford

Lakeland

Selection Playing at setter for the Northville volleyball team is comparable to being a playcaller on another high-intensity

■ Megan Miller

squad. Deaibes was a natural at it though. is equal to being a quarterback in football," said Anderson.

"You don't easily replace you best quarterback, do you?" Deaibes' ability to lead her ream with her experience. knowledge and natural leader-ship ability is going to be diffi-cult to find a replacement for.

"We're going to miss that," Anderson said, "She was a We were glad Diana and the other seniors were able to a least leave with the school's

Amanda Toffeli **Novi Senior**

· All-KVC honorable men-

ion The Novi Wildcats were blessed with some impressive senior leadership this year and he familiar sight of Toffoli giving it her all on the court reminded plenty of fans of another historical year. Last season, Toffoli helped her team to their first-ever district championship. This year, she helped them to their first ever KVC

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tain, but she leads like one, said Fiscue, "All of our seniors do. That's what's great about having them together. They know how each other plays and

team because of it."

Toffoli will be missed next year when the Wildcats try to capture the magic of a league

title again.
"She'll be hard to replace."

each one is a leader for this

Megas Miller Novi Junior

All-KVC bonorable men-

The Wildcats volleyball team is in good hands next year when Miller takes over the controls as a senior leader. Of course, it wen't be much differ-ent than this year when Miller was one of the most dominant players in the league.

"Mogan is a great defender,"
said Fisette. "We're lucky to

have her in the middle." The junior middle blocker is a presence on the court, creat-ing a wall of height for the sition to have to work opposition to have to work around. She is usually the one player on the other side of the

"Megan knows where to be and when to react," said Fisette, "We're expecting big

Novi earns plenty of All-Area recognition

senior



By Sam Eggleston

Wrestling is the kind of sport

very brink. They know how to

that you're either good at, or you're good at being beat at.
This year's All-Area wrestling dream team is full of those who've learned the value of beating others on the mat. They've

Few wrestiers brought the same excitement to the mat as Resnick did in his senior season. The tenacious grappler knew and pure and brutal power. "Tim brought a lot of excitement to the sport," said Northville coach Matt Thomas, "He has

Northville Junier

great upper body throws and is wrestle and they're darn good at



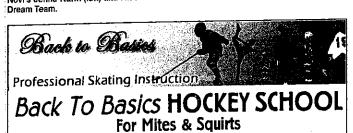


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Hockey team boasts plenty of Wildcat talent

It was a season of potential for the Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats hockey teams. Unfortunately, that potential ran into the wall known as Brother Rice — a team both the Mustangs and the Wildcats lost to in the

regional tournament.

Despite the season-ending losses in the first tournament of the playoffs, both teams were able to show case plenty of talent this year.

This year, the All-Area Dream Team is defensive heavy. Why? Because defense wins championships, especially with the ability

Jimmy Gates Northville Senior

 Had a .909 save percentage and a 1.91 goals-against average this

and All-WLAA Teams, they say, should be built from the back and work their way forward. A squad with good

defense and a strong goalie usually

ends up being the team that wins

Player of the Year

the right recipe goalie in place. Gates, who has the most wins in the school's hockey team history, proved himself to be one of the top goalies in the state

Mustangs had

"Jim was one of the top-notch goalies in the state this year," said coach Brad O'Neill. "He's a very high-skilled goalie and a team

Gates led in more ways than just keeping goals out of the net. He showed the other players what it meant to be a critic of their own play and to look to constantly improve themselves. He had the right combination of

sight, speed and agility to make himself a standout this season. "Jim had all the tools he needed to be a successful goalie," O'Neil

said, "He's a fierce competitor and his own worst critic. That separated him from the other goalies in the state. You can't replace a player like him. He was a pleasure to

Amy Cauzillo Northville Senior

 All-State first team selection and second in Miss Michigan voting for three-straight years

14 goals and 10 assists Three year total of 60 goals and

Who says hockey is just for boys? Cauzillo has been a member of the girls All-State team for the play and a member of the

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one of the best pinners."

The key to wrestling Resnick, which most people found out too

late was to never count him out.

No matter what the score was or

what the situation was, Resnick was sure to fight until the bitter

"You could never count him

follow and was a force to reckon

Few coaches can say they've

had the pleasure of working with a pure athletes. Novi's Brad Huss

"He's the best athlete I've ever

that I've spent my whole career

at Novi gives me a unique per-

Favorite is the kind of athlete

A three-sport athlete, Favorite

has focused on football and

lacrosse in the past. Now, he's coming into his own on the mat

This year, he even advanced to

"He has the potential to be a state champion," said Huss. "We don't go around here blowing

we'll make them the best they

the individual state finals.

now one of them.

starting to realize it

John Favorite

Navi Junior



Mustang netminder Jimmy Gates squeezes a practice shot to his chest.

prove otherwise, Jaussi wasn't the kind of player that just skated onto the ice looking to crush someone and get sent to the penalty box for HomeTown Newspapers All-Area Hockey Dream Team all three as

She can skate, she can score and she can play ever facet of the game. She's a hockey player, pure and

"Amy Cauzillo joined the team as a right wing, but because she was the only one on the team with hockey experience was asked to play defense, the objective was for her to rush the puck and then get back to stop the other teams attack," said Northville girls coach Bill Holden. "She has been the team leader from the day she stepped on to the ice, focused and absolutely committed."

Brett Jaussi Novi Senior Forward

· Scored 17 goals and six assists • Tied for 10th for Novi's all-

. Had 60 penalty minutes, a team

time scorers with 68 career points

Novi earns several wrestling

All-Area Dream Team nods

be a state championship."

Former President Theodore

should speak softly and carry a arge stick.
DiDia is a quiet leader and

Roosevelt once said a man

nent on the wrong end of a

sive senior grappler.
"He's one of those guys that

has a lot of quiet leadership about him," Thomas said. "He's

somebody that you could never

And don't bother trying to

break free of his headlock either

anywhere and catch anyone."

Saran is a great story in the fact that he's the fourth wrestler

n his family to win a district

earlier in his career made his

year. The odd thing was, he real-

huss and the other Novi coaches

anted him to be. "He hadn't earned a place in

our line up this year," said Huss.
'Then Adam Ballantyne got hurt
and he got his chance. He just
went off like wild fire after that."

Saran proved his ability, cruis-

Rharat Saran

Novi Seniar

"It's a really nasty headlock," id Thomas, "He could hit from

Nick DiDia

Northville Senior

will to win to the team though and he brightens the heart of the team use of it." Jaussi may have camed a few penalties along the way, but Phelps

said no one looks at that portion when a player is as valuable as the I always use the line that there

are no marks for neatness," Phelp said, "Brett had key points and key goals and key plays when we need ed it the most. His impact helped bring us over the tip in some big games this year.

ing through opponents on his way to the individual state finals. His abilities and his dedication pushed him to rise to the chal-

lenges.
"He's a unique kid," said Huss

"We were really proud of what he did this year. He deserved it."

letes are the intense ones. They

step onto the mat, eyes blazing and cold and calculating at the

Thomas said, "He's a great

more out of a wrestler."

leader though. You couldn't ask

never-give-up attitude, Swanson

was just a pleasure to watch at

"He's fun to watch because

best wrestlers on his feet and was

Sprys is the athlete that every coach wants on their team. He

niques and, quite frankly, he is oozing with talent.

"Dan is an extremely talented

wrestler," said Huss. "He just bulls over the guys in front of

never quits, he learns his tech

he's so good at what he does,'

Dan Sprvs

Swanson was one of those ath-

Justin Swanson

Northville Senior

almost anyone I've ever

Sprys was a captain this year

and his leadership was invaluable

he was just one match away from

of the draw this year, having an illness that prevented him from

ments.

Had he been able to compete,

Huss said he's confident the sen-

ior would have advanced to the

"The kid he beat from

Lakeland, who made it to the

a row, he would have been

state tournament, he beat in 22

wrestle all three of his matches in

cipating in all-day tourna-

going to the state meet. He's

Justin Cameron

Novi Senfor

to the team.
"He's talented but he's very

Instead, he was a victim of circumstance. In the wrong place at the wrong time when the official would look his way. But, quite often, he was in the right place at

the right time when the puck headed his way.
"Brett is the kind of kid that's not the most highly-skilled players individually," said Novi coach Dan Phelps. "He brings an energy and a

nan Northville has ever

Northville Senior

WLAA selection . Collected 21 assists and 10 oals this season

Guerro has made a career out of

being a well-rounded player but has gained recognition as a goal-scoring defenseman. moves under his belt and an eye for

the back of the net. When the puck hits his stick, goalies start to get nervous.
"Nick was our best defenseman for the past two years," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill.

"He's always been an offensive threat who was constantly on the Guerro was the guy most people wanted to see with the puck if the going got tough for the Mustangs. "He's a terrific skater and a playmaker," said O'Neill, "He's the best

Northville Northville Derek Mohacs Justin Ruccoln Player of the Yea SECOND TEAM Travis Adams Max Bluesteir Cory Gazdeck HONORABLE MENTION Northville ■ Sam Pope R.J. Makoski Northville ■ Donny McKinner

state recognized that fact as well. Guerro was selected to the firstteam All-State squad. His ability to play also rubbed off on his teamnates, making him an ideal leader

for the team.
"He was one of the best defensemen in the state and a terrific cap tain for our team," O'Neill noted "We're going to miss him next year. He's going to be hard to

Justin Ruccolo Novi Senior Goalie

• Earned All-State Division II status this season despite missing several games with an emergency appendectomy

• Collected a 2.5 goals-against

average and a save percentage of Normally the All-Area team has

trouble finding a solid first team goalie and a solid second team goalie. This year, it wasn't hard to decided on two first-teamers. Why? Despite missing several games

with an emergency surgery to remove his appendix, Ruccolo made an impact on his team by being a solid contributor every time he was on the ice. The coaches noticed, giving him a most-valu-able player award before he carned "He was the kind of player that

could steal a win for us as he did impact as a player on our team has been tremendous. He was a factor, if not the factor, in a lot of our suc-

Derek Mohacsi **Northville Senior**

· All-State Division II honorable

unstoppable. Unfortunately, hav-

ing to wait all day, with his con-

Carneron was a good addition

to Novi's team, having come in from Orchard Lake St. Marys. "He was a great leader for us,"

come a long way in just two

Sierra, quite possibly, is the most talented wrestler to never

have made the state tournamer

been starting for us since he was

During his four years, Sierra has picked up a record of 95-33. Considering about 10 of those

losses came in the post-season

Huss, "He's an outstanding

"He had a great career," said

Novi Senior

senior Northville Senior Senior senior senior senior senior senior senior senior

• Scored 18 goals and had 26 assists for 44 points Mobacsi made more than an impact on his team this year, he made an impact on the league.

The Mustang senior not only led his team in total points this season Association, He can skate and rore with the best of them, which helped the Mustangs stay an offen

"He is a very gifted player with great vision and play-making skills," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "He played in every situa tion for our team.

Be it short-handed or on the power play, Mohacsi was skating Phough he was quite capabl scoring, he wasn't afraid to let his inselfish nature show through which explained his 26 assists or the year.

Mark Eberline **Novi Senior**

· Had 16 goals and 10 assists for a total of 26 points on the year • Tied for 10th for Novi's all-

time scorers with 68 career points Eberline was a three-year player for the Novi Wildcats this senson and had the ability to see the ice and contribute to victories with hard shots and smooth assists

"Mark is an extremely talented and gifted player," said Novi coach Dan Phelps. "He has a knack and a Every tentimeneds the guy who is capable of firing up his squad with his own energies. Culkin is ouch around the net, especially in that guy.
"He's our team's rah-rah guy," Though Phelps didn't want to use the term "perfect high schoo athlete," he said Eberline showed

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

never made it to the state meet.

Novi Sophemore

least one more arm.

For two years straight,

post-season. This year, it stopped him from going to the state finals

by just one win.
"I've seen 1,000s of matches

in my 15 years and hope to see

was going to win that match. The problem is, the final two minutes

The guy he was wrestling saw

that and took advantage of it."
Vellathottam, unfortunately

foot, he's got two years left to

the best of it."

"He's got two more chances," aid Huss. "I think he can make

said Bennetts. "He gets so fired up at times you don't want him to hart himself behind the "He started as a role player as a Culkin isn't just there for supsophomore and built himself up port, he's there to compete as well. His swims, and his cheerful ough his junior year to bec an impact threat for us," Phelps said, "He was a big part of our demeanor, have a way of getting

the rest of the squad going.
"He's always positive and he's definitely a team guy," Bennett: said. "He's a great guy to have

They say there's a first time

decided to prove it with the first

This year's squad was a good

way to start things off thanks to some amazing swimmers. The entire team was selected with

state meet berths and was domi

Mustangs, who finished seventh in the state this year.

nated by the Northville

Northville Sophomore . Finished fourth in the state

in the 200 freestyle (1:43.41) and the 500 freestyle (4:40.36) and was a part of the 400

freestyle relay team that carned a chool record in the state finals

All-State in the 200 and 500

freestyle events and All-America

considerations in both events

does his best, no matter what

pushing himself to be his best no

"He is an extremely hard

and is a great kid to have on this

team. He's shown everyone that

potential and the hype and does

n't show any signs of slowing down. Bennetts said the sopho-more is still climbing toward the

"I have no reason to believe

all," he said. "I expect him to be

one of the best swimmers in the

state next year. If we plan on accomplishing the goals we've set as a team, we need him to h

Northville Sophomore

· Qualified for state meet in

200 freestyle and 500 freestyle and finished 13th in the latter

that he's reached a plateau at

hard work does pay off."

Keady is living up to the

peak of his potential

a big part of it.

Chris Culkin

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vorker" said coach Rich

Player of

the Year

matter what.

event he's

tion he treats

every practice

Keady is the kind of swin

Chris Keady

ever All-Area boys swimming and diving dream team.

for everything, and this year HomeTown Newspapers has

Joe Hogan Northville Senior

member of the 200 medley relay team and the 200 freestyle team • Set a school record with a time of 1:28.34 in the 200 freestyle and finished 11th in the 200 medley in 1:40.59

· Placed in every event, set a school record in the 100 freestyle with a time of 47.51 seconds and is an All-American his time of 1:43.54 in the 200

 Took fifth in the 200 freestyle and 10th in the 100

conference champs for the first-time ever and finished seventh i the state. His name sits on the board with a record-setting performance.
"Joe was the best captain I've had," said Bennetts. "He and I ability in the state finals. have been through the wringer

and it felt real good for us to win the league meet with Joe as a senior. He really knows how to tough it out? Bennetts said being able to

Hogan knows how to tough

things out. His freshman year

At the end of his time at

take Hogan to the state finals

"He's always helped keep this ship pointed in the right direction for all four years," he said.
"It was nice we were able to do something for him in return."

Brad Farris Northville Junior

· Onalified for the state meet in the 100 freestyle, the 200 freestyle and as a member of the 200 and 400 freestyle relay

msideration and All-Stater with

reached the peak in his perform

Chris Alberty makes mark on All-Area squad

the team had 13 swimmers and quite frankly, wasn't very good. "He has a lot of potential," said Bennetts. "I don't know if he realizes how fast he can be. I Northville, the Mustangs were think he may have got a couple of glimpses of that this year."
Farris was hampered by illness for several weeks this year, but came back to show signs of his

"He stepped up huge for us," said Bennetts. "He'll be a big part of our team next year. I'm looking forward to seeing what

Brad Lempke Northville Senior

 Qualified for the state finals as a diver and finished 14th It was a season that almost didn't happen and a career that almost wasn't started.

Lempke wasn't on the swimming and diving team for the Mustangs when the season start-ed his junior year but his friend, Hunter Schwartz, was. The team didn't have any divers and, as luck would have it, Lempke had tried his hand at it in middle

"Hunter asked him to come out for the team because we didn't nave any divers," said Bennetts. That's how it happened. He started diving and did great."

showed up his junior year and Lempke considered not comthe board once again

Bennetts said, "He was a great addition to this team and we were happy he stuck it through

Chris Alberty **Novi Junior**

Mustang swimmers Hunter Schwartz, Joe Hogan and Brody Blickle are just a few of the multiple Northville All-Area selections.

· Qualified for state finals as a diver and finished 10th in the

Talk about an up and down year for Alberty. The junior came into the season ranked second in the state before a back injury forced him to the sidelines for six weeks.

for six weeks.

He fought back though, pushing himself the final four weeks of competition to come out as a top-10 finisher in the state.

"When you have a bad back

you just can't dive," said coach Larry Teahan. "You can bounce on the board, you can't dive and coming off that injury is a diffi-cult thing to do. I think Chris did a great job."

The comeback kid will have to

keep his work ethic strong if he hopes to show what he's really capable of next year.

Will Blickle

Northville Sophomore · Qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle and the 200

individual medles • Finished 11th in the 200 IM (1:58.81) and 10th in the 500 freestyle (4:44.28) as well as helping the 400 and 200 freestyle relay teams to school records in the finals

■ Hunter Schwart Brad Lempke ■ Brad Farris

Weston Laabs ■ Will Blickle ■ Chris Alberty

FIRST TEAM

Chris Culking

■ Kevin Grinnell ■ Matt Witkowski Jason Wykes Player of the Year

Blickle isn't afraid to step up to challenges, which is why Bennetts wonders just how much otential he has

"He has a ton of potential and always seems to rest up really well and swim fast at the end of the year,' said Bennetts, "He truggled mid-season because of

two lifetime bests. I couldn't have asked more from him

Hunter Schwartz Northville Senior Qualified for the state met in the 100 backstroke and as a

went into the state meet and had

member of the 200 medley relay Whenever things got tense in the Northville swimming and diving program, Schwartz was the guy who lightened the mood. Every team needs a guy like that. "He's a fun guy that can break

up the monotony of a practice," said Bennetts, "He always has a good joke and is by far the comedian of the team." Schwartz, it just so happe a good swimmer too. His pernances this year led to a 11th place finish in the 200 med-

"You never have to worry about him stepping up," he said, "He gets the job done."

Rvan Smith

· Onalified for the state meet in the 100 butterfly and as a nember of the 200 medley relay

Northville Senior

dered. Smith would have been a member of the Northville swim-

"Ryan moved in from Connecticut this year and was an absolute joy to coach," said Bennetts, "He figured swimming was a good way to meet new people in the school. Every day he showed up to practice and worked as hard as he could possibly work."

Bennetts promised him that if he worked that hard every day, he'd earn his state cut. He did

senial will will aseplor attivities South Lyon and also helped his team score points in the 200 medley relay.
"I wish I had him for four years," said Bennetts, "He was a

sophomoi

freshman .

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great kid and a great swimmer. He's a kid I would have loved to

Brody Blickle

Northville Freshman Qualified for the state meet in the 200 individual medley, the 100 backstroke and was a member of the 400 and 200 freestyle relay teams that set school

records in the state finals Who would have guessed that swimming ran in the family? Brody Blickle followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Will, to be a solid contributor to

the Mustangs this year.

"He was a pleasant surprise,"
said Bennetts. "He still has a lot of work to put in but he still gets where he's going. He's just a freshman but it's obvious that

Though some of Blickle's job done. Bennetts, and the rest of the Mustangs, are looking for ward to seeing just how good the

Weston Laabs Northville Junior

in the 100 breaststroke and was a member of the 11th-place 200 that Laabs knew how to do something that not many other kids knew how to do - the

· Qualified for the state meet

breaststroke.
"It's nice to finally have a breaststroker," he said. "I haven't had once since I got here. been a big help to us, especially on that medley relay Rennetts said that Laabs was

disappointed he was the first alternate in the state finals, but is looking forward to next year.

"We think he'll have a good next year shouldn't be any dif-

Northville swimmer Chris Keady was the top Mustang at the recent state meet.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Weigh pros, cons before taking that second job

Janelle, a friend and fellow full-time communications professional, recently took a part time job at a

women's clothing store.
"My second job has been really good for me, she said. "I get a great discount on the clothes. Plus, I get the opportunity to deal with people face to face, which allows me to hone my communication skills." Over the past months Janelle has

had to contend with long hours spent on her feet, and weekends away from her spouse, but she's OK with that – for now. "Right now the benefits clearly

outweigh the disadvantages," she

In 2003, over 7 million people held multiple jobs, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Many worked multiple jobs to make ends meet or pay off debt, while others moonlighted to save for a down payment on a house or for a big ticket item, like a car. If you're like Janelle and want an

extra job, consider trying your hand extra job, consider frying your natural another profession, one that enables you to garner new skills. By diversifying your professional skills you make yourself more attractive to employers and you also build personal confidence. You may also wish to find a job that offers secondary benefits, like the concentration to make new friends or opportunity to make new friends or

Be realistic about the time Be realistic about the firme involved in a second job, and con-sider the impact it might have on family. Pets, too, are a considera-tion. Think about any hobbies that you may have to forgo, and what else you may have to reshuffle in order to meet all of your obliga-

tions.
If you think you need a second moonlighting, be sure to consider all options before making your decision. If you're trying to pay off credit card debt, think about how you might accomplish this with the income you have now. To do this you've got to have a good under-standing of where your money goes each month. Take a piece of paper and divide it into two columns. Note your monthly income at the top, Write down basic monthly expenses in the left column. These should include rent

or mortgage, student loan, utility and household hills, credit card hills, your car payment, gas, and any work related expendi-tures. You should also note in this column the money you put in sav-ings each month, If you have a sep-arate emergency fund, include the amount you deposit into that account as well. Total it up and subtract that amount from your income, What's left over is your disposable income - the money can use to pay down that credit card debt.

Next, track your spending for a

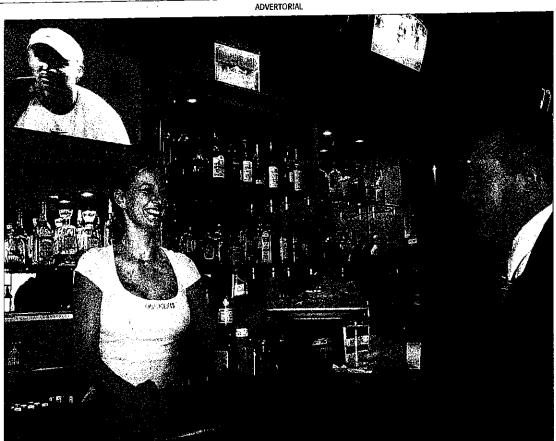
few weeks to get a good idea of how much you spend on things other than your basic expenses and what you deposit into savings. Write everything down, even if it's as insignificant as a pack of gum.
Note those items in the right col-umn of your page and add them up.
Now, think about how to reduce

your expenses, Review your list and decide what you can live without until you've paid down your debt. You might also consider transfer-

ring your credit card debt to a low-interest credit card, but beware. but, if you make one late payment, your interest rate shoots up to 15 percent. Be sure and read the card's terms carefully. Also, look for card with no balance transfer fees and no annual fees. Consider applying for credit card from a credit union. The interest rate can be several percentage points lower than bank-issued cards.

If after you asses your financial arus you determine that you've got to take a second job, try to appro mate the wage or salary you'll earn and then figure out how long you'll have to work to meet your goal. Always keep your goal at the front of your mind. And who knows, a second job you may lead you to another, more fulfilling career.

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Pholos by JOHN HEIDER

O'Toole's Bar bartender Shannon Raney serves up a cheeseburger to a patron on a recent Monday afternoon.

O'Tooles is popular place for food, fun, sports

By Duane Ramsey

O'Tooles is the place for fine food, friendly service, fun, entertainment and sports activi-ties in a casual atmosphere with "A Touch of Irish" at locations in

"A Touch of Irish" at locations in Novi and Royal Oak. O'Tooles in Novi is located on Novi Road just north of 10 Mile. Spring has arrived and O'Tooles has planned lots of new food items and specials, live entertainment and sports activi-ties for the spring and summer months, according to worth months, according to owner

months, according to owner steve Wadle.

"We want people to come here to enjoy the good food and have fun playing games and sports or watching their favorite sports on TV." Steve said.

Sports are not just a thenic at

Sports are not just a theme at O'Tooles but softball and volleyball are actually played on the baseball field and sand volthe basehall field and sand vol-leyball court at the Novi loca-tion. They have co-ed leagues in Chicago-style softball and sand volleyball for their competitive

eustomers. Wadle said it's time to sign up for the co-ed softball and volleyball leagues that will play this summer. Individuals and teams may sign up now by calling 248-348-8217.

"It's a great opportunity to have fun, meet new people and stay in shape playing softball or volleyball this summer," Steve

O'TOOLES

Novi location: 24555 Novi Road just north of 10 Mile 248-349-7038

Royal Oak location: 205 West Fifth Ave. in Royal Oak 248-591-9226

O'Tooles is holding a Deck Opening Party on May 20 in Novi with a live one-man band that will perform every Friday throughout the summer. They will introduce a new patio drink menu with tropical concections

for the summer season.

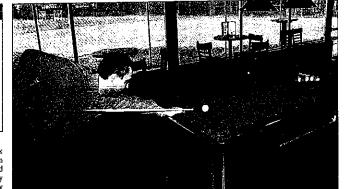
The dcck is also available for banquets or private parties, Wadle said.

O'Tooles will have live enter-O'100ics will have her entire tainment every Tuesday and Wednesday night beginning around 9:30. In addition, a Diays music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights with mechanical bull riding available Sunday night.

night.
Patrons may play Club Keno
through the Michigan Lottery at
O'Tooles daily. The spacious
game room features darts, pool
tables, video games and a large
screen TV.

screen TV.

The coting and sports establishment has 26 screens, includ-



Manager Steve Wadle's O'Toole's bar offers inside sports both inside (billiards, mechanical bull riding) and outside (softball). The Novi bar is located on the west side of Novi Road, south of Main Street.

ing two 46-inch, high-definition plasma televisions behind the bar and 24 other TV monitors oar and 24 other TV monitors located around the restaurant and game room for watching your favorite sports event or team.

Along with the fun and sports, fine food is served for lunch, dinner and late-night diners. O'Tooles has a new menu with additional sandwiches and pizza

coming out soon.
O'Tooles offers daily food specials for lunch and dinner.
The lunch specials include a \$3

cheeseburger and fries from noon to 4 p.m. A hot corned beef sandwich is served for just \$5 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The fresh menu features a selection of appetizers, salads and sandwiches, big burgers, pizza and an "Irish Fayre." The ethnic fare includes Irish corned beef and cabbage, O'Tooles chicken pasta, Lucky Fifet Mignon, Shamrock Salmon, and

Saint Strip Lion.
The full menu is offered in the casual restaurant or on the out-door patio weather permitting.

A large selection of domestic and imported beer is available on-tap or in bottles and cans, Thursday is \$1 beer day at

Cocktails and mixed drinks are made to order by the experienced bar staff. Special prices are available during the daily happy hour from 4 to 7 p.m.

The friendly bar and wait staff

at O'Tooles will see that each customers receives the best service possible and enjoys their visit to the restaurant.

The eating and sports establishment has 26 screens, including two 46-inch, high-definition plasma televisions behind the bar and 24 other TV monitors located around the restaurant and game room for watching your favorite sports event or team.

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