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Developing Novi's downtown

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Picture yourself strolling down a tree-lined street to a park for iunch. Or, you might drop by art gallery to view their latest offer-ings or a sidewalk cafe for a cup of cappuccino. That's the vision developer

That's the vision developer Triangle Development presents in the recent unveiling of its concep-tual plan for MainStreet Novi. Dave Nona of Triangle esti-mates the project on about 20 acres in the southeast quadrant at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road will cost over \$120 million. "This is very conceptual," Nona

"This is very conceptual," Nona said. "We want to have a cooperative relationship with the city, so this is a concept plan to get their feedback and input."

The developer also plans to receive input from major property owners and merchants in the area, according to Nona.

If the city, property owners and merchants like the plan, Nona said work could begin on two or three buildings by the end of the year or first of next year. Completion of the entire project would take six to

eight years. "We're hoping that this would be the impetus for redevelopment of that entire area into a truly urban center," Nona said. Nona said the MainStreet Novi

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legacy touched lives in Novi

The legacy of Pope John Paul II isn't far from the hearts and prayers of many local clergymen. After Karol Wojtyla's death last

By Kim Kovelle D STAFF WRITER

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project Gateway Meadowbrook Road.

at their April 4 meeting to have members of the Main Street Committee review Triangle's conwould be similar to Gateway Village the firm devel-oped on Grand River Avenue at leadowbrook Road. ceptual plan, and then present City council members decided their findings to council.

Committee members include council members Kim Capello, Mayor Pro Tem David Landry, and Assistant City Toni Nagy and Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson, McKenna

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Associates, Inc., of Northville is the land planner and landscape architect for the project.

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Courtesy illustration

Chamber explores move to Main St.

This conceptual drawing shows Farmington Hills developer Triangle Development's ideas for MainStreet Novi. This

decision made by this June

Novi Chamber of Commerce staff members are looking for a new place to hang their hats, with Main Street Novi as their first

Churches share in sheltering homeless

Goal is to provide a new outlook on life for the needy

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

The Holy Family Church of Novi has always been ready and willing to help people in need. But for about eight years, it has here action about eight years.



opens a new

to be completed late this summer. Keith Wilson, chairman of the Chamber's relocation committee, said the Chamber staff would first like to thank all of the staff at the current Novi Expo Center for giving the nonprofit organization

"They are truly wonderful peo-le," he said. "We're spoiled." Wilson said the Chamber relople, cation committee is seriously

on Main Restaurant at Main and Market streets and at offices

relocation committee. Novi businessman Victor

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Clothing, shoes and other essen

Clothing, shoes and other essen-tials, fresh-bedding and shelter are also provided. "We don't give them our left-overs, we give them what we would give our own families," Debra Marxer said, a volunteer at the church. "We encourage with conversation, positive thoughts and ideas for future, especially ideas for future, especially and and the second jobs, schools and training for

The church provides tutoring and training in writing resumes and good ideas and principles for getting and keeping a job. Guests are offered hair cuts and groom-



Spring sports preview

Lights. Camera. Action! s a whole new sports seasor and the Novi Wildcats are geared up and ready to make some noise. Every team has goals and players to bring them there, but only the cream of the crop will

rise to the top to be the best in the league and beyond.

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-7-05 Oh, where, oh where could their little dog be? Oh, where, oh where has he gone? It's never easy to lose a fam-ily friend her one Merif family

ily friend, but one Novi family was lucky enough to get theirs back following a scare and frantic searching. - Page 5A

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Saturday, many say the pontiff's 26-year papacy has left an indelible 1 Ordained the year before the ope was elected, Fr. John Budde wsroom: 248-349-1700

pope was elected, Fr. John Budde of Novi's Church of the Holy Family met the Holy Father dur-ing a 1987 Detroit visit. "I'll never forget how he looked "I'll never forget how he looked at me — as if I was the only per-son in whole cathedral at that moment," Budde said. "Whenever Board wants

By Pam Fleming FF WRITER

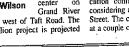
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 center on Grand River

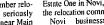
 Avenue west of Taft Road. The \$18-million project is projected



considering a location near Main Street. The committee is looking at a couple of areas by the Steak



Market streets and at offices upstairs. Members are also talking to landlords at Novi Town Center and the City Center Plaza on the west side of Novi Road south of Ten Mile Road. The committee is working with Realtor Fil Superfisky, of Real Estate One in Novi, a member of the relocation committee





new home since their current location at the Novi

bird's eye view shows Novi Road to the south and Grand River Avenue to the west.



Locals mourn Pope's passing continued from front CHOOSING THE NEXT POPE

time. "I think he told the truth, and young people just love that, and when adults level with them," Kerner said. "He didn't lecture them, but he brought them on in

· Cardinals are housed in St. Martha's House at the Vatican, then the sense of fellow traveler in life, a pilgrim." This pope's reach bridged we to the Sistine Chapel for voting; communication with others rhidden. • A two-thirds majority is needed to select the next pope; voles are religion, some said, Pastor Kent Clise of First ritten on election papers. • If that fails, votes are performed twice a day for three days. • If there's still no selection, the process repeats for three seven-day eriods, each broken by time for prayer, reflection and discussion. • After that, an absolute majority may be deemed necessary. ritten on election papers. Presbyterian Church in Northville related to John Paul message of valuing all life. "I felt very much like we were kindred souls," Clise said. . Once the new pope is chosen and accepts his nomination, he is "In the eyes of the culture, he helped everybody of goodwill and good faith stand a little bit mediately named Bishop of Rome and is inaugurated several days ater. Note: revised 1996 rules do not mention traditional white smo from the Vatican that long signaled the new pope

taller and serve with conviction. "He always cared about the soul of people, and I think that

mother of the pontiff's lasting valuing the elderly, from his

came through." Casting off materialism was

said, is now up to those who survive — as he told his parish-Parkinson's Disease to the end. "He accepted death as a part of life and he accepted it grachallenges, Budde said. Later in the pope's life, he added, the leader practiced what he preached when it came to the brial of Pope John Paul II. The lasting legacy, Kerner and follow Christ," he said.

Source: www.catholic.org.nz/pope/election.htm

In the weeks following Pope John Paul II's funeral tomorrow, a ewpontiff leader for the Roman Catholic Church will be chosen by the College of Cardinals in Rome: • No more than 120 cardinals vote; none are older than 80. • On Apol 18, clositon begins with more at \$2 Details Positive

On April 18, election begins with mass at St. Peter's Basilica

ioners last weekend.

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move to a new space by August.

expo center is on track, so we would like to make a decision

by June," she said. "We're look-ing at all available sites."

Pam Fleming is a staff writer

"We're hearing that the new

Keith Wilson

Novi Chamber Board Member

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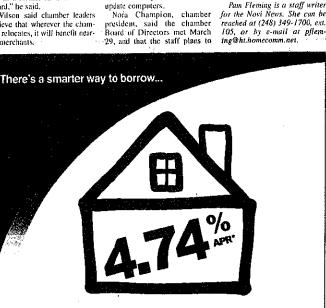
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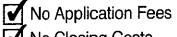
"We're thinking Main Street would be a wonderful place to be," he said. Cassis said he, too, has a couple The chamber staff is attracted of locations he's talking to chamber staff about. "I think the most reasonable to the Main Street area because of its location. The organization is not in a financial position to and accommodative one is where the McNish Sporting Gouds store is, at 44480 Grand River Ave. between Novi Road and Taft Road," Cassis said. build a new office, but many leasing properties are available. The staff also prefers to occupy retail space on the main floor, accord-"McNish is moving out, and he ing to Wilson. has an upstairs and a downstairs. I believe that would be a nice location for them." The relocation committee hopes someone might donate space for the office. Another site that Cassis is rec-"We hope there's an angel out ommending is the former Harmon Glass building just south of Grand River Avenue on there that might realize the value of having the chamber next to them or in their development," he said. Novi Road. This property was formerly Marcus Glass, owned Another possibility is to move Marcus. "That could be a great loca-transition of the function of the funct tion, also," Cassis said, "I'm would like to make a decision

willing to work with the cham-ber as a former chairman of the needs to buy furniture and board," he said. Wilson said chamber leaders

believe that wherever the chamber relocates, it will benefit near-



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Renfrow steps up as court administrator

After 32 years, Novi's court is still her home By Kim Kovelle

When moving into her new administrator's office at Novi's 52-1 District Court, Joyce Renfrow brought along an old brass lamp. Restored, it once belonged to Judge Martin L. Boyle, who hired Renfrow as a clerk in 1973. "The judges did the inter-views," Renfrow, 53, recalled. "I was very, very nervous. He

made me feel very comfortable "It's nostalgic to me, because it's his lamp." Now, Renfrow has worked in nearly every area not directly behind the bench. Chosen by all three court judges to her new role, she'll handle budgets, court standards and her pet concern: customer service. As in the past, Renfrow sees her latest position, effective

March 24, as a chance to grow. "I'm still learning," she said. "It's been a long journey." At the counter

Up for something new, the Mississippi native said she first New Novi 52-1 District Court Administrator Joyce Renfrow, left, confers with court clerk Marie Beth Trulu. tried court records after working as a medical secretary. Court in 2003. At the tiny district court, then in Walled Lake, she shuffled from civil to traffic duties before landing in criminal divi-Focused on customer service, her thesis laid the groundwork for training at her home court. "This court is my life," she sion. "There was so much going said. "I wanted to see us on," she said. "Anything from disorderly person to murder. I thought, 'This is really interestbecome better. To my gladness, the judges did accept my recom-

nendations. MacKenzie worked with Renfrow during most of her 16 Quickly, she latched onto years as deputy administrator. "It's certainly a pleasure to helping people, viewing them as customers and not defendants or plaintiffs. watch Joyce communicate, As population exploded, Renfrow became assignment clerk and then criminal division because she's good at it," he said, "I like her basic sense of integrity a great deal."

- andifficultaneous She designed an employee and the second secon supervisor - andifficultamove onside tion "It took me away from as much contact," she said. Her solution: "I planted myself with the staff." web site development and community outreach also have



to pursue a master's equivalent in court management, her only 48) 465-SHOW son was in high school. Traveling to Virginia, course work at the National Center for ALL SCREE DIGITAL STE O No passes State Courts was a taxing ALL NEW STADIUM SEATING change. "I traveled a lot," Renfrow FREE SPRING MATINEES said. "It was new for me. I was

away from home so much. Support from husband Melvin ad District Judge Brian FOR EVERYONE THE SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS MOVIE (PG) MacKenzie helped. Tops in her three-year class, SHOWTIMES 4/8 - 4/14 she delivered the keynote address at the U.S. Supreme ISADSUN 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:43 Ninto Brothels (Pri



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2 years at 52-1 District Court in 1973; hired as a court clerk 1981: promoted to criminal

division supervisor 1989; promoted to deputy court administrator · 2003; named "Fellow" of the Institute for Court Management (court executive developr program sponsored by National Center for State Courts) · 2005: promoted to court administrator Family first After 32 years at the court, Renfrow said she feels at home, "I love it here," she said. "I

Following are positions and

chievements in Jovce Renfrow's

feel like this is my family. I've been here longer than the udges." Of course, there are other families, too: her mom and three older sisters live in a five mile radius. She also sings - a lifelong passion - at her Waterford church And there's Star Trek, too Along with Boyle's lamp, men orabilia dots her new office. "I have a very full life," sho smiled, "Now and then I just need something to take away. Star Trek is my escape What will future voyages hold? Renfrow said though she yould not turn down a char

During the court's first move to an old car dealership, she advance to circuit court, she's even drew on concrete floors with chalk, designing where hundreds of record boxes would content with her district cour family "I'm a very active person," she said. "I've got to be doing In the end, she beat more than all the time."

30 applicants for administrator, "We concluded that there was Kim Kovelle is a staff writer no resume that ... suggested that we could get a better person the one we had, MacKenzie said.

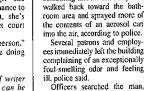
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for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or via e-mail at kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.



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By Pam Fleming Ronald Zamler, 58, of Walled

mall. The owner of Souvlaki Coney Island said he suffered losses of \$2,000-2,500 from patrons leav-ing without paying their bills, according to Novi Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest. Police also received several call from people who had been at the businesses. Although officers were able to identify both men involved in owner of the restaurant wrestling with a man outside the incident, only one was charged by the Oakland County Police intervened and learned Prosecutor's Office. Conquest said there is a law that two men, Zamler and his brother, had entered the restauon the books that talks about spraying an offensive type of substance that causes a disturrant and were seen spraying

something into the air. They also bance. "That's the charge that we were originally going for, but the prosecutor didn't feel that this case met the criteria," he said

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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 pflem-inc@ht homecoum net. who was still at the scene, and found a can of "Fart in a Can" aerosol spray and a package (



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Meadowbrook Road to close between Nine and Ten Mile roads

City of Novi officials closed bridge is unsafe for travel Water penetrated through the deck into the bridge's support structure. Freeze and thaw cycles this winter then caused the Meadowbrook Road Bridge between Nine and Ten Mile roads at midnight April 6 to ensure motorists' safety until a extensive damage to the eplacement bridge can be conicted this sur bridge's structural components. City workers first discovered North and south detours are a hole in the bridge during their bridge inspection in 2004. Taft and Haggerty roads. City staff decided to close They repaired the hole and the bridge because of the extensive damage to the bridge, built in 1976, that developed have been monitoring the bridge. On March 24, another large hole was found within the during the winter. Department same road surface area, and of public works employees recently discovered holes in the bridge, which was later they discovered cracks in the deck beams below. Estimates are \$100,000 to inspected by a structural engirepair the deck beams or more The engineering report received April 5 stated that the than \$275,00 for a near-complete replacement.

Walled Lake man lands

several stink bombs. Police learned that the two men had done similar things in the Starbucks Coffee shop, Quizno's sandwich shop and at Hollywood Tan in the same strip

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Town hall meeting covers many topics

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Attendees were given a list of estatistic that were the outcome of

focus groups held statewide. They were asked to rank them, from 1-9.

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a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, at the

William Costick Center 28600 11

Mile Road, Gate 4 (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads)

Lyon Township: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Saturday, June 14 at Lyon Township

Park, 58000 Grand River Ave. (west

· Novi: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday,

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Farm in Novi, was named a ne

of Milford Road)

Cassis will

use citizen input for changes

By Ramez Khuri

hased on their opinion of impor-tance, with 1 being their highest There were only about 10 peopriority (see sidebox). sle in attendance March 28, but their feedback was invaluable, State Sen, Nancy Cassis said. Cassis (R-Novi), held a town Cassis said that the indicators

would measure whether the state is meeting goals, and she then can half meeting that night to give citiuse that information to make budget decisions. "It's always beneficial when you hear different positions, different philosophies and have an opportu-

zens a legislative update. There was good news about the Beek Road/I-96 interchange being almost completed; the Michigan Court of Appeals upholding the language she has written into law to allow for the transfer of up to nity to explore them," Cassis said, "That's why we hold town halls, to get input and to really take the pulse of our citizen tox payers." 300 beds to Providence Hospital in At least four cities around Novi and Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield; and the new Novi Expo Center moving along, creating growth potential for the Michigan will hold similar meetings to get ideas on how to strengthen economy, create jobs, encourage business investment entire area.

Other news was less positive. and promote economic competi-Cassis said Michigan is facing a shortfall of \$750 million. Also the Raymond Raczkowski is a Novi resident. When he heard about the town hall meeting, he didn't know state's unemployment rate for last December rose to 7.3 percent, the

highest rate of the year, while the national rate was 5.4 percent. what the topic would be but attended anyway. "I am interested in what's hap-The unemployment rate for February was 7.5 percent. "I wanted to get into, by way of introducing what we're doing with the budget process this year, the pening in our state and our city and our country at this time," he said, "I was impressed in the sense that they're using citizen input to

prices of government and asking for chizen input," Cassis said, "I want to know what kind of out-comes they have in mind and the reanalyze "It helps pull out the political swaying of special interest groups and then you come down to the

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Waste drop-off days

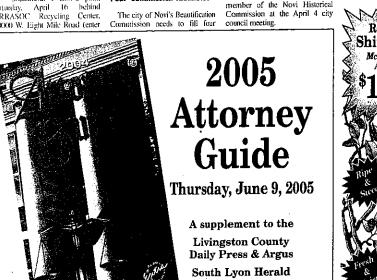
announced The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, which serves the communities of Novi, Wixom, Farmington, Farmington Hills.

South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Lyon Township, amounces the following household Sept. 17, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W, 10 Mile Road (between Novi and Taft roads) For information about what items hazardous waste drop-off dates. imes and locations: • Wixom: 10 a.m.-1 para Saturday, April 9 at Wixom Department of Public Works, will the accepted, contact RRRASOO at (248) 208-2270 or

visit the city of Novi Web site at www.cl.novi.mi.us. 2057 Charms Road (Wixom Road ooth to Charms, left on Charms)

 Southfield: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 16 behind RRRASOC Recycling Center. Four commission vacancies

20000 W. Eight Mile Road (enter



AT THE MEETING Attendees of the meeting were given a list of issues that were the cutcome of focus groups held statewide. They were asked to rank them, from 1-9, based on their opinion of importance, with 1 being heir highest priority. The list included: Natural resources are protected and preserved. People are prepared for jobs and the new economy Those most vulnerable live free from harm and self-sufficiently s possible People and goods move around the state quickly and efficiently The economy is thriving and people are working

 People are healthy Kids are succeeding in school Government is effective, efficient and accountable · People are safe where they live, work and play

The top five in terms of priority picked were:

1. The economy is thriving and people are working 2. People are prepared for jobs and the new economy 3. People are safe where they live, work and play Kids are succeeding in school
 Government is effective, efficient and accountable

root cause of what needs to be difference? It's nice that our state senator cares enough about us to Barbara Lott of Novi also arrange this sort of a meeting and get feedback from interested citiattended. She said an interchange of ideas among interested citizens is always worth her time. Ramez Khuri is a staff writer fo "I think getting our kids educat- the Novi News. He can be reached ed carly on was one of the key at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by issues brought up," she said. "Also the economy of the state and what kind of progress are very impore-mail rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net. tant as well. "Where can we make a differ ence, or where can Nancy make a

Prentice has been a volunteer at vacancies. The only requirement to e a volunteer on the commission is the Fuerst Farm Family Day in Nov that applicants must be a resident of Novi. No experience is required, and those selected for the threefor several years and assisted in the recent "Barn Again!" display reviewing the history of barns in American from the Smithsoniar year-term attend a monthly twohour meeting. Activities include various beauti-Institution in Washington, D.C. He works with the Oakland County Extension Service and Master Gardener program and fication projects and public events. Anyone interested may visit the commission's next meeting at 9 a.m. May 4 at the Novi Civic Center or call Moira Robinson, chairperson, offers classes to the public on topics such as gardening, wood lot man-agement and growing fruit trees. "Roy is already a valued volunbeautification commission, at (248) teer, but now he'll be a wonderful asset on the commission." Novi

Historical Commission Chair Kathy Prentice joins commission Mutch said. Those with questions about how Roy Prentice, farm manager at the Michigan State University Southeast Michigan Education Center, also known as the Tollgate they can support the commission or get involved can call Mutch at (248) 224-4211.





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Hand Picked

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Local church helps homeless

continued from front "We reward anguage. "It sounds like it's not very difproper behavior ficult for us, but for them, some-times those rules are pretty diffi-cult," Marxer said, "We reward proper behavior and positive attiand positive attitudes. These tudes. These people are not just looking for a handout; they want people are not just o make a difference and really try to change their lives." Guests of the church must make a daily effort to find a job, looking for a handout; they want schooling, homes and transporta to make a tion. The church provides trans-portation to and from jobs or even to the shelter in Detroit. Marxer said most of the guests difference and really try to change are hard working and as a result, they're awarded with "Holy Family Funny Money," which has their lives." the church pastor's face on it. Debra Marxer "They are actually able to come in to our luxury store and spend money on brand new items that Church volunteer they would never be able to get otherwise," Marxer said, who run: through the program last year "He was in a car accident," he The guests can buy things like a said. "He ended up losing his insurance because he couldn't go shirt and tie set for an interview, a dress for church, a travel backback and teach. His medical costs pack or a duffle bag or other brand his Co-payment and with all the ew items, Aaron LaBarrie found himself ns he had to take, he jus lost all his money and his ho at the Cass Corridor Shelter after The current guests of the being shot and losing his job. He suffers from social anxiety disor-der and he is a recovering subchurch have been there since March 30 and their time to mov on to a Northville Church is or stance abuser. He cannot work Saturday, April 9. with his injuries, but is currently "We talk with them, spend time trying to obtain Social Security disability. He said that the rotating with them and we get to know them," Marxer said. "They become our friends and part of our shelter is helping. LaBarrie said he feels he has a nce to get back on his fect. family in our church. We see that "It's going to happen," he said. "I wouldn't care if they never gave me anything, but just to have their lives are transformed by the time they come here and leave us and our lives are transformed as someone to talk to helps. They're very good people here and they well in a very positive way." The church is taking donations to help their guests through Saturday. For more information, make me feel a lot better because I was feeling really bad about myself before. Every time I come here I feel better." Two people who have offered call Caroline Donnely at (248) 349-8847. Ramez Khuri is a staff writer their aid are Ted Widman and Cathy Anthony, coordinators of for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 110 or by e-mail at the project. "One of the real benefits the by 110 or by e-mai rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net. parish gets out of this is having parishioners who have had a pri marily suburban, middle to upper middle class lifestyle, really get to The biggest threat to depression is your know and interact with people who's life experiences are quite a

awareness of it. bît different," Anthony said. Widman said it doesn't take INTREATED much for someone to become homeless. He told a story about a DEPRESSION rg 1.888.511.SA

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Thanks, scouts! Novi Girl Scouts from kindergarten to high school hosted a service project in March at the Novi Public

Library. They raised \$1,171.64 for the campaign to help match the \$1 million to the Walker Library Building Fund. The donation deadline is Dec. 31.

Library board to present proposal EVENT DATE SET By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER A "momentum event" will take place at the Novi Public Library, Stay tuned for the audience par-5:30-7:30 p.m., April 30. The licipation part of tonight's school goal is to enlist the community s board meeting. Members of the Novi Public help in matching the \$1 million Walker Library Building Fund. Library Board will present their pro-posal to obtain property at 11 Mile and Beck roads from the Novi of trying to raise funds to match the Community School District at the \$1 million Walker Building Fund donated by residents Myrtle Walker school board meeting tonight instead of on May 5. and the late Charles Walker. A "momentum event" will take place at the library, 5:30-7:30 p.m., The library board wants to swap property at their current site with several acres belonging to the school district A decision needs to be made April 30. "This is a chance for the commueds to be made nity to come together and talk about some events that members of the whether the library is going to expand at its current location or build a new building as matching funds for the SI million Walker Library Building Fund will be matched only through Dec. 31. community and organizations are going to be working with us on," said Terry Margolis, library board president. "They can find out how"

The proposal is not on the agen-da. Library board representatives will discuss their ideas for the land they can help." George Kortlandt, school board normer, said the library bound was given the option of presenting the proposal tonight rather than May 5. "They have a tight time frame, so exchange with school board members during the audience participation portion of the meeting. Library they need to chat with us carlier. So, to get feedback from the school we're welcoming them in now," he board because they are in the midst



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By Pam Fleming

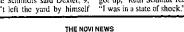
If you like stories with happy ndings, read on. Dave and Ruth Schmidt, of North Hills subdivision in Novi lost their beloved Sheltie, Dexter, when he vanished from their yard on St. Patrick's Day. But a "good soul," as Ruth Schmidt described the unknown animal lover, picked him up a couple of days after he disap-peared and took him to the Westland Humane Society. So. Dexter is now back home - safe and sound.

"To make a long story short had been on some medication, got a little loopy, left the yard and didn't know how to get back," she said. "But we have a happy ending to our story. I am happy to report that we found Dexter."

The Schmidts were quite relieved, because there have heen several covote sightings in for years because they have an electric fence. Ruth Schmidt forneighborhood, according the family.

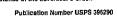
got to replace the collar that acti-vates the electric fence when "The people across the street have seen coyotes in the Dexter was returned from the Commons area in North Hills — veterinarian's office. He had been suffering and stumbling around with a bad hind leg for once eating a cat - and in the woods just south of us," Dave Schmidt said. about a week when he wandered

Residents even videotaped coyotes spotted recently in North Hills subdivision and sent Randy Schmidt, 17, a senior at Northville High School, and classmate Kevin Jorge tried to the tape to Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Lansing. help find Dexter in the woods A representative from the organ-ization said the animals were near the Schmidts' home. Finally, at the urging of one of Ruth Schmidt's friends, she and Randy drove to the Westland high-bred, 50-plus-pound coyotes and that they are attacking animals, Ruth Schmidt said, Humane Society March 22 in "With Dexter being sickly, we search of Dexter. thought the worst, because we could not believe that he would leave our yard," she said. The Schmidts said Dexter, 9, hadn't left the yard by himself



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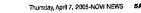




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The Schmidt family, who lives in North Hills subdivision in Novi, are glad to have their missing Sheltle, Dexter, back. Some members of Dexter's search party included from left: Ruth Schmidt, friend Kevin Jorge, Dave Schmidt and Randy Schmidt. The family wants to thank the unknown good Samaritan who took their dog to an area she

> Dexter was a bit traumatized kindness, just that Dexter was picked up at Nine Mile Road and he's now back to normal. Center Street, north of their "We want to thank the person who picked him up and took him to the shelter," Ruth Schmidt Pam Fleming is a staff write

said. Humane Society workers couldn't tell her who was responsible for the random act of

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'At first we didn't think it was him," Randy Schmidt said. "But, when I said his name, he

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Curious about what type of fertilizer to use on your lawn or how to stop soil erosion on your property? Novi residents concerned about these and other environmental munities in Oakland County to recognize that development and other demands upon natural issues are invited to attend Novi's resources can spoil a city's natural Instever Natural Features Expo first-ever Natural Features Expo n April 12. As a consequence, Novi has The event will take place from G30-8 pm. at the Novi Civic Lakes, ponds and woodlands. Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, These matural features are viewed

answered."

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"It's like having the money in

ist east of Tafi Road as important assets. The idea is to enhance the Community members can visit with representatives from state and local agencies, who will share

blessed with," Uglow said, Uglow said homeowners are important environmental informaconcerned about environmental Cindy Uglow, neighborhood issues such as the removal of ashservices coordinator, city of Novi, trees affected by the Emerald Ash east Michigan.

Natural Features Expo is April 12 receives many inquiries from resi-dents about woods, streams, "A lot of our residents have "A lot of our residents have receives many inquirtes from resi-dents about woods, streams, "A lot of our residents have woodlands and wetlands on their need for them to have a chance to get all of their questions susvered". "Here we have a solution of the creeks in the area, many fandowners are worried about their land literally washing away. Residents also may not know "Here we have a fanditeer ord-nance, so detrimental chemicals on't enter the stormwater system."

"If growth is going to happen on and more your lawn, it's going to happen in the waters." she said. Representatives from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments will have information on "Seven Simple Steps for Cleaner Water" as well as what

affects the ozone and what citizens can do about it. Al Bayarskas of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and president of the Jamestown environment that we've been. Green Homeowners Association,

will provide information on boating laws and safety. Bavarskas is in charge of the Marine Safety Program for south- mail

said city staff decided to have the Borer and erosion on their proper- "We have Walled Lake and Island event because her department ty. Uglow noted that because of Lake, which allows non-motorized "We have Walled Lake and Island

tion on state department of natural resources regulations on hunting, fishing, off-road vehicle operation "I have a multitude of answers," he said. Information will also be available on native plantings and preserving natural heritage. The Friends of the Rouge and the Novi recycling center staff will have handouts for youngsters, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information about

on Island Lake."

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Novi's Natural Features Expo, con-tact Uglow at (248) 347-0437.

vessels, such as sailboats and pon-toon boats," Bavarskas said. "There's also a bit of water activity

Bayarskas also will have informa-

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Cleanup. The annual event takes place the first Saturday of June, Information will be at the Natural Features

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"There's still room in Novi for

Seven steps to buying home sweet home Outside, freezes and thaws holding steady, she because things took so long."

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

Now living and working in Novi as a mortgage consultant, Robinson has found tricks to For months, sound sleep was her husband tried to buy their casier. first home. Next Thursday, she and local Both in the military at the

time, they tried to get a Veteran – free seminar at Novi's civic cen- – fund our retirement." Affairs years ago. "It was very frustrating because the loan officer we were ter. can be so confusing and frus-trating," she said. "You're talk-

working with never called," traing," she said. "You're talk-Robinson said. "Every night ing about the biggest investment you're probably going to make." Whether its a condominium or estate, Robinson said there when we were going to bed, we would wonder. We fretted over it are seven simple steps to follow

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By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Child and day care providers throughout Michigan have been operating under the same set of rules and laws since the late 1980s, and according to the Michigan Office of Children and Adult Licensing, it's time for a change. Though Michigan is one of

nent training for day care tuned with the needs of developing children," Jim Gale said, director of the Office of Children and Adult Licensing. providers, one of the most dranatic rule changes sets a certain amount of time required for raining. It states that a day care "I'm guessing it may be late summer when this will be conprovider must have 10 clock hours of training annually in early childhood education. cluded, but as of right now the old rules are still in place." Five public hearings on fami-Also, assistant care givers would have to have five clock already been completed on the subject. A committee, which was formed to address this issue hours of training annually in family homes.

Other proposed rule changes include: • Requiring that assistant care givers receive first aid or CPR training. Currently, this is a requirement for just the primary care giver. • Changing bedding require-ments for children, to reflect about a year and a half ago, is

ments for children, to reflect current knowledge that infants approval Patricia Franklin, owner of are to be placed to sleep on their backs unless they're old enough to role over. No blankets are to be planed that with a the ong-term effects day care provider. She runs her backs unless they're old enough to role over. No blankets are to planed that me and the site of the plane term effects are being considered," she said. She explained that Michigan be placed draping over the crib business out of her home and and bumper guards should be she believes that the rules need

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hours in. Judi Sivyer, program director for The Train Station in Novi, attended the five public hear-staff member for every 10 stuings. She has been in the day care business for 20 years and opened The Train Station four years ago. Her company charges \$700 a month for five whole ly group home rules have days a week per child, already been completed on the She explained that of

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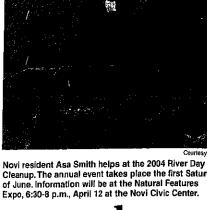
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hard time doing that because I work 11 hours a day and I have two small children" Franklin said. "Being an in-home day care, I think it would be too difficult to do those things. I think Sivver, "But for the people

we should keep up to date with Though Michigan is one of three states that requires on-going early childhood develop-make day care safer and more in should be required to put more those rules."

always hard no matter if they're good or bad changes, but from the perspective of someone who

strictly works in the business, the changes appear to be good because they have the best inter-

but, for someone who is looking at the business end of it, I don't

staff member for every 10 stu dents to one staff member to every six. "Obviously, that's going to affect the bottom line," she said. "Also they're putting a cap size on the rooms, which means you She explained that change is can't have more than 20 chil

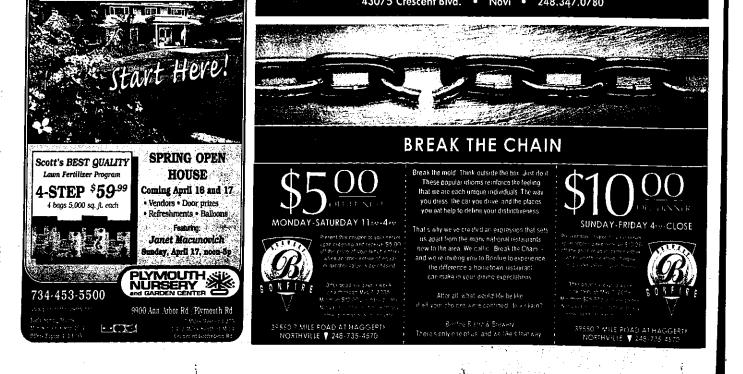
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An example Sivver gave was

no longer adequate. Another concern Sivver had was the cost of the extra education required for staff members. She acknowledged the change

were built in the past were buil with the old specifications in mind. Now those facilities are

People who have more edu-cation require more pay," she said, "All of these costs are going to be passed on to the consumer or the parents. *Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News, He can be consumer or the parents. reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Parents will have to pay more to put their children in day care rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.*



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ested in fol lowing careers in newspape field Ánd time sell business. Sec. 4 move on new things and find other things Phil Power ways to contribute to our state and

American journalism.

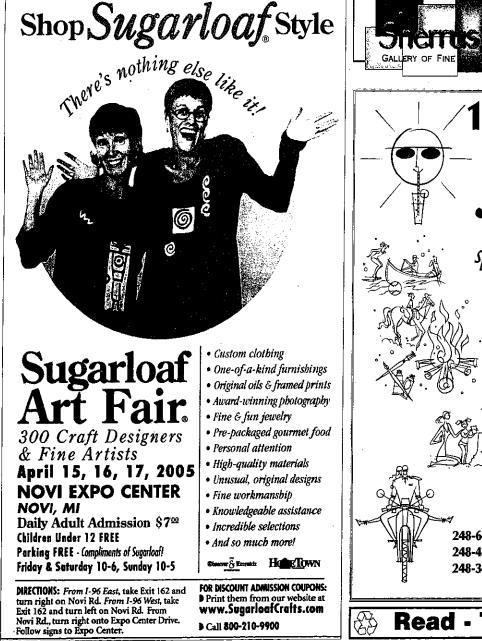
our society I had four goals when I first bought six struggling Observer Newspapers in December, 1965: I wanted to publish quality hometown newspapers, ones that truly enhanced the lives of their readers and nurtured the communities they served. Taken together and over the years, my newspa-pers won more state and national awards for excellence than any other group of community news papers in the country. I believe we've consistently set a high stan-dard for our readers, for ourselves and for our industry. I hoped to build a solid and ethical company over the long haul, one that would grow and innovate, contribute to our advertisers business success, provide fulfill-

ng careers for its staffers and earn a fair profit. What started out as an entrepreneurial effort long ago gradually evolved into a professionally managed corporation, while at the same time remaining a family company. Today

management and general con-tracting, DeMaria's Novi location is at 45500 Grand River Ave. **BUSINESS BRIEFS** Schawinsky joins DeMaria **Real Estate One honored** Michael Schawinsky recently Novi's oined Novi's DeMaria Building Real Estate One March office 16 Company as accountant, Previously, Schawinsky was assistant administrator at M,J, was honored Investments. He will now be as one of the



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Communications Network is widely regarded as among the very best outfits of its sort in the readers, advertisers, journalistic colleagues and HCN staffers. Somebody once said that the only nation. We publish one daily newspaper, 62 weekly or twice weekly newspapers, 24 telephone way you learn is by listening to others. Over the years, I have learned a whale of a lot, and I am directories and numerous shop-

very grateful. So what's next?

ping guides and specialty publica-tions. Our operations cover three states, use three printing plants and employ around 900 staffers. First, the word "retire" is not in I aimed to put community jourmy vocabulary. I certainly do not ralism on the map and to con-tribute some new thinking to the field.1 helped found Suburban intend to withdraw from active engagement in our communities, our state and our society. Maybe Newspapers of America, the leadthe best way to express what's ing trade association for our industry. Today there is no ques-tion that community newspapers have established a solid niche in from one career to another. However, I will continue writing my regular column in this

In 2000 we started the ivingston County Daily Press & tinctive point of view and, besides, it's far too much fun for Argus, first new daily newspaper to be published in Michigan in me to quit just now. On a personal level, Kathy and I expect to be proud grandparents later this spring. And we're look-ing forward to a little black Labrador puppy joining our houschold at the end of April. nearly 50 years – a paper that is now the fastest-growing daily in the state. And today we are working on ground-breaking ways to link together our newspapers, our telephone directories and our Internet presence to add value for

our readers and our advertisers. wholly unnixed blessing. The only thing that is constant in our lives is change. This partic-ular change is a big one for me And I hoped my weekly col-And 1 hoped my weekly col-umn would contribute perspective and insight to readers and to the ongoing public policy dialogue in Michigan. Judging from the many responses – pro and con – i've received over the years, it's fair to say at the very least that lots of neonle are reading the column and Kathy, one that stirs strong and mixed emotions. At the top of the list is the appreciation and gratitude I have for so many peopeople are reading the column. ple who helped make this portion None of this would have been of my life so rewarding and so sat-

possible without the hard and capable work of countless Communications staffers, past and present. No Phil Power is the former owner

going on is that I am pivoting from one career to

newspaper. I believe I offer a dis-

(His name? "HomeTown," of course!) Having a little more time for family and friends is a

Shadia Sassak & Vic Leo.

isfying — not least, you, the read-ers. So onward and upward, and best wishes to you all.

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Of Home town in numerous civic and charitation of the assets of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., a community publishing company with pub-Network, Inc., a community publishing company with pub-lications in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. Richard Aginian has been memed president and publisher restrict for readers and adver-tions in the daily and nondisclosed. Gannett Co., Inc. is a leading international news and information company that pub-lishes 102 daily newspapers in tisers in the daily and nonand the Mirror newspaper groups in suburban Detroit. Aginian also will serve as a daily newspaper markets. In a letter to HomeTown staffers, Chairman and long-time owner Phil Power said: the USA, including TODAY, the nation's largest-selling daily newspaper. The company also owns more than 800 non-daily publications in ensultant to Gannett to assist "After nearly 40 years, it's n the transition of the new i of the new Arter nearly w years, has ginian previ-been a long run. and a good lent and CEO Home Town wife Kathy "decided it was a Network, d the former move on to new things and acquisitions. Aginian previ-ously was president and CEO the USA and USA WEEK Communications Network. "We're excited the former HomeTown publications are officially joining Gannett," said Gary L. Watson, president find other ways to contribute to our state and our society." The acquisition includes one of the newspaper division. "And I'm even more pleased daily and twice-weekly community daily and 62 weekly and that Dick Aginian has agreed to stay on with Gannett. His experience and knowledge will telephone directories; one shopping guide; other special-ty and niche publications as be a great help with the transity and niche publications as well as web sites and commertion and with running the two Detroit suburban newspaper

Aginian joined HomeTown in cludes the recently launched paily Press & Argus in fast-Rutgers University and Wayne State University. He is active MI, and non-daily groups in

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DDA captures tax dollars for specific area

By Pam Fleming

One of the stipulations of Farmington Hills developer Triangle Development's plans to create the MainStreet project is for Most of us have heard of the term "Downtown Development Authority," but could you explain the city to establish such a district in Novi Recently, the city attorney's office prepared a report for city council members on DDAs. what one is? Kim Capello, local attorney, city council member and member of the

Main Street Committee, said the The legal basis for the creation best way to explain a DDA is an or a DDA is Michigan Public Act organization that captures tax dol-lars to put back into a certain area.

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continued from front decision about it. It's open for discussion on the logistics of how to proceed." Alexander V. Bogaerts & Associates of Bloomfield Hills and GAV Associates of Farmington The developer said this style of project is being used across the Hills are serving as architects. country. Downtown Manager owntown Management Strategies f Rochester Hills are the down-"People are tired of these stale. suburban shopping centers," Nona said. "People want to walk." town consultants "We're using all local firms, but The developer also hopes to attract one-of-a-kind or two-of-aif we have to bring in some nation-al experts, we will," Nona said. Triangle has been working on the concept for MainStreet Novi kind restaurants instead of franchise operations. And rather than big retailers, the project would bring for about a year, according to small cateries, specialty shops and The developer reviewed its plans the mix. "We're also trying to create the mix out-a-half park tha with city council April 4 . can be used for summer activities festivals and winter skating." Non MIXED-USE FEATURES said, Parking structures with at least The plan suggests about 120.000 square feet of retail increased traffic he added. space. 80,000 square feet of

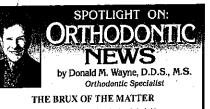
four levels each would handle

Creating a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere is the goal, where peomedical office space, and either a hotel with 100 rooms or addiple can walk from their homes into town. Condominiums in the project would begin at about \$200,000, according to Nona. tional general office/civic space of at least 60,000 square feet



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nancing. Tax increment financing (TIF) plans allow such a district to "cap-ture" taxes to be used only in the district. TIF plans do not capture all of the property tax revenue from

So, what is the vision of Triangle Development's plans for Main Street Novi?

The developer's goal is to create a

cosmopolitan downtown area that will provide a multifaceted experi-

The idea is to build on the goals

and objectives of the community to

develop a downtown within the

Town Center District. The core of the MainStreet area

would be a blend of specialty retail

stores, restaurants, bistros and enter-

tainment facilities, as well as med-

A variety of housing options

would be woven into the project to

ical, office, civic and other uses.

ence in the heart of Novi.

Once adopted by city council, the properties in the development. They ordinance establishing the DDA and determining its boundaries must be filed with the Secretary of State and only capture the increase in assessed property value in the area above the value of the area when the develop-ment area was established. TIF rev-enues go to the DDA exclude taxes published at least once in the newspaper

obtained from local school districts. Pain Fleming is a staff writer for A public hearing would have to take place before a DDA could be established in Novi. Not less than 60 the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by days after the hearing, the ordinance e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. may be adopted by a majority vote of the members of city council.

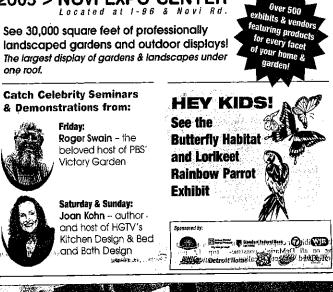


complete a full spectrum of lifestyle activities, all within a thriving, walkpublic activities and attractions Possible uses for the park would include outdoor concerts, art fes-tivals, a farmers' market, ice skatable community. The plan also allows for a variety of public places for gatherings and special events or just walking and enjoying the sights. Large and small public lawn areas will dot the urban ing and winter festivals. Sidewalks will also be well andscaped with areas for outdoor cafes and activities The overall goal is to provide a

area. The project will provide intercon-necting streets, pedestrian walking variety of entertainment, special-ty shopping and urban living choices within a dynamic down paths, public open spaces and on street and public parking structures. town setting that will cater to Buildings along Main Street would have retail on the first floor Novi's residents and the sur rounding area. with residential above. The south

ern part of the site would be mosily residential with brown-stones and loft-type buildings. A central urban park is also Pain Fleming is a staff writer fo the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. built into the plan for year-round

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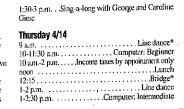


wbrook Commons resident Marian Flatley has worn hearing aids since she was

she said. "In other words, wouldn't have to pretend. I think speakerphone to prevent whistling it's great. Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached ut (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or via e-

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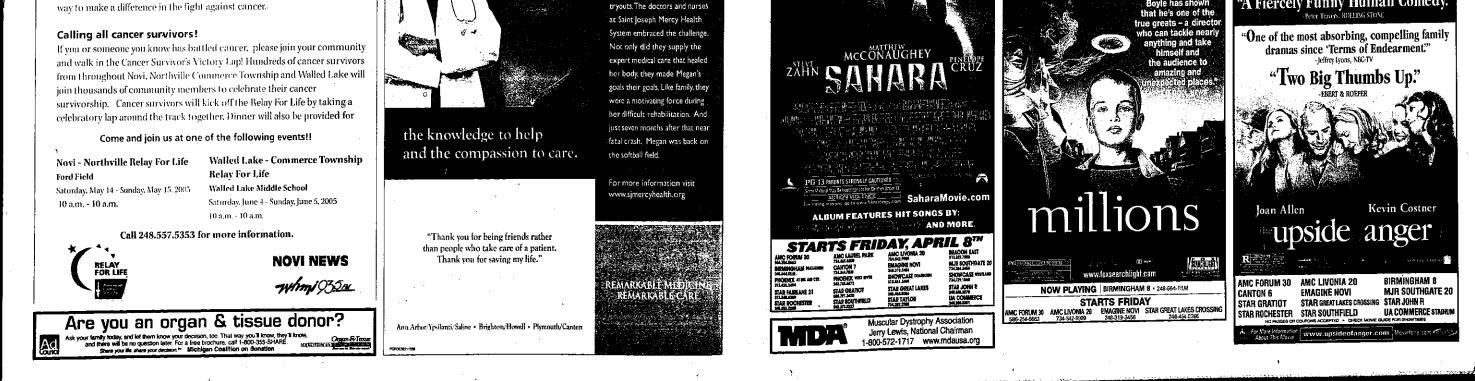
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Of the 25 people screened at the senior center last week, Natarajan said not one senior For Harradine, who came for



Students clean up in Knights of Columbus essay contest

High school sisters among the winners

By Barnez Khuri

It's metty rare when a pair of siblings wins something togeth-er. It's even rarer when all four winners of a contest go to school in the same district and

attend the same church. That's exactly what hap-pened, however, as Matthew Thinum, a sixth grader at Novi Meadows Elementary School, Michelle Fernandes, an ciglih grader at Novi Middle School and Valentina and Suzanna Nuculaj, who both attend Novi High School, all won the fourth annual Knights of Columbus Essay Competition last month. "I'm really proud of myself," Fernandes said, who was a Level I winner, which includes

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grades sixth through eighth. "I decided to enter because I thought it would be fun." Though her parents grew up in India, Fernandes, a straight-A student, was born in Cleveland. The family moved to Novi when she was 4 years old and she has been attending the Novi Community School District ever since. She has received

Nuculai

many piano awards and is on both the soccer and volleyball teams at Novi Middle School. The four students, who all belong to the Holy Family

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Novi, each won a

style, development, content, original thought and insight. "I entered the comest two years ago and won first place then also," said Suzanna Nuculai, a 10th grade student.

Students in grades sixth through 12th, from Holy Family Church and St. James Church.

their prizes. Thimm was born in Detroit and his family has ulways lived in the area. He is frish. "This is exciting," Thimm Fenandes said, "It was actually my mom's idea for me to enter. Last year f didn't really want to do it, and

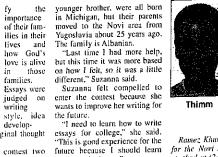
she told me to do it this year hecause I wrote a really good paper at school. She told me to try to win the contest, and I did."

were invited to participate. The essay topic this year was "The Importance of Family." Students were asked to identi-

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Rame: Khuri is a staff writer how to write better." 110

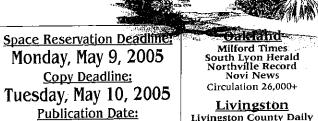
year, and that's how 1 won," she

won," she said. "I wrote about how I'm close to

my family and how I

and how t see God in my family and how that is important to me."





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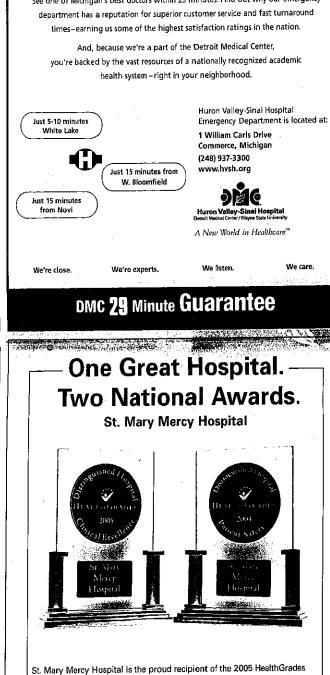
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will be spending two April Saturdays to help build a Habitat for Humanity home in Board of Education candidates forum Seven candidates are in the

donations to benefit TACC. For

The seven candidates

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and sixth grade houses.

Compiled by Rame: Khuri

Ponnae. An organizational meeting was held in January with Habitat for Humanity of running for two open seats on Novi's Board of Education. A forum, scheduled for 7-8:30 Oakland County to evaluate student interest. More than 70 Novi High School students, freshmen to seniors, attended, Novi High School was grantp.m. on Wednesday, April 13. the district's Instructional Technology Center Forum, will provide an opportunity for ed two days to help with the attendees to hear the candibuild due to the overwhelming number of students willing to commit to a four-hour work dates' thoughts about issues that are on the minds of Novi Schools stakeholders. session on a Saturday, and to collect as many donations from family, friends, and community members as possible. Novi High School students include: Danford Austin, Marie Fundarski, Ann Harold Glubzinski, Paul Flavin, Dennis O'Connor, Katie Raeon and will work on-site at a home on Prospect Street in Pontiac on April 9 and 16, helping with Lisa Ann Smith. During the forum, audience members will submit written questions to a moderator, and tasks ranging from light construction work to painting.

Anyone interested in making a donation to this project can contact Barbara Clift via e-mail at belift@novi.k12.mi.us. Channel 10 following the

PLANS event

PLANS Novi Student Talent Show: Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Instructional Technology Center Forum, The evening will benefit Teens Aiding the Cancer Community (TACC). All acts are welcome and need to be three minutes o less. Audience members are asked to bring a toy or other

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plan for the advanced/accelerated students, to address the 'high end' learners and to expand and extend the delivery of instruction across No matter what school district the grade levels," Davis said. "We you observe in any county, state, or country, you will soon discover that the grade levels," Davis said. "We also are developing additional pro-grams to meet the needs of our English Language Learners as they comprise a significant proportion of students who may not make aca-demic evels." each and every student has different needs and ways of learning. Some learn by observation, some by hearing and some even by feeling, and that is why the Novi Community School District has demic goals." Differentiated learning is one strategy that the district will spend more time and professional staff development: efforts on to assist included the critical issue of "Meeting the learning needs of all students," in its Long Range Plan. and support classroom teachers in The plan's fourth critical issue's challenge statement is: "Because of varying abilities and learning styles of stadents, time constraints, facilithis area. In addition, strategics such as restructured time and/or days, creative classroom and building schedules, facility usage, ty limitations and curriculum

teaching methods and assessment

demands, the learning needs of all students are not being met." In order to turn that around, the staff studies current research and best practice in this area. district plans to develop a strong district-wide commitment to diffe

entiated instruction that results in meeting the learning needs of all each candidate will then give a hrief response. The forum will be videotaped students According to Nancy Davis assistant superintendent of instruc-tional services, historically, schools for broadcast on Novi Cable have not been held as accountable event. It will not be broadcast live on television. The forum is sponsored by Interschool Council and League of Women as they are now to ensure academic success for all levels and categories of students. For example, under the federal government's No Child Left The ITC Forum is located at 25345 Taft Road in Noví, between Novi Meadows fifth Behind program, students in major

'sub categories' are now assessed to determine the level at which they are progressing towards the goal o improved learning in reading and mathematics. These sub categories include

special education students, students with limited English proficiency, and students from low income fam ilies. Many schools are eligible for additional funding under the feder-al Title I program for these families,

but Novi is not currently eligible. Also, because of varying ability levels and learning styles, some students need more time, or move more quickly through the curricu um, and need to be educated in a

"Certain students have been in Committee presented its recom "Uertain students have been in Novi since kindergarten and we also have students who have come from out of town," Jane Hesse said, director of K-12 curriculum und assertant TAW wild urbs The on Jun. 20, the board approved the whole plan on Feb.3. The plan is now in its next process, where administration is coming up with strategies to figure out how to address the whole plan and assessment. 'Any child who comes to Novi, we need to help their learning progress, based on state standards, to where they out how to address the whole pla with timelines. Davis said the district is already need to be at a particular grade putting some of its staff into action tevel." A second component is that the teams, where it can put a little bit of detail behind the plan, the time

line and the steps that are involved. Several of these we have already education many decades, but schools don't always have the resources with which to do that," started. The Long Range Plan's purpose is to launch Novi into the next fiv years.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for tures of education, it's very hard to the Novi News. He can be reached techniques will be discussed as the do that." staff studies current research and The Novi Community School at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by email at rkhuri@ht.hu District's Long Range Planning

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Prom Fashion Show next Thursday night

Event's theme **FASHION STATEMENT** is 'Paradise' This year's Novi High School Prom Fashion Show will take place on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Novi High School auditorium Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. By Ramez Khuri The event was helped out be several local buisnesses JC Penny Salon Everyone knows what kind of Gina Agosta Salon Luna
 Salon D'Mars commitment it takes to get the Novi High School prom ready every year. Everything from dresses and tuxedos, to flowers, to music, to food and much more must be estab- Merle Norman Studios P.S. Pamela's Salon Tres Jolie lished well in advance. But what . The Little Flower Shop about all the preliminary prepara Cache • Lilly Rubin Every year the school puts on a After Hours Tuxedos preview of the prom, called the Prom Fashion Show. The junior class is responsible for its produc-tion and though it's a fun activity · Men's Warehouse dresses that are donated for the use of that one night. "Our show is going to be a lot about how to deal with prum," Colaccino said, "We're curving it for many students, it does take a lot f dedication and can be a lot of hard work as well. Katie Colaccino is the junior class president, She's in charge of towards how to ask your date, the differences between how a guy gets ready and how a girl gets ready and there will be a lot of comedy ing the show all together and making sure everyone stays on task with their different jobs. "It takes a lot of planning," she sketches between the actual model ing. There will also be a lot of raffle prizes for the audience." Denise Rowe was originally said. "There are 16 student council members and we're divided into committees. My job is to take what everybody has done and put it all responsible for securing hair appointments for the female mod-els, but when nobody volunteered to for the flowers responsibility, she took it upon herself to do both jobs. together and make sure everything uns smoothly and works." Colaccino explained that each committee has a head and several members. The committee head is in She also came up with the prom's charge of different aspects, like working with the actual models or getting the hair appointments or the

"My sister is a senior this year, so

I want to try to make it a great prom for her," Rowe said. "It takes a lot of

commitment because I had to call all the salons in Novi and set up 30

ers for the event from The Little

Flower Shop in Farmington Hills. Lisa Harden and Jennifer Barlage are also heavily involved in

the show's production. Barlage has

the job of previewing and organiz-ing all the music that the models

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hair appointments for the girls.

All eves on me! First and second grade students at Deerfield one week learning how yes work. The students tion of each part of the eye dents went to Deerfield to help the younger students dissect sheep eyes. Working in small groups, the high school students tion, explaining the parts and answering questions Here, Novi High School student Elena Lvons Justin Macy, Christian Durham, Sonia Duraimurugan and Nathan es to the eveball **CITY OF NOVI CITY OF NOVI** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Nov NOTICE IS HEHEBY GIVEN mat the city collider of meeting on Monday, April 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM, in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi to consider an amendment to the Consent Judgment Carlton Properties vs. City of Novi Case No 01-030302-CC. The subject site, Parcel No. 50-22-10-400-033, is located on the north side of Twelve Mile between Novi Road and Dixon Road. TUP 05-006 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that J M Olson Corporation is request a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of elevent 113 construc-to trailers at 41229 Fox Run Road in the Fox Run Development. This vid be issued for the period from the date of the meeting until April 13, via D6. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a struc-e located within 300 feel of the boundary of the property being con-Æ 23

the located winn 300 relet of the doubled of the property being cen-sidered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at the Novi Chiro Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, All written com-ments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to April 13, 2005. GAIL BACKUS TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (248) 347-0415 (4-7-05 NN 204176)

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Rowe was able to get seven Novi salons to commit to providing hair appointments, which included JC Penny Salon, Gina Agosta, Salon Luna, Salon D'Mars, Merl Junior Denise Rowe displays a ticket to the Prom Fashion Show, taking place on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Novi High School Auditorium. Rowe designed the tickets, came up with the prom theme, was responsible for making hair appointments female models and made flower arrangements. Norman, P.S. Pamela's Salon and Tres Jolie. She was also able to secure flow-

"I'm really enjoying it." Barlage suid. "I'm honored that the school thinks I'm responsible enough to do all of this and I feel confident that Harden was in charge of securing

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hard and I think it's going to be a great show," added Barlage. work." "It does take a lot of hard work." "It does take a lot of work to put involved selects three choices of music. They then have to check to see that nobody has the same selec-

> Photo by ELAINE MAYLEN **COMMUNITY EDUCATION CORNER** How to Buy a Home

> > School Room 504

and pitfalls, paying the right DATE: Wednesday, April 13 price, the purchase process, inspections, homeowner's TIME: 6:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle insurance, title insurance, costs and closing issues. Course materials include an outline, DETAILS: Explore the many complex issues surrounding the purchase of your next home including financial programs haver's guide and sample clos ing packages. FEE: \$23

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS **GENERATOR PREVENTATIVE** MAINTENANCE/REPAIR CONTRACT
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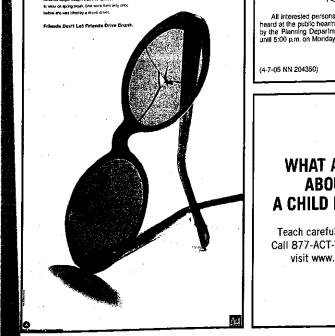
 The City of Novi Will receive sealed bids for GENERATOR PREVEN-TATIVE MANTENANCE/REPAIR CONTRACT according to the specifi-cations of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

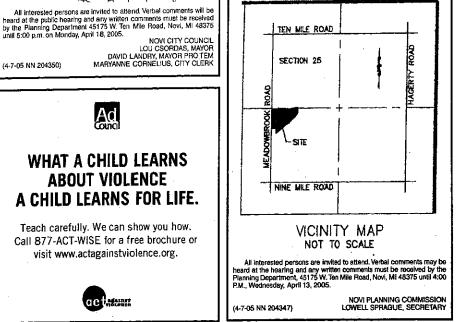
 Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 PM, prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI

 CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mille Rd. Novi, MI 48375-3024

 All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLANLY MARKED "GENERATOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE/REPAIR BID" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi to consider YILLAGE WOOD LAKE CONDOMINUMS, SITE PLAN NUM-BER 04-51A, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STOBM WATER MANAGEMENT, PLAN APPROVAL, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 25, EAST SIDE OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD BETWEEN NINK AND TEN MILE FROADS IN THE FLA, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 14.97 acres. The applicant is pro-reging 10 single-family homes. The subject property is approx posing 10 single-family homes.







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Main Street vision: Hats off to Triangle Development

What is not to like about the developer's concept for the Main Street portion of dewntown Novi? Emeritationeau, specially shopping and arban living in an area that has been struggling with identity issues and lawsuits ever since it was created. Triangle Development hus been working on their con-cept for about a year and lot city conneil take a look last week. Now it's time for discussion on the ideas and how to more forward with implementation. Drive Nona, of Triangle, estimates a cost of over \$120 million to develop 20 acres of Main Street from Novi Road cast to Market Street, and probably eight years to complete. The firm is safeting mpti front property own-ers and merchants to make sure it's done right. We like that idea.

compete. The firth is seeking input non-project your-ers and merchants to make sure it's done right. We like that idea. Triangle is no stranger to Novi. It put together the Gateway Village project at Grand River near Meadowbrook Read. The Main Street project will prob-ably feature similar architecture. We like that, too Novi has a wide writey of by realisers and chain restaurants, which evolution grady to the city's variety, but smaller acteries and specially shops will add to Main Street's uniqueness. An acce or so of priviation for sum-mer activities, festivals, etc. as a great idea. too. Condos beginning at S2000,00, ample parking, and a pederitan-friendly atmosphere just make this concept more appealing. The developer does have some singulations, one of them heing the creation of a Downtown Development Authority. This should not cause warry. DDA's have been around for 30 years, and they are the perfect tool for boosting a project of his magnitude. Development has come up with a win-win ecocept that will finally cre-ate the developer when we can be also the will finally cre-ate the downtown Novi deserves.

Big Day Prep Showdown: Time for 'Cats, 'Stangs to shine

Time for 'Cats, 'Stangs to snine We've always believed some of the best athletes in the state play sports at Nonthville and Nevi High Schools. Now others are beginning to receipize that as well. The Nonthville Mustangs and the Nov Wildeaux forball reams will be a part of the inaugural Big Day Prep Standown Wug, 20 of Statem, Mchalan Universityer, Ryterioux, 20 of Statem, 20 of Statem, 20 of Statem, 20 of Statem, Ryterioux, 20 of Statem, 20 of Statem, 20 of Statem, Ryterioux, 20 of Statem, 20 of Statem, Ryterioux, 20 of Statem, 20 of Statem, Ryterioux, 20 of Statem, R ing contest at noon and the Novi Wildcats (Chelsea (10-1) in the final game at 7 p.m.

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Andrew Schafer, 7, swings from some bars at the Tim Pope Memorial Playground at the Novi Community Park on Eight Mile last Friday. Schafer was enjoying some outdoors fun with his twin brother Matthew and his mom Kathleen.

Meet the candidates, help determine district's future

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It's doubtful Supreme Court will hear hospital case

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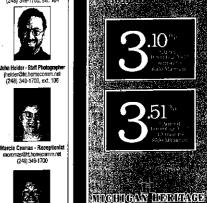
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CALENDAR

EVENTS

Lyon Oaks Bark Park

Saturdavs 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 open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.on

Breast Cancer 3-Day laturdays. CONTACT: Sue Wells, chief of DATE: Sunday, May 1 TIME: 2-9 p.m. LOCATION: Casino Windsor ttion, (248) 858-4634

grade

(248) 449-5079

Novi to meet kids from the other

schools and potentially some of the staff from Novi Meadows.

There will be games and prizes as

new friends before they start lifth

well as socializing and making

CONTACT: Karen Kotcher.

Casino Bus Trip to benefit

DETAILS: Leave from Eddie

Livonia, south of Plymouth Road and East of Merriman Road.

about 9 p.m. A \$20 donation includes \$15 in coin and two-way transportation, including all tolls

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Concert

DATE: Saturday, May 7

DETAILS: Cost is \$10 for

CONTACT: www.novi-

Edgar Arena/Ford Field in

Gardeners of Northville &

Novi DATE: Monday, April 11 TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road DETAILS: Presentation by Dr David Michener on native plants and ground covers: public is wel-CONTACT: (248) 348-1946

Commerce Township Area Historical Society Meeting DATE: Wednesday, April 13 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Stonecrest, 207 Liberty St., Walled Lake DETAILS: The speaker will be Robert A. Lytle, author of A Pitch in Time. Admission is free, bring grams. Contributions will be a friend. 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: Meadowbroo

Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road (between Eight and Nine Mile road) Mile and Taft roads. adults and \$8 for seniors and chil-dren. Purchase tickets at Novi DETAILS: For more information, call (248) 348-7757 Civic Center or at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Novi Fourth Graders Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, April 26 choralaires.org ME: 6:30-8:30 p.m LOCATION: Bonaver Chamber of Commerce

Skating Center, Farmington Hills **Casino Night Fundraiser** DETAILS: This event is nended for the fourth graders in DATE: Saturday, May 14

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LOCATION: Lucky's in Novi Woods Shopping DETAILS: This is the only fundraiser that supports the Novi Extravaganza Date: Friday, April 15 Time: 4:30-8:30 p.m. CONTACT: For more informaontact the chamber at Location: Novi Woods Elementary school 25195 Taft Road, Novi Young Life Golf Outing Details: Come enjoy an evening of shopping and social-izing. We have 22 vendors dis-DATE: Thursday, May 19 LOCATION: Links of Novi. playing everything from unique home accesorics, faux paint-50395 W, 10 Mile Road, Novi. DETAILS: For more information, call Paul Ankerl, (248) 349-8425 or Mike Neville, (248) ing, womens clothing, jewlery

SCHOOL/ **BUSINESS** GOVERNMENT

All passengers must have both of the following: • Birth certificate or passport Wixom City Council 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, Donations will help two Novi residents raise money to walk 60 miles in three days, July 15-17, in support of the Breast Cancer 3-TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Day and National Philanthropic Trust. Donations will help fund research to find a cure for breast cancer as patient-related pro-Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Fountain Walk

ton, contact the (248)349-3743

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Chamber of Commerce.

greatly appreciated. CONTACT: For additional Novi City Council Meeting information, call Kim, (248) 444-2882 or Audrey, (248) 426-6549, DATE: Monday, April 18 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Choralaires Spring Novi School Board TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High Meeting School, Fuerst Auditorium, 10

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

DATE: Wednesdays, April 13

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center,

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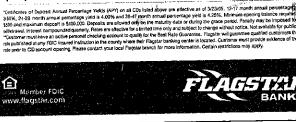
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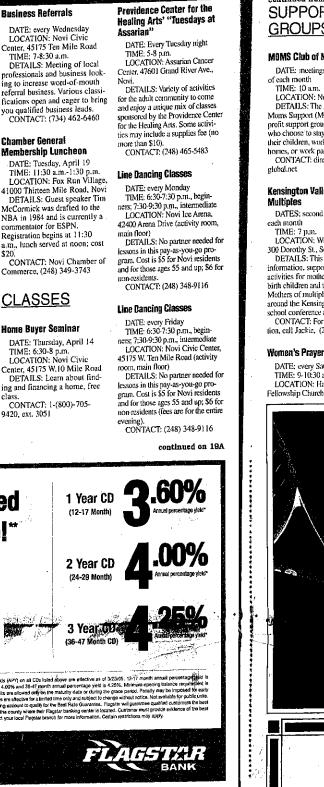
COST: The fee is \$40 per workshop, which includes all materials CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 858-0783.







THIS SPRING, THINGS ARE HEATING UP ACROSS THE BORDER!



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CALENDAR (CONT'D)

TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family

River Ave

as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and LOCATION: Providenc service clubs. Groups have an Medical Building, 47601 Grand opportunity to make a short pr DETAILS: A day of enrichme for the public access channel, INFO TV-12. CONTACT: Melissa Colu, and personal exploration designed to provide tools, information and ew perspective on healthier hving rough wholeness. Open to the (248) 473-2840 LIBRARY LINES

TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: In this basic class, students discover what the World **Novi Public Library** LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Wide Web is and learn about vari ous search tools, search engines, and using a Web browser. The Mile Road HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 class includes interactive discus sion and hands-on practice. For a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m. DETAILS: Unless noted below all ages; call library to register all programs take place at the

Battle of the Books

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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 register.

introduction to the internet

DATE: Thursday, April 7

DATE: Saturday, April 9 TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Help Match the Walker

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Center DETAILS: Community mem-DETAILS: With "A Million bers are invited to attend and cheer for the ten teams of fifth and sixth graders who have bee Books" going up on the walls, there are more books than usual the library. Purchase one of the paper signs in the shape of a book for \$1, to help the library match in training since December the \$1 million Walker chauenge grant. The book signs may be pur-chased at any service desk in the ion Walker challenge Internet Practice Lab for Seniors

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

the library. DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Seniors Studios, your local community tel evision studio. SWOCC offers

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Story Times

Mastering the Mouse for DATE: Thursday April 7

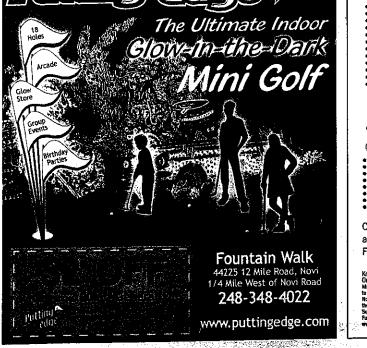
DETAILS: Spring Story Times start April 4. Brochures listing the days and times of each drop-in

story time session are available in

TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail me@ht.homecomm.net.







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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Get moneysmart this April

The Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, along with 33 organizations have joined forces to host the 2nd annual Money \$mart Week, April 17-26. woney struat week, April 17-20. Together they've committed to host more than 300 seminars and events to help educate consumers—espe-cially the elderly, the unbanked, and young people—in personal finance matters. Their mission is to combat form the filter must be and the together the second terms and filter must be and the second to the second second distances and second to the second sec financial illiteracy and provide greater education to consumers in Southeast Michigan and throughout the state.

Kids and teenagers are especially at risk for developing poor financial skills, High school seniors are still sense, right school schools die sen graduating with few of the personal financial skills they need to support themselves, bankruptcies are at an all time high and young adults are accumulating thousands of dollars accumulating moustaids of outputs of debt before the age of 30. Still, the state of Michigan doesn't require that financial education be part of the K-13 curriculum. That means the responsibility of

teaching children to respect money----and the hard work that it represents---rests squarely on the

shoulders of parents and guardians. Here are some simple ideas col-lected from sources like the National Youth Involvement Board (NYIB) and National Institute for Consumer Education (NICE) that parents can employ to help shape their child's attitude about the green stuff

Get them saving at an early age. When your kids are young, around the age of three or four, show them how to tell coins apart. show mem now to ten cons apart Then give them three clear piggy banks—label one for saving, one for spending and one for charity. Encourage them to regularly deposit coins into each bank rein-

Greing the concept of saving. Give allowances on a regular basis, Regular allowances give chil-dren ample opportunities to practice saving and spending. When decid-ing on an appropriate amount, be sure to include enough money for since of include enough money for some discretionary spending on top of what they'll need to cover funch-es and bus fare. Thefet them to distinguish between their wants and needs. Central to the process of making other works to be built

wise spending decisions is being able to differentiate between wants and needs. A need is something we require to sustain life, like food. shelter, water and clothing. A want, in this context, is something that hances the quality of life. Open a savings account for

them, Open a savings account in your child's name at a credit union your child's name at a credit union or bank. Many credit unions have special youth savings programs for kids 12 and under. Accounts typi-cally only require a \$5 deposit. Make saving a routine. Make it a rule that your kids save a percen-age of their allowance, birthday percent cartison periblioolhood

money, or part-time neighborhood

b carnings Craft a budget. Before doling an allowance each week, have your kids write down what they expect to purchase and spend for the week. Include both necessities such as bus fare and lunch and discretionary items like comic books or computer

Set goals. Have your kids write out a wish list of all they wish to purchase this summer, and rank them according to importance. Then, help them determine how much they need to save each week to reach their goals.

Encourage them to work. When your child is old enough. encourage him to find creative ways to make money. Sugg do some extra chores around the house, walk a neighbor's dog, haby-sit or rake leaves. When he gets paid, take the opportunity to talk about the exchange of money for wages. When he's older, take the opportunity to discuss income tax. Explain the government takes about one-third of your earnings in taxes Give them in the habit of spending responsibly. Have your child plan a family meal, and then take him to the store with \$25 and have him buy the food. Encourage him to compare prices for the best For more about Money \$mart week, call 1-877-MNY-SMRT or visit www.chicagofed.org/moncysmart.



The crew at Bell's Landscape – (left to right) Ron Falkewicz, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor; Kurt Mosher, Parking Lot Maintenance Supervisor; Dave Crain, Landscape Construction Supervisor; Scott Bell, V.P. of Grounds Maintenance Division Sales – together have com-bined experience of over 50 years in the landscape industry, according to owner Mike Bell (right).

Bell's Landscape offers guaranteed service

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

You might call them the one-stop shopping of landscaping. Bell's Landscape Service, Inc. in Bell's Landscape Service, Inc. In Wixon is ready to handle all of your outdoor landscaping needs -construction to maintenance all year long. Family owned and oper-ated, towner, Mike Bell's back-ground includes a heliy 33 years in landscaping and 23 years in busi-tess

From installation to mainte-From installation to mainte-narce, they're proud of the diverse range of services they offer. Not only do they maintain residential sites, they also maintain condo-minium and apartment complexes, office and retail sites, commercial and industrial sites. "If you're tooking for someone to reloc ear of all of your nutdorr

to take care of all of your outdoor home and commercial landscaping needs, I'm your guy," said Bell. "The nice thing about what we do is that we can manage all those areas at once."

What does that include? From start to finish they'll create, con-struct, design and install an award

winning landscape on your site. As a licensed builder, Bell's

Landscape Services can install a custom deck, retaining wall or gazebo; complete that with brick paver walkways and patios. Enjoy an evening outdoors and improved security by installing landscape lighting. Sit back and relax with popular water features including ponds and fountains.

ponds and fountains. Many of Bell's landscape out-standing designs have received awards from their peers in the industry. Most are for the design/build projects that they've created. Because their goal is cus-tomer satisfaction, much of their business comes through personal referreds and many are present cusreferrals and many are repeat cus-tomers that have stayed with them

service can remove one more task from a busy schedule. Bell's Landscape can keep your property looking beautiful with a complete schedule of landscape mainte-nance programs. That's their expertise. "Seventy per cent of the house-holds are dual income families and they don't have the time to main-

From green, kempt lawns to paver patios and land-scaping, Bell's Landscape offers attractive solutions.

tain their landscape," said Bell. "My customers rely on me to take care of their grounds maintenance needs

quality work and professionalism is never compromised and it has helped them build a solid reputa-tion. They guarantee quality workneeds." Bell's landscape maintenance program begins with the basics like lawn cutting and fertilization. Along with lawn service, they install and repair sprinkler systems to keep grass healthy and green. They also provide shrub and tree care, mulch installation; pruning and bed care to maintain beautiful lowerhedt. Seasonal services manship. Bell's Landscape Services has been located in Lyon Twp, for the past 16 years. They have been active supporters of local schools Scott Bell-V.P. of Grounds Maintenance Division Sales; Ron Falkewicz- Grounds Maintenance flowerbeds. Seasonal services include those big jobs that are so hard to find time for - like spring Falkewicz- Grounds Mauntenance Supervisor, Dave Crain-Landscape Construction Supervisor and Kurt Mosher-Parking Lot Maintenance Supervisor, together have com-bined experience of over 50 years in the landscape industry. They are a dedicated group of men com-sing to a bidber multip of workand fall clean up.

Bell's commercial property customers have also received many beautification awards for their design. In addition to their routine maintenance, they also offer pro-fessional parking lot sweeping and maintenance for commercial buildings or subdivisions. Keeping a clear flow of traffic and preven a clear flow of traffic and prevent-ing slip and fall on snow and ice is critical for commercial sites. During the winter season they offer professional snowplowing and saiting. Forget shopping around with several vendors. Bell's business philosophy is simple; offer a com-ruler pance of services with trofes-

TIPS ON SELECTING A Landscaper

- Select a landscaper that you feet comfortable working with.
- If starting new construc-2. tion, be prepared with an
- idea, concept and budget. Determine what needs to be done to complete the
- project, such as what steps or materials are
- required Get a true cost so you won't be surprised with 4. additional charges or low quality materials.
- Check their credentials. Are they licensed and bonded or insured?
- Get references from former customers.
- Remember you get what you pay for. If the price seems too good to be true, it usually is.

Tech program. "It's part of an effort to show a higher level of professionalism," he soir

Bell's Landscape is licensed and insured, which is another guaran-tee that clients will receive quality work. To ensure prompt service they also own, maintain and repair all of their own equipment. Their service region covers a thirty-mile ardius that encompasses a wide area north to M-59 and south to I-94, west to D-19 and east to Telegraph Road.

Bell's Landscape Services, Inc. is located at 28401 Haas Road in Wixom. Call (248) 486-0960 for a free estimate, or check out their website www.bellslandscape.com. Hours of business are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



throughout the years. Bell observes, many people, especially working couples often lack the time and energy to keep their landscape looking attractive. Hiring a dependable landscape service can remove one more

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Bell's Landscape can transform your front porch or back yard patio with paver bricks.

plete range of services with profes-sional results. While some land-

training program and is supervised by professionals on the job site. Currently they're working with employees to participate in the new, (CLT) Certified Landscape

mitted to a higher quality of workmanship. Mike Bell takes pride in his

entire staff and believes in contin-

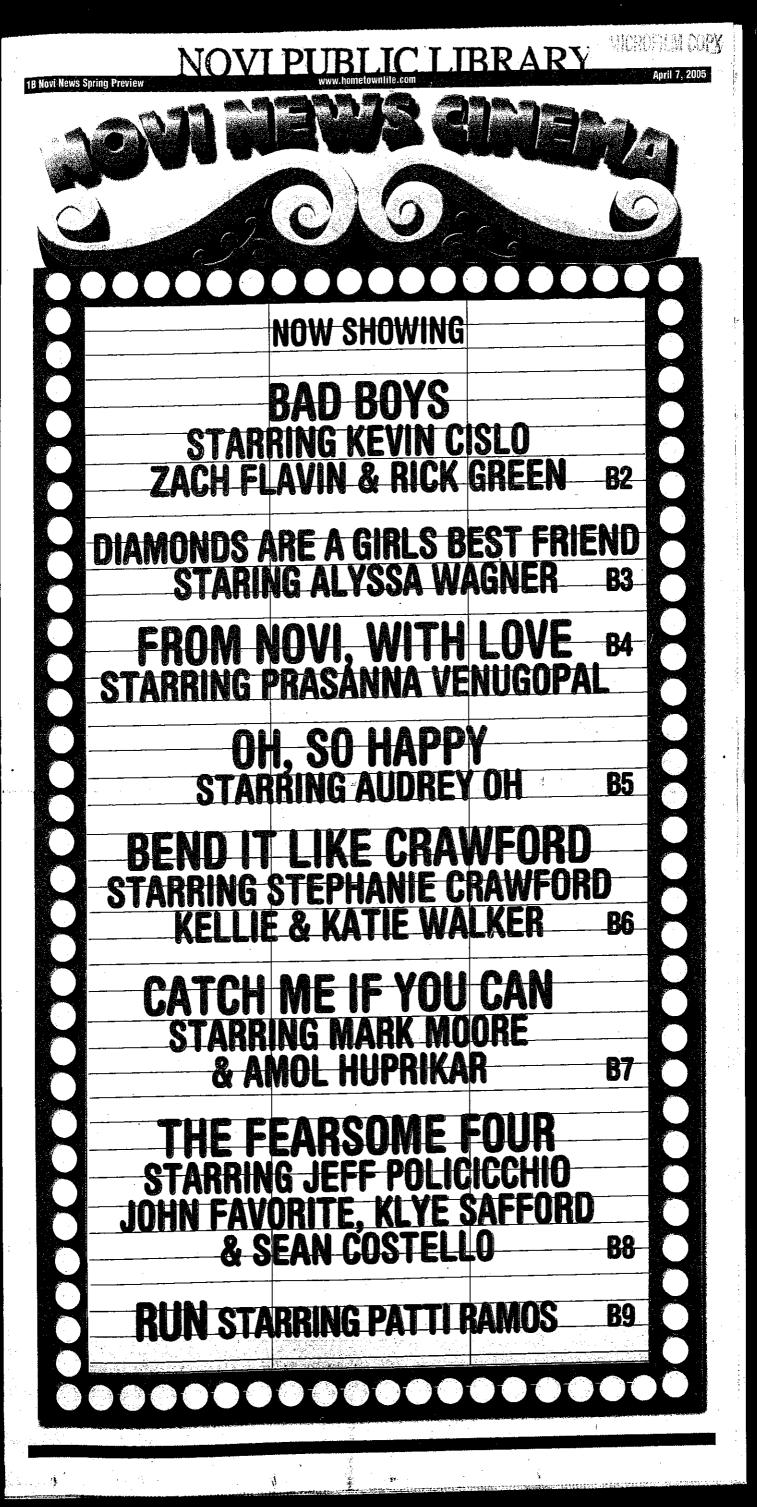
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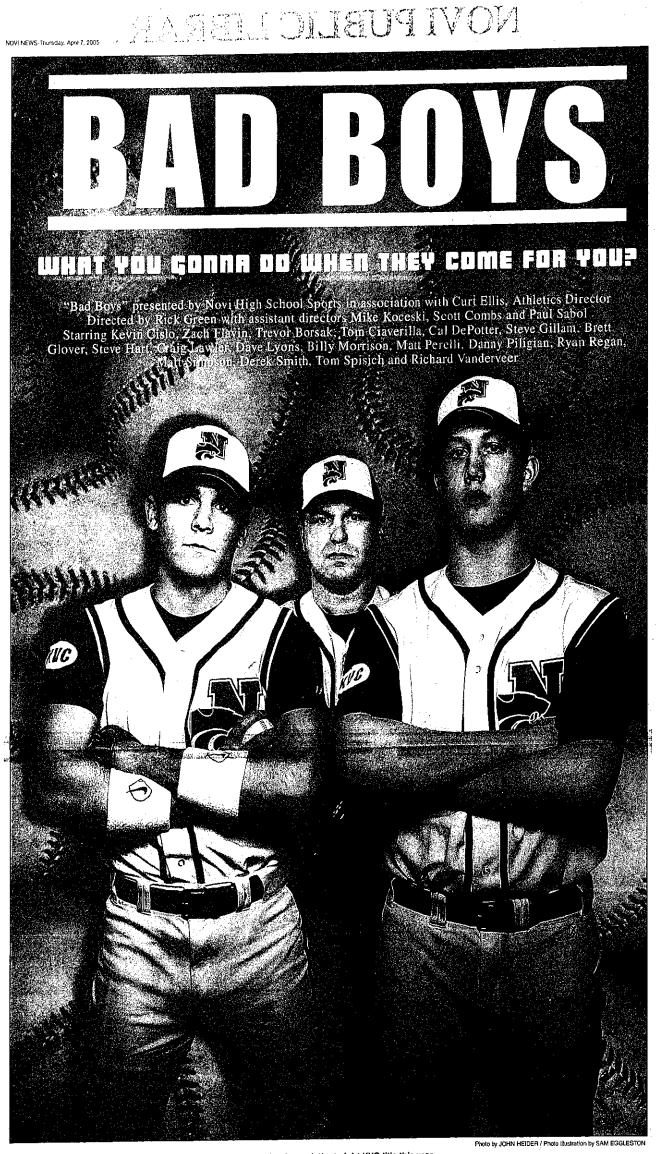
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Kevin Cislo (left), Coach Rick Green and Zach Flavin hope to lead Novi to a sixth-straight KVC title this year

Will Novi make it six-straight KVC titles?

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BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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4-13	Away		
4-15		. Lakeland	4 p.m.
4-16	Away	. WL Western & Centi	ral DH 10 a.m.
4-20		. Brighton	
4-22		South Lyon	
4-23		Novi Camp	
4-27		Hartland ,	
4-29		.Milford	
4-30		Ann Arber Huron	
5-04	Away	. Pinckney	
5-06	Home	Howell	
5-07		. Farmington Tournam	
5-11		Lakeland	
5-13		Brighton	
5-14		. Lake Orion	
5-18		South Lyon	
5-20		.Hartland	
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5-25		.Milford	
5-27		Pinckney	
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Produced by Novi Community Schools Starring Alyssa Wagner, Andrea Jirasek, Sara Bielski, Beth

Novi senior Alyssa Wagner is expecting to help lead her team to more victorles this season.

Wildcats softball looking to improve

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By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WAITER
It's a year of possibilities for the Novi Wildcats softbalt team. Entering into their second year Sutherland, the Wildcats are hooking to have improvements over last year's record and finisk games the way they know they increase a pitcher Alysia Wagner. "I also want us to stoick with it. Last year we'd hang in game until the last one or two intiggares than date. I think we can finisk ite games."
Wagner, who is a four-year and set percent at the varsity squad, said sthe expects that her team has what it takes to play with anyone in the Kensington Valle Conference. Despite several this year, she said it isn't out the question to see her squad they are she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-ne," she said. "I think we can play with any-rience we'll be able to stay in very game. Then we just have to stay focused and get some twist sto stay focused and get some twist it. Last year we'd hang ina play focused and get some the ace and Brittany Luka the iticf. Luka, a sophomore, witil probably see plenty of games."
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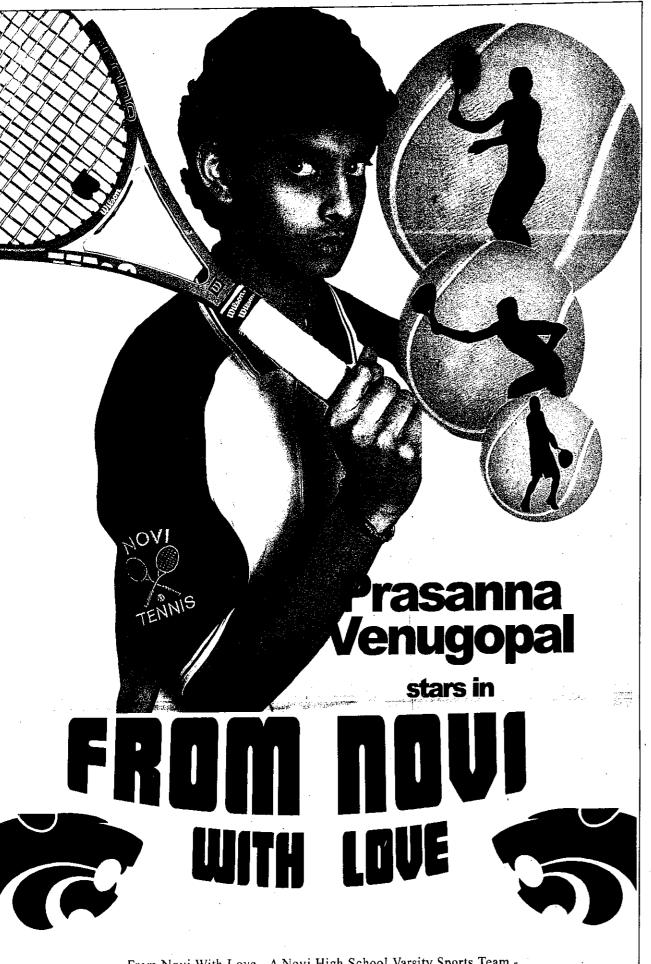
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	4-13	Away	Howell	4 p.m
	4.15	Home	. Lakeland	4p.m
	4-16	Away	Tecumseh Invitational	9 a.m
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1	4-22	. Home	South Lyon	4 p.m
	4-27	. Away	Hartland High School	4 թ.ա
	4-29	Home	. Milford	4 p.m
	5-03.	. Away	. Ann Arbor Huron	4 p.m
	5-04	. Away	. , Pinckney	4 p.m
	5-06.	Home.	Howell	4 p.m
	5-07	Away	Canton Classic	9 a.m
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	5-11.	. Away	Lakeland	4 p.m
	5-13.	Home	. Brighton	4 p.m
	5-18.	. Away	South Lyon	4 p.m
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	5-25	. Away	Milford	4 p.m
	5-27	Home.	Pinckney	4 p.m
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SOFTBALL SCHEDULE



- From Novi With Love - A Novi High School Varsity Sports Team -- Produced by Curt Ellis, Athletics Director - Carol Sprys and Kristy Wills, Athletics Department Secretary -- Directed by Jim Hanson, Head Coach -- Starring Prasanna Venugopal, Richie Fetters, Adam Doster, Kyle Goodman, Ryan Heffernan -Jason Hsu, Nan Jiang, Brian Jones, Kevin Lai, Felix Liu, Eric McQueen, Mike Mehl -

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NOVI GIRLS GOLF presents "OH, SO HAPPY" Directed by Deb Harris

STARRING Audrey Oh, Jacquelyn Chudy, Cathleen Garbacik, Lindsey Haslett, Erika Takeda, Jessica Westfall. Abby Greulich. Ashley Simms, Brenna Quinley, Justine Park, Yoo-Jin Kim, Lindsay Celeski, Missy Broadwell, Asako Akamatsu, Ashlyn Shawver, Dana Czekaj, Stella

- Justin Namm, Roshan Ramachandran, Chris Shah and Uday Vadula -

Photo by JOHN HEIDER / Photo Illustration by SAM EGGLESTON

Novi senior Prasanna Venugopal hopes to earn a number one singles position and help lead his team to the state finals again this season.

Wildcats have plenty of promise, talent

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boys tennis team looks to be well prepared this year in terms of experi-ence and talent.

ence and talent. Though no official line-up was available at press time, Novi coach Jim Hanson did say that he's confident that whatever finalized team he comes up with will be able to compete. "I think we'll be pretty competitive," he said.

"Hhink we'll be pretty competitive," he said. "We're going to face some top-notch teams again this year, and we're going to be going for the KVC title again." Standing in their way is Brighton, the team that earned the crown last season. Both teams are expected to be fairly strong again this year. "They lost just about what we did," said Hanson. "I think it's going to come down to Novi and Brighton for the Ketsington Valley Conference title. Of course, all of the other teams in the KVC keep getting better and better ever year. You can't overlook any of them." And none of them are going to want to over-And none of them are going to want to over-

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look the Wildcats, who made the state finals last year following a strong showing in the regional Catholic Central. Normally, only two teams eam a berth, but Novi had enough points to make the trek last spring. earn a berth, but Novi nav energy years make the trek last spring. Valley Conference tournauseus, was and the Wildcats return plenty of experienced players to this year's line-up and hope to change the server of last year's regional. The Wildcats will have plenty of chances to see their major rival in the KVC as they are

players to this year's line-up and nope to change the outcome of last year's regional. Senior Prasanna Venugopal will by vying for a number one singles position this year to replace the graduation of Suraj Ramachandran. Also coming back are seniors Richie Fetters and Justin Namm. Novi's line-up will be full of depth and talent

and Justin Namm. Novi's line-up will be full of depth and talent this season. Seniors Uday Vadula, Chris Shah, Felix Liu and Nan Jiang are hoping to break into the line-up and contribute, and juniors Ryan Heffernan and Kyle Goodman will be water the availing for the state.

Ryan Hellernan and Kyle Goodman win de expected to help lead a class that includes returners Mike Mehl and Eric McQueen. Sophornores on this year's squad include vet rean Roshan Ramachandran, who saw singles action last year, as well as Kevin Lai and Adam

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4-25	Away	Howell	
4-26	Away	Ann Arbor Pioneer	
4-27	Home	LakelandMS Tenni	is Court4 p.m.
4-30	Home	. Novi Invitational	
5-02	Away	Brighton	
5-04	Home	South Lyon	
5-07	Home	. Novi Quad	
5-09	Away	. Hartland	
5-11	Home	Milford	
5-14	Away	KVC Championshi	ipsTBA
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5-19	Away	. Regionals	ТВА
5-20	Away	. Regionals	ТВА
6-03	Away	Finals	ТВА

Chung, Kelsey Brandemihl and Vidhi Bamzai

Photo by JOHN HEIDER / Photo Illustration by SAM EGGLESTON

senior, is one of the golf team's captains and is hoping to show iher team to a top spot in the KVC and hopefully a berth into the state finals.

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By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER The Novi Wildcats girls golf team is looking to keep up their consistent play this season as they eye the Kensington Valley Conference and beyond. The squad, coached by Deb Harris, is hoping to be one of the top teams in their league this season and to extend their play- ing days when the post-season rolls around. "Our goals are) to finish third place in the league or better and to make it to the states." Harris said. "Standing in the way of our goals are weather and consisten- cy in play." Novi has plenty of strong players that are boping to help	and Audrey Oh will be responsi- ble for leading their team as cap- tains this year. One player that sticks out in terms of value if consistency is reached is Jackie Chudy. Harris said she's an X-factor in Novi's final results. "Jackie Chudy is a key player that is capable of making a big difference," she said. "She could be our number one player or our number eight. What she does will be a big factor. She showed a lot of potential her freshman year. Now she has to mature into the greatness we all know she's "The 'Cats, who lost four sen- iors to graduation last year, will be playing off their strengths this year. Harris said her squad enjoys being a part of the sport. She said they're also great repre- sentatives of Novi High School.	"They are kind, good sports and they're loyal," she said. "They enjoy playing the game." Novi does, however, need to work on the little things that matter so much in the game of golf – chipping and putting. Seniors on the team this year include Westfall, Oh, Chudy, Erika Takeda, Lindsey Haslett and Cathleen Garbacik while Abby Greulich is the team's lone senior. Sophomores in the golf program include Ashley Simms, Brenna Quinley, Justine Park, Yoo-Jin Kim, Lindsay Celeski, Missy Broadwell and Asako Akamatsu while Ashlyn Shawver, Dana Czekaj, Stella Chung, Kelsey Brandemihl and Vidhi Bamzai are freshmen. Novi has had a history of showing marked improvement as the year wears on. This year, Harris hopes, is no different.	"If the returning players improve as much as they have in previous years (we'll do fine)," said Harris. "Some of these players have had steady improvement and if they con- tinue that progress we will have a good team." While the veteran players look to have continued improvement, eyes are on the underclassmen to see what they'll be able to accomplish. "Some of the underclassmen show promise," Harris said. "Will they make the leap from rookie to veteran? Many of the girls on the team have the potential to be good. Can they, and I, pull it out of them?" Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.	4-14 Away Northville 1 4-16 Away Grosse lle Invite. 1 4-18 Home Pinckney Riverbank GC 1 4-19 Away Oakland County Meet 1 4-19 Away Oakland County Meet 1 4-19 Away Oakland County Meet 1 4-21 Home Howell Riverbank GC 1 4-22 Away Hartland Best Ball Invite 1 4-25 Away Pre-KVC Tourney 1 4-27 Away Traverse City Tourney 1 4-29 Away Traverse City Tourney 1 4-30 Away Traverse City Tourney 1 5-02 Away South Lyon 1 5-03 Away South Lyon 1 5-10 Home Hartland 1 5-12 Away Milford 1 5-19 Away Post-KVC Tourney 1 6-03 Away Finals 1

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"This team is an instant classic!" - Novi News Sports Department

Starring stephanie Crawford and Katie and Kellie Walker

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DEFENDING KENSINGTON VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER / Photo Illustration by SAM EGGLESTON SOCCER SCHEDULE

Stephanie Crawford and Kellie and Katie Walker are looking to get Novi to the top of the heap in the KVC this year.

Novi returns plenty of talent, experience

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By	Sam	Eggleston	
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and sophomore Stephanie Crawford. Last year, Timar had It's hard for a team to graduate two players who were on the All-State team and expect to 20 goals and 11 assists and was to a torn ACL that h a second-team All-Stater that for the entire season. recover from it. The Novi Wildcats soccer team, however, has just those expectations. The squad, coached by Brian

exceptional." player, joins juniors Katie and Those two forwards just hap-pens to be senior Kristi Timar and sophomore Stephanie Stephanie Schor Chelsea Atiych, a starter 4-13 from last year, won't return due to a torn ACL that has her out O'Leary, as usual, has high expectations of his defensive 4-22 20 goals and 11 assists and was to a torn ACL that has her out a second-team All-Stater that has committed to Michigan State's soccer team in the fall. Crawford, as a freshman, had 23 goals and 11 assists for the var-sity team. "Stephanie's style is much 4-25 4-27 5-04 carpectations. The squad, coached by Brian O'Leary, graduated five seniors, inctuding All-State Dream Teamer Maurcen Pawlak and Termann. "You wold think losing such players would devastate a team, but that really isn't the case for never replace those two, but our two forwards this year are 5-06 5-09 5-16 5-18 5-20 5-27 5-31 6-07 6-15 6-18

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Amol Huprikar (left) and Mark Moore will try to lead Novi's track and field team to another KVC title this year Wildcats want the KVC crown again

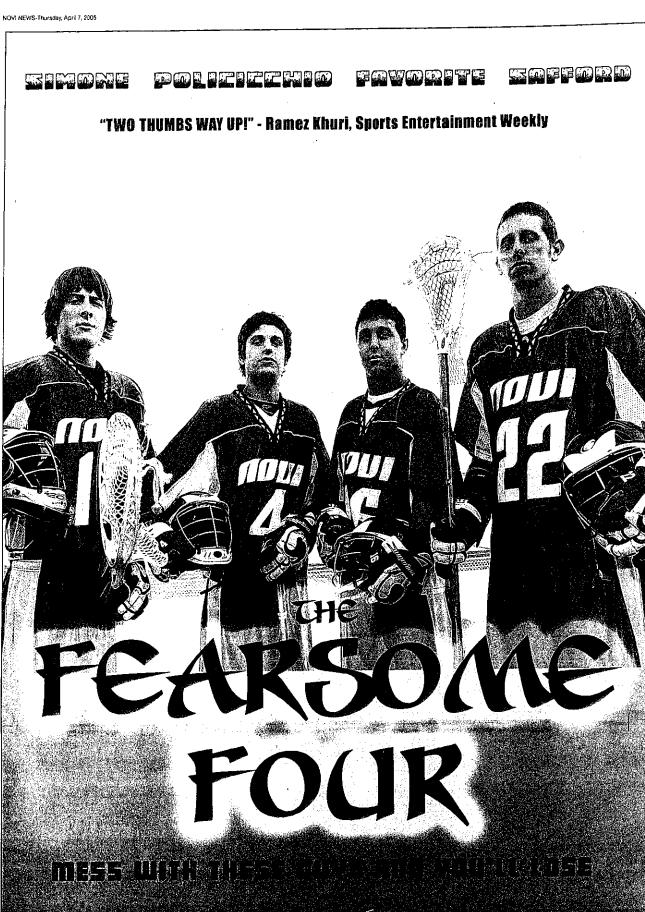
their record. But that won't stop the Wildcats. The team, coached by Robert Smith, has their eyes set on the prize yet again this year. "Our goals are to win the KVC and the region," said Smith. "It is quite obtainable, yet by no means a guarantee. We are in for many epic battles in the league this year." The key to reaching those goals

 By Sam Eggleston SPORTSWRITER

 The only problem with being the defending Kensington Valley Conference champions is the fact and field team will have to fend off very team in the league.
 for the Wildcats? Focus, focus, "We must remain focused,"
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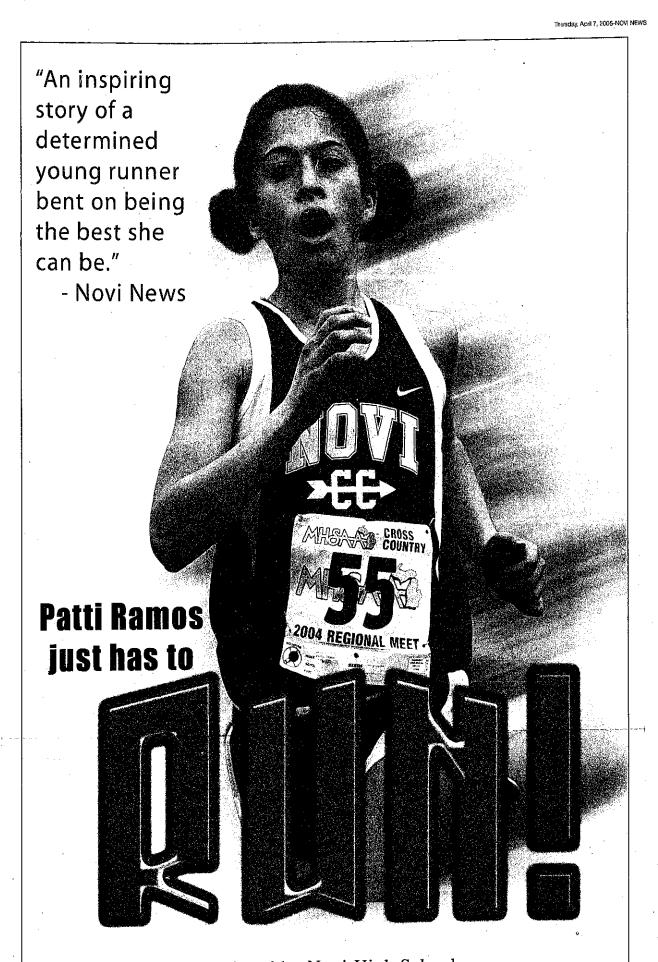
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4-09	. Home	Novi Relays (B & G) .	9 a.m.
4-12		Pinckney	4 p.m.
4-19	Home	Howell	4 p.m.
4-21	Away	Lakeland	4 p.m.
4-26	Home	Brighton	4 p.m.
4-30	, .Away	Holly 9&10 meet	9:15 a.m.
5-03		South Lyon	
5-07		Stafford Relays (G)	9 a.m.
5-10		Hartland	
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5-14	Away	Sunshine (B& G)	, ,9 a.m.
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5-20	Away	Regionals	, .2 p.m.
5-24	Away	KVC	2 p.m.
5-27	Away	Oakland Co. Meet	3 p.m.
5-28	Away	County Freshman (B&	G)9 a.m.
5-28	Away	Team States	ТВА
6-04	Away	Finals	TBA



"THE FEARSOME FOUR"

Directed by Brad Muston and Produced by Novi High School Starring Bobby Watts, Jeff Policicchio, Parker Beartd, Matt Olson, Will Deighton, Keven Gee, Corey Simone, Jacob Haf, Derek McClelland, Yuichi Saji, Jon Moses, John Favorite, Scott moran, Jimmy McCusker, Ryan McNamarea, Ryan Gee, Kyle Safford, Justin Cameron, Jeff Freers, Scott Smith, Travis Blackledge,



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Sean Costello, Nick Shafer, Jeff Kolb, Rob Carter and Ryan Belt

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se team is back in Division 1 this year and will be led by Cory Simone (left), Jeff Policicchio, John Favorite and Kyle Safford

Novi looking forward to lacrosse season

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By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER The Novi Wildcats lacrosse team knows one thing for sure-they're tired of being underesti-mated. The team, which was dropped a division last year by the former governing body of the sport, has mithey in the division what red of the line up. The team, which was dropped a division last year by the former governing body of the sport, has mithey in the target of the sport, has mithey in the sport, has mithey in the target of the sport, has mithey in the sport, has mit governing body of the sport at the Wichigan High School Athletics Association has taken over con-rol. The statement Novi would

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Michigan High School Athletics Association has taken over con-trol. The statement Novi would like to send? They're happy to be back. "I think we're definitely going to compete this year," said coach Brad Muston. "We've got a lot of talented kids on the team and we've had some of the best prac-tices we're ever had since I came The Wildcats will be focusing

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Patti Ramos, a senior, is hoping to have another impact season when she competes in track and field this spring.

Girls hope to compete in KVC

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TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE			
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4-07 Away	Northville (B)		
4-07 Home	Northville	. ,3:30 p.m.	
4-09 Home	Novi Relays (B & G)	9 a.m.	
4-12	Pinckney	4 p.m.	
4-19Home	Howell	4 p.m.	
4-21Away		,4 p.m.	
4-26 Home	Brighton	4 p.m .	
4-30 Away	Holly 9&10 meet	9:15 a.m.	
5-03 Away	South Lyon	4 p.m.	
	Stafford Relays (G)		
5-10 Home	Hartland	4 p.m.	
5-13 Away .	Spartan Twilight Invite	(B) ,4 p.m.	
	Sunshine (B& G)		
5-17Away	Milford	4 p.m.	
5-20 Away	Regionals	2 p.m.	
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Soccer returns plenty

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player since last year and will play a strong role in keeping our goals against under 14 this sea-son," O'Leary noted. Novi also boasts a strong crew of substitute players. "Our subs this year are a very strong scroup and will arrobably

strong group and will probably be the second key to how our team does this season," O'Leary said, "All of them are untested but have great ability.

At forward, Novi has junior Lauren Troher ready to step onto the pitch at anytime while the midfielders are backed up by sophomores Pia Janssens and Megan Stee as well as freshmen Deris Ferue and Shepanon Cody Jan ie Fratto and Shannon Cody. On the defensive side of the ball, junior Shae Reichley and freshman Katic Chaklos will be

looking to get playing time. "They are as talented a group of subs as 1 have ever had and should only get better when

Sports Shorts

Spring leagues

Spring leagues Northville Parks and Recreation is offering several leagues this spring. Call the Parks and Rec. department at (248) 449-9947 if interested.

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fee \$210/tean Adult Coed Golf League

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banhockey.com for more information or to register. Multiple class, family and team discounts as well as mite and goalie combos are available.

Novi ice Arena to hold spring hockey leagues

The Novi Ice Arena will hold The Novi Ice Areta with hose spring adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 and over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 and over "C" on Wednesday and Friday nights, 18 and over "B" on Tuesday nights and 30 and over "C" on Thursday nights. League features include excellent game times, no checking, focus on fun and even competition, and trained scorekeepers

trained scorekeepers. Friday and Sunday divisions will play a 7-game schedule (plus playoffs) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday divi-sions will play an eight-game

schedule (plus playoffs), with one game per week beginning in late April. Games will consist of

they gain experience as the sea-son goes on," O'Leary said. The Wildcats are slated to be

on the road tomorrow against Northville in a re-match of last year's district tournament title game, Northville won the state title last year. Game time is 7

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ey leagues at Novi Ice Arena, call (248) 347-0100 or visit v.noviicearena.com

WRIF Summer Hockey Challenge presented by Labatt returns in June

Lanatt returns in Jone Registration is underway for the Adult Summer Hockey Challenge presented by WRIF 101 FM and Labatt Blue. Games will be played on Fridays and Saturdays from June 3-25 at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, Novi Ice Arena, and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. Ice Arena.

Ice Arena. The tournament will feature four divisions — Blue (men's 21 and older upper), Blue Light (men's 21 and older lower), Nordic (men's 30 and older open) and Select (coed 21 and older open with a minimum of older open with a minimum of five women rostered). Teams will play a minimum of three games play a minimum of three games that consist of three 14-minute run-time periods (the last two minutes of the third period will be stop time). Teams are wel-come to sign up twice to play more games.

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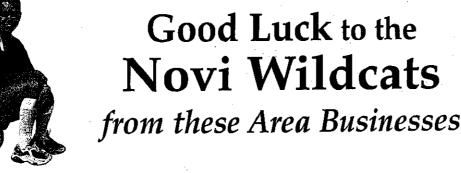
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