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Signs for the times

Yard Art owner Susan Walsh's showroom displays a number of her company's signs that they produce for kids' events, lawns and other locations. - Page 13A

Spring has sprung

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One down ... ģ For Novi senior Ryan Pritchard, breaking the school record in the discus was just a single moment on his way to his but he has his eyes set on a much bigger prize that waits at the end of his high school career.

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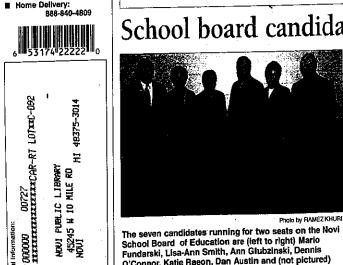
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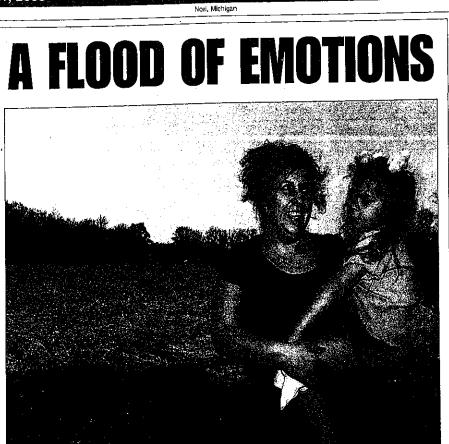
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Novi resident Jackle Pringle, with daughter Alexandria, 4, and others are concerned about a slated Novi resident backle Pringle, with daughter Alexandria, 4, and others are concerned about a allow construction effort west of Village Oaks that may affect the flood plain and vegetation that runs through their backyards near Meadowbrook Rd. A housing development is planned for the area near the treeline seen at left.

Residents fight 10 planned homes

so I would not encroach into that wetlands.

"The rest will remain open tops concerns; space." Houses would range 2200-2800 square feet, Roskelly said, and cost around \$400,000 each. Proposing to extend Village Lake Road, Roskelly said plans to stop the road short of proposal's fine, according to city stop the road short of Meadowbrook Road with a cul-de-

sac would relieve traffic congestion City administration said except

for two sidewalk waivers, the plan met requirements. "Couldn't have asked for a bet-ter product," planner Tim Schmitt said.

Citizen concerns

But in a public hearing; residents — many who've lived near-by for 25-plus years — disagreed, Sinkholes and collapsed family rooms due to soggy earth were

common complaints. "Part of my house shifted," said resident John Keller. "The water table there is very fragile. It holds

table there is very fraghe, infolds our homes in place. I'm seriously concerned." City engineer Ben Croy said soil tests are still needed to determine how wet the area is, but, on paper. No impact whatsoever.

Squeezing out wildlife like deer, fox, possum and white hawk was

Proposed Village

Wood Home Site Area for 10 home Village Wood

another worry. Others lamented possibly losing

and on which to walk their pets. "There's not any place else do that," said Garry Kidd, who takes

the family dog out twice daily. "It's like a park for a lot of us." Roskelly said he'd be willing to

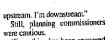


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were cautious. "Everything has been answered on a technical basis," commission-er John Avdoulos said. "You don't know what's going to happen to other areas around it." Chairwoman Lynn Kocan sug-gested tabling the issue. "I can't believe there will be no impact," Kocan said. "Water has a mind of its own. Why spend anoth-er dime if its going to have signifi-cant impact and flood the resi-dents?" dents?

The new homes would cost about twice as much as smaller homes in nearby neighborhoods,

homes in heavy heightenness, based on city assessing records. Surrounding subdivisions were plated from around 1954-1971. "I think that's a pristine piece of land," Roskelly said. "I will be

careful who is going to buy these houses if I build them one at a

ume. To be approved, the plan must again go before the planning com-mission at an undetermined date. For more information, call the city of Novi Planning Department at (748) 347-4475

KORKEIJY SAID RED DE WILLING TO CHY OF HAILING DEPARTMENT donate six or seven unused acres to the city of Novi, and that water "Under no way on God's earth could the building of these 10 reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. houses cause any problems for those people," he said. "They're

Twelve Oaks plans major update

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Nordstrom's to open at mall; Marshall Field's set for expansion

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is about to embark on a major update and the addition of a fifth department store at the shopping center at 1-96 and Novi Road. Representatives from The Taubman Company in Bloomfield Hills announced April 19 major renovation and expansion plans. Plans include a 60,000-square-foot expansion of Marshall Field's, a two-level, 165,000quare-foot Nordstrom department store on the southeast corner of the mall and about 90,000 square feet of new store space at the mall. Bruce Heckman, vice president

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Budget ready to go

Compared to last year, council moves quickly

By Pam Fleming AFF WRITER

What a difference a year makes. Last year, Novi City Council talks came to a stalemate, and an talks came to a statemate, and an emergency meeting had to be scheduled when council members, couldn't reach the five-vote majority needed to approve the proposed almost \$27 million budget. This year, discussions started at no are are de before prop on April

9 a.m. ended before noon on April continued on page 3

School board candidates square off before May 3 vote Novi News endo will appear along with a special candidates' forum provides O'Connor, Katie Raeon and Lisaquestion-and-answer section many different Ann Smith. Only_six in next week's edition.

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Flood plain

By Kim Kovelle

absorbent land."

Standing water, constantly hum-

ming sump pumps and pricey flood insurance have been Jackie

Pringle's Novi realities for four

years. She joined dozens of neighbors

last week to protest 10 homes pro-posed near her Willowbrook sub-division.

"Our property is in a flood plain right now," Pringle said. "I don't think we can risk losing any more

absorbent land." On April 13, Novi's planning commission voted 7-0 to table the topic. Wayne Wrobel was absent. Pitched by Livonia-based Basney & Smith, the project would sit on part of 15 wooded acres east of Meadowbrook Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads. Developer William Rockelly

Developer William Roskelly

said his plan uses a strip of higher ground, preserving Village Wood Lake and denser woods.

"It's sort of perched up," Roskelly said. "(I) gave up two lots

STAFF WRITER

School Board of Education are (left to right) Mario Fundarski, Lisa-Ann Smith, Ann Glubzinski, Dennis O'Connor, Katie Raeon, Dan Austin and (not pictured) Paul Flavin.

viewpoints

By Ramez Khuri STAFE WRITER

Excellent schools. They're the reason many peo-ple decide to move to Novi.

pie decide to nove to NOVI. With that in mind, approxi-mately 50 people showed up to the Instructional Technology Center Forum last Wednesday Center Forum last Wednesday night for a board of education candidates forum, sponsored by Interschool Council and the League of Women Voters, Oakland County. Seven candidates running for

Only six showed up for the forum; Flavin was absent due to personal reasons.

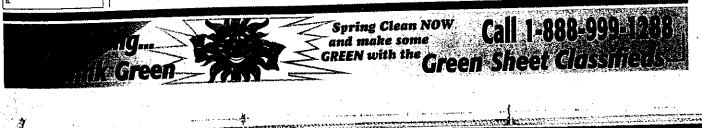
Incumbents John Balagna and John Streit are not running again. Audience members submitted written questions to a moderator, and each candidate gave respon 30 es of one minute to start and seconds near the end of the evening

Attendees had the opportunity Artendees had the opportunity to hear the candidates' thoughts on issues that affect the school district, such as redistricting, full day kindergarten, the lottery sys-tem that chooses which student can take advantage of full day kindergarten, class size, corporate

advertisements on school proper , the team concept of teaching at lovi Meadows Elementary School and Novi Middle School. School and Novi Middle School. Also discussed were which pro-grams each candidate will fight to keep, and which they feel should be the first to go in case of anoth-er budget crunch; the changing demographics of the city and how affects the district; the atten-

it affects the district, the atten-dance policy and much more. "I thought it was a very inform-ative evening," said Diana Yarberry, a Village Oaks

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Nordstrom's to open at malí; Marshall Field's set for expansion continued from front page of development for Taubman, told members of city council about the project at the April 18 council meeting. This is Nordstrom's second store in Michigan, with the other store at Somerset Mall in Troy. Nordstrom's will be connected the mall by the new stores in the mall. "We have had the privilege of serving customers in Troy and the surrounding metropolitan Detroit area for almost 10 years," said Erik Nordstrom, executive vice president of fullline stores for Nordstrom. "A new store at Twelve Oaks Mall will allow us to more conve-niently serve customers in the western communities of the greater Detroit area. We are thrilled to be building a brand new store there." Heckman said Twelve Oaks Mall was always designed for expansion and to capture the right anchor store. Construction will start in the important and one that we need to look at because we have to look at the character morals of our kids who are going out into society." spring of 2006 on the two stores with an opening in the fall of thought there were some other that could have been asked that weren't, like maybe some more funding questions. Balagna believes that the gener-Balagna believes that the gener-al population is unaware of how school funding works and how proposal A affects funding for school districts.

board vice president.

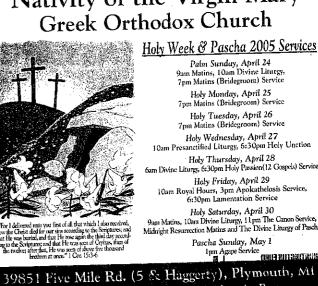
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2007. The mall will expand from about 1.2 to 1.5 million square feet. The project will bring more than 800 permanent jobs and 1.100 construction and designoriented jobs to Novi, according to Taubman. "You've made an old man very happy by bringing a Nordstrom's closer than Somerset Mall to me," Mayor Lou Csordas told Heckman after the amouncement, "You're an

excellent corporate citizen, and we appreciate what you've done for the city." "We mean it when we say it's been a great partnership, Heckman said. Dan Jones, manager, Twelve Oaks, said having Nordstrom join the shopping center is a fantastic addition, and to be able to expand the Marshall Field's is another shot in the arm for the center. To be able to add square footage onto the mall as well is going to be great for the shop-ping center, Jones added. He said that there has always been a plan to further develop the center, to add the fifth department store and some addi-tional square footage, "The tim-ing was right," said Jones, "and Nordstrom is a store we've heard

tional store space will bring 25 to 30 new stores to the center. This will be one of the largest 105, or by e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.





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renovations at Marshall Field's in recent history and the first to follow the renovation of the The three-level store, which opened in 1977, will undergo a complete renovation of the interior, including new flooring, improved lighting and fixtures, as well as a new ceiling system. The store exterior also will be

undated with a more contempo "Following the renovation, guests will find more spacious departments, expanded merchanassortments and several new prands to choose from," said Frank

Guzzetta, Marshall Field's president and chief executive officer. Marshall Field's plans to begin construction on the project next year and conclude in fall 2007. Once the remodeling is completed, the store will total almost 300,000 square feet Founded in 1901 as a shoe shore in Seattle, Nordstrom has 151 stores in 27 states. The firm also operates 31 international Facconnable boutiques, most of

which are in Europe. Marshall Field's stores have a 150-year legacy. As a division of The May Department Stores Company, Marshall Field's operates 62 stores in eight states.

consistently from the consumers that they'd like to have here." Jones said the mall currently has about 180 stores; the addi-Pam Fleming is a staff write. for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at

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"Public safety is number one for all seven of us," said Member Bol Gatt. "Everything else is fluff." Compared to last year, council Council also wants to fund the \$500000 Beck Road rehabilitation moves quickly project. Members discussed widen ing Beck Road to three, four or five

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lanes was discouraged because of the cost to purchase property associ-ated with the project. Residents in 16, with council ready to move to the public hearing and formal adopnearby subdivisions would also not tion of the bidget on May 9. At 7 p.m. on May 2, council will have a special meeting to approve funding for the Meadowbrook approve such a plan, according to Mayor Lou Csordas.

lanes. But the idea of having five

Members also plan to add 20 per

ases for city retirees, however

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in the 2005-2006 budget

Lorenzo presented an amendment to the budget policy which she called a fiscal pledge to taxpayers. Bridge project in the 2005-2006 budget. The bridge on Meadowbrook Road between Nine The pledge states that council spend above the adopted budget only for emergencies. These emergencies Mile and 10 Mile roads has deterio rated to the point that traffic had to be halted recently. Initially, council wanted to the would include essential capital pur-chases, cash flow, uncontrollable

hudget shortfalls, union contract obligations, judgment trust obliga-tions, grant matches and unfunded amend budget to include \$68,000 worth of additional fire department provements, \$70,000 to add a Fire Protection Officer and \$37,000 for a new senior van. The budget did not include hiring an additional fireretiree health care accrued liability. retiree health care accrued namity. Following the annual audi, any mobligated funds above the 14 per-cent rainy day funds would be applied to the Headlee millage roll-back, enhancement of the neighbor-hood road contract or to unfunded retiree health care accrued liability. This is a stated roal not a require fighter this year, because there were to be no new hires this year accord-ing to the recent fiscal analysis report. Member Bob Gatt supported the purchase of a senior van, as its usage has increased dramatically. Then, it was decided to include This is a stated goal, not a require

ment, however, members noted. ment, however, members noted. Council also agreed to use the \$268,000 which was to go toward a 1 percent increase in the rainy day funds and apply this to the city's unfunded retire health care accrued iability. Masshere also plan to add 20 perthe fire department improvements, the senior van, but have only \$35,000 placed in the next budget for a Fire Protection Officer with the other \$35,000 going to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department software package. The city is going to try to obtain a grant to help fund the Fire Protection Officer, but Member Laura Lorenzo would like Memory and part of the percentage the city already contributes to the retiree health care fund, according to Kathy Smith-Roy, finance director. The group did not fund cost-of-living increases for city retirees, however, o fund the position anyway in case

the grant lunding isn't awarded. The council also agreed to fund irrigation of ball fields at Power Park behind city half and remaining fields at Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road west of Beck

Road. Mayor Lon Csordas suggested \$500,000 towards city putting retirees unfunded health insurance benefits Many members talked about the

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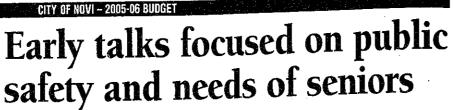
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priority of funding public safety costs - police, fire, roads, water and sewer - in the city budget.



By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

fighters. Nagy believes the city should Challenging financial times are nothing new to Novi City Manager Rick Helwig. But, he's been down that road before and believes Novi can survive the inception. She believes computer

storm. "These are very uncertain times for the state of Michigan," Helwig said at the start of budget improvements are important, and that conferences and seminars for city staff should be only the most talks April 9. "The news is very negative every day, very depressing. But, as a veteran of the Great Lakes important ones. Member Lynne Paul said she

made a commitment when elect-ed to focus on public safety, roads and parks and recreation. Paul wanted to add an additional Paul wanted to add an additional police officer and a firefighter. She did not support giving retirees a cost-of-living increase. Member Bob Gatt, who worked for the city for more than a State, this is really nothing new. It doesn't scare me, it doesn't frighten me. We've gone through two similar periods like this the early 1980s and the early 1990s." he said. "We've got resiliency, we've got infrastructure, and we've got skills and natural resources that worked for the city for more than 30 years, said he believes the only real reason government exists is public safety and that

can carry us through anything. But, we need to be smart about it. Although Novi may be blessed, this is an upcoming year for sav-ing, for wise investments in the basics," he said. ies," he said.

Key areas in the proposed almost \$27 million budget are public safety; roads: city services; parks, recreation and forestry; fiscal management; the environ-ment; and growth management

"I greatly appreciate the cooperation and spirit of communication o city council this time around, It was fantastic. And, thank you to all the eity staff for all the hard work that you have done in the original prorevenue at almost \$4 million. posal and the followup to council's

concern," Csordas said. "I'm very proud to be part of this group, and I think this was an extremely civil and productive two also thought that it was importa

to have pagers replaced for fire-fighters. Nagy believes the city should Gatt wanted a full-time senior "Although Novi Nagy believes the city should review health care costs, and that retirees should not receive a cost-of-living increase, since they have received a 73 percent increase since the program's inception. She believes computer may be blessed, this is an upcoming year for saving, for wise made but not kept on retirees' cost-of-living increases. Member Kim Capello also wanted to add a police officer and

investments in the basics. firefighter and wanted another employee in the building depart-ment. He also wanted retirees and city employees to receive a 2 Rick Helwia

City of Novi manage

Mayor Lou Csordas suggested that the city set aside \$500,000 from surplus funds for retirees' health insurance benefits. He also supported the addition of one police officer, a firefighter and to the fire depart improvements

improvement plan for 11 Mile Road. these positions after the funds are gone. "We have to take care of the cust-of-living increase for city pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

time to get in on the



Crawford sees mature citizens as a great resource

> By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER She may be retired, but former Novi Senior Center coordinato Kathy Crawford is still an advocate for Novi's aging population. Now 63 and a senior herself, Crawford addressed members of city council April 16 to encourage them to look at Novi's seniors as a

added. community resource and not for-get them when it comes to the budget. The city is spending \$37,000 in no

said

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and my parents and grandparents stay in our Novi homes..." are from Novi," she said. "This is my mission whether it's my actual job or not. The sen-ior population in Novi is enormous, and it's rapidly escalating We are in need of services it order to stay in our Novi homes, particularly transportation and referrals for services," Crawford She noted that most people in Novi don't even know that the city has a senior center, special events for seniors and transportasign on

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"I no longer work for the city of

Novi, But, I have worked in the field of aging for more 30 years, I have lived in Novi for 63 years,

evention. "There's Meadowbrook Commons identi-fying it as a senior center," she

Crawford also noted that the

current senior center only accom-

modates 128 people when 200 people live at the complex. Finally, she reminded council members that people age 55 and over work as volunteers in the community, and thus are a valu-able resource. "They work in the hospital, police station, the library, the the-

2005-2006 budget. Pain Fleming is a staff write ponce station, the library, the liber ater," she said. Calling seniors "the silent majority" she asked council to consider this part of the popula-

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Kathy Crawford

Retired senior center coordinato

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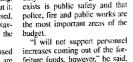
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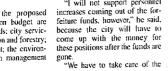
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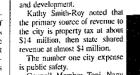




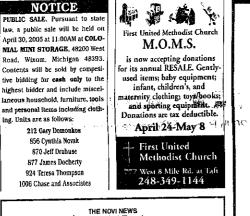








The number one city expense is public safety. Council Member Toni Nagy wanted to see the addition of one additional police officer and one more full-time firefighter. She

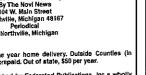


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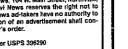
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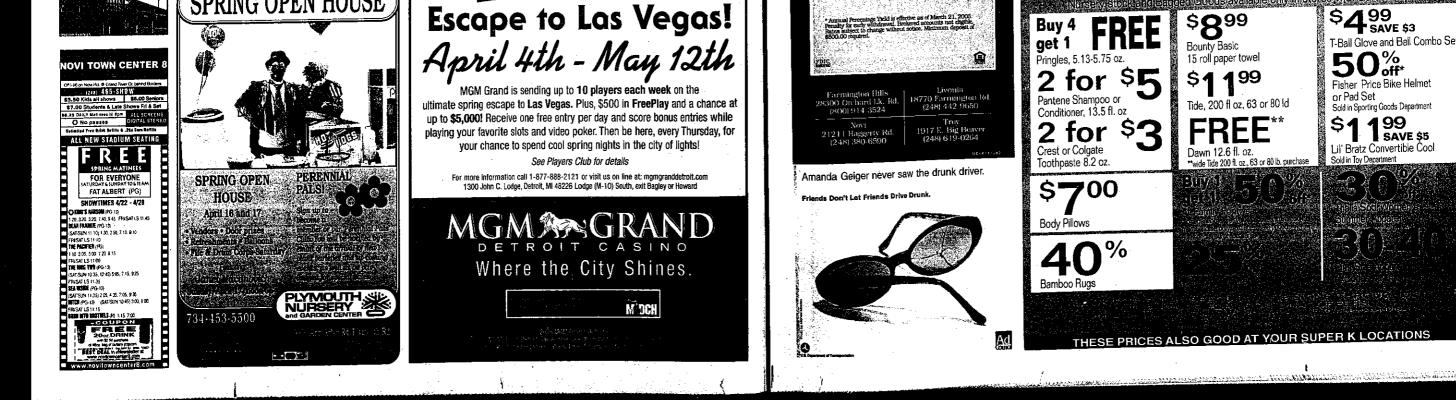




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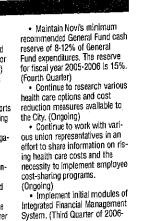
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new grade separation bridge over The following is a breakdowr pass over CSX rail-CSX tracks. (Second Quarter of 2007-2008) of highlights from the City of Novi's proposed budget for the road tracks - RCOC Property Acquisition in 2005) May 9 — Public hearing 2005-06 fiscal year. on budget, 7 p.m., council City Services chambers. City council Property Tax Millage Rate of Acquire replacement Street Eleven Mile Road (\$325,000)
 a) East of Beck Road to Abbey Sweeper and new Patchmobile. adopts annual operations 10.5416 is the same as the last (First Quarter) • Acquire fleet replacement budget and tax levy. five years. Drive "Rainy Day" Reserves (Charter requires adoption b) West of Beck Road to Novi increase by 1 percent to a total of vehicles as follows: four vehicles no later than the third Middle School for the Building Department, one 15 percent of annual General Monday in May.) for Neighborhood Services, and Fund expenditures. June 1 --- Staff proposes two for the Department of Public · No new positions are added Fire Department Vehicle and city council reviews to the General Fund in 2005-Works, (First Quarter) Exhaust System - All Stations and approves year-end Continue mosquito control 2006, General Fund total number (\$70.000) budget revisions, if needed. program throughout the city of personnel reduced by one. Fire Station #1 June 24 — Staff produces twice per year. (First and Fourth Retirement of Chief mprovements (\$65.000) Quarter) adopted budget and Capital Operating Officer and consolida-Quarters) Department of Public Works Construct vactor pad clean Improvements Program tion of the position results in an Vactor Pad Clean-Out Station overview and distributes to out station at Public Works faciliannual General Fund savings (\$50,000) ty, (Second Quarter) • Design and construct water city council, departments presently costed at \$149,781 · Parks, Recreation and and public. Forestry a) Americans with Disabilities main on Beck Road south of July 1 — Fiscal year 2005-Grand River Avenue. (Second Upgrade City Information Act (ADA) Improvements 2006 begins. Quarter) Design and construct Nine (\$60,000) Technology \$445,000 (General Fund) rehabilitation between Town Center Drive and Meadowbrook b) Irrigate remaining ball fields Mile Road water main extension at Community Sports Park from Kensington Road to Integrated financial manage Road, including culvert replacement system (\$410,000) (\$32,000) Roberts Road. (Second Quarter) c) Irrigate ball fields at Power ment. (First Quarter) Software for online registra Design and construct
Lanny's District Sanitary Relief Completion of Nine Mile Park (\$62,000) tion in Parks, Recreation, and Road resurfacing (all asphalt) Forestry (\$35,000) Sewer (Fourth Quarter) east of Novi Road to Key Results Targeted Meadowbrook road; includes Parks, Recreation & Forestry Upgrade City Fleet of Public Safety Roethel Drive industrial road. Acquire two replacement Vehicles Implement maintenance pro-(First Quarter) Quarter) vehicles for Parks, Recreation \$447,000 (General Fund) Building Department • Replace 4 vehicles - \$84,000 gram for Fire Department facili-ties with vehicle exhaust system Complete replacement of " Meadowbrook Road Bridge. (First at all stations and various Quarter) Completion of 2005 annual Department of Public Works • Replace 2 vehicles - \$49,000 improvements at Fire Station #1. (First Quarter) • Devise new recruitment pro-grams for the position of Pald-on-Call Firefighters. (Ongoing) neighborhood repaying improve ments on time and within budget. Replacement Street Sweepe (Second Quarter) - \$170,000 New Patchmobile - \$68,000 Complete Beck Road asphalt paving rehabilitation between Nine Mile Road and Eight Mile Neinhhorhood Services Obtain City Council direction Replace 1 vehicle -\$21,000 for use of drug asset forfeiture funds as soon as possible after Road. (Second Quarter) Parks, Recreation, and funds are received. (To be deter- Support the Michigan Forestry Department Replace 2 vehicles - \$55,000 Department of Transportation in mined) the last phase of construction of the new Beck Road/I-96 Drug Asset Forfeiture Funds Roads Interchange. (Second Quarter) (Police Department) Support the Road Completion of Meadowbrook · Defer action until actual dol-Commission for Oakland County Road repaying between Grand in the completion of the Novi lars received **River Avenue and Cherry Hill** Road and Ten Mile Road inter-Road, including new traffic signal section improvements. (First Quarter) at Cherry Hill Road. (Second Capital Improvements Program Highlights Quarter) Complete sidewalk on south Continue to advocate for side of Eleven Mile Road between inclusion of the Wixom Road/I-96 Abbey Drive and Beck Road and In addition to annual Interchange project in the State on the north side, west of Beck of Michigan 2005-2009 Five year \$1,580,000 Neighborhood Road connecting to the Middle Repaving allocation, an additional ransportation Program. School. (First Quarter) \$760,000 for neighborhood con-Completion of Ten Mile (Ongoing) crete streets reconstruction: Support Road Commission Road/Hampton Hill traffic signal- Arcadia (Remainder) for Oakland County in 2005 ization. (First Quarter) design completion and land Venetian Court Completion of Nov · Center Street (To asphalt acquisition for Novi Road 'Link' d/Post Office traffic signalizabetween Ten Mile Road and from concrete) • Novi Road "Link" (Ten Mile tion, (First Quarter) Grand River Avenue including Complete Eleven Mile Road Road to Grand River Avenue, Kendall-Jackson Adelaide Rose Z of Pinot Noir California Chardonnay 17.99Great easy drinking Chardonna \$9.99 Michigan's Finest Joe's Spring Specials!

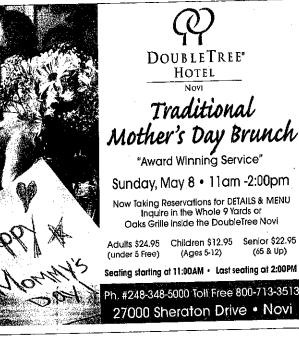
and Forestry, (First Quarter) in 2005 and money allocated for maintenance. (Second Quarter) Complete Americans with Disabilities Act improvements. (Second Quarter) Complete Community Sports Park irrigation work at remaining ball fields. (Second Quarter) Complete Power Park irriga tion work at all ball fields. (Second Quarter) Implement software for online registration in Parks, Recreation and Forestry. (Third Continue to counteract the effects of the Emerald Ash Bore with the removal of dead trees and stumps and completion of the annual tree replacement pro gram. (Ongoing) Fiscal Managemer · Maintain the current City property tax millage rate of 10.5416. (First Quarter) Absorb abolished position and consolidation of Chief Operating Officer duties. (First Quarter) Complete annual update of assumptions and actual informa tion in Fiscal Analysis. (Second

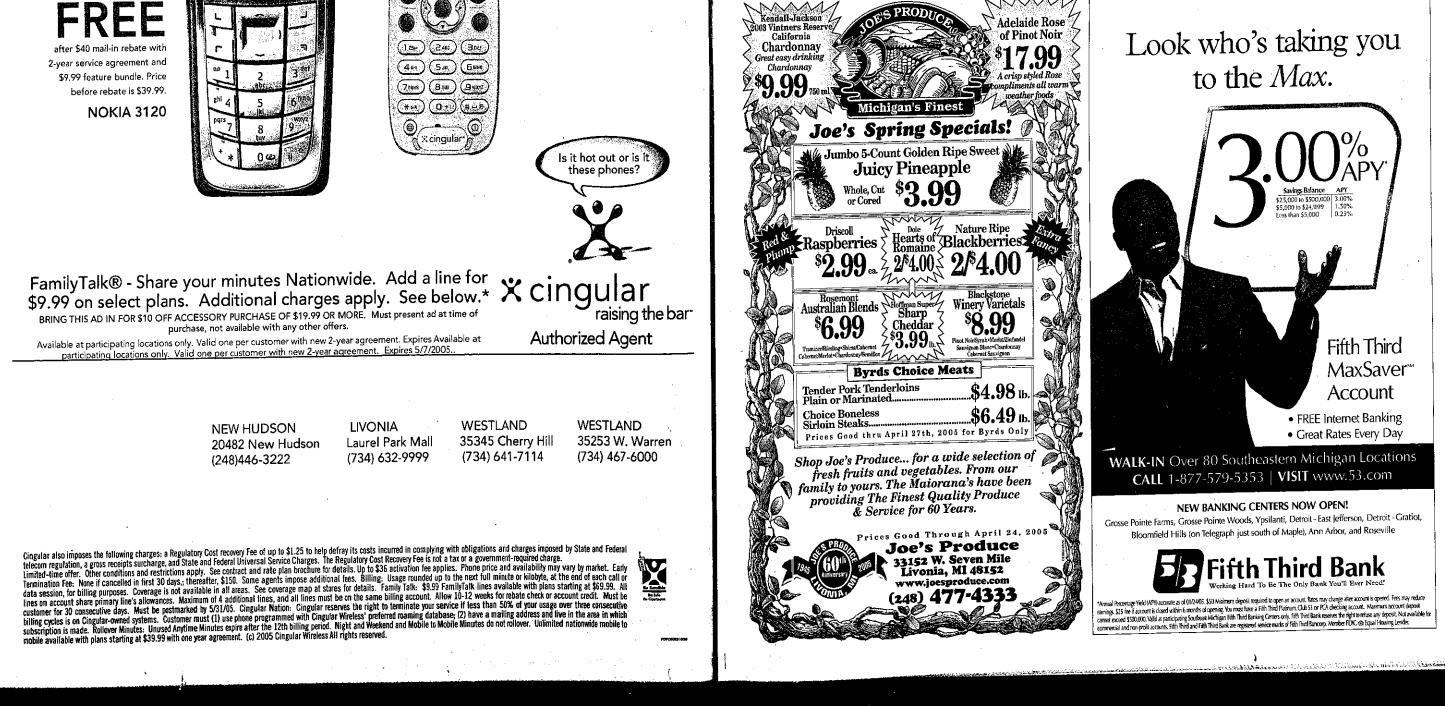


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Environment • Completion of Village Oaks Lake Dredging. (Second Quarter) • Implement Storm Water Management Master Plan. (Ongoing)

Growth Management and Continue to implement new Master Plan for Land Use. (Ongoing) Source: City of No





· Work with developer to ensure Singh Trail is complete





hay soon get an exterior update. Pending approval from the city's largede crossillant, prefiminary plants were approved 7-10 or the 13,200 square fors building near Seck Road and Granu River Avenue. Waynu Wrobel was For more information, contact the Novi Parks: Foundation at (888) 288-1199, e-mail Nort Parks Poundation member Dave Shauh at noviparks@davidstanth.cum or mail.correspondence to the Novi Parks: Foundation, 23715 Nilan Drivo, Novi, MI 48375.

Providence wins sidewalk waiver

Walver Providence Hospital was award-ed a waiter for a variance requiring safety paths along the internal col-lector street frontage for the Novi she at the April 8 city council meeting. Site planners have proposed an internal pedestrians circulation plan internal pedestrians circulation plan impaced.



The public is invited to watch history in the making starting the morning of April 22, when workers

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Monthly meeting Franklin Road Christian student Grace Deighton gets a fresh daub of paint from Fox Run resident Jytte Winn for her birdhouse. On April 8, several seniors from the retirement community helped 19 fourth graders decorate the houses, which will be displayed community-wide. The seniors and students meet once each month.

Staudt announces council candicacy College in Sheboygan, Wise,

By Pam Fleming

with a degree in husiness adminis-tration and earned a master's degree in management from the University of Wisconsin-Novi resident Dave Staudt, vice chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission and a founder of the new Novi Parks Milwaukee Foundation, will run for city council in November. Standt announced his candidacy April 15 With more than 20 years of

organizations, he says he is

ready to seek his first elec-

"As a Novi

Council

a good city leader.

several nonprofit organizations, including the Marine Environmental Education

Foundation, the Woodward

Avenue Action Association, the Woodward Heritage Team and the Clinton River Watershed Council.

He is a founding member o

Project RECOVER, an organization conceived by District Court Judge Brián MacKenzie commit-

ted to providing restitution to vio

tims of nonviolent crime. He also

serves on the Ferndale Downtown

Development Authority and the Economic Development Committee of the Business Roundtable of Oakland County.

If elected, Standt said he would

by e-mail

look forward to helping select a new city manager. "The next

tive office.

executive management experience nd a background in environmen tal, civic and charitable



vlember, will D. Staudt every day to improve city services, including police, fire, roads, sewer, water, technology, parks, recreation, th arts and senior services," he said. Staudt said he admires the work in recent years by former Mayo Richard Clark and Mayor Lou Csordas and supports David Landry's bid for mayor. Staudt has received an endorse-

ment from City Council Member and retired Novi Police officer Bob Gatt He said he is running for city

council because he has worked on a volunteer basis in city govern-ment and wants to be a part of what city leaders do.

new city manager. "The nex council has an opportunity to realwhat city leaders do. "You can only do so much as a volunteer. At some point, you have to step up and become an elected official if you really feel Iv set the path for the city of Novi for the next 10 to 15 years," he Staudt and his wife, Jean, hav like you have something to say that you can contribute to your community." Staudt said. two daughters - Rachel, 11, and Amber Rose, 9, and are members Anner Rose, y, and are memoers of Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. In his spare time, Staudt enjoys softball, golf, fishing and football games. For more information, visit www.staudtforcouncil.org. Staudt works as vice president and chief technology officer of Allied Printing Company in Ferndale. He assumed this role in August 2000 after serving in vari-

ous sales and operations positions since joining the firm in 1997. Staudt oversees the company's operations, facilities and informa-Pam Fleming is a staff write for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. tion technology. A native of Manitowoc, Wise., 105,

105, or by e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. and 12-year resident of Novi, Staudt graduated from Lakeland HOME DEPROVEMENT BONE DEPROVEMENT BONE DEPROVEMENT

CLUTTERED GARAGE? ... CLOSETS OUT OF CONTROL?

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Be car care aware Businesses to offer free inspections

By Pam Fleming

At a Novi auto shop, a motorist who came in to have the car's exhaust system checked out was advised that the car might need a tune-up. , After performing an engine

check, the mechanic told the cusomer that the spark plugs were so worn that the car was only operating on one piston out of Another Novi motorist shared

the fact that the engine blew and she had to acquire a different car when she neglected to check the And you wonder why we need a National Car Care Month. In observance of April as Car Care Month, Novi Auto Parts, Dan's Auto Repair & Tommy's Tire are joining forces to height-en public awareness of routine vehicle maintenance. Novi Auto Parts, 43131 Grand

River Ave., will offer free car care maintenance check lanes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. Certified child safety seat tech-nicians will be on hand to inspect motorists' child safety seats for

"My skills as a business person, my skills that I've developed in proper installation and usage. The Novi Police and Fire depart-ments will also have emergency over 20 years in management are appropriate right now for the eity," he said. vehicles on display at the event. "Geffrey," the Toys R Us giraffe mascot, will entertain children at the event. The store "I believe that drive, ambition knowledge and experience need

to be tempered with compassion. integrity and empathy. To be an effective leader in communities or business, life's lessons teach you will also provide discounts on safety seats sold that day. Last year in the United States, \$62 million dollars worth of needed car repairs were not perthe balance of those qualities. feel like I in in the right place in my life to do this and take advan-tage of the qualities that make for formed, according to staff from the Car Care Council, headquartered in Chicago. Mechanical defects or worn Standt serves on the boards of

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Parts special projects coordinator. "People don't think there's a equipment were also an aggravating factor in an estimated 12.6 percent of vehicle accidents across the country, the council reports. In 2001, a study of problem until the check engine light comes on," Kuzminski said. "And the longer the light hurns, the more potential repair dollars that as many as 5,200 deaths were attributed as least partially to defects and/or worn vehicle equipment, the council staff

helping to perform basic checkups on cars on

Many child deaths and injuries are needlessly caused each year by improper use of lack of a child maintain the

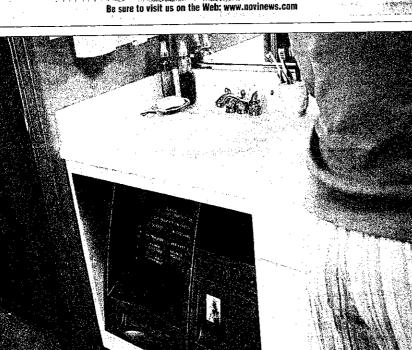
y seat, they added.

Lack of vehicle maintenance

is, in fact, the number one prob-lem with American motorists,

said Ray Kuzminski, Novi Auto

safet





Check to make sure all lights are in operable condi-Check of all belts and hoses Check of all fluid levels Tire pressure check Tire tread depth Visual inspection of overall vehicle lternized report on your vehicle

Photo by JOHN HEIDER ket manufacturers are also jump ing on board to increase the visi-bility of the vehicle inspectior Baron LeBlanc, Gary Lee and Kevin Ryan will all be program. Four inspection sites are scheduled in the state this Saturday, April 23 as part of their "National Car Care

Month" activities. They are from Dan's Auto Repair, month, Kuzminski added. Kuzminski compared taking Novi Auto Parts, and Tommy's Firestone, respectively. your car in on a regular basis to a ing do because of a variety of sitlocal mechanic to going to the dentist, meaning motorists need to have regular checkups. "The idea is for local auto "But, fortunately, if people really maintain their car, it's not shops to develop relationships with area motorists. This is a door opener for us. We want peouncommon to get 150,000 to 175,000 miles on a car with no problem," he added. "If they realize the dollar value contributed to ple to think of these businesses routine maintenance versus the increased cost for a car loan and when they need car parts or

repairs," Kuzminski said. For more information about National Car Care Month, visit insurance, license plate and sales tax, financially you're better off to maintain than buy new." Kuzminski said Car Care www.carcare.org Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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POLICE REPORT

Men elude police; one arrested for assault A 33-year-old Lincoln Park man and a 24-year-old driving Southgate man were arrested for nonaggravated assault and other offenses at 1 p.m. April 16 at 1-96 and Novi Road. The incident involved fleeing-and-eluding, a hit-and-run, reck-less driving and other more Bonds were set at \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively, and the men were lodged in the Oakland minor charges. An officer was patrolling Novi Road southbound when he County Jail Another car theft reported saw two men on motorcycles A 28-year-old Novi woman doing "wheelies" while travel orthbound on Novi Road. reported a theft from her ng northbound same the The officer pursued the inlocked vehicle that occurred between 1:30 p.m. April 15 and 10:30 a.m. April 16 on Bethany near Brenda and Borderhill motorcyclists who were riding on black Ninja-style motorcy The men tried to clude police streets.

Missing from the woman's 2004 silver Mercedes sport utilbut an officer eventually found one of the men stopped against the wall of the Newton ity vehicle were a brown purse Furniture building at which time he grabbed the driver and told with \$400 cash, identification and credit cards. Cigarette ashes were found him to get off the bike. As the man sped away, the bike hit the officer's left knce. inside the vehicle where the items were gone through; the woman doesn't smoke. There One of the men was found woman doesn't shoke. There we no signs of forced entry. One area of concern was that inside the Red Lobster Restaurant and was arrested The other suspect was appre hended and arrested by an the vehicle was taken to a Mercedes dealership the day before for repair, but the woma Oakland County Sheriff's

deputy near Milford Road and 1-96. One of the suspects said he was in Novi to be fitted for a day. The vehicle is equipped with a Global Positioning where the vehicle cat System where the vehic be unlocked via comput tuxedo and that it was dumb to run from police.

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German heimet stolen at A 62-year-old St. Michael, Md., man reported that a circa 1940 German Army SS helmet was stolen between 9 a.m. Apri

\$3,000.

17 and 3 p.m. April 18 at the Novi Expo Center. The man told police that phone valued at \$120, a someone stole the helmet on his display table at the Novi Expo Center. He remembered that another vendor at the Michigar Antique Gun Show had been looking at the helmet the day before. He believes that this man had something to do with There was no damage to the car. the theft, but that he could not be sure. He said that the man does not have a good reputation among other vendors of these

the Game Cube system, valued at \$100. Total value of the items was \$1,500.

The woman did not know

who gained entry into her

Expo

types of shows. You've just The helmet was valued a found a way to protect your money Items stolen from car from inflation for Several items were stolen from a 47-year-old Novi woman's unlocked car between 6:30 p.m. April 16 and 8 a.m. April 17 off Cheyenne Road. Items stolen from the 2005 the next 30 years. (Almost qualifies you as Mercury Montego included a cream Massani leather purse a visionary.) valued at \$200, a tan Liz

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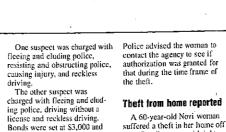
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Vero Roadbetween midnight April 14 and midnight April 15. The woman said she noticed her daughter's Game Cube was missing on the morning of Apri 16. She told police that she say the Game Cube in its usual place several days before when she was doing an inventory afte another theft When she discovered the missing Game Cube, she checked her jewelry store and found several items missing,

including a gold rope necklace valued at \$200, a gold rope necklace with Egyptian car-touche valued at \$400, a gold puzzle ring valued at \$800, and

was told to bring it back anothe



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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issuit Tower Automotive which Pappas, Korbut move up filed Chapter H Bankruptcy in February, announced April 15 that Novi's Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. announced two it spon will close three facilities ad autershow a fourth appointments April 7. Senior project manager and designer Theo Pappas was promot-ed to principal. With 25 years expe-rience, the Brighton resident joined Town such the changes, part of its restructoring plan, will impact 800 employees Thus infine to be complete by June 30 buildings to close are in Belvatop Md., Bowling Green, Ky, and Cievdon, Ind. Headcount will the office in 1999 and belongs to ms organizations. Also, Kristi Korbut was hired as the company's Michigan marketing berode educational ocale in Granite manager and will tend to strategic

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Through Sunday, about 300 titles are priced \$4,99-9,99, with all classical music compact discs and DVDs 10 percent off retail. Borders is located in the Novi Town Center at 43075 Crescent Blvd. Emagine expanding After opening a Canton movie theater last year, Novi's Emagine Entertainment, Inc. now plans a 14screen megaplex for Holly



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region. To be headquartered in Hong Kong, the new group will be led by president Morgan Parker, a former vice president of Morgan Stanley. Future opportunities include a recently announced New Songdo Churzwice in Inchem South In Wixom, Rockwell Medical Rechnologies, Inc. announced April 3 that it secored \$6.5 million in City project in Incheon, South business with a new customer. With \$600,000 of the order fille this year, the company expects the rest to be complete by June. Taubman is based in Bloomfield Bills

RE/MAX 100, which includes a BrassCraft promotes Koehn Novi locale, recently received two awards from RE/MAX's regional Novi's BrassCraft annual awards banquet. The "100" network was cited for Manufacturing Company nounced this month that it prooted Gregg Koehn to manufacturtop multi-office awards for total ing engineering director. Previously a manager of that sales volume and commissions. Also, Crystal Halley was honored s top broker/owner of the year. Novi's RE/MAX 100 is located division. Koehn now will oversee equipment purchasing and tooling specifications, implement "best at 39500 Orchard Hill Place, Ste. tractices" and assist plants with provement plans, among other With BrassCraft since 1988, To highlight Classical Music Keehn has held a variety of posi-Month, Borders Books and Music stores, including one in Novi, will

A manufacturer of water supplies and plumbing products, BrassCraft is located at 39600 Orchard Hill Place.

Veri-Tek gets \$2 million order Wixom's Veri-Tek International, Corp., said April 11 that it received

a \$2 million order for its automotive drive shaft assembly cell. Placed by Korean automotive supplier Hyolim Industrial Co. Ltd., the items are expected to ship in December. The company said this is its second order from a Korean supplier in nine months

Based at 50120 Pontiac Trail, Ven-Tek said it expects to soon

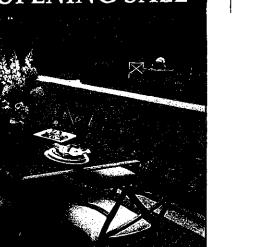


A manufacturer of products to Automation Alley Export Center help kidney dialysis patients, Rockwell's newest facility, located will access to events featuring Chinese trade delegations, compa industry officials and political in the southeast region, began oper and educational representation ating in March. Rockwell is located at 30142 Automation Alley is located in Troy South Wixom Road Blue Cross to nix numbers 'Alley' reaches out Social security numbers will be Automation Alley, southeast Michigan's technology business network, recently took strides to climinated from more than 4 million identification cards for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and support both the region. With the Detroit Regional. Blue Care Network, the groups Focus: HOPE and others, the Alley announced. In order to comply with new April 4 signed a joint agreement laws aimed at reducing identity theft, new cards with randomly emphasizing the regional importance of Warren's Detroit Arsenal Home to the Tank-Automotive assigned contact numbers are expected to be in place by year's Research Development and Engineering Center and U.S. Army huk-Antomotive and Armoments Command, the facility is under review for closure by the U.S. Department of Defense. The consortium also announced

Members will be encouraged to destroy old cards once new ones are received, the groups said, with about 400,000 new cards being sent out monthly. For details, visit a partnership agreement with the Detroit Chinese Business www.bcbsm.com Compiled by Kim Kovelle Association, Now, members of th







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"You try to find something that

you can incorporate into your life," Walsh said. "I want to sell

these signs to everyone. I love

making these signs.

Susan Walsh Yard Art owner

"I learned from my father what the entrepreneurial sprit is all about: perseverance and passion."

Yard Art creating signs for the times

Novi business YARD ART helps capture

and display yard signs, wall hangers, canvas signs and more to kids' big events commerciorate children's special activities and occa-By Kim Kovelle sions STAFF WRITER

Costs*: yard art: \$39.95; wall art: \$28.95 Three years ago, Susan Walsh towed plywood, a tennis racquet, stencils and paint to the family's Who: founder Susan Walsh, a Northville resident, with help from several family Northville garage. Her goal: create 15 personal-ized yard signs for her daughter's members and friends Where: 22797 Heslip Drive; north of Nine Mile Road and "I was surprised in the follow east of Novi Road

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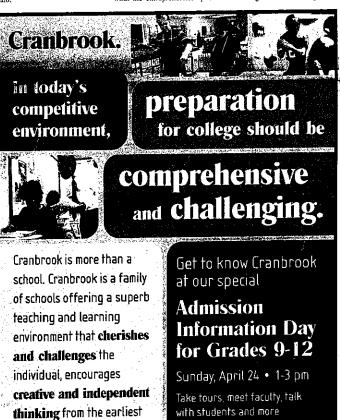
ing days how much the girls liked the signs and how much the par-ents liked them," Walsh said. "I Contact: www.yardartsigns. com, (248) 735-1983 just sensed a positive feeling." Today, Walsh's Novi busing *Note: cost for one item: liscounts with larger orders. Yard Art, creates colorful law

and wall signs, customized with Loan in hand, the former finannames, school colors and more. Created in a 2,400-square foot plant, signs honor events from basketball to ballet to birthdays, cier picked out design software, digital printer, computerized wood cutting machine and sturdy Walsh said - and, if constantly ground stakes. By chance, Watsh also found

outdoors, last up to two years. The two-year-old company graphic artist AnnaMaria Sala, a friend of her brother. getting attention from parenting "She was so excited about it," and cheer leading magazines to Ladies who Launch, a national Sala said, "I thought, 'Why not? networking and resource group that featured Walsh last month. She's just incredible to work for. She and I think exactly alike." Soon, the duo had more than 30 But the mother of four said the highest praise is kids' excitement. "It's all about the signs for the times in your life," she said. designs, from canvas art and signboards to baby announce as and smaller "tot art." "It's a great learning experi-

ence," Walsh said, "I love to come Entrepreneurial sprit work everyday.' Handling finances at her par-Walsh's first batch sparked six ents' Detroit tool and die business months of research. Her plate was full, she said, but her kids were for years offered early lessons.

older and her husband supportive. "After I decided not to do it, the "My mother was extremely kind and compassionate," she said, "I learned from my father feeling wouldn't go away," she what the entrepreneurial sprit is





Yard Art owner Susan Walsh stands in her Novi showroom displaying a number of examples of her company's signs that they produce for lawns and other locations. Walsh does a lot of business with parents of local high ol students

all about: perseverance and pas- child and to see their face and how happy they are," she said. "It just comes through." sion. "To be in something creative is like a breath of fresh air 10 times

over, ft is invigorating." Her two younger sisters soon caught the bug. Patrice Ambrose sells Yard Art near her Ohio home ---- and buys for her three children. "The best part about this is when I get to deliver a sign to a

Other partnerships also are in the works, Walsh said, and team Future signs Shipping to nearly 25 states, Walsh said there's plenty in store for Yard Art's future. discounts and by-request custom designs will remain staples

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or via e-mail at From her Ladies who Launch feature, she's heard from womer also aiming to start on their own. Promotional tie-ins are one venue. Until June 30, for elle@ht.home

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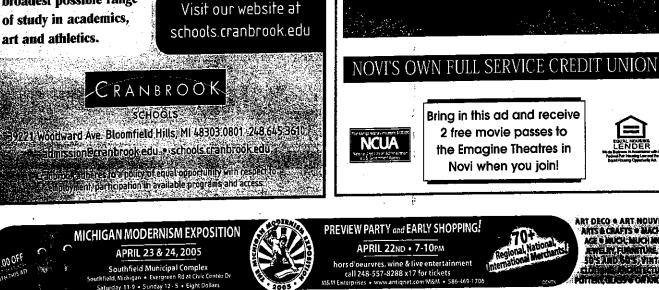
apple designs will benefit the non-profit TeachersCount organi-













EDUCATION Communicating through art

Autistic student's talent lets her shine

By Ramez Khuri

For Wendy Martin, it took a while, but she finally figured out a way to get through to young Beeky Hulverson, one of her fourth grade students at Village Oaks Elementary School. Martin, a special education

teacher, has been teaching Hulverson, an autistic child, even since kindergarten. At first, she described her as an angry child who didn't communicate, would tantrum, and was a miserable little

But in the five years that the two have known each other, all of that has changed. Hulverson is autistic people must do things to calm themselves down. Autistic kids do different things, but throug ow, in Martin's words, a "bright, funny, lively, enthusiastic, won-derful child." Why the change' art, was always the way to get be daughter to focus. If she was upset about something, or if things were too chaotic in her life, she would Because Martin found the secret to getting through to her student: Her artwork. "Beeky has really blossomed."

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Martin said. "I think a lot of the strategies that we've used over the years have helped bring her out of her shell."

It was Hulverson who sparked Martin's interest in autism and made her pursue an autistic impaired endorsement. She already had a mentally impaired endorsement, but now, she is Novi's only teacher with an autis-

e impaired one. Starting early on, Hulverson used art as a way to communicate When she was in kindergarten and first grade, Martin couldu't get her to sit down for one-on-one-work and she couldn't get anything out of her until she started to use drawing one day to get through. The idea worked. "I wanted her to have an inter-est and interact with me," Martin

said, "It really blossomed from there. I have stacks of Becky drawings and her parents have more stacks. I knew she would draw on her own and so I thought Ebetter use what she likes or En not going to be able to get into her

Martin uses a method of visual flags hanging in the cafeteria. scheduling in her classtoom. One Becky recognizes each flag and



Novi Village Oaks teacher Wendy Martin plays card game "go fish" with student Becky Hulverson, who has been recognized for her artistic abilities.

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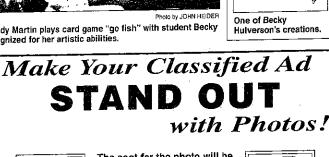
can name the countries they reprostart to draw and would calm down. "She goes through reams of paper," Effen Hulverson said, "I'm not talking about a little bit of drawing here. And when she sent, due to her love of flags. "I think it will be a good transition for her," Ellen said. "It's going to be hard, there's no ques-tion about that, hecause she's draws it's kind of like a cartoon artist. She's very quick. She has the whole thing in her head and been at Village Oaks since she was three years old, but (Meadows Principal) Dr. Tim then she puts it down on paper. Falls was just amazed that she knows all the flags. That made me Ellen believes that her daughter's talent could eventually lead to employment later on in life because even in her young age. real comfortable. Martin has mixed feelings about the end of the current she can already draw on a com "She can work a mouse just like she can work a mouse just like she can work a pencil," Ellen said. "She just uses Microsoft paint. school year. "I'm going to be sad and ery

when she goes on to Meadows because she's been such a big part of my teaching career at Novi," she doesn't even need anything fancy and she can create some very cool things on the computer. I made my Christmas cards out of she said. "But it's good for to have a new teacher and it's time for her to go on to bigger and better things. I really anticipate a something she had done." Until she is fally grown, how-ever, fille Becky Hulverson must make her way through school, starting at Novi Meadows next smooth transition." For more information on VSA

or to find out where to view Becky's or someone else's work, starting at 1001 bicdows into school year. Having gone to the school many times already to pick up her older sister. Beeky is quite familiar with the building. One aspect of Meadows that visit www.vsami.org/tourschedule.htm. Rome- Khuei is a staff writer

for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. has caught her eye are all the flags hanging in the cafeteria. 110 or by e-mail rkhuri@ht.homecomm.nct.

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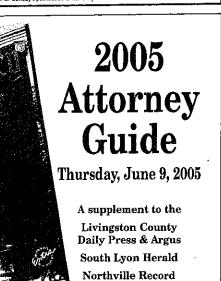


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Helping a miracle

Novi Woods third grader volunteers as a "buddy" in Miracle Baseball League

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

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autism, from early childhood to adult, it also has a packet of

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Helping people out is nothing new for Rachel Hanson, a third grade student at Novi Woods Elementary School. That's why it's no surprise to her parents that she has taken it upon herself to be a "buddy" at the Miraele Baseball League in Southfield. During spring and summer, the ping of a bat, and kids laughing and running can be heard at every baseball and softball field in the area. But the Miracle League is a bit out of the ordinary because all the athletes are either physically or mentally challenged. Each needs a buddy to help them hit and field a hall and run around the bases. That's where Hanson comes into the picture. "Rachel started out being a buddy for her brother." Michael Hanson said, her mother, ere were some other kids who didn't have buddles and there was

this little girl named Hope, who is in a wheel chair. They just hit it off and she started buddying her. They play games twice a week during the on and Rachel is always there. Rachel and her brother Zachary are twins. He attends Village Oaks Elementary School in the special education program. When Michael Lyn and her husband, Dennis, received word about the Miracle League through a flyer. they both thought it was a good idea to sign their son up. Little did they know that their daughter

would want to be involved as well, "It's exciting to see Rachel want to help other kids," Dennis Hanson said. "She always wants

Novi Woods student Rachel Hanson (standing) is Hope Sovran's buddy at the Miracle Baseball League in to help us with anything she can. Southfield. Sovran has spina bifida

Courtesy photo

That's just the way she is." A whole season has passed so far and Rachel has been doing involved in the project when he be named "Wal-Mart Field," so hypened in hie project when he be handed war-waar rich, so happened to see a video that Bryant Gumbel and HBO did about a Miracle League in Atlanta. The field is located hear I-696 and Evergreen Road at the the did Mirache League in the best and the source of the sour such a good job at being a buddy that Wal-Mart, a major sponsor of the league, has taken notice. The company has decided to put her picture up on billboards throughstores very soon. in this project," Peck said. "I went Southfield Municipal Complex. out and found the funding, the " "For information of registration "lt'stentething thind "Rachel Hanson said. "The kids need bud-dies and I enjoy being one. (The city of Southfield gave us the land and we built it there. The field is

kids) have never played baseball all synthetic rubber, which is what makes it so special. The children with disabilities, whether they be before and buddles teach them how to play. I help them bat, I in a walker or chair, can get take them to bases and it makes me happy to be on billboards." around easily on it. Stephen Peck is president/exec-

Peck said that there is even a 110 or by e-mail utive director of the Miracle League of Michigan. He first got level of protection over all con-crete at the field, which is soon to rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.



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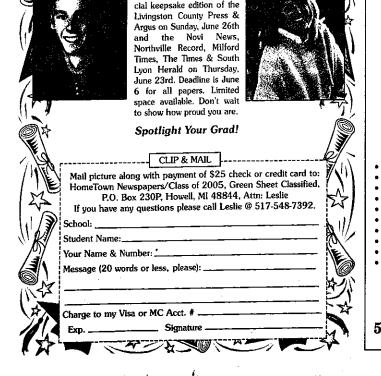


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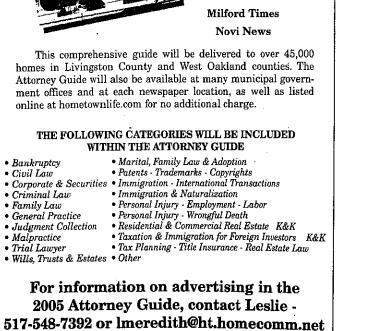
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District developing new English Language Learner program

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Charge is fifth district's director of K-12 curriculum and assessment, there are a few steps that have to be taken. The first get are a few steps that have to be taken. taken. The first step includes enrolling students, who do not know the English language, into district's Long Range Plan a community education courses with their parents, which will not require that By Ramez Khuri

With Novi's population increasing at a dramatic rate each year, the demographics of the Novi Community School District is changing right along as not Alexand . as well. And with that change, teachers, and administrators alike

must adjust to growing needs of students who hail from all around the world. According to Nancy Davis, assistant superintendent of instructional services, in 1995,

by a slowly increasing need for

support to assist our foreign-born students with the basics of

the English language and our

school culture as they enter our school cuture as they enter our school s." The fifth critical issue in the school district's long range plan deals with "English language learners." It states that the dis-

trict is lacking a clearly defined and fully implemented ELL pro-gram. The issue's goal statement

is to develop and implement one,

is to develop and implement one, to insure that all ELL students will be successful. As the district plans for the next five years, it has become clear that the focus on the aca-demic success of these foreign-born students will have an import on the district's ability to

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maintain a high level of student academic achievement as it strives to meet the mandates of

the Michigan government's No Child Left Behind mandate and

the federal government's Adequate Yearly Progress man-

According to Jane Hesse, the

white majority students made up almost 92 percent of the disritet's total population. The other eight percent of students were primarily Japanese born. 10 years later, however, the white ean

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high school. Once a particular student learns basic English words, he or she can start taking certain class-es, which would be step two. "Parents and students usually want to get into classes so they hear more language when

najority is now down to 75 percent. "That means that in 10 years, we have gone from one out of 10

audents to one out of four coming to us as from a non-white ethnic background," Davis said. "This has been marked as well,

Questions that must be answered as the district develops its English Language Learner program are: "How do we grade these children when they're just beginning to learn English, and do we have some kind of system to modify their instruction, but become use mersure them?" any student. "Understanding the differhigh to modify their instruction, but also how we measure them?" "There is absolutely no point in them receiving poor grades, just because they can't speak English," Hesse said. "If you think of any student who is strug-gling for any reason, the point is that we want to be sure that the reveaus continues to learn and ences among cultures, and embracing their contributions to our educational environment will enrich our schools further," Davis said. "We live in a global culture now, and by focusing on the ELL critical issue, we will more formally acknowledge the benefits that these students bring student continues to learn and continues to be motivated to to our doors." learn." Last year, Novi applied for Ramez Khuri is a staff writer

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money to begin to address the needs of its ELL students through the incorporation of

materials and learning support i

its elementary schools and through the process of identifica-tion and intake through commu-nity education. The district is

also developing additional plans to focus resources on this area,

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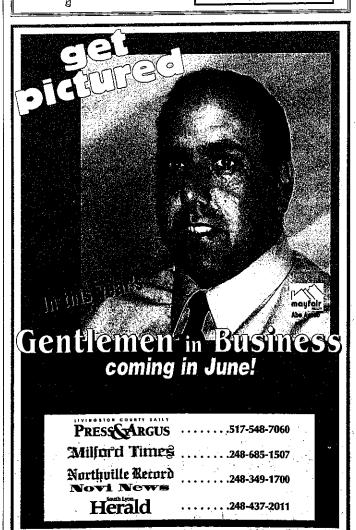


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Students, staff build futures with Habitat for Humanity

By Courtney Ratkowiak SPECIAL WRITER To the casual observer driving on a small street off Woodward on a sunny Saturday in April, the con-struction of a house in a cozy Pontiac neighborhood would not have warranted a second plance Had the observer looked closer, powever, he would have noticed that the people who were carrying heavy wall frames, clearing dead trees and glass from the yard, and applying vinyl siding to the house were not seasoned construction workers, but teenagers and teachers

hoping to make a difference in the lives of a single mother and her five children. On April 9, 28 students and eight Photo by BARBARA CLIFT adults from Novi High School worked together to build a house in partnership with the Oakland County division of Habitat for Novi High School senior Jessica Kim (left) and sonhomore Michelle Humanity. This non-profit organi-zation sells houses at a reduced cost to low-income families with the help of donated labor and mate-Dwyer begin to hang siding on a Habitat for Humanity home in Pontiac. rials. To pay for materials, partici-pants collect pledges. The students from Novi High School raised over ent tasks, had the same outlook on the experience. Kocan helped to apply siding to the house, while \$5,000 for the cause. Novi High School became involved with Habitat for Humanity when an interested stu-dent informed Barbara Clift, the Rice helped clear the lot of debris and move boards out of the house's basement. "Time flew by quickly, and it high school volunteer coordinator, didn't even seem like a job," Kocan of the service opportunity. A pre-liminary informational meeting in January was attended by over 70 "I was very surprised at the turnout and the interest," Clift said, "(We were told that) it was the

said. "It was a joy to work on." Rice added, "We were all united in this one common goal. We didn't really know each other, but we were driven to do it well and get the job done. It was interesting to see strangers come together." Veteran participant Erin Worden, biggest response, most participants from any high school." Seniors Neil Kocan and Emily Rice, although undertaking differ-





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special section that is

cting and mortgages and spend 250 hours building houses. For Rice, working with the future homeowner was a rewarding experience, "She was amazed at Wind Ensemble will perform at 9:20 p.m. On April 29, the Novi Middle School seventh grade band will perform at 3:30 p.m. Performances take place in the how many of us showed up and she was extremely grateful...it struck a note deep inside of mc. It was the Fuerst Auditorium and admission is ee. Concessions are also available

SCHOOL BRIEFS

PLANS Novi Student Talent Show: Monday, April 25 at 7

Festival for both middle and high

Festival for both middle and high schools, Groups from area middle apd high schools will be perform-ing on Friday, April 22 from 2 — 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. On April 22, the Novi High School Symphony Band will perform at 6/20 nm and the

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tainly not he last. "We want to make this an annu-al spring project for Novi High School," Clift said. "My main goal

auending Western Michigan University, she read a Habitat for

Humanity advertisement in her

church newspaper and decided to participate, helping to build houses in Kentucky during Spring Break.

Describing the nature of the work, she said, "It's a good thing for people to get involved in, even if they've never done construction-type work, because there's always

something that everyone can do." Worden, along with a colleague, cleaned the yard by sorting and

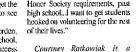
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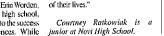
must go through a rigorous approval process. According to guidelines published by Habitat for Humanity, families must be

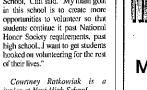
deemed able to repay a 20-year mortgage that is financed by a no-interest loan. Adults must partici-pate in classes to learn about budg-

bagging trash.

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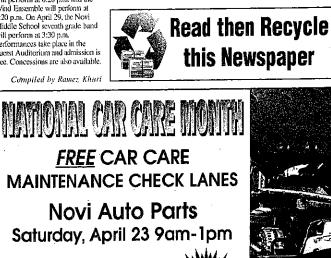


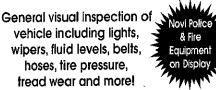


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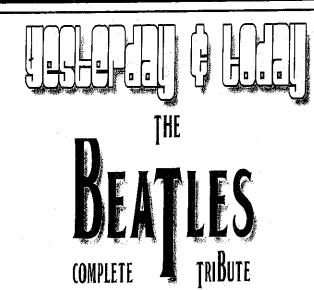
With the warm spring weather, the children in Darlene Grabowski's class were able to share their published stories outside in the school courtyard. Author, first Grader Molly McDonald, tells part of the story with her title (All About What Girls Like). Her friend, first Grader Madison Whittaker, clarifies the rest with the words on her shirt (Princess).





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Thursday, April 21, 2005-NOVI NEWS 17A

Calling all cancer survivors!

If you or someone you know has battled cancer, please join your community and walk in the Cancer Survivor's Victory Lap! Hundreds of cancer survivors from throughout Novi, Northville Commerce Township and Walled Lake will join thousands of community members to celebrate their cancer survivorship. Cancer survivors will kick off the Relay For Life by taking a celebratory lap around the track together. Dinner will also be provided for

Come and join us at one of the following events!!

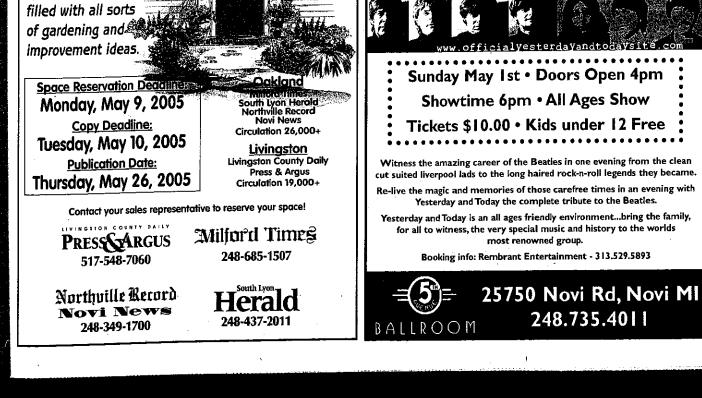
Novi - Northville Relay For Life Ford Field Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 15. 2005 10 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Walled Lake - Commerce Township **Relay For Life** Walled Lake Middle School Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5, 2005 10 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Call 248.557.5353 for more information.





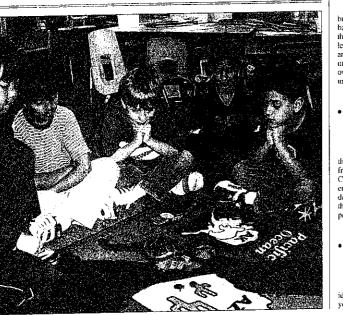




What time is it? Novi Woods students were treated to an assembly entitled "It's Book Time with Ronald McDonald last Tuesday, compliments of Claude and Teresa Murphy, who own the McDonald's on 10 Mile east of Haggerty. Pictured here is Ronald McDonald along with Jane Benkarski and her kindergarten class.

A teachable moment Lyn Fischer's first grade

class at Parkview Elementary School found two baby turtles and kept them for one week to learn about them. Peter Karr, another teacher at the school, brought his big pet **Red-Eared Slider turtles in** for the class to compare to with their baby Painted Turtles. When the week was up, the kids took their turtles to a nearby pond and let them go. Pictured here, Daichi Nakajima, Kouship Kondapi, Andrew Jamison, Briana DeOrnellas, Bernard Feliciano-Siemen watch the Sliders with the baby turtles in front of them on the yellow map of Arizona, (Just below the cactus).



• Pilates on the Ball Dates: Now – June 13 Time: 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Location: Village Oaks Gym Details: This new Pilates-	ing. Fusion fitness focuses on the strength and stamina of bot mind and body. Fee: \$79
based exercise series includes core (abdominals and lower back) training performed on a large exercise ball. Ball (\$25) and mat (\$25) will be available for purchase from Instructor at the first class. Fee: \$79	• Focus on Glutes & Abs Dates: Now – June 13 Time: 8:15 – 9 p.m. Location: Parkview Gym Details: Enjoy a 45-minute blast of energy, spirit and pow that will help you tone your an and buns while burning fat and
 Yoga for Weight Loss 	building strength. Much faster paced than most toning pro-
Dates: Now – June 13 Time: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Location: Village Oaks Gym Details: Foundations of	grams, it is an intense regimen designed to sculpt your abs an lower body. Fee: \$79
breathing, sun salutations, and basic postures are developed in this class. Yoga strengthens and lengthens your body, relaxes and unstresses the mind, pro- nucles better posture, improves overall health and supports nat- ural weight loss. Fee: \$79	• Resistance Training Dates: Now – June 13 Time: 7–8 p.m. Location: Deerfield Gym Details: Join us for a non- stop, challenging but fum, wor out which will tone the upper and lower body using rubber
• Yoga/Pilates Synergy Dates: Now – June 13 Time: 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	and lower lower have a more resistance equipment. Dynabands of different resist- ance will be provided. Fee: \$54
Location: Parkview Gym Details: This class combines the most effective movements from Yoga & Pilates (Core Conditioning) to give practition- ers more rapid & balanced development of their bodies than when either discipline is performed separately. Fee: \$79	• Tai Chi Dates: Now – June 7 Time: 7–8 p.m. Beginners 8–9 p.m. Advanced Location: Orchard Hills Gy Details: Tai Chi is one of th great Chinese gifts to mankfin sustained through the centurie It is a form of exercise and se
 Fusian Fitness RX Dates: Now – June 13 Time; 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Location: Parkview Gym Details: This new class is the ideal combination of Pilates, yoga and muscular condition- 	discovery which can be done l young and old or strong and weak, leading to both a health er and longer life. Fee: \$56 Phone: (248) 449-1206 J registration

ON CAMPUS

The following Novi residents, Julie Bilyk, Ashley Brodfuchrer, Matthew Marsoupian, and ephanie Soloko were among the December 2004 graduates at Western Michigan University during commencement exercises

Novi residents named to the fall 2004 semester honors list at Michigan State University, include: Nitasha Ahluwalia Meredith Anan, Kristi Arrington, Steven Barone, Jennifer Barry, Erica Baxter, Erin Benson, Jame Benton, Danielle Bigi, Brian Bilyk, Sarah Boyle, Lindsey nadwell, Sarah Buelow Andrew Camilleri, Laurer Carosio, Diane Cavicchiu

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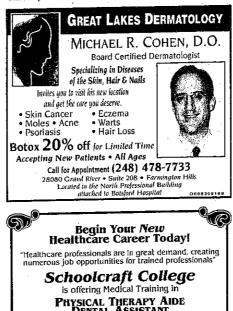
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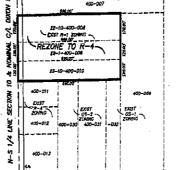
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ELECTION MAY 3, 2005 **NOVI COMMUNITY** SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan, notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, in the City of Novi from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

	Presented by	by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.	Botox 20% off for Limited Time	R-4 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL). The subject property is approxi-	PRECINCT LOCATION ADDRESS	To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., H.8E., City
	Michael S. Rowe, M.D., EA.C.P, C.C.R.I.	Dy Dollaid M. Wayne, D.D.O., M.O.	Accenting New Patients • All Ages	mately 6.54 acres.		of Novi, Gakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-23-151-003, -004, - 005, -006, -007, -008, and -011 more particularly described as follows:
i l	WAS THAT A MOUSE?	Orthodontic Specialist	Call for Appointment (248) 478-7733		1 Meadowbrook Congregational	Parcel 22-23-251-003, -004 & -005
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		A MORE ATTRACTIVE SMILE	Located in the North Professional Building	400-007	2 Meadowbrook Congregational	1 M. W. Wasser & Wasser Jawahamak Classo Sub. No. 2" on recorded in Liber 145
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		Stale Farm Agent Today \$50,000-\$99,999 2.75%APY*		Parcel 22-10-400-009 Registring at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of	Lisa-Ann Smith	That part of the East 297.60 feet of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23 lying South of Grand River Ave. Excepting
	Mercy Auditorium	For More Information. \$100,000+ 3.25%APY*	Join Us For	Parcel 22-10-400-009 Beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of Dixon Road), said point being N00*52/00*W, 780.00 feet from the South	TRUSTEES	therefrom beginning at a point distant S89°56'15'W, 669.86 feet along the
· · ·	Fe Farmington Hills	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT			SCHOOL CRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT - TRUSTEES AT LARGE:	Fast-West 1/4 line of Section 23 and the North line of "Meadowbrook
-		90 days 2.65%APY	The Grand Opening of		ALLANGE.	Glens Sub. No. 3" as recorded in Liber 145 of Plats Page 1, Oakland
i	\$18.00 Adult Tickets	180 days 3.05% APY	The oralla opening of	120.06 feet; thence West 696.00 feet to the test of te	VOTE FOR TWO - SIX YEAR TERM	County Records, and N00°19'55'E, 571.31 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence N70°30'35'W, 160.00 feet; thence N00°19'55'E
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	and the second se				Absentee Bailot may obtain a ballot in person until 4.00 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005. A ballot obtained on May 2, 2005 must be voted in the City	LOU CSORDAS, MAYOR
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CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary con-crete batch plant at 5022-16-161-006 and 007 (on Grand River Avenue batween Tatt and Beck Roads) from May 1, 2005 to September 1, 2006. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 an on Friday. April 29, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Crivic Center, 45:175 W, Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received ptor to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

GAIL U. BACKUS TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (248) 347-0410 (4-21-05 NN 206854)

CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pia Café is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow outdoor patio seating from April 29, 2005 through September 30, 2005. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:30 am on Friday, April 29, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Crivic Center, 45175 W. Ten Milte Road, Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. GAIL U, BACKU

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC NOTICE **GREENWAYS/PATHWAYS STUDY**

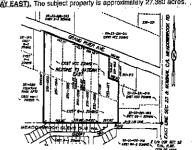
The City of Novi hereby announces a public input meeting will be hell Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center Counce

rsday, April 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., in the Novi Crivic Center Counc pers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The purpose of the public inpu g is to receive public comment on the City of Novi's existing an avs/Pathwavs system. All interested persons are eno. For further information, please call Darcy Schmitt, Planner (248) 347

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public heating on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 al 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.648 FOR POSSIBLE REC-OMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING PROPERTY IN SCTION 23. SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE BETWEEN NOVI ROAD AND MEADOWBROOK ROAD FROM NCC. (NON-CENTER NOVI ROAD AND MEADOWBROOK ROAD FROM NCC. (NON-CENTER VAY EAST), The subject property is approximately 27,380 acres.



he Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City

HEALTH

Illness doesn't slow down teen

Fund-raising campaign brings in about \$8,000

By Ramez Khuri

It's been about six months since Brian Jones last suffered a major vonnt attack. In that time, be, along with family and friends, have worked very hard to raise funds and awareness to help light his rare disease. Jones, a senior at Novi High

School, is suffering from Eosinophilic Esophagitis, a rare digestive disorder with no known

An organization was formed An organization was formed called "the Extreme Awareness," which hosted a bowl-a-thon last month to raise money for research in hope of finding a cure, and to raise awareness of the illness through C.U.R.E.D., a non-profit organization created solely for this nurves.

this purpose. About \$8,000 was raised with the event and by selling blue wrist bands at \$2 a piece, which read "Cured" and display a hand. "Our fund raising was phenom-enal, Jones said, "We had 18 howlers at the bowl-astion, which raised about \$2,000 alone and the

wrist bands were a huge hit at Novi High. Kids were requesting them and we sold out pretty quickly. All money raised is sent to Cincinnati Children's Hospital,

The group is working with the C.U.R.E.D. organization because it guaranteed that 100 percent of oney raised would go directly to that hospital. The fund-raiser was held at

Novi Bowl and was advertised throughout Nuvi High School starting in December Diane Busard, Jones' mother, said the plan was to have high school students do the bowling. That's exactly how it worked out, as many kids were adamont about helping their friend and class-

Busard said that outside her family, A.J. Glubzinski, one of Jones' classinates, has been one of the most assertive workers in the fund-raising effort by sending out letters and contacting friends and relatives on his own time. "This is something that is very

infortant for me to do, Glubzinski said, "Just being a friend of Brian. I wanted to help out and the receptiveness of teach-ers in the school has been great too. They really are helping us out by allowing us to come in and do presentations during class." Jones originally approached Glubzinski in October with news

of his illness. Not knowing much about it at the time, Glubzinski educated himself by listening to his friend and reading about the disease. At that point, he became one of the founding members of "Ee Extreme Awareness," As for Jones, he is feeling great

and couldn't be happier about it. He'll be playing tennis this spring and played indoor soccer all winter with friends.

Busard explained that though her son's illness is not in remission, it is under control through job correctly.

Photo by JOHN HEIDE Novi High School senior Brian Jones is suffering from Eosinophilic Esophagitis, a rare digestive disorder with no known cure. EOSINOPHILS Eosinophils are white blood cells that are not normally found in the esophagus. With he Nation the Fosinophilic Esophagitis disease, eosinophils grow rapidly because they sense a threat from a food or environmental allergen source. But in doing so, they cause inflammation and damage to the gastrointestinal system. Brian Jones' symptoms include chest pain, nausea and excessive vomiting. He has Photo by JOHN HEIDE missed a significant amount of Novi resident Brian Jones held an eosinophilic school and it has taken a team esophogitis fundraising bowl-a-thon and received communications from people around the nation about of doctors to help get this disease somewhat under his rare disease. control. Treatment involves

that the medications are doing their job correctly. Though the bowl-a-thon was a more an end of the booling of trying to identify and remove the root cause triggering the medication. Though the bown-amon was a success, it was only the beginning the Extreme Awareness at said. "He's still taking four medication but it's of more foul-raising activities to ElextremeNovi@aol.com. Donations can be sent to Diane to the sent eosinophils. This trial-and-error search varies from patient to patient, ranging from adius ne s'adiu having tota ne sent to Diane being managed by medication and diet change. He's doing great, but something called "Tennis Under the U.B. E. U.B. E. Make checks payable to the theory of the tennis coach is planning to the tennis tennis to the tennis tennis to the tennis tennis tennis to the tennis tenn eliminating specific foods

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2005-100 34, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, "SIGNS," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO NONCOMMERCIAL MESSAGE SIGNS (ELECTION AND POLITICAL SIGNS). The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective May 4, 2005. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council an Monday, April 4, 2005. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the officio CI the City Council an Monday, April 4, 2005. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the officio CI the City Council an Mine Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (4-21-05 NN 206861) CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clark's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. The test will be conducted at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at the Novi Civic Center, City Clark's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi New Medical Science (Science Science) (Science) (Science)

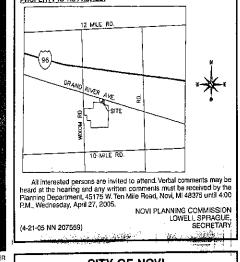
CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 05-100.34**

Novi, MI. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, con-tact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (4-21-05 NN 206860)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Milo consider CITIZENS BANK, SITE PLAN NUMBER 04:454A. FOR PRE-LIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUB-JECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 17. NEAR THE INTER-SECTION OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND WIXOM ROAD. IN THE PROMENADE B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS, DISTRICT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 1.64 ACRES.



CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ELECTION MAY 3. 2005 NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY

COLLEGE DISTRICT TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan, notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, in the City of Novi from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations: PRECINCT LOCATION ADDRESS 1 Meadowbrook Congregational 21355 Meadowbrook Road Church 2 Meadowbrook Congregational 21355 Meadowbrook Road Church 23333 Willowbrook Road 3 Village Oaks Elementary School 41671 Ten Mile Road 4 Novi United Methodist Church 41900 Quince 5 Orchard Hills Elementary School 24505 Meadowbrook Road 6 Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Road 7 Holy Family Catholic Church 8 Meadowbrook Elementary School 29200 Meadowbrook Road 9 Portsmouth Apartments Clubhouse 31170 Wellington Drive 10 Hickory Woods Elementary School 30655 Novi Road 1 Faith Community Presbyterian Church 44400 West Ten Mile Road 12 Novi Meadows School/ ITC Bldg. 25299 Talt Road 46325 West Ten Mile Road 13 St. James Catholic Church 45175 West Ten Mile Road 14 Novi Civic Center 45175 West Ten Mile Road 15 Novi Civic Center 16 Thornton Creek Elementary School 46180 West Nine Mile Road

SENIORS

Good times, hard work mark Payton's life

Turning 90. Novi resident has farm roots

By Kim Kovelle TAFE WRITER Beets, cotton and "potaters": Growing up in Kentucky moun-tains, Zenia Payton farmed them all. "We just didn' have to go to the store to buy nothin'," site said. "I worked 11 hours a day. We just had cond times". eood times." Quick to turn tales in southern drawl, the Novi resident turns 90

Kim Kovelle

tomorrow. In blue sweat suit and pearl necklace, Payton sat outside the tiny summer cabin that's been home since 1958. Over the years, it's housed up to 16 kinfolk. "We just had to work with any-thing and do everything you could to make a living," she said. "We shared everything, honcy." In early days near the "Lickin' River," Payton and her siblings

tromped the woods and dug up gin-seng and lady slipper roots for homemade medicines. Strokehouses and a big apple farm were tended, too. It was a 14-mile walk to the near-est post office, she recalled, and

stone avalanches often buried roads. "We'd have to dig our roads out,"

Payton said, "but we made it. We had bushels of fun." When she, husband Gratis and kids moved to Michigan in 1940, claimed the family's horne. "Never got a thing out of it," Payton said, "Nothing but my chil-dren. Thank God I got them all out." With family help, they rebuilt, with family help, they rebuilt. hard work followed After raising sugar beets in Bad Axe, Gratis found butcher work in Walled Lake. Eleven children in tow, the Paytons moved again. Warm guilts were stitched from When the "old man" wasn't work

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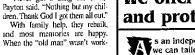
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Zenla Payton talks about some of her 90 years of life outside her north Novi home. Payton has lived near Valled Lake since 1942.

feed sacks. Beans and potatoes were ing, Sundays were spent at the cooked by the pound. Walled Lake amusement park. cooked by the pound. Then, one wintry Monday, fire claimed the family's home.





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Niece Brenda Brewer, who now helps "Aunt Zany," recalls large family gatherings in Novi back-

"I was sicker than a dog," Payton laughed. "I still had to have that tooth pulled out. I never cared for

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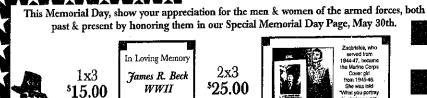
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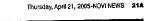


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9am	Stretch and Strength
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12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge (cancelled)
Monday 4/18	
9 a.m	Stretch and Strength
10 a.m.	Body Recall
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"She has the greatest stories," Payton said, "I loved to sit down and 6:30 p.m. "Veterans, Presidents and Heroes" TripClogging Once, Payton taught sister Viola to put squirming worms on fishing hooks. ' ''I said, 'Oh, girl, you're gonna

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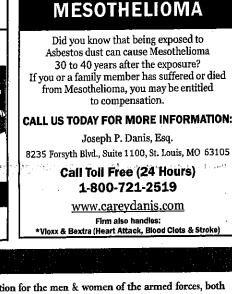
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9 a.m	watch me put it on one time," she
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10 a.m.	said. "I tell you, sister, she learned."
10 a.m. Asian Pacific	Another time, she had a
10-11:30 a.m.	toothache. Pipe in hand, her grand-
noonLunch	ma told her to take a puff and hold
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12:30 p.mBingo	the smoke on the tooth.
1-2:30 p.m	"I was sicker than a dog," Payton
1-2.50 parts in the state of the state	
"Just For You" and "Cincinnati Flower Show" Trip	laughed. "I still had to have that

Wednesday 4/20 10 a.m. Body Recall 10-11:30 a.m. Computer Class: "Greeting Cards" Blood pressure

Thursday 4/21

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being managed by nedication and diet charge. He's doing great, but is he free and clear of this dis- ease? No. He could have another episoide any time." Jones is allergie to many aspects of the outside environment, so if he gets throngh October without hav- ing another episode, he'll know	Behaviors Removes the construction of th	16 Thornton Creek Elementary School 46180 West Nine Mile Road 17 Novi Civic Center 45175 West Ten Mile Road FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING LOCAL CANDIDATES THAT MAY BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION: VOTE FOR ONE-FOUR YEAR TERM Judith A. Handley
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OPINION

Novi News

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

WHERE WE STAND

Twelve Oaks: Expansion is good news

There's a saying that our mayor is fond of, and it's fast becoming a local motto: If you can't find it in Novi, you don't need it.

The retail capital of Michigan is about to get a new feather in its cap as Taubman Centers unveiled expansion plans to begin next year for its Twelve Oaks Mall

A 165,000 square-foot Nordstrom store - only the second one in the state; expansion of Marshall Field's by 60,000 square feet; and a 90,000 squarefoot expansion that will bring in 30 new retailers. Still recovering from a recession?

The lowest unemployment in the country? Job losses?

All true, but retail is slowing replacing the auto industry as the bread-and-butter for this region. On the mall's southeast side, Nordstrom will serve as the fifth anchor (along with JCPenney, Sears, Lord & Taylor and Marshall Field's) for Twelve

Oaks With the other Nordstrom located in Troy at the Somerset Mall, this might draw those customers in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills from the east while pulling in shoppers to the west in Livingston County

With Fountain Walk across the street and Novi Town Center to the south, the I-96 and Novi Road intersection is a shopper's paradise. And with improvements to the Grand River Avenue and Novi Road intersection coupled with the 12 Mile Road upgrades, traffic should not be a major problem. This summer, the westbound exit ramp from I-96 to Novi Road will be revamped with the eastbound ramp to follow. A headache, yes, but much needed. Built in 1977, the entire project will boost Twelve Oak's total square footage from 1.2 million to 1.5 million and should be ready just in time for the mall's 30th anniversary.

What a way to celebrate! Congratulations and thank you to Taubman Centers for investing in the city of Novi.

VETS Act sounds like a real winner

Nothing used to get my dad's goat more than somebody disre-specting a veteran. If it was something he saw on TV or read in the newspaper, hc'd vent verbally. If it was something that he witnessed firsthand, well ., there are war movies that iren't that violent.

Employment Transition Support, or VETS, Act, and it He was a veteran himself. would allow Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code to serving in several branches of



allow employers an income tax credit for hiring combat veterright around the Korean War. Although he The one-time credit would equal 40 percent of the veter-

ing on his cell phone to let me

know about new legislation that Rep. Thad McCotter, R-Livonia,

introduced last week in Congress, Jackson is press sec-

retary for the local legislator.

It's called the Veterans'

n young men and women i

they know they have a better

Sounds like a deal that dad

would be willing to fight for.

You should be, too.



Sliding into summer

Maggle Michaels, 6, enjoys some time on the slides of Novi's Ella Mae Powers Park on a recent Wednesday ing. Michaels was there with her friend Joey Ryding and Joey's mom, Julie.

TTERS LE

Minor adjustments to Social Security

An optimist is the human personification of spring. - Susan J. Bissonette

I believe private accounts as proposed by the Bush administration will create even tricting, just to name a few. I would think would have been interested in hearing how each candidate feels about these more winners and losers than exist under the current system. If people are allowed to make investment decisions, not all will choose wisely. Some will not diversify and will end up with far less money. What do we I know that everyone is busy - but are we really too busy to take an hour and a half for our kids. It seems that the only time there is a full house at school board meetings is do with these bad investors? Let them

when some jumps on a band wagon about something they don't like that the <u>school, head/Adstrict</u> is doing, if ap bening and that if your schedule did not allow you to attend the Candidates Forum last week, that The returns under the original system may not be ideal, but at least they are guarangeed. Congress needs to get serious about health care and tax reform in addition to campaign finance reform and other items. Congress should make minor adjustments sometime between now and election day, May 3, that you will take the time to watch

forum that is being broadcast on Cable to Social Security to keep it solvent. If we don't get the budget and trade deficits under control, people will look back on this Social Channel 10. Security debate in ten years and think Congress and the president had lost their

Hannah Provence Donigan

Forum should have

On Wednesday, April 13, the community

was invited to attend a Candidates Forum sponsored by the Novi School District PTO

been full

tions from local businesses. InterSchool Council and the League of This year's project once again was very Women Voters. There are many issues coming up before successful. As this year's chairperson, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local busi-ness people who helped make this project the school board and I'm just curious as to why more parents were not in attendance. especially those parents that have voiced their opinions about issues, such as all day kindergarten, random drug testing and redis-

Dr. James Ross, DDS who provided enough toothbrushes and floss for all the children and senior citizens' baskets. The Target store at Grand River and Wixom donated a gift certificate. The Meijer store on Grand River near

Wixom also donated a gift certificate. The Wal-Mart on Pontiac Trail donated a gift certificate We would not have been able to meet the

needs of these children and seniors without the belo from these businesses. Toanin would all of you for your willingness to help, four Alexandra Sisson

Chairperson, "Gelebrate Sprin

Girl Scouts help library Michelle Sankovic Parent and PTO President NMS

A special thank you to the Girl Scouts of A special thank you to the out scould of Novi for their recent campaign to help the Friends of the Library in their quest to col-lect a million pennies toward the Walker Fund. This outstanding display of communi ty spirit resulted in over 121,000 pennies, which will, of course, be matched by the Walker Fund. With responses like this, the ultimate road is well within reach. Thanks Celebrate Spring kudos The Novi High School chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) recently completed its annual "Celebrate Spring" project. This is a community service project that

ultimate goal is well within reach. Thanks again, Girl Scouts, for setting such a splen did example!

Friends of the Novi Library

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone

This is a community service project that fills and distributes baskets filled with toys,

candy, toothbrushes, and floss to underpriv leged children and senior citizens in Novi. The project is made possible through dona

number for verification. We ask that your letters be '400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Scout program

havens for youths. "We are implementing more than 12 dif-

ferent programs," he said. Downs said the bd's project will be

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Mongolian restaurant mission is all about kids

OTHER OPINIONS

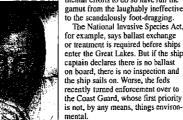
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Let the shippers be responsible for Great Lakes

When you look at images of earth taken from outer space, our Michigan stands out clearly, wrapped entirely in the gorgeous blue of the Great Lakes. They define our state as nothing else. They or the Oreat Lakes. They define our state as nothing else. They contain fully a quarter of all the fresh water in the world. And, I suspect, the resources their water offers holds much the long-

suspect, the resources their water offers holds much the long-term economic future of our state. But our entire ecosystem is now being threatened by the intro-duction of critters like the zebra mussel, the sea lamprey, the spiny water flea and a pest fish called the Eurasian ruffe. To date, there are 162 of these Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS), with new species being discovered every eight months. Most of them origi-nate elsewhere and are carried to the Great Lakes in the ballast water of newsnessing the state of the state o water of ocean-going freighters. Because they originate outside the Great Lakes ecosystem, when they arrive here they find few ral predators, and so they spread like ... well ... zebra mu

Every serious study has concluded that drastic action must be taken to end these invasions to maintain the health of the Lakes and to save the fishery and recreation industries. Sadly, governmental efforts to do so have run the



On the state level, Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act gives the Department of Environmental Phil Power

Quality the authority to control pollution of any sort in the Great Lakes. But the DEQ says it can't enforce the act with respect to ballast water because it doesn't have the money and there is no

ballast water because it doesn't have the money and increas no unified basin-wide approach to the regulations. But there are two recent pieces of good news: Last month, a federal judge in San Francisco ruled the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must regulate discharges from ships' ballast tanks. The lawsuit arose from environmental groups in the area who are dismayed that the bay is being inundated by

exotic species from abroad. Encouragingly, however, attorneys general from all eight Great Lakes states and both political parties also filed supportive friend-of-the-court heiefs. Plainly, the ruling also affects shipping in the

Great Lakes Great Lakes. One might have hoped the EPA would promptly have begun fig-uring out how to make sure ballast tanks are being treated to make sure no living organisms survive after discharge. But no such luck: The EPA says it's studying its options, which means it is living in second the decision. likely to appeal the de

likely to appeal the decision. Sowhile Washington dithers, it makes much more sense to t to move the action to the states that actually know where the to move me action to me states that actuary know where the Great Lakes are. A sensible and capable state senator, Paty Birkholz, R.Saugatoek, has introduced legislation that would authorize the Michigan DEQ to enter into an agreement with other Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces to create the Great Lakes Aquatic Nuisance Coalition. This group then would be charged with eliminating biological pollution in the Great Lakes. "Aquatic misance species are a major threat to the ecosystem of the Great Lakes and they need to be stopped before they wipe out the native fish and wildlife," Sen. Birkholz says.

That coalition then could encourage states throughout the region to adopt uniform laws governing biological pollution. With a uniform standard in place, each state (or Canadian province) could enforce treatment of overseas ballast water without having to depend on the feds.

to depend on the feds. When I spoke with Birkholz last week, she was pumped up about the possibilities. "We just had a joint meeting of the rele-vant House and Senate committees," she reported. "Andy Buchsbaum, state head of the National Wildlife Federation, pre-sented compelling evidence of the ANS threat. Both Steve Chester, head of the state DEQ, and Ken DeBeaussart, head of the Office of the Great Lakes, endorsed the legislation. It's great to have both the legislature and the administration on the same

page." Birkholz is also beating the regional bushes, talking with other Great Lakes basin policy makers. "Everybody I've talked to — Jegislators, governors, attorneys general, conservation people — likes the idea."

Of course, the big question is where the money to pay for enforcement comes from. Birkholz fears the feds probably won't spring for it, something that is sad, but likely true, given the cur-rent priorities in Washington.

rent promises in Washington. So I have a modest suggestion for this active and well-inten-tioned senator: Raise the money by charging a steep duty on con-taminated ship ballast. Require shipping companies to pay, say, \$10,000 per vial of water taken from any of their vessels. widence of violation to a relevant attorney general

Then stand back and watch the fur, or at least ballast water, fly!



Senate Bills 55, 56

CON BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY

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Right now,

Michigan receive at least \$6,700 for each

schools in

student.

Proposals call for school employees to sacrifice – again

the increase in health insurance. The word in Lansing is that Michigan's school funding prob-Yet, some Lansing politicians say they haven't given enough. In lems would go away if teachers and other school employees would an effort to "cut costs," some think just sacrifice a little. Take a lower salary. Walk away the state should run its own health insurance plan for public school

from - or pay more for - our negoemployees. Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal nsurance. Give-up-a secure pension. That way, mon Oak, is the main sponsor of Senate Bills 55 and 56, which would elim noney can go to the classroom. For those who believe that, a inate the right of public school employees to collectively bargain over health benefits. The bills reality check is in order. First, there is no greater class room investment than putting a prepared, experienced and tested would wipe out benefits that school employees have negotiated with many different private sector eacher in front of every child insurance companies over the Yet Michigan tries to do it or

2003.



in serious fiscal trouble. Even conservative think tanks schools by doing such things as: Digging into their own pockets
 o buy school supplies.
 Taking salaries below what and former Gov. John Engler, a Republican, agree that the state doesn't belong in the insurance their education could command i

he private sector Goy. Engler privatized the · Trading salary for benefits in this era of rising health care costs. There are about 100,000 teach-Accident Fund of Michigan, saying that the state-run "insurance monopoly" was too costly, subject ers in Michigan and each one

School districts need the ability to shop for health care plans make the funding problems go It comes as no surprise to away." (The Lansing State Journal, March 24.) In addi-

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I THINK THIS

hear Michigan is facing lough economic times. State and local governments; cities and townships; businesses, schools Journal, March 24.) In addi-tion, the MEA's executive director Chuck Anderson said, "This is a revenue problem, "Hord & specify frobiem", the "Approblem is in Lansing?" (The: Grand Rapids Press, Marine El 22.) Instead of helping schools save savings that could go to and families are all feeling the pinch in balancing their budg-Most of these groups recognize that tough decisions can-not be put off and real reform is needed in order to move our save, savings that could go to our children and teachers, the

state forward. In fact, most have already worked hard to focus of some has been on protecting the status quo. School districts across make sure they are getting the most out of every dollar. Still, when it comes to paying for our public schools and looking for creative ways to save Michigan are asking for the money so more

education. I do

not support cut-ting teacher salaries or slash-Craig DeRoche ing benefits.

Taxpayers con tribute this money to be used for kids in the classroom --Instead, I do support saving money by making vendors fight for every contract dollar, looking for affordable ways to teaching them and preparing them for life. As certain costs rise, however, our kids got less. I don't think we can let that continue, but here is one protect our teachers' good health care and retirement benefits and remembering that

we're doing all of this for kids quick example of why, so far, and not to fill campaign-sea-Health care costs for son attack ads. ools, and o who looks honestly at the are skyrocketing. The Legislature has tried to give local school districts the abiliproblem can deny it. On this, former state ty to shop around and find the schools superintendent Tom Watkins, a Democrat, and I, a best plan for teachers at the most competitive price. Just Republican, agree. On this, the liberal Lansing like when you shop, you want to know the price and quality of the product before you buy. State Journal and the conser vative Detroit News agree On this, school boards, par Schools are no different when it comes to shopping for ents, teachers and taxpayers health care plans. Unfortunately and unbelievcan agree. This is one school project Michigan can't afford to fail, ably, the insurance company run by Michigan Education and on which we all need to Association (MEA) refuses to work together in order to pass give districts the informat they need to be find better State Representative Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, is the Speaker of the House and is health plans at a better price What's worse is the people who won't help districts trim their costs are instead wasting serving his second term in the Legislature. Prior, he was a member of the Novi City time looking for someone to Council. Contact him at (517) blame. MEA's president Lu Battaglieri said of state law 373-0827 or by e-mail at nakers, "We expect them to craigderoche@house.mi.gov

chance to save money by bid-ding out for some services and shopping around for a better price can go to class-rooms or give teachers a raise, on health care. So far, the MEA

and others have said no way. So, what is the answer? First off, Michigan needs an open and honest conversation about how we save money in publi

Cal Stone

was brave enough to put on a uniform in the name of this country. Pops used to always say that especially those who hould be treated like ought, sho rovalty. I tend to agree, although they never are. The aftermath of post-war life is many times as destructive as the battlefield, yet the most w ever seem to do is give them a at on the back and another 'carry on' order. Once in a we erect a memorial that's supposed to represent a national thank you. But veterans don't white about the lack of gratitude. They know what they signed u they've served. for, they served their co and they just want to get back a normal life Bob Jackson, who used to be the editor of this newspaper, has some pretty incredible stories

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ans' first year wages, or up to 50 percent for disabled veterans It would apply to hiring of mili tary service personnel who have been honorably discharged and Offering a warm smile and cold cola, Billy have served in a combat zone or Downs welcomed his Mongolian guest of honor to his Novi backyard deck. hazardous duty area. Ten of McCotter's colleagues, including Michigan's Candice Miller, are co-sponsoring the regislation. "This bill ensures our valiant veterans' service to our nation continues when they come home," said McCotter. "By



Under sunny Saturday skies, heating vats brimmed with chicken and burgers, while coolers and tables were packed with hops Downs and family couldn't have cooked up better weather for

their "American Barbeque." But at the heart of the gathering was a new partership aimed at helping kids in a developing Asian country. It began nearly two years ago, when Downs, owner of bd's mongoliar

barbecue, checked his e-Awaiting him was a message from Myagmar Esunmunkh - better known as Esun (YOU-sun) - a restaurant owner and youth activist in Mongolia. "I was like, wow," Downs said. "This is a very unique e-mail. A couple days later, I responded." The duo soon met and brainstormed.

Before long, they shared a vision: At their own expense, they'd build a bu's in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

A portion of profits — they estimate \$25,000 in the first year — will help the Mongolja's first American franchise Nested into an existing building, the bd's will boast the same interactive, buffet stir-fry country's children. And it'll be opening May 12. eating experience. Native to Mongolia, Esun's already been loing something similar at his Modern A grill is set to be imported from the states, as will training staff. One small difference will be private eating rooms geared toward business people, Esun "My focus was to help generally under privileged young people," Esun said. "We have worked very hard to prevent child prossaid. Those might be corporate-sponsored. And a basement har area is being dubbed "Detroit," complete with Red Wings, Motown and Eminem decor. That's been a growing problem is the past five years as the mining industry booms, he With satellite TV washing the country in Western trends, Esun said kids already have Sandwiched near China and Russia and latched on. "They are quick receiving the about twice the size of Texas, Mongolia has new things," he said Downs, who's been to Mongolia five times attracted foreign workers from different this year, said the funds will be recouped in part through \$10 "bd's World Tour" shirts. But all told, it's helping kids and commuarism season spans May-September. Girls who take to the streets to earn money are often under 18, said Esun, him nity that's key, Downs said. elf a father of a toddler and a newborn As the new partners reclined and sipped their "American" beverages, a hotel was After the fall of commu ism in the o 990s, he helped open up Mongolia's Boy "Anything can happen in the future," President and founder of the Mongolian Downs said, grinning. Youth Development Centre, Esun has also been involved in creating jobs and safe

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out-of-pocket per year on school supplies and other purchases for making. Senate Bills 55 and 56 should be scrapped. They do nothing to ents. That puts an additional address the real issues-the national \$40 million to \$80 million into our healthcare crisis and the state's tate's classr oms every year No one in education denies that structural deficit rance costs more today health insu as a result of the national health Members of the Michigan Education Association (MEA) and doing their part to reduce those costs They have joined workers verywhere and accepted less ce coverage, mor care, higher deductibles and monthly out-of-pocket premium nts as high as \$400 per Those closest to the students the instructional staff - have taken the hardest hit. An MEA analysis of school budget data showed salaries, FICA

ids between \$400 and \$800

All they do is call for school employees to sacrifice-again. School employees to sacrifice-again. School employees have sacri-ficed plenty. We aren't willing to give up our collective bargaining rights for a risky government-run alan that noither colvers the bealth rights for a risky government plan that neither solves the healt care crisis nor helps to fully fund ducation After three years of program cuts and lost revenue totaling \$2 billion, it's about time lawma eccent that public schools are facnue crisis not a spending ing a revenue crisis not a spensor crisis. We cannot cut our way ou of the problem without cutting ou surdents and our state out of the competition for jobs and a better and retirement costs for instruc-tional staff have gone down as a quality of life. share of total expenses by 3.28 per-cent, while insurance costs as a Luigi "Lu" Battaglieri stepped into office as president of the 157,000-member Michigan

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share of total expenses for that group have increased only 1.81 Education Association or September 1, 1999. Prior, he ent since 1994-95. Clearly, those who work in the taught in Fraser public schools from 1974 to 1992. Contact him a classroom have given up more than enough ground in salaries to cover @mea.org.

What do you think? We welcome would comments on this subject. Send them to Kow News Europ: (ATW. Nem Street, Normville, M148167, Semantin schröden horizon in rector for at (240) 249-802 Semantin schröden horizon in rector for at (240) 249-802

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Sharing God led her from shy to shining

they had a moment of silence? she said. It wasn't much set year because 1 with inner light that finds outward -they had a moment of silence? she said. It wasn't much set year because 1 with and eyes. Who is this woman, and what does she do? **Childopus Carrent**

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· Oak Pointe Church service

times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday For more

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service. (The nursery is coordi-

nated by a registered pediatric

Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, met Shari Minke in February during a Christian course, Discipleship Walk, at

Camp Mack.

CHURCH CALENDAR

presenting his gift of several Faith Community original oil paintings at 12:30 Presbyterian Church invites you to a Women's Bible study tonight at 7:30 p.m. Please call the church for more information. Our Senior High youth group will be travel-ing to Pittsburgh on Tomorrow to participate in the Pittsburgh Project, work will include cleaning and reconstruction of damaged homes. The church invites you to worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is offered at both services for children of all ages, preschool through 12th novilorg

grade. The Men's Group meeting

p.m. that day. Harpist Christa Grix and the Jazz Trio will be Adult Bible Study is on Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, performing on Sunday, May 22 at 7 p.m. Trelacts are available and are \$9 for adults, \$7 for sen and Sunday School is at 10 a.m iors and \$5 for children under 12. The church is located at 44400 Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and priest in charge and Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant priest. W. Ten Mile Road in Novi, Formore information, call (248) 349-2345, Visit www.laith.community-Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. 7 • The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cruss others a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10–12:50 p.m. Come and welcome.

pointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are Episcopal Church of the floly

 The Holy Family Church Road, Novi. Call (248) 347offers a Spanish speaking mass once a month. All masses begin 7778 at 6:30 p.m. in the church: April 30, May 28, June 25; July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. First United Methodist Church of Northville presents a community-wide healing service with prayers for healing of body, mind, relationship and spirit on the first Monday of each month The Church of the Holy Family is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road; between Grand River and Ten Mile Road. at 4 p.m. The service is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths. It is a For more information, call (248) 349-8847 or visit service of hope. The church is located at 777 www.holyfamilynovi.org. W, Eight Mile Road (at Taft • St. John Lutheran Church Northville, Phone (248)







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Fox Run seniors explore 'The Da Vinci Code' book

Lecture part of new continuous learning center

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

After listening to Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon at Fox Run on Monday, Willa Lahti was eager to take another look a decorative dish she owns.

It depicts Leonardo Da Vinci's The Last Supper, one of the works called into question by Dan Brown's best-selling book, The Da Vinci Code.

She wondered: Does John the Beloved really look like a female — perhaps Mary Magdelene? As part of the senior communi-

ty's new continuous learning cen-ter, Rigdon offered insight in a lecture dubbed "Deciphering The Da Vinci Code."

"It's almost a cottage industry now to publish books against The Da Vinci Code," Rigdon said. "Tm a church historian, so this is

in my backyard." Dozens of seniors gathered to learn more about the fact and fiction of the novel.

Charlotte Dashner, 80, said she was intrigued by the book's history and setting.

"I was interested in this little bit

"I was interested in this little bit of a challenge to the Catholic Church," she said. A professor at Detroit's Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Rigdon said his lec-tures on the 2003 novel have drawn thousands of Brown fans and critics alike.

and critics alike. Rigdon told seniors he first found the book passing through an airport



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, president of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary and professor of church history, taks to an assembly of Fox Run residents last Monday on the historical accuracy and relevance of the novel "The Da Vincl Code".



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Fox Run resident Youssef "Joe" Wassef asks a question of Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon regarding Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code" book during a Monday morning lecture at

"Needless to say, I got very lit-tle sleep that night," he laughed. But six reads later, he noted historic inaccuracies and facts.

the Novi senior community.

But six reads later, he noted his-toric inaccuracies and facts. "My list of mistakes... was far longer," Rigdon said. "There's an awfully hot that's defective." For instance, he said, early paganism is depicted as relatively uniform, when it actually varied among villages. Also, the plot-pivotal Priory of Sion — suppos-edly Christ's holy bloodline — is most likely a hoax, Rigdon said. At root, he said, is Brown's use of non-scholarly books. But Rigdon said he's grateful for the book's sparking renewed interest in church history. Sitting with husband Joseph, Barbara Maniscalco penned neat notes during the lecture.She aims to now read not only Brown's book, but some of his sources, too.

sources, too. "I thought he was a fascinating speaker," she said. "I've been wanting to read it."

Phyllis Praski, 74, said she knew from the start that the book was half fact and half fiction. Also an owner of one of the 25

million copies sold, Olive Bryce, 86 read the novel on friends' suggestions. "I liked his style," she said. "He

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seniors, Fox Run's learning center hosted its first speaker in February, Marie DiCostanza, director of resident life, said the program, open to the public, is gaining popularity. "People loved it, people asked for more," she said. "There's end-

less possibilities. You're never too old to learn."

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. at 107 via e-mail kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

Charlotte Dashner

CHURCH CALENDAR

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is located at 23225 Gill Road in

Farmington Hills. Call (248) 988-0604 or (248) 474-8521 for The Novi United Methodist Church new member orientation class will be held on Sunday, April class will be held on Sunday, April 24 from 2—4:30 p.m. Nursery care will be provided, if necessary. The Novi United Methodist Church Men will be sponsoring a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event will also include a bake sale by the United Methodist Women.

The church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road. Sunday wor-ship is at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jacqueline E. Holdsworth. Call (248) 349-2652 for more information

 The First Presbyterian Church of Northville phone number is (248) 349-0911.

Church of the Holy Cross

Outreach Committee presents its

first annual Mother's Day Tea. Experience chic fashions present-ed by Smart Chicks, a Novi cloth-ing consignment shop, while nib-bling on fresh fruit and scrumptious desserts, Relax with a steaming cup of coffee, hot tea, or try a refreshing glass of ice cold punch. Surround yourself with family, old friends and new friends. Share

old trends and new trends. Share an afternoon of parupering with a neighbor. Come and smell the roses. We'll even capture the memory of your special moment, immonalized in a keepsake picture frame. Rafile tickets will be avail-able. Purchase a chance to win one or all of the following items: A sift certificate for Smart

 A gift certificate for Smart Chicks Consignment • A handmade music box • A one of a kind necklace

A floral arrangement.

The event is for mothers, grand-

The event is for mothers, grain, mothers, children and non-moms as well, it will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 1 – 3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 W. Ten Mile Road (between Meadowbrook &

Haggerty roads). Tickets are \$12 a piece, but

children 3 and under get in free. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$13 a piece. Make checks payable to Church of the Holy Cross and note Mothers Day Tea on the checks. Mail checks to Church of the Holy Cross no later

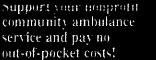
than Monday, May 7. Funds raised will support Church of the Holy Cross Outreach Missions, including Crossroads Soup Kitchen and Detroit Area Haiti Mission. Visit ww.churchoftheholycross.com for more information.

 Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10.30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery available. The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of Thirteen Mile Road. For rnore information, call (248) 427-2700 or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

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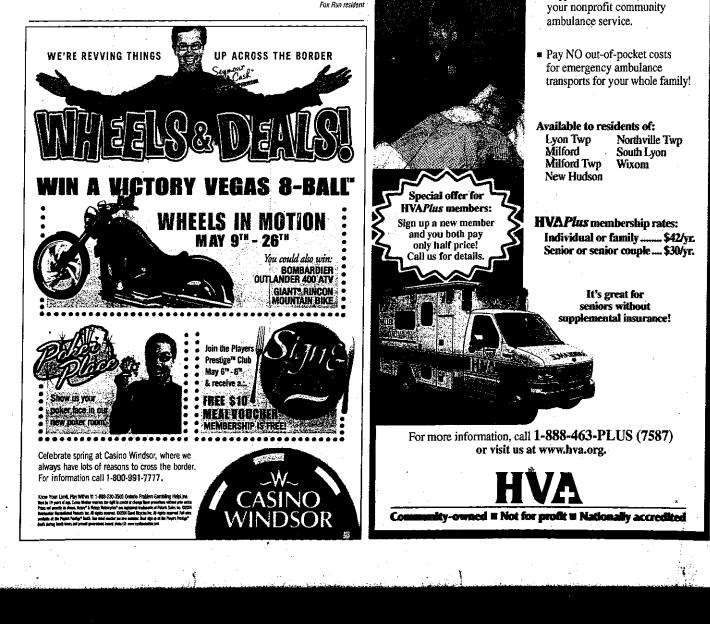
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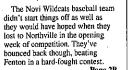
girls and boys track and field teams had a "field" day when they took on Pinckney last week. See some shots of the high school athletes in action. – Page 4B



Making a come back

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A lot has changed since Brien Worrell (right, with his father, Stan) cut his first lawn at the age of twelve. But hard work and determination are still part of the day-to-day business at Brien's Services, Inc. The neighbor's yard work he tended as a young boy has grown into a lifelong career in landscaping. His compa-tion and the service business and because of lands ny, now a full-service business, embraces all aspects of land scaping from installation to ongoing maintenance.

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Looking for a good coach

The Northville Mustangs football team recently announced an opening for a new head coach. Those interested should contact

Athletics Director Bryan Masi via email at masibr@northville.k12.mi.us.

The former coach, Clint Alexander, has accepted a job in Orange, Virginia at Woodberry Forest School



Perhaps John Osborne wants to try his hand at 30 ears of coaching . at Northville High? Or maybe Tab Kellepourey

could try and craft his offensive magic with the Mustangs to see if he could bring them to the playoffs as many times as he has brought Novi? Nah, we didn't think so either.

'Tis the season

For basketball camps, that is. The Novi boys and girls basket-ball teams will each be hosting clin-ies this June and July through Novi Community Education. Both have elenty to offer under the guidance of Pat Schluter, the boys varsity head coach, and Bill Kelp, the girls varsity head coach.

Cost for the camps are \$126 and will be coached by the respective coaches as well as members of the girls and boys varsity basketball teams. Check back next week for more information on all of the camps or contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206 for more information.

Watch what you ask for

Dan St. Clair is doing well at the Air Force Academy, for anyone who may be wondering about the Novi High School graduate and former discuss record holder. The cadet used to hold the discus record at Novi High unil just record to when R wan Prichard snamed if

ly when Ryan Pritchard snapped it by over 10 feet. Last year, when St. Clair visited the area and helped Pritchard out for a spell, he said he wanted the Wildcat to break his

Maybe fewer graduates will men-tion they want those who follow in their footsteps to break the records they've set?

Next level Wildcats

Two more Wildcats have decided where they'll be playing come col-lege next year, A.J. Glubzinski, arguably

one of the best goalies in the state has picked the Uni ed States Military Academy at West Point while

Alyssa Wagner, a soft-ball pitcher, will play at Madonna.

know if guys really mean that or not." Novi senior Ryan St. Clair doesn't have a choice any longer. He asked for it and Pritchard was more than happy to Pritchard sets school record oblige

The bulky senior, however, never came out for track looking to set records or go to the state finals as he did last year. Instead, he came out looking to quash some boredom.

"I didn't come out my freshman year but I did my sophomore year because I didn't want to be bored, he said. "I would practice about five minutes a day and lift weights the rest of the time."

It wasn't until last year Pritchard decided to take it more seriously. He did well too, earning a berth to the state finals and finishing in the top-10. The winning throw last year was just 161 feet but Pritchard isn't about to count his state championships before he wins them.

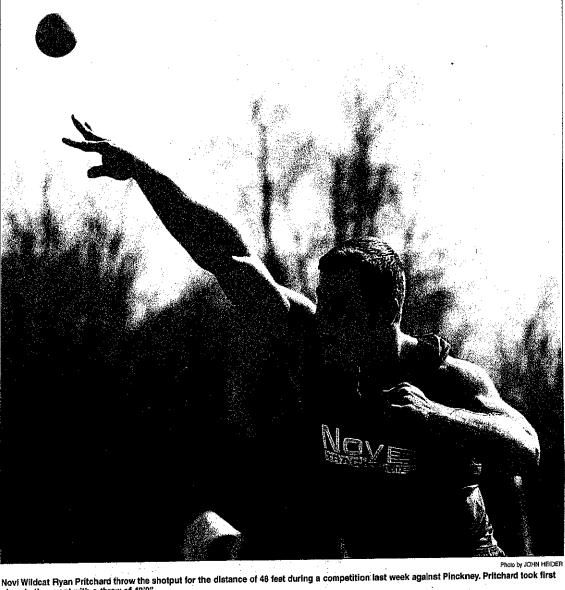
I'll never know what the other person is going to throw.'

The senior said it isn't all strength and conditioning getting the discus to break records for him. It takes a lot of good coaching too.

Besides head coach Robert Smith, who had Pritchard and the throwers committed to off-season workouts during the winter, the Wildcat has benefit-

ed from the volunteer work of Sean McGucken. "He's amazing," said Pritchard. "He graduated from Michigan State and is applying for jobs right now but he's setting up his interviews around meet days and everything.

'He comes in every day to work in tons of hours, even on the weekend. Without him I would not be this close. He's been awesome." The coaching is far from over though. McGucken and Smith are currently working with the record holder in technique and form.



It looked like an athletic con-vention gone to the black ties and evening wear when the Novi prom fashion show took to the runway last week. Not only were plenty of athletes struting their stuff on the catwalk in tuxedos and dresses, but also in the seats cheering their friends on and admiring some nice threads. Some notable athletes were

Emily Holt, who looked stellar multi-color dress, and marcie Fink, who was stunning in a black dress. B.J. Chaklos not only strutted his stuff in an ivory tux, but he gave the audi-ence a quick dance for their viewing pleasure while Jarrell in't need to say any Woods d thing or do anything to look simly dapper in his traditional tux with red vest.

Sure, he said it was nice, but he has his eyes set on a much bigger prize that waits at the end of his high school career.

For Novi senior Ryan Pritchard, breaking the

school record in the discus was just a single moment

place in the event with a throw of 49'9"

in discus, eyes state title

By Sam Eggleston

on his way to his goals.

SPORTS WRITER

"I want to win the state championship," he said. "Breaking the school record was something I wanted to do but didn't want to talk about. It was definitely there though. It was one of the goals."

The senior thrower, who also competes in the shotut and took first in that event as well against Pinckney last week, broke the record with a throw of 168-feet-11-inches. The old mark was over 10 feet shorter and was held by Dan "Air" St. Clair, who currently throws discus for the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Pritchard's record-breaking performance indicates graduated Novi Wildcats better watch what they hope for.

Dan came back to help me out during my sophomore and junior years," Pritchard said. "He told me he wanted me to break his record, but you never

Instead, he's looking to go a lot deeper than he's already gone.

"Right now my goal is 170," he said. "There are some really good kids across the state that I'm going to have to beat if I want to win. I think 175 feet is going to win it."

Pritchard, who will be playing football at Princeton University in the fall, said he can't worry about how well other throwers are going to do though, Discus, much like many other events in track and field, requires an athlete to concentrate on their own abilities and not someone else's'.

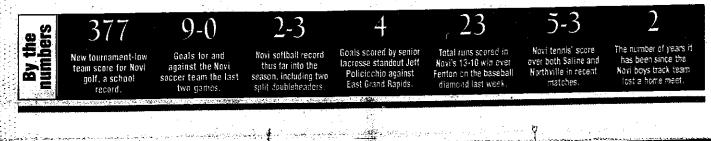
"I can only worry about myself," he said. "That's the thing about throwing. I can do the best I can, but

For Pritchard, it kind of feels like he's a famous athlete right now.

"I feel like Tiger Woods," he said. "After he won the Masters they started tinkering with his swing. I break the record and now they're working on my technique. They tell me it's going to pay off in the long run and I trust them."

Technique, coaching and strength are what Pritchard will use to try and reach his goal of a state title at the state finals, but even he knows he can't win it at anytime.

"I've got to get past the regional first," he said. "Then I'll worry about the state championship."



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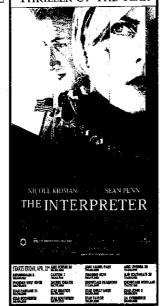
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day. For information on the Golf Classic, or a registration form, visit www.guodwillclassic.com, or call 313-964-3900, axt. 302.

Northville coaching posti-tions open The Northville High School athletics department recently announced several openings with athletics teams.

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Spring Jeagues

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

Adult Women's Softball Starts Tuesday, May 3 — Entry fee \$460/team with 11 games played. League

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Starts Friday, May 20 - - Entry fee \$210/team Adult Coed Golf League Starts Monday, April 25 — Entry fee \$468 for 18 weeks. League will be played at Brae Burn Gulf Course. Tee time starts 5:22 p.m.

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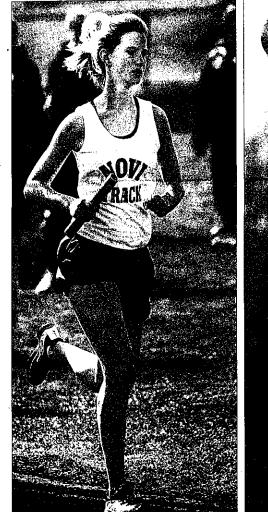
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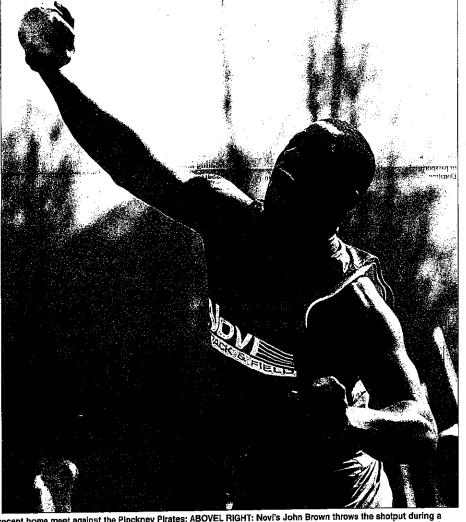
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Leaping, sprinting and winning





CALENDAR

keep good records, the differences between bookkeeping and Sunday accounting, a variety of ways to keep the books, how to track a onth's worth of detailed records and determine a monthly profit of loss. The fee is \$45 and includes the Big E-Z Bookkeeping book Million All workshops will be 9 a.m.-noon, at the Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. For more inf tion or to register, call (248) 858 0783 chasing one of the paper signs in the shape of a book for \$1, you Evening Connection

young or old. Come and bring the

entire family to view some of these award-winning cars. Free Hot dogs and pop. CONTACT: Crosspointe

Meadows Church of Novi offices (248) 427-2700, Monday-

ursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Oakland Schools Flower

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon

DATES: Saturday; May 7. 14

and 21 and Sunday; May 15 and

LOCATION: Oakland School

DETAILS: Annual flower sale,

pre-orders taken through April 29. Open house, 3-7 p.m., Thursday, May 19, including new swan

Technical Campus Southwest, 1000 Beck Road, Wixom

fountain and waterfall display

SCHOOL/

Wixom City Council

49045 Pontiac Trail

Meeting

CONTACT: (248) 668-5673

GOVERNMENT

DATE: Tuesdays, April 26; May 10, 24; June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, Tuesdays, 22; Dec.

13 and 20 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Hall,

CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi Planning Commission

DATE: Wednesday, April 27

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

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi City Council Meeting

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

DATE: Mondays, May 9 and

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

BUSINESS

New Member Reception

TME: 8:30-10 a.m

DATE: Thursday, April 21

LOCATION: Lakes Area

Chamber of Commerce office, 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite B,

Walled Lake DETAILS: Learn how you

investment in the chamber can

help you promote your business CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Ambassador Committee

DATE: Thursday, April 28

frail, Suite B. Walled Lake

DETAILS: If you are inte

in serving on the Lakes Area

Chamber of Commerce

TIME: 8:30 a.m. LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac

Ambassador Committee, feel free

to attend. CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Spotlight Lunch, La Luna

DATE: Wednesday, May 4

LOCATION: 1050 Benstein

Meeting

LOCATION: Education

Services Building, 25345 Taft

CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

45175 W. Ten Mile Road

Sales

tional car

EVENTS

Car Maintenance

DATE: Saturday, April 23

43131 Grand River Ave.

inspection to promote na

DETAILS: This is a free

care month. Dan's Auto Repair,

Tommy's Tires, Novi Police and

Fire Departments are also partici

contact; (248) 349-2800

DATE: Tuesday, April 26

LOCATION: Bonaventur

Skating Center, Farmington Hills DETAILS: This event is intend

ed for the fourth graders in Novi

There will be games and prizes as-well as socializing and making

ew friends before they start fifth

CONTACT: Karen Kotcher,

Maybury Wild Flower Walk

DATE: Wednesday, April 27

LOCATION: Maybury State

DETAILS: No charge, other than park admission. Sponsored by Friends of Maybury State Park and led by naturalist Selena

CONTACT: George McCarthy,

(248) 347-0899, or Jerry Mittman, (248) 348-2396

Casino Bus Trip to Benefit

LOCATION: Casino Windsor DETAILS: Leave from Eddie

Livonia, south of Plymouth Road

nd Fast of Merriman Road.

about 9 p.m. A \$20 donation

Arrive by 2 p.m. Will return at

includes \$15 in coin and two-way

ransportation, including all tolls

Donations will help two Novi res-

idents raise money to walk 60 miles in three days, July 15-17, in support of the Breast Cancer 3-

Day and National Philanthropi

mist. Donations will help fund

research to find a cure for breast

cancer as palient-related pro-grams. Contributions will be

reatly appreciated. CONTACT: For additional

formation, call Kim, (248) 444-

2882, or Audrey, (248) 426-6549.

Nevi Choralaires Soring

DATE: Saturday, May 7

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High

Mile and Taft roads.

School, Fuerst Auditorium, 10

DETAILS: Cost is \$10 for

dren. Purchase tickets at Novi

Center at Meadowbrook

choralaires.org

Fashion Show

wain Walk

Chamber of Com

Car Show

TIME: noon

CONTACT: www.novi

Church of the Holy Cross

DATE: Saturday, May 7

TIME: 1:00-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Church of the loly Cross, 40700 W. 10 Mil

Mothers' Nay Tea and

dults and \$8 for seniors and chil-

Civic Center or at the Novi Senior

Concert

to Casino Windsor. All passeng must have both a birth certificat

or passport and a photo ID:

Breast Cancer 3-Day

TIME: 2-9 p.m.

DATE: Sunday, May

Edgar Arena/Ford Field in

Park, Eight Mile Road entrance

TIME: 11 a.m.-nooi

(west of Beck Road)

to meet kids from the other schools and potentially some of the staff from Novi Meadows.

grade

(248) 449-5079

TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Novi Fourth Graders Meeting

TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Auto Parts,

inspections

can help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. The book signs may be purchase The book signs may be DATE: Wednesday, May 18 at any service desk in the library. TIME: 5-7 p.m. LOCATION: Michigan State University Tollgate Conference Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Story Times DETAILS: Spring Story Times DETAILS: Enjoy a barbecue dinner and dessert with other are now underway. Brochures listing the days and times of each drop-in Story Time session are chamber members. available in the library. CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Using the New Online **Business Referrals** Catalog DATE: every Wednesday DATE: Thursday, April 21 LOCATION: Novi Civid Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. search our new online catalog and place holds on items. We'll also DETAILS: Meeting of local sionals and business look ing to increase word-of-mouth discuss the My Account feature i referral business. Various class the catalog, which enables you to see what you have checked out, cations open and eager to bring renew items, cancel holds, and u qualified business leads CONTACT; (734) 462-6460 view fines. Call the library to reg-

CLASSES

DATE: Saturday, April 23 TIME: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Boost Camp Day** DETAILS: Read To Kill a DATE: Friday, May 6 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Mockingbird by Harper Lee, and then watch the movie with us. We'll have a short discussion following the movie. Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Ave DETAILS: A day of enrichmen High School Literature Club and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, infor-DATE: Tuesday, April 26 TIME: 7-8 p.m. DETAILS: High school writers ation and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be beneficial to the parand readers are invited to share their own writing, hear the work of others, and talk about anything ticipants. Open to the public. The cost is \$50 per person, and everything literary. No regis ncluding lunch and materials. tration. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 DATE: Thursday, May 5 and 19 **Buying and Selling on eBay**

Providence Center for the Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at Assarian 1 C DATE: Every Tuesday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,

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

Line Dancing Classes DATE: every Monday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive (activity room main floor) DETAILS: No partner needed

for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi resi Call the library to register. dents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents. CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

Line Dancing Classes DATE: every Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., internec LOCATION; Novi Civic ter, 45175 W, Ten Mile Road Cer

among funds and how to maxinize your returns over time. Call the library to register. (activity room, main floor) DETAILS: No partner needed **Blackthorn Concert**

shotgun start LOCATION: Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile Road, DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 South Lyon DETAILS: Proceeds will assist Cardiology Services at the hospi-Help Match the Walker CONTACT: (734) 655-4800

DETAILS: With A Million **Novi Lions Club 12th Annual** Books going up on the walls, there are more books than usual these days at the library. By pur-**Charity Golf Outing** DATE: Thursday, July 14

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TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Learn how to

Teens Read and More

MOMS Club of Novi

Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, No TIME: 9 a m sholeun stat LOCATION: Links of Novi Golf Course, 50395 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Proceeds will go to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Taylor, Mich. CONTACT: Lion Jerry Coonce at (248) 348-0531, Lion Pete Hoadley at (248) 960-9042 or Lion Terri D. Taylor at (248) 960-

SUPPORT

GROUPS

DATE: meetings first Thursday of each month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a nonprofit support group, for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their homes, or work part-time

CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc global.net **Kensington Valley Mothers**

of Multiples DATES: second Thursday of each month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome. CONTACT: For more informa-tion, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496.

DATE: Thursday, April 28 Women's Prayer Support

TIME: 7 p.m. DATE: every Saturday DETAILS: Richard Truxall takes you through the ins and outs of saving money using eBay, TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking including evaluating the person of company that you're buying from and offering some ideas on bid-ding strategies. We'll also discuss behind the church). DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues the basics needed to get you start ed selling your own items through eBay. Call the library to register. and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy and Susan,

DATE: Thursday, April 28 ship@comcast.net TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Learn how to navi-

gate this huge genealogy data-base, and investigate its powerful search features. You'll learn how DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month LOCATION: Huron Valleyto find family trees, indexes, and Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor marriage and death records, as well as how to view actual censu: ecords. This is a hands-on class, of the hospital. TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. so a solid unde standing of DETAILS: No registratio met searching is necessary

Oakland County Health Mutual Fund Investing **Division Expectant Parent** DATE: Thursday, May 5 Classes

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Investment advisor DATE: Mondays through May Richard Truxall discusses the ins and outs of mutual fund investing 23 LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake. including how to differentiate TIME: 6-8 p.m.

(248) 960-3257

Activities Roon

Novi Toastmasters

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

DETAILS: Classes taught by Wolverine Knife Collectors Show DATE: April 22-24

a.m.-2 p.m

public health nurses. Topics include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the TIME: Friday, 1-8 p.m.

membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members HEALTH

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DETAILS: Toastmasters will

help you improve your communi cation skills, voice your opinion,

polish your presentations and

CONTACT: Colleen, (248)

New Take Off Pounds

Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

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

DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook

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

practice le

685-9226

Oakland Physical Therapy Class DATE: May 11 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Class will discuss the latest advances in exercise for low back pain.

LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124. CONTACT: RSVP by calling (248) 380-3550.

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile

oad, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your local community television studio. SWOCC offer tours to many organizations, such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and ervice clubs. Groups have an opportunity to make a short promo for the public access channel, 1NFO TV-12. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248) 473-2840

EXPO CENTER

The Novi Expo Center is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive southwest corner of 1-96 and Novi Road), Call (248) 348-5600 or more info Michigan Internationa Spring Classic Car Show &

DATE: April 22-24 TIME: Friday, noon-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. DETAILS: Many beautiful cars up for auction. Admission is \$10 (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowone day; \$17 for the weekend; e for children 12 and under. ree for ch Breast Cancer Support Group Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (734) 547-2400 or

ww.rmauctions.con

Madision Hardware Train Auction DATE: April 22-24 TIME: Friday, noon-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

DETAILS: A great offering of toy trains, selling without reserve, and featuring Richard and Linda Kughn's private collection Admission is \$17 (good for the weekend); free for children 12 and under. Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (800) 211-4371 or www.mnauctions.com

Saturday, 9 a.m.-6p.m.; Sunday, 9

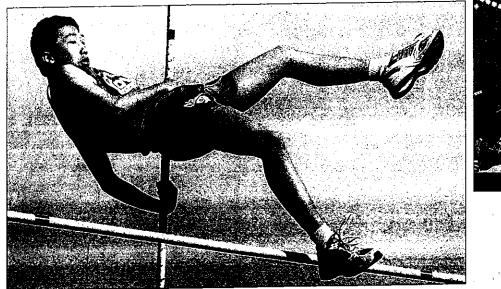
DETAILS: Collectible knives

CONTACT: (586) 786-5549

International Womens Show

sion is \$5; parking is \$5.

ABOVELEFT: A Wildcat competes in a relay race during a recent home meet against the Pinckney Pirates; ABOVEL RIGHT: Novi's John Brown throws the shotput during a home meet in April against Pinckney. Brown placed second in the competition after teammate Ryan Pritchard; BELOW LEFT: Wildcat polevaulter Henry He clears the bar during a home meet against the Pinckney Pirates; BELOW RIGHT: Wildcat Emily Reid clears a hurdle in the 110 meter race. Reid came in second place.





Photos by John Heider

Road, Walled Lake DETAILS: Free soft drinks Road (one half mile east of with meal purchase, mingle other Lakes Area Chamber of DETAILS: Tickets are available Commerce members at Holy Cross, 9 a.m.-noon, CONTACT: (248) 624-2826 sdav - Frida CONTACT: (248) 427-1175

Grill

Dakland County Planning and Economic Develop Chamber of Commerce Casino Night Fundraiser Workshops How to Start a Bu DATE: Saturday, May 14 TIME: 6-10 p.m. DATE: Thursday, May 5 DETAILS: This is a seminar for LOCATION: Lucky's in anyone thinking about going into business, including how to imple-DETAILS: This is the only ment ideas and receiving a list of pitfalls to avoid. The fee is \$30. fundraiser that supports the Novi Legal Issues in Business DATE: Thursday, May 12 CONTACT: For more information, contact the chamber at (248)349-3743 DETAILS: This seminar covers the five main entities available in Michigan, contract considerations and other related questions and 2nd Annual Antique/Classic answers. The fee is \$30. How to Write a Business P DATE: Thursday, May 19 ess Plan DATE: Sunday, May 15

DETAILS: This is a workshop LOCATION: Meadowbrook for small business ov uners who at Elementary School (29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of Thirteen Mile Road) developing a plan to serve as the road map to success. The fee is \$40, which includes materials. DETAILS: Crosspointe Bookkeeping Basics for Small Meadows Church partners with the Ford and Mercury Restorer's Club to bring an afternoon that usiness DATE: Thursday, May 26

DETAILS: Learn the reasons to would delight any car entifor lessons in this pa program. Cost is \$5 for Novi resi-dents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

Providence Center for the Healing Arts --- Artist in Residence ing the library. ONGOING: Thursdays

TIME: 1:00-2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Creative Arts GOLF Studio, Assarian Cancer Center OUTINGS 47601 Grand River Ave. DETAILS: Artist May Teevans

8234

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

10th Annual Golf Classic

DATE: Friday, June 24

TIME: 6:30 a.m., registratio for 7:30 a.m. shotgun start; 11: a.m., registration for 1:30 p.m.

. inst: 11:30

instructs. Class will include draw ing, pastels, watercolor, a Young Life Golf Outing ed media. There is a \$5 mate-DATE: Thursday, May 19 LOCATION: Links of Novi, rials fee. Drop-in or register. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 50395 W 10 Mile Road, Novi, DETAILS: For more informa-tion, call Paul Ankerl, (248) 349-8425 or Mike Neville, (248) 449-

LIBRARY <u>LINES</u>

Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m.,

newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring DATE: Friday, May 6 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle for them when they are ill. Cost is School 49000 W. 11 Mile Road DETAILS: The Friends of the \$25 CONTACT: (248) 858-4003 or Novi Public Library present the Detroit-area band Blackthorn in (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003 Detroit-area band Bla concert Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased in person or by call Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of

the month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue) DETAILS: A nonprofit, nondenominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice www.southemshows.com a-month meetings provide opportunity to play and talk CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau

DATE: April 28-May 1 TIME: Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. 6 p.m. DETAILS: Women, come to this show and partner yourself for once in your life. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children ages 6 years to 12 years; parking is \$5. CONTACT; (704) 376-6594 or

Send your talenda arms to Cal Sione educe N 9161) Z.L

(248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan DATE: first and third Tuesdays the month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE Fhursday, April 21, 2005

NFIB UPDATE

Boardwalk or Park Place? This Monopoly is No Game

Although technology has elevated game playing to new heights, there's still no substitute for traditional board games such as the longtime favorite, Monopoly, where friends and families match their wits, knowing they can achieve millionaire status or wind up penniless sim-ply by tossing the dice. But in the contest for govern-

ment contracts, the nation's small businesses face a monopoly that is no game. Rather, it is a govern-ment agency that not only blocks many of their attempts to compete, but uses its unfair advantage ensure that small firms have little chance of winning. Perhaps those small businesses

that want to compete would find the lopsided challenge more acceptable if they were going up against businesses more capable and better qualified to meet the specifications of the work. If they specifications of the work in ad-were compelled to go toc-to-toe against large companies with long histories of successfully fulfilling such contracts, losing a bid would be seen as the result of strong competition. But many small firms are

denied opportunities to provide



Jack Faris

Federal Prison Industries, which exists within the oxymoronic cat-egory of a "government-owned corporation," is a massive government outfit posing as a busi-ness under the innocent name Unicor. It monopolizes a huge share of government contracts. offering a host of goods and serv-ices that would be the envy of ost Fortune 500 businesses. This official arm of the govern

prisoners

ment also exempts itself from regulatory mandates that legiti-mate businesses must accept, and Unicor is allowed to pay its labor force of prisoner-workers a sub-minimum wage of \$1.23 an hour or less.

Unlike small firms, Unicor doesn't even have to pay to expand its facilities when it grabs more government business; it just enlarges its prison work space with federal dollars and then hauls in excess production equip-ment from other federal agencies at no cost. When it does find itself in need of cash, Unicor simply goes to the U.S. Treasury and exercises its authority to borrow up to \$20 million at rates far below those available to even the largest commercial enterprise. No wonder small-business owners see Unicor as a deterrent to entreeurship and a violation of sic fairness.

But the dice may have begun rolling in favor of small business. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, last month the U.S. Small Business Administration's Federal Contracting Office took Unicor down a notch, telling the Environmental Protection Agency the company was not qualified to work on a computer recycling project because Unicor can only bid on small heret bid on small-business contracts supplying items, not services. EPA was forced to cancel the

contract. Unicor had already taken a hit in December when Congress



Now is the time to start planning your landscaping needs for this summer, and Brien's Services is there to help.

Brien's Services

A lot has changed since Brien Worrell cut his first lawn at the age of twelve. But hard work and determination are still part of the day-to-day business at Brien's Services, Inc. The neigh-Brien's Services, Inc. The neigh-bor's yard work he tended as a young boy has grown into a life-long career in landscaping. His company, now a full-service business, embraces all aspects of landscaping from installation to oneoine maintenance.

ongoing maintenance. "What we believe in and what we do is design, install, maintain and reconstruct existing land-scaping. Because we are full service, we can do the job start to finish. All services are per-formed in-house by certified and trained personnel," said Worrell. "Providing any and all land-

scape services from one location makes it convenient for our customers to maintain an attractive yard. They just need to make one call," he explains.

"When we're done with your hydro seeding, you don't have to call someone else to fertilize. We call someone else to tertilize. We can design a program to keep it looking good. It's all about installation, construction and maintenance," said Worrell. Today Brien's Services employs 45 at its 5,000 square foot facility in Milford Township. It is a family busi-ness, with Brien as president; his enter Stanley, as vice-president

father, Stanley, as vice-president nd his mother, Karen, who is also very active in the company.

Ready in red

It's not hard to recognize them - you've seen the red trucks. You might say the colorful vehicles Brien's trademark, with Crimson, his Dalmatian, as his sidekick. Building trust and reli-ability with his clients is also a trademark of the company, As

is critical. It's no different at is critical. It's no different an Brien's. A satisfied customer is the goal of each and every job. Michelle Sadler of Millord has been a satisfied customer for over twenty years. She has over twenty years. She has looked to Brien's for a wide variety of services from lawn care to sprinklers to Christmas décor and says "they are pretty much perfectionists. As il states on their contract, they do every-thing that they say they will do. "They make sure you're happy and if there are any prob-lems, they correct them," she coid

said. She appreciates the fact that they're reliable. "They don't leave you hanging. It's done in the time frame they say that it will be. If inclement weather forces a delay, they always promptly notify you." There are several obvious

benefits to using a lawn/land-scape service. One is the free time it gives customers, allowing them to spend their time on other activities. Barren yards in new construction can have a more lush and lived-in look, and a landscape re-design can give a totally new look to an existing

home. "Some people simply don't have the time, and some just want a more professional look," adds Worrell. "Choosy cus-tomers will find the detailed professional look to their lawn that they desire when they choose service."

If you're thinking of spring-cleaning, don't forget your yard!

Now that spring is in the air,

it's time to get your lawn and gardens back into shape. It's an exciting time of year for Brien's,



Stan and Brien Worrell operate a full-service landscaping business.

the scenery. Spring is also a ood time for planting because it good time for planting because it allows plants to establish growth before the warm summer mor

months. Brien's can start your land-scape off on the right foot with a number of services from gutter cleaning, spring yard clean up, fertilizing, sod installation, tree planting, cutting and pruning, flower installation, perennial and annuals, summer or fall bulbs. They'll advise on the appropriate time of the seasonal vantime. This is the time of the appropriate time for seasonal plantings. This is the time of the year to plant trees and shrubs because the survival rate for new

because the survival rate jor new plannings is the best. It's also the perfect time to hydro seed and Brien's is now accepting contracts for lawn care, cutting, and fertillizing. They also install new sprinkler systems as well as perform sprinkler start-ups on existing surveys

will install them based upon the customer's desire. Demos are available so that customers can experience firsthand the beauty ambience they add to the landscape

Switching gears

Although spring is here and winter snow seems well behind us. Brien's continues to service is customers throughout all of the seasons. In the winter, snow removal and salting are addition-al ways Brien's meets the fullservice needs of its customers. Another convenient service they provide is putting up and taking down holiday décor.

Giving back to the community

It's a great time to install low voltage lighting so it will be in place for summer entertaining. Certified and trained personnel If the Worrell name sounds

Mustangs football and current resident of Milford Youth Baseball Baseball and Softball Association. He also participates in the many local events such as Milford Memories, the lee Festival and Car Show.

"I do feel it's important to give back to the community," he said. "My business and my home are in the township, We're not going anywhere. We are a part of this community."

He also appreciates being voted the #1 landscaper_two years in a row by the HomeTown News survey.

News survey. "It's really appreciated because it's giving us recogni-tion for the high level of service that we constantly strive to achieve with our customers" said Worrell.

Brien's serves commercial and residential sites in Southwest Oakland County and is located at 4964 Technical Drive in Milford. Contact them at (248) 685-

Courtesy photo

banned the government company from using its preferential status to block small businesses from bidding on certain government contracts. The actions of Congress and the SBA don't mark the end of the Unicor monopoly, but small-business owners are pleased that they have at least passed "go."

Jack Faris is president of NFIB, the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A nonprofit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington. D.C., and all 50 state capitals.

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