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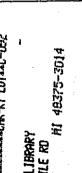
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Prom moment

Beth Malo snaps a photo of herself and Anthony Stebila at the start of last Saturday's Novi High School senior prom held at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more photos and the story, please see page 4.

Cracking the code

■ School code of conduct to be looked at tonight

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

The Novi High School athletic code of conduct will be discussed once again at the Novi Community School District's Board of Education meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Educational Services Building.

It's the first time the board has publicly discussed the matter since two public hearings earlier this year.

According to Dr. Emmett Lippe, district superintendent, the board will discuss two versions of the code tonight: one that district athletic director Curt Ellis' committee crafted and one that a group of 10 parents designed.

Lippe said parents questioned the process used by the athletic department committee, which they felt

"They asked what they can do to make sure that their impressions and suggestions can be heard," Lippe

Lippe met with four members of the parents' committee on two different evenings and "they basically came up with a revamped athletic code," he said.

Tonight, the code of conduct committee's version is to be submit-

MORE TO COME

The Novi Community School District will hold two public hearings regarding the code of conduct at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24, in the Educational Services Building (25345 Taft Road).

The board will not comment at the hearings, which are designed to allow the public to voice opinions and concerns.

The two versions of the code can be viewed on the Web at: www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics/default.aspx.

ted for review by the board before Lippe presents the parent's version. John Lawrence, Novi High School principal, is to give a presentation on how the school will handle discipline matters in the future. Reinserting random drug testing

into the athletic code is expected to be a topic during the hearings next Monday and Tucsday. No decision is anticipated to

approve the code tonight.

Bob Schram, executive director of administrative services, is expected to explain Public Act 102, which deals with involvement of police in school-related activities.

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Woman taught to work'

■ Schultz honored by business group chapter

By Kim Kovelle

On nearly 100 acres of farmland in a small Ohio town, Betty Schultz spent her childhood gathering hickory nuts and tending to pigs and

"We didn't have real close neighbors, so we were taught to work," recalled Schultz, 61. "It was just, you do it - part of growing up. A little bit of



B. Schultz

Northville Township resident said that work ethic has inspired her service as teacher, photographer, wife, mother

The

and volunteer.

Now, for the second time in a decade, she wears another title: woman of the year.

The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association chose Schultz from their 20-member ranks in March.

"She's very enthusiastic," said Marcia Applegate, the association's president. 'That's just Betty's personality. She's just very welcoming and warm."

A founder of Novi's first "welcome wagon," Schultz said putting people at ease was an early lesson. As the youngest of four, she saw her

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Primary would cost city \$35,000

■ 10 for council. 4 for mayor would do it

By Pam Fleming

The city of Novi would have to schedule a primary election at a cost of about \$35,000 to the city if 10 people run for city council or four file for the mayor's office, according to city clerk Maryanne

Filing for Novi mayoral and city council candidates started May 13, with deadlines for both landing at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 3.

If 10 people file for city council positions or four people file for mayor in this election, the city must hold a primary election, which would take place on Tuesday, Aug.

The last time a primary election for city offices was required was 1999, according to Cornelius.

"The city charter outlines that if one more than three times the number of candidates files, a primary must be held," she said.

For the story on the latest city council candidate to announce, please turn to page 7.

The mayor's term is up for grabs this year as well as the council seats of Kim Capello, Laura Lorenzo and

David Landry. The mayoral seat is a two-year

term; city council members have a four-year term.

Only Landry has declared he is running for mayor. Capello, Dave Staudt, Terry

Twelva Mile

announced that they are running for city council. The city council terms are stag-

Margolis and Justin Fisher have

seats will be vacant. The charter states that candidates

for any elective office shall be nominated at a primary election. When the number of candidates to any office does not exceed three times the number to be elected, no primary election shall be held.

So, if only nine people file for city council, no primary election

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Bounce out for a Novi night on the town

■ City's first pub crawl includes five venues

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

everything." A native of the Novi area, Angelia Cyr has seen a thriving after-hours scene brewing in her hometown during recent years.

Tonight, the marketing coordina-

tor hopes to let at least 1,000 folks in on the secret in the city's first ever "pub crawl." Kicking off at 9 p.m., Novi

Bounce includes five venues in less than two square miles.

"It's a very family oriented community, but I also think there's a lot of young people," said Cyr, with Walled Lake's Bella Blue, Inc. This is a really fun place to actually hang out."

For a \$10 cover, fun-seekers age 21 and up will be shuttled to Library Sports Pub & Grill, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Post Bar, O'Toole's and recently-opened Tequila Rain at Lucky's of Novi.

tions and libations aplenty will be available until 2 a.m. closings. Along with beefed security and the free bus rides, a Commerce transportation company and cabs will be on hand to drive home those who party a bit too much.

'We're really hoping to bring in a lot of people that haven't been to Novi," Cyr added.

Bringing bars together

With roots in East Detroit, "Bounce" isn't new to the area. A six-bar Birmingham event last October drew 3,000, Cyr said.

About three months in the making, the Novi event was set in to action when Tequila Rain opened

"We needed to bring someone that brought something new," Cyr said. "I thought that really brought together the entire group of bars."

The club's disc jockey will spin

Top 40 and rock-n-roll classics, general manager Eddie Bourque said. "It was basically free exposure for us on a night that we would be open anyway," Bourque said. "You

get people who are out just to have a great time." In Novi's Main Street area since 2003, The Post Bar jumped at the chance, general manager Frank

Gegovic said. "Novi was kind of a sleepy, nice community," Gegovic said. "We kind of came to the area, spiced Traveling disc jockeys, promo-

things up. "I think it's great exposure for the city."

While disc jockeys Tonic and Low Key spin at the Post, regular

Teguila Rain (Above Lucky's of Nov 44325 12 Mile Road Ste. H-160 Library Sports Pub & Grill Fifth Avenue Ballroom 25750 Novi Road Post Bar 42875 Grand River Av O'Toole's of Novi 24555 Novi Road

Thursday band Killer Flamingos will cover tunes at nearby Fifth Avenue, a six-year-old outfit.

Bar manager Nicole Ebert said she sees Novi's potential to become

"the next Royal Oak." There's so many bars all around the area it almost brings more peo-

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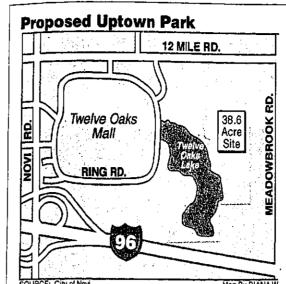
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City planners to review Singh's rezoning request

By Pam Fleming

Although city council members approved the request to consider a rezoning of about 38 acres of property owned by Singh Development in Novi, they want the planning commission to review the plan before it comes back to council for final approval next month.

At the last city council meeting on May 9, a motion was made for the city to consider the rezoning of property owned by the developer south of 12 Mile Road and west of Meadowhrook Road.

The area is to be rezoned under the city's new Planned Rezoning Overlay process with the primary conditions in the overlay being 201 units in the condominium complex. The units would also be restricted to owner-occupied/nonrental use, both conditions offered by Singh at the meeting.

Torn Schultz, city attorney, said he would prepare a memorandum to council outlining the process. The motion specifically requested that the matter be brought back to council within 45

Schultz has determined that the overlay process should be undertaken in the normal course and from the beginning The ordinance asks for a plan-

ning commission review of a conceptual plan before it comes to council. Singh staff members have not presented a conceptual plan for the property to the com-

Correction The 5/12/05 Issue of the

Novi News stated the Novi City Council approved Singh Development's rezoning request for property south of Twelve Mile Road west of Meadowbrook Road.

Council voted 4-3 to consider the request, have legal counsel review it and bring it back for approval within 45 days from the May 9 meeting.

states that the overlay can be applied for even after a traditional rezoning request has begun. Schultz suggested that Singh officials file an application for an overlay and pay the review fees. The application should include a oposed plan showing the generlocation for the building improvements and note the limita

The new ordinance also calls for a overlay agreement. The development agreement the city attorney's office has already prepared can be converted to this A public hearing before the

planning commission is also required before it can go back to city council for a final vote. The planning commission has scheduled a public hearing on the property at its June 8 meeting, with the proposal returning to city council for final adoption of the

The overlay ordinance also plan and agreement on June 20.

■ Schultz son and another on the way, Schultz put flexibility to work when Gil was honored by offered an engineering job in 1972. The family relocated to Novi. business "I was busy raising children and again learning a new community. group chapter Getting involved is what I found was the answer," Schultz said.

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mom give away fruits and vegetables from a prize garden. "She shared it with everyone Schultz said, "She as very involved By the time she met her future husband Gil at a local square dance,

Schultz said she had a reputation as joined the new business women's a volunteer at her high school. Gil soon had his bride-to-be chapter in 1992. "I love being with children and hooked on cameras. The duo people," she said. "People come into opened a photography studio, where your life for a reason." Schultz relished snapping wedding She thought so even when a sport and baby photos.

"Each one was different," she years ago and smashed into her said. "You just go with the flow and it's a learning experience." A grade school teacher with one

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■ City's first

pub crawl

they'll come back."

was first pitched.

Escaping with broken

utility vehicle ran a red light a few

Quickly, she became president of

the welcome group now called Novi

Newcomers. When Twelve Oaks

Mall opened, she worked at

Marianne's clothing shop.

Substitute teaching was a staple

when her kids were young; later, it

Ready to volunteer again, she

was scheduling appointments for

local dentists.

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ple to the city," she said. "If they . Where: Library Sports Pub come and they see that, maybe Grill, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Post Bar, O'Toole's and Tequila O'Toole's manager Carl O'Toole Rain (see map on front page) said he was skeptical when the idea Cost: \$10 wristband fee Web: But now, he too is hoping to

"There's a greater variety of bars area," O'Toole said. "Looking for-

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> event back in August. "We're just trying to bring everybody together for one night," Cyr said. "It's a really cool event." For owners of Library Sports Pub & Grill, the 10-year-old veteran on

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ward to it. We're going to hop on the

bus and cruise around and check out

Behind the event are sponsors

tonight's line-up, the event is just

another way to bolster the city. "We're doing it because we're members of the Novi community, that are opening up in a close-knit co-owner Alan Barnett said. "We're always here for them.

all of them."

Primary Schultz suddenly couldn't work, but was able to take in her mom, who could cost city of Novi \$35k

had eye problems and needed con-"If I were working, that would not have been an option," said

Schultz, who now works with senior continued from front page citizens at her Novi church. will be required. As the Novi chapter's treasurer Comelius noted that candi- her sixth office during the year. dates have the option of filing - she also leads the pack with nominating petitions or a \$100 fund-raising for women's scholarfee. A nominating petition must ships, Applegate said. have a minimum of 100 valid

Schultz was honored at an April 30 regional meeting. She said the signatures but not more than 200 signatures. honest work and integrity she "People usually turn in a few learned as a girl will continue to extra signatures just in case drive her. somebody says they're a regis-"I'm very honored that they

tered voter and they're not," she chose me and twice even," Schultz said. "It's something that I certainly didn't expect." Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for

As soon as nominating petitions come to the clerk's office, staff must check the signatures the Novi News. She can be against their master file on regisreached at (248) 349-1700, ext. tered voters. via e-mail a

During the presidential election, when more than 6,000 absentee ballot requests came to the clerk's office, staff members have to check the ballot request with the registered voter's signa-

ture on file. Then, staff must check the signature again when the ballot is

received. "We're waiting for the day that the digitized signatures stations. Cyr said Bella Blue's already considering bringing the become available, so we can just view them on a computer," Cornelius said.

She said that the Secretary of State's office is currently working on a digitized signature proj-

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A night in paradise



By Courtney Ratkowiak

was shocked.
After senior Leaisa McCarty realized that her name had just been announced, the congratulatory hugs, camera flashes and dance with the prom king happened so fast that she "didn't know what to think." For McCarty, being selected queen put the crowning touch on "Prom Paradise" 2005.

The Novi High School junior/senior prom was held Saturday night at Livonia's Burton Manor, Bright colors dominated the evening, from decorations to student attire. Pink was the popular choice for females, and although a few males chose to wear white tuxedos, the majority selected traditional black. The DJ, used by Novi High School in past years, played popular hip-hop and R&B



Bethany Garland and Kyle Magnan head in to the Burton Manor for the start of the Novi Senior Prom last Saturday night.



A young barefoot lady dances on the toes of her date during last Saturday's Novi High School

tunes mixed with older songs. Prom souvenirs included a money clip adorned with the Wildcat logo for boys and a heart-shaped candy dish for girls.

Lauren Thomas, a five-time prom veteran, said that the number of times she has attended the dance did not detract from her senior prom experience.

"A lot of people say that they only want to go to their senior prom, that they want it to be special, but I had so much fun at every prom that I went to," she said. "I went with different people, had different experiences. They were all really special in their own way."

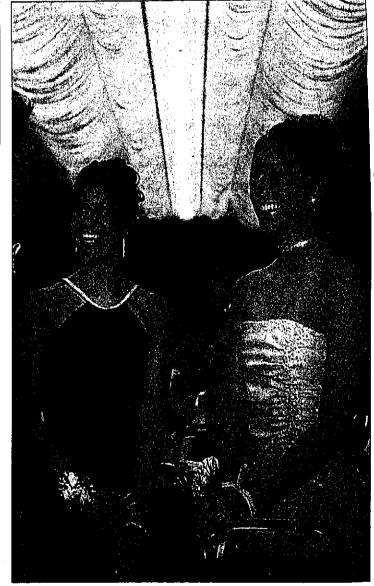
Thomas said that this year's prom was different because she went with a large group of people. Her group consisted of 26 friends, who rented a party bus for the occasion. Instead of opting for a limousine, renting the bus guaranteed that there would be enough space for the

attendance, Novi High School principal dance floor illustrated an issue that will only become more glaring in future

"The challenge is dealing with the growing population of the high school and the growing number of students who want to go to prom," Lawrence said. "Even though we had fewer (students) attend prom this year, it was still very crowded. To deal with the space issue, we may have to start looking at just a senior prom in two or three years."

Lawrence stated that although juniors may look forward to the prom, reducing prom to only seniors would eliminate the need to find a larger facility. In addition, Lawrence said, prom is very expensive, uate." and changing to a seniors-only prom would reduce the obligation and pressure that some students feel to go to prom as both a junior and a senior.

Senior Rich Tata agreed that the cost of prom was too great to go more than once. Accompanied by his girlfriend, his favorite part of prom was the dancing. "Even though I'm not a good dancer, it was just fun," Tata said. "It was a good time on the dance floor. It was very lively, and everyone had a smile on their



A couple of young ladies attending last Saturday's prom chat with a friend before sitting down to dinner at Livonia's Burton Manor.

Thomas added, "The best part was being around my friends on the dance floor when the DJ played songs that brought back memories, (songs) that we listened to on spring break and all of this year. He played our senior class song, and it entered my mind that (prom) was our last dance, that we're about to grad-

Overall, "Prom Paradise" was viewed as a success by students and administrators alike.

Lawrence said. "There were countless hours of preparation. Prom is a collaborative effort. It takes a lot of time and energy, but consequently, the better you plan, the better it (is)." Tata simply said, "It was fantastic."



Novi High School students Steve Slack and Brittany Davis enjoy a slow dance together.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Firefighters, city negotiating

By Pam Fleming

Novi's paid-on-call firefighters, the majority of the force with 54 members and six auxiliary members, hope to sign a contract with the city in the near future.

The paid-on-call staff voted to join a union in July 2004. Contract negotiations with the city started in

"We're starting to meet more frequently, and we'd like to see that nomentum continue," said Jerry Holtzman, president, Michigan Association of Firefighters, the paid-on-call union. Full-time firefighters, which total

Holtzman said. '28 in Novi, belong to Local 3232 of the International Association of Fire

The city's fire department staff is actually represented by three are downsizing their full-time fire unions. A secretary in the department belongs to the Teamsters union. The only employees in the ized are the chief, the assistant chief ing to Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan.

The public voted down a millage to fund a full-time, 24-hour-a-day department in 2000. IAFF members have had a contract for about 14 years, according to Lenaghan. "So, we've got three contracts to

In general, union contracts deal with such issues as wages, uni- out of 30 days. A lot of paid-on-call forms, medical leave, life insurance, hours and conditions of employment, according to Lenaghan.

"The paid-on-call people do a do was find six days to fill with a great job here," he said. "They've worked within the system for many years and will continue to stay. This was their decision to approach it this that two paid-on-call people work way (negotiate a contract), and I that shift at a time out of about 30 think it's a good idea. It spells out

The chief said the paid-on-call staff members are seeking increases in wages and benefits. "That's what collective bargaining is all about."

Paid-on-call members want

Holtzman said members of the paid-on-call force would also like to years old and all leak. People are have a more active voice in the

to Holtzman.

and now there are two," he said.

ment, we had 12 officers throughout

the four stations who worked 6 p.m.

to 6 a.m. (known as the 507 shift).

We basically had a supervisor on 24

(tirefighters) feel this (the full-

timers' promotions) was an unnec-

essary move, when all they had to

Lenaghan said in the 507, which

members willing to spend a night or

Holtzman said the department

spends about \$108,000 every six

months for a supervisor. He added

that the department has also spent

money on a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe

"The department is in desperate

need of other things like pagers. Our

concerned about where our money

is being spent," Holtzman said.

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supervisor," Holtzman said.

weekend in a station.

as well as cell phones.

for the department to hire a second

Tahoe replaced 1997 Lumina year's budget, Holtzman said, was

"This was their decision to approach it this way

(negotiate a contract), and I think it's a good idea.

department promoted six fulltimets. There are now two captains and be an emergency vehicle. "It was a piece of junk. The thing four Fire Protection II Officers," sometimes wouldn't even keep run-Holtzman said he is puzzled why ning if you had the overhead warning lights on because the alternator the fire department is promoting was never designed to handle that. It fulltimers when many communities

departments and moving to a higher The Talioe, used by two supervisors, has a defibrillator, the department is in the process of having it certified as a first-responder unit. off about 30 full-time firelighters -"They do have cell phones in all about a third of its staff - according

the trucks." Lenaghan said, "I wasn't aware that the ice rescue suits "Originally, the Novi department was going to have one supervisor, leaked. If they do, we'll get them The city funded pagers for the "When they started the departdepartment during the recently

approved budget, and Holtzman said one new ice rescue suit has been purchased. Holtzman noted that concerning call volume, greater than 80 percent are service or emergency medical service calls. "If we have four runs a

All but one paid-on-call firefighter is an emergency medical techniis the sleep-in or standby program, cian or a paramedic, Holtzman said. Lenaghan said the department is licensed to provide only basic life support, which only requires emergency medical training.

Number of supervisors ques-

"We already have six or seven people responding to a medical call, and now they're going to put in two "We have four captains, and eight

licutenants. We think residents, should be aware of where their tax

It spells out what they're going to get."

type of the emergency as to how Lenaghan said a Tahoc replaced a many people arrive at the scene. The sleen-in crew might respond, the 1997 Chevy Lumina that were totalstation could respond with two or ly inadequate and never designed to more people, there's two people from Community Emergency

Medical Services, and a supervisor Paid-on-call members hope to have a contract signed by early summer with the city of Novi. MAFF was also leaking oil. It was time for representatives and city staff mema new vehicle," he said.

bers are scheduled to meet today. "I think everybody would like to settle it as soon as possible. This is a process. There's give and take,

Pam Fleming is a staff writer

totaling \$600,000. Investigators believe the payout one of the motives in the murder.

By Pam Fleming

Ronny and Rhonda Sanders,

parents of the late Cameron Wade

Sanders of Novi, whose body was

found in a wooded area behind

Twelve Oaks Mall in April 2003,

may file a wrongful death suit

against Kevin Mykolaitis, the

alleged murderer from Farmington

Hills, according to a local attorney

David Greco, of Sommers

Schwartz law firm in Southfield,

said the Sanders are considering

They can file a wrongful death

lawsuit against Mykolaitis, and

they can intervene in the federal

lawsuit currently pending filed by

Mykolaitis through a company by

Extensive Enterprises, entered into

an agreement and took out life

insurance policies on each other

filing a lawsuit, and they have a

retained by the Sanders.

couple of options.

Mykołaitis sought to collect on the insurance policy.

"My understanding is that State Farm Insurance refused to pay because it's their belief that Mykolaitis was the killer of Mr. Sanders," Greco said.

The attorney explained that once Mykolaitis was arrested, under the Michigan slayer statute, an individnal cannot collect or benefit from killing another individual. Greco said, however, that State

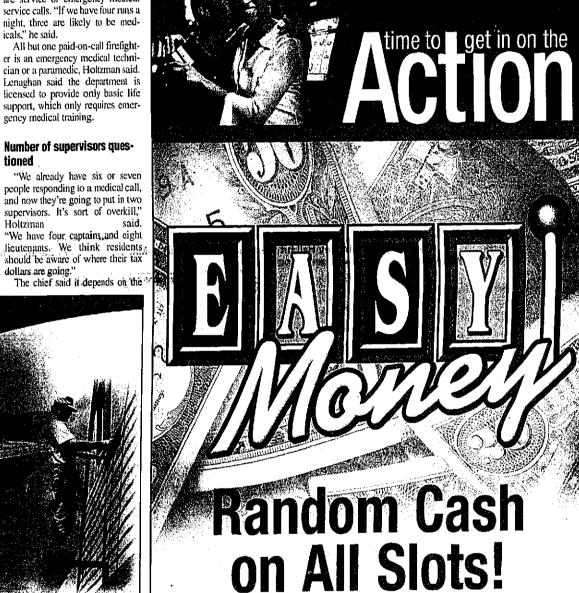
Farm Insurance may be obligated to pay out the money from the life insurance policy between the two men. But, Mykolaitis may not be able to collect. "Under those circumstances, I

believe that the money would or should go to the estate of Mr. Sanders, which would include his parents." Greco said. "They're thrilled that the defen-

the name of Extensive Enterprises against State Farm Insurance dant was arrested. They've been Greco said what is alleged to patient. It's been a long investiga have taken place is that the two tion and some time since the men, who formed a business called

killing," he said. Greco specializes in cases involving medical malpractice, nursing home negligence and general personal injury.

Whatever they decide, Greco on this life insurance policy was said the Sanders will most likely take some sort of action soon.



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Fine arts painter brings urban landscape home

Novi woman wins national contest

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Darcel Deneau, a resident of Novi for 13 years, grew up in Detroit.

Her love for things urban recently paid off when she won a 2004 national design competition sponsored by "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine. The artist won \$1,000 in the

magazine's "Best Entertaining Space Indoors" category for her interior design project that transformed an unfinished, walkout basement into an urban gallery. She found out about the contest while reading magazines at Novi allergist Michael Rowe's office and tore out the page in "Better Homes and Gardens" about the

themed touches, such as incorporating a variety of salvage items like a Detroit Sewer cover made into an end table

winning project is on page 56 of this month's issue of "Better Homes and Gardens," She learned Jan. 30 that she had one. "I was excited out of my mind."

The premise of the contest is that when you improve your tured as an indoor awning and on pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

home, you improve your life. the lower section of the bar, which More than 7,500 entries shared has an urban skyline with back new homes, kitchens, bathrooms, retreats, gardens, and more, with 20 category winners each receiv-

The Grand Prize winners for "Best New Home," Mitzi and Frank Lott of Warwick, Ga., won \$25,000 cash and a new Dodge

The first runner-up in the contest, who won the category "Best-Use of Color Outdoors," was Darlene Graeser of Thousand Oaks, Calif., who won \$5,000 cash and \$25,000 worth of

Broyhill Furniture Entries were judged on aestheties and appearance, creativity of ideas, function, use of materials and whether the entry was appropriate for the category

A fine arts painter, Deneau's walkout basement features a media area, small kitchen and bath, "We needed storage, an artstudio, and we wanted places to hang my artwork," she said. They did hire a contractor as well as an architect. Keith Logsdon, AIA, a principal at Michael Willoughby

Associates in Birmingham, Shehas a mantle in the room from the Lelanau Peninsula in Michigan. Street signs were found at a junk shop on Michigan Avenue, Her husband, Jim, and her like to drive around to find signage and other urban items. Corrugated aluminum is fea- 105, or by e-mail

ing \$1,000 cash in the 2004 con-

Wheat-colored sculpted carpet is contrasted by stained concrete. An aluminum trash can fits with the decor.

"The thing I enjoyed most about that project was working with Jim and Darcie. They were so willing to take risks and do things that were a little unusual. ness," Logsdon said.

The Deneaus' entertaining space was a winner because they were able to achieve an impressive range of goals, according to Oma Blaise Ford, senior deputy editor. Home Design, "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine.

"They created a totally unique space that their teenagers love to entertain in, a studio that provides artist Darcel with space to paint and well-lit gallery walls to exhib it her paintings," she said. The area is functional for all

members of the family and better utilizes an existing part of their home. Ford added. Deneau's family lived in Detroit until she was 9, then

moved to Livonia.

As a child, she spent a lot of time in the city, "When my Dad died. I wanted to recapture some of that time," she said. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.



Artist Darcel Deneau poses in her basement near one of her many urban-themed paintings that won her a "Best Entertaining Space Indoors" for a "Better Homes and Gardens" contest. Deneau painted the brick facade behind the paintings as well.

VHERE TO FIND HER WORK

A graduate of the College for Creative Studies, Darcel Deneau currently has some of her work displayed at Studio 427, the Regina Abraham Gallery of Art, at 141 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. Her exhibit of urban landscapes in oil at the gallery runs through the end of May.

Wixom, Dearborn swap mayors

Week" by exchanging mayors for

the day today. Dearborn Mayor Mike Guido and members of his staff will be arriving in the morning to spend the day with Wixon Deputy Mayor Jim Cutright and other city officials — exchanging ideas and sharing information about their

cuss government with the stu-

great interest in exploring the history and development of Wixom's Mayor Guido ta lifelong resi- new Village Center Area, larly

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Wixom will celebrate "Michigan to serve his city) is serving his and redevelopment initiatives in fifth term as Dearborn's mayor. In the works for which the mayor addition to spending time at city has been a pivotal catalyst. Mayor hall, the mayor will also attend a Guido has improved business dis-Walled Lake Western High tricts resulting in remarkable School government class and dis- growth in Dearborn's industrial and technology sectors. He has

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Community floats and entries are encouraged. Businesses or civic groups interested in participating can call the Novi Parks office or visit www.ci.novi.mi.us for more information.

Civic Center (between Novi and

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member," Sprague said. He said the city council office requires the ability to wear many

for companies as large or larger than the city of Novi. He wants to serve on council

Planning Commissioner to run for city council

By Pam Fleming

Lowell Sprague, who currently serves as secretary of the Novi Planning Commission, announced his candidacy May 16 for city council in the upcom-

ing November election. Sprague, a Certified Public Accountant, who has been on the planning commission since 2002, believes the broad range of issues explored and the role that city council members play are closely aligned with his experi-

"My background as the healthcare over the last 18 years has

provided me with excellent prepara-

hats in reviewing finances, determining policy, strategic planning, capital budgeting and Sprague said he has worked with all of these types of issues on a daily basis in private industry as the chief financial officer

so he can play a part in the future of Novi during what he views as an important time in the city's

"Over the next four years, we will continue to deal with significant financial issues and the need to balance tax revenues with service requirements," he

Sprague said with the build out of the community, Novi will soon reach a time when it will not be able to "grow" its way out of financial challenges. "As the finances of the city

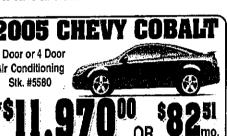
mature, having the experience in this type of transition will be a valuable asset to have on city council," he said. Sprague feels the city needs to

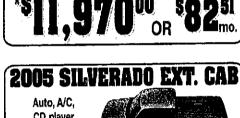
continue road improvements and maintenance: expand and improve public parks; and continue its role as a regional destination place. A native of Ft. Lauderdale. Fla., Sprague earned an MBA from Santa Clara University in

CFO of Integrated Health Associates in Ann Arbor since He and his wife, Sheila, and children, Sarah, 18; Lindsey, 17; and Connor, 2, have lived in

Santa Clara, Calif. He has been

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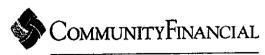
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2004, which eventually led to

Nick Valenti said his father was

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rently occupied by Twelve Oaks

"A young attorney took on their

cause, took it all the way to the

Michigan Supreme Court, and they

blocked the landfill project," Nick

Arthur Valenti also fought the

Haggerty Connector project that

vent through Novi that condemned

"They lost that battle, but he

Nick Valenti believes his father

"He was the kind of guy who

would let you know exactly how he

felt in a conversation," Nick Valenti

will be remembered for his union

activities, his politics and his out-

rebuilt on the remaining property,

the Valentis' home in the early

Valenti said.

Nick Valenti said.

Virginia Valenti's death.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Developers, city meet

Sign restrictions and tax incentives were topics broached by Novi's planners and local develop-

A May 11 roundtable discussion focused on luring businesses and lowering residential taxes. At city council's request, planning staff is working on a report

exploring tax base options. The meeting, which drew representatives from five firms, aimed to get feedback for that report. Developers praised the city's infrastructure, road, utility plans

and prime locale. Suggested improvement included: granting permits more quickly offering flexibility in structure heights; and providing a Web site that outlines city benefits. Also discussed were tax abate ments, in which cities offer developers reduced or eliminated taxes for a set time. Created jobs in turn can in theory bolster the local econ-

Another roundtable is planned for June 14 or 15.

'Adco Gateway' on horizon

Adeo Group, a Novi-based developer, has plans to construct "Adco Gateway," a project with retail buildings, office space and townhouses on 27.5 acres in the

The Novi Planning Commission gave a nod May 11 to the group's proposal to rezone the land to "Gateway East." That zoning is geared at creating a "downtown" dentity along Grand River Avenue between Meadowbrook Road and Main Street.

Adeo's Adomo Piccinini is proposing 246 town homes, about 21,000 square feet of retail and 41,000 square feet for offices on land just west of Meadowhrook Road along Grand River Avenue Building design must be compatible nearby locales like the Fountain Park Apartments and Marty Feldman Chevrolet, city

In a 7-0 vote, commissioners recommended the move to city council; Andy Gutman was absent Council hears the issue on May 23.

Providence 'helistop' landing?

ter pad might be on its way to Novi's Providence Hospital. On May 11, the Novi Planning Commission gave its approval to the temporary "helistop," to be located west of existing Providence Park buildings for three years. Commissioners agreed to the addition in a 7-0 vote; Andy

Gutman was absent. The topic likely will go before city council May 23, the planning department said.

Five years after he earned a

switch again.

gle-family homes on about 6.5 acres east of Dixon Road and north of 12 Mile Road. In June 2000, the land had been zoned for low-density, single-fami-

Akarakeian said new zoning would better match nearby projects. such as upcoming Liberty Park condominiums. Despite planning staff's disapproval, planning commissioners

was absent Council likely will make a decision in June, the planning depart-

Dog licenses discounted

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Dog licenses need to be renewed annually and expire on Dec. 31

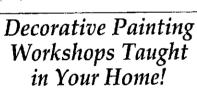
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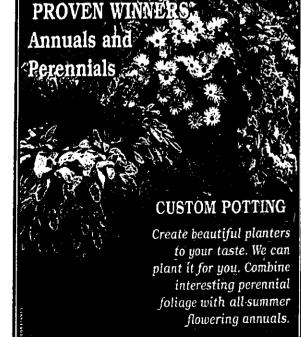
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After June 1, dog licenses are

zen dog owners whose pets are

considered delinquent, with the cost increasing to \$30, except for new dogs and new residents. When applying for a dog license, bring a valid rabies vaccination certificate to city hall.

Dog licenses are available at the city of Novi treasurer's office. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, on the first floor of the Novi Civic Center.

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ing designed by local businesses, **Healthy Heart Project this** and a luncheon at Genitti's Holein-the-Wall Restaurant in down-St. John Health and FOX 2 team town Northville. up for the Healthy Heart Project The five kitchens, never before Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon at four on the tour, are in the homes of Eric and Carrie Sklar, 45990 St. John Health locations through-

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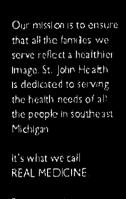
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Valenti was well respected, say union colleagues

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Art Valenti was a known entity in Detroit union circles.

Washington's father and Valenti

Before the Wayne Assembly Plant was built, Locall 900 union workers assembled cars at a. Lincoln-Mercury facility in Detroit at Warren and Livernois

Valenti was the last surviving member that signed the charter for Local 900.

Washington said Ford Motor 900 today.

Washington said.

international representative. Washington said Valenti was a

his record this year," Washington

friends with Valenti for more than for something," Popovich said.

served as vice president of the Local 900 Retirecs Association under Valenti's direction. Before that, they worked together at the UAW Solidarity House.

according to Popovich. "He was a very good speaker. I

a lot," Popovich said. Pam Fleming is a staff writer

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Former UAW Local 900 president remembered

■ Valenti known for his politics. outspokenness on Livernois in Detroit first.

Novi lost an active member of

assembly line for Ford for many

years before he became a union

representative. When he moved to

Solidarity House, he became a

international representative and

worked under UAW vice president

"My dad represented a lot of

small parts division employees,

such as those who made batteries.

ball bearings and those types of

He was active in the early years

Valenti was also active in the

Soapy Williams in his race for gov-

"He was a very driven, hard-

of the UAW and knew Walter

Reuther, who founded the union.

Marc Stepp.

parts," Nick said.

soccer coach at Novi High School working supporter of labor in its

the local union movement when

Arthur J. Valenti died on April 16 at

aw, Marsha, live in Farmington

Motor Co. and eventually the

United Auto Workers for many

years. He retired in 1981 from

Solidarity House, the UAW head-

Born in Sault Ste. Marie,

Ontario, on June 5, 1915, Art

Valenti's parents and family immi-

grated to Detroit when he was

about 6 years old, according to

Italy to Ontario because there were

jobs available when the locks were

being built, according to Nick

Nick Valenti, who was varsity

The family originally came from

quarters in Detroit.

By Pam Fleming

nearly 90 years of age. Art Valenti's son, Nick, who grew up in Novi, and daughter-in-

Valenti, of Novi, died April 16 Jeff Washington, current president of Local 900 at the Wayne Assembly Plant off of Michigan Avenue in Wayne, said Valenti was a close friend and collegue of

were on the UAW Plant Committee in the early 1940s. The UAW was formed in 1935 in

from 1983 to 1992, said his father carly years. He was a big part of

Company officials fired his father at one point, but Valenti got his and another worker's job back. He said had Valenti not been president of Local 900 that Washington wouldn't be president of Local

"He was a great union man and a devout Democrat. We used to call him Little Caesar,"

Valenti ran the Local 900 Retirces Association for more than 20 years and was a UAW

mentor to the union workers. "He was the longest reigning president before me. He was elected to seven terms, and I've been elected eight. Actually, I just beat

John Popovich of Novi was 30 years. "He was always running

For the last 26 years, Popovich

Valenti had a good personality and got along with people,

tried to mimic him, but I never could," Popovich said, who added that he believed Valenti acquired his speaking skills from the late local UAW leader Walter Reuther. "Art was a great guy. I miss him

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at



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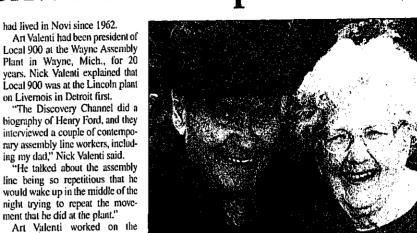


Photo by MARSHA VALENTI

The late Art and Virginia Valenti of Novi were married for 65 years. She died in August 2004, and he died on April 16, 2005, eight months later. A union leader, Art Valenti was formerly president of UAW Local 900 at the Wayne Assembly Plant in Wayne, Mich., and was also active in the Democratic Party.

Valenti said.

After Art Valenti retired, he became president of the Local 900 Democratic Party and helped Gov. Marsha Valenti noted that her mother-in-law, Virginia, died in August 2004, eight months to the

day before Art Valenti passed away. They were married for 65 years. "They had a rare relationship," laws were involved in a serious

Nick Valenti said his parents met on a blind date and were married about a year later. "The person Dad was supposed

n't go, so my mom's sister suggested that she go on the date," according to Nick Valenti.

Marsha Valenti noted that her in-

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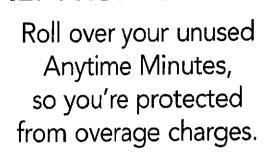
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For every free bra fitting, Wacoal will donate \$2 to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the company amounced.

The event will be held in the first-floor ladies' intimate apparel department. To make an appointment or for details call (248) 348-3400, ext. 265 or 517. Walk-ins

Mongolian bd's open

Restaurant chain bd's mongolian barbeque, owned by Novi resident Billy Downs, amounced May 12 that its locale in the country of Mongolia is open, Located in Ulaanbaatar,

Mongolia, bd's 28th catery is nonprofit and is the first United Statespased restaurant to open a franchise in that country, bd's reported. Employing more than 70 Mongolians, profits from the new bd's will support the Mongolian Youth Development Foundation

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while offering the chain's trade-

mark "create-your-own stir-fry"

'Hogs,' pets team again The Fifth Annual Hogs for Cats

and Dogs fund-raising event for the Michigan Humane Society kicks

off next month. Hosted by Motor City Harley Davidson and Motor City Golf, the event runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Participants can adopt ani mals, donate food and supply for pets and meet Humane Society cruelty inspectors Debby MacDonald and Shawn Hairston. Also on hand will be merchandise for pets and a "Putts for Paws" golf event, wherein participants are asked to donate \$50-500 or more.

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'Alley' needs nominees

technology business network,

Rededication of a 'LifeTime'

ly to lower specialty equipment

orders and the progress of certain

Veri-Tek also announced two

new orders totaling \$1.6 million.

INCAT International, which

makes Novi its headquarters.

announced May 16 that it has

bought and incorporated a new

Headquartered in Strasbourg

year or early next year.

INCAT enters France

subsidiary in France.

Those are expected to ship late this

Surrounded by LifeTime Fitness managers, staff and family members, Novi Mayor Lou Csordas clips the ribbon during the club's May 6 rededication. LifeTime underwent \$2.1 million in renovations

Previously with the DeMattia

Group in Plymouth, Treboldi will be

responsible for field operations on

educational, nunicipal and waste

located at 45500 Grand River Ave.

Cooper's numbers in

DeMaria's Novi regional office is

Cooper-Standard Holdings, Inc.,

parent company of Novi's Cooper

Standard Automotive, reported on

The company reportedly took in

\$470.1 million from January-March,

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three months was a reported loss of

\$500,000, which Cooper attributed

last year. Net income during the

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30.4 percent increase in January

May 16 its first quarter financial

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Veri-Tek notes earnings Veri-Tek, an automotive equip-

ment designer and builder, reported first quarter results May 11. Revenue dropped to \$1.1 million in January-March from \$2.8 miltion that time last year. The compa-

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center recently showcased its \$2.1 million renovations in a grand re-opening cere-

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The institute aims to sharpen This year, two new awards include the emerging leader and problem-solving skills for profesnon-profit organization of the year. sionals revitalizing historic and older commercial districts. After Along with a lifetime achieving passing entrance exams, Long "Legend CEO," categories call for the year's best CEO, CIO. atended four intense educationa sessions over two years and passed Automation Alley member, educational program, technology compaexams focusing on a "four-point approach" including organization, ny and emerging technology comdesign, promotion and economic pany. All regional businesses are

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 city and village officials to meet and Verma, has been appointed to theshare experiences and ideas." council which will consist of 29 is the nonpartisan Michigan associamembers to serve four-year terms. The council, created by the Executive Order 2005-10, is tion of cities and villages. The league's mission is to strengthen the quality of municipal government charged with serving in an advisory capacity to the governor and alerting and administration through cooperative effort. It is one of the oldest

her to pertinent issues within the Asian and Pacific American community, it will also make recommendations about programs and policies for the betterment of Asian and Pacific Islanders in Michigan and will help promote public awareness of Asian and Pacific American culture and accomplishments.

unteers her time to the Walled Lake Consolidated School District and has chaired the Reflections Program Wixom City Council member for their Parent-Teacher-Student Lori Rich has been elected secre-Association Council.

OBITUARY

MICHELLE MARIE **GALECKA**

Age 30 of Novi. May 11, 2005 Loving wife of Mark. Dear mother of Mitchell. Beloved daughter of Doris (the late John Jr.) Knox. Sister of Karen (Steven) Ventura and David (Annie) Knox. Daughter-in-law of Joseph and Marilyn Galecka. Sister-in-law of Craig (Heather) and Matthew. A

Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 - 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 770 Thayer Blvd., Northville, Interment Ford Cemetery, Bannister, Suggested memorials to Mark for his son's education, the ACS-Novi/Northville Relay for Life, or Holy Family Regional School. Arrangements in the care of the Modetz Funeral Home, Orion, (248) 371-3777, Online questbook

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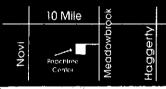
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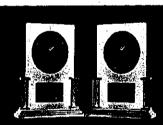
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EDUCATION

Streit, Balagna moving on after many years on school board

By Ramez Khuri

The definition of a good school board member: someone who has the desire to help children succeed and who is willing to dedicate a certain amount of their time per month to a district.

That is exactly what current school board members John Streit Streit Community School District Board change is inevitable, and the two tant. You just get more of a pulse, on with what we're doing." have decided to step down following the conclusion of the current

Streit has been on the Novi total of 26 years of school service points in the district's history. under his belt alone. He started off organization and feels strongly that to work with or see at work," Streit taining programs with limited at least some of the current school said. "There's no doubt about that." board members should have kids still in the district. The fact that his Streit's mind include all of the ath-

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outstanding," Streit said. "I'm also ple on the pleased with the results of the board

and you stay more involved."

"He's one of the finest superin-Other high points that stick out in

board," he said. been doing with students. Streit is also pleased and satisfied reasons I am that he will be leaving the district is come the end of June in good hands with a new superintendent. "The hiring of Peter Dion was

board having election. Peter should know that the best of he's welcome, and the board is very and John Balagna have done for a interest in education, meaning that I pleased that he will be here, so that like the fact that at least some of the is obviously a very high point. He board members should have kids appears to be a very good successor concerned about finances that of Education. But, as always, still in school. To me that's import to Emmett and really can continue

Though he has had some con-Having worked with four differ- cerns and worries over the years ent superintendents, Streit feels the about many issues that arose, Streit hiring of Dr. Emmett Lippe about feels that they have all been minus-School Board for 16 years, but has a 13 years ago was one of the highest cule compared to many other boards across the state. In fact, the only regrets he has are the fact that he had as a member of the parent teacher tendents I've ever had the pleasure to worry about finances and main-

finances and some discipline issues. Some advice that Streit would give to anyone thinking about runown kids graduated many years ago, letic and academic accolades that ning for a school board in the future has made his decision a little easier. have been awarded to all the schools would be to consider what is best for "I feel I still could be an aid or a in the district. He's also proud of the kids in every decision they have to

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more money, but obviously you have to keep that ideas or maintain classes to keep up the education and the progress of students. Another trait is the willingness to study and learn about education yourself so you have a good basis to make your decisions.

Balagna's experience includes 10 years on the Novi School Board. which he had been elected to three times. Before that, he was the chairman of the Novi Educational

Mile Road and Beck, which it did. education you

you have to have a burning desire in and satisfied are the hiring of Dion your heart to want to do the job," and the creation of all-day kinderdesire, and it does leave people at tary schools in the district. within reason. You shouldn't be so certain times, then it's time to move you're not willing to implement new case now. I no longer have that desire that I once had.

done. He has offered his time to the new people (Danford Austin and district, and it's time for other people to move forward with new ideas. Having always had an interest in helping children, Balagna had a and recreation department and com-

where it is today. He also was one of school district for what it has done "You have to the first people who suggested that for his own children and being on provide kids the district purchase property at 11 the school board was a way to do it. The one thing that sticks out in There was never a time that Balagna's mind over his time spent Balagna felt ho was under any pres- on the board is all the construction sure or decided he shouldn't run, the district went through. Other "To be on the board of education aspects that make Balagna proud

> Balagna said, "If you don't have that garten programs at all the elemenon. That's what has happened in my Balagna said. "There are so many great ideas out there that people Balagna explained that the things munity, and it's time for those peohe wanted to see accomplished are ple to step forward. We have two

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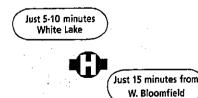
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Students display what they've got in

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

the garage

thumping and the chandeliers were for our students in the spring." swinging in the wind. Sounds like some party, ch? The event was actually Novi-

High's 11th annual auto show, which took place right in the school's parking lot last Friday. Students were encouraged to enter their cars into many different ducks, a table, a Ping-Pong table, categories for prizes. They showed two chandeliers, two dragons, an off-fancy sports cars, trucks, a cou- alligator head, pottery, a DVD playple clunkers and a few in-between - er and many other artifacts that one vehicles, that probably aren't fit for

eighth grade," senior Chris Poulos - entered in the "best modified" cateaild, who entered his 1990 Nissan 240 SX, "I bought my car for \$400 and have put \$5,000 into it."

Poulos has even had an engine which isn't available in America. shipped in from Japan for the car. The idea to put together the autoshow 11 years ago was originally Don Crockett's, a science teacher at kids put thousands of dollars into the school. He explained that he was their cars and we just have taped on actually teaching cooking at the time to many students who enjoyed reading car magazines. He asked put all of the artifacts in and on the them if they would like to have a car - car, but "It was worth it."

"I had the students contact the local car dealerships and businesses to get prizes for the show," Crockett said. "We only had nine students enter, and everyone received some type of prize. We had a perfect day, and all involved had fun. I am glad to see the show still going strong The engines roared, the base was and believe it is an excellent event One of the most unusual vehicles at the show this year belonged to junior Amanda Lawrence, What looked to be some type of minivan-

Miller, the event was born,

was all decked out with lawn chairs, a cooler, a jug, a basketball hoop, a matching couch, an arm chair, two normally wouldn't find in or on a car. It even had skeletons taped to the windows. The vehicle was "We had furniture lying around

and a whole lot of other things and we thought since the auto show is coming up, we thought we might as well enter," Lawrence said of her and her friends, "It's kind of just to make fun of the whole thing. Other skeletons on the windows. Lawrence said it took 12 hours to



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Novi High School student Chris Poulos polishes up the engine of his 1990 Nissan 240 SX during last week's mid-day car show at the school. Poulos purchased the car for \$400 and has put about \$5,000 into the car to enhance its performance. Poulos was one of dozens of students who displayed their tricked-out, souped-up unique automobiles, which ranged from \$500 "beaters" to \$80,000 "Daddy's Cars."

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St. Paul's Lutheran School n downtown Northville is currently enrolling for preschool through grade eight. St. Paul's School is located on 201 Elm Street, behind Hiller's Market. For more information, please call the school office at (248) 349-3146.

Students at the Oakland Technical Center in Wixom are expected to be involved in a nonprofit community service project tomorrow at 3 p.m., where they will build computers for underprivileged children at the campus. It is the school's fifth year doing this project. This year the presentation will be to blind and visually impaired chil-

The students have had a variety of fund-raising events such as a Walk-A-Thon, computer repairs and candy and pizza sales. These funds were used to purchase various computer components and the software needed to make the computers "user friendly" for the visually impaired. Through these various fund-raisers and donations, the students have achieved their goal.

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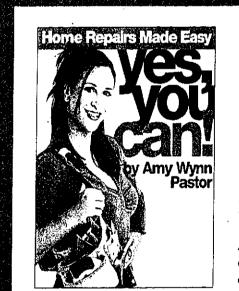
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Two foreign exchange students meet in Novi

By Ramez Khuri

The two girls came from Austria and Australia. Each made their way to the United States through a foreign exchange program at the end of January, not knowing where they would end up or who they would meet.

Turns out they met each other and became great friends in Novi and are even living in the same home until it's time for them to head back to their native lands next month. Their names are Adelheid Perchtold, known as Heidi for

in Australia, but is in the senior

short, and Jessica Colbert, Perchtold is considered a senior at Novi High School, but in Austria, she would be a junior because she's 17 years old. Colbert, on the other hand, has already graduated from her school

class in Novi. Having hailed from different parts of the world, the two girls are on opposite ends of the spectrum in terms of personality. Perchtold is quiet and loves to do

her studies, while Colbert is more outgoing and loves to hang out with friends. As the saying goes, however, opposites do attract. "I heard about (the foreign exchange program) and thought it was interesting," Perchtold said. "It can also be good on my resume because you have to know English to get a job in Europe."

Being used to a smaller school in Austria, Perchtold was both afraid and excited to come to America. She said she was happy to find herself in Michigan how-

Photo by RAMEZ KHUR Adelheid "Heidi" Perchtold of Austria and Jessica Colbert of Australia are Novi High's exhange students.

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sugar or salt in everything here." took a while to get used to."

"The weather is the same as in many fast food restaurants in my country, but at home we have - Austria as there are here and sales more mountains," she said, "Also tax is already included in prices the food is different. They put there, which is something that Perchtold said there aren't as One thing's for sure, however,

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"Here the kids are more friendly," she said, "They will talk to you, but at home they're more

reserved." When her experience in Novi is over. Perchtold isn't completely sure what she would like to do. but it probably involves a univer-

Colbert's story

After spending 14 hours to fly from Sydney, Australia, to Los Angeles, Colbert had to sit through a five-hour layover before taking another six-hour flight to Detroit, due to weather conditions. It then took about 45 minutes to retrieve her luggage. The Detroit weather didn't help

cally cold, wet and dark January day and nobody smiled at her. "I thought people hated me here," she said. "I was a nervous wreck and I called my parents and said I wanted to go home. I was in

her mood much, as it was a typi-

say thank you.' Another thing Colbert misses transit for 30-some hours and it about Australia is being able to took me about a week and a half drink an alcoholic beverage at

Colbert has two plans for her

to get a job on a cruise ship in the

respect and a lack of discipline

here," she said, "As a parent,

you're either a parent or a friend,

you can't be both especially when

they're teenagers. Kids in

than teens in Australia.

just to get over the jet lag."

But she didn't go home — a drinking age is 18. She explained decision she didn't regret. "I'm happy I made the trip, but in her native land doesn't maké her want to get drunk. It's about I wish that I had gotten a lot of being old enough to drink and stuff in order before I left," she

being able to enjoy yourself. A little advice Colbert has for people her age would be to get future. She would either like to go interested in finding out about the to the United Kingdom and work

rest of the world. for six months, or she would like "Go work somewhere else," she said. "See if you can get a sum-One aspect of American culture mer job in Florida, or Kentucky or that Colbert is surprised at is the get a job on a cruise ship in the behavior of people her age. She Caribbean. You meet so many difbelieves teenagers in the United ferent people from all over the States get away with a lot more world. Don't be ignorant to what's happening around you and don't turn off the news when it "I think there is a huge lack of

> comes on." Anyone interested in being a foreign exchange student or even hosting one in their home, can call Linda Leedy at (248) 349-5599.

Australia are really polite. You get Ramez Khuri is a staff writer handed something in class, you for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. or by e-mail at





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On Campus

Brandon J. Henkel, of Novi, was inducted into Delta Mu-Delta National Honor Society at Northwood University for spring, 2005

Novi resident, Angelo Mevers. was named to the dean's list for the March, 2005 session at the University of Northwestern

Angela King, of Novi, was among the spring 2005 graduates at Judson College, Elgin, III. during commencement exercises.

The following students

received honors from Albion College:

inducted into the College's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated Summa Cum Laude, earning a degree in English with a

Angela Doolin, of Novi, was

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earned a degree in English. and management.

> The following student received honors from Ohio State

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The following students were placed on the spring 2005 Dean's List at Michigan Technological . Scott A. Bergeson, of Novi,

3.5 or higher. He is studying chemical engineering. Norman A. Nazaroff, of Novi, earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. He is studying computer engineering. Michael J. Aschinger, of Walled Lake, earning a grade

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The deadline for filing an application is Wednesday, June 8, 2005, a

Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, June 13, 2005.

beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; interviews are scheduled

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CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2005-173.01, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF SECTION 26.5 OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF INANCIAL GUARANTEES FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING GUARANTEES TO BE POSTED AT THE TIME OF ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN A PROJECT WHILE CONSTRUC-

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 05-173.01

TION IS INCOMPLETE. The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 9, 2005. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 05-100.35**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2005-100.35, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, "SIGNS," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE REGULATIONS RELAT ING TO THE NEW GATEWAY (GE) DISTRICT; TO CLARIFY REQUIRE-MENTS FOR THE TC-1 DISTRICT; AND TO REVISE REGULATIONS RELATING TO WINDOW SIGNS, PORTABLE SIGNS, AND NONCON

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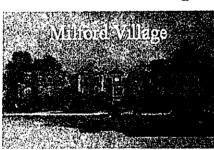
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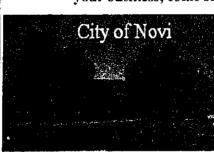
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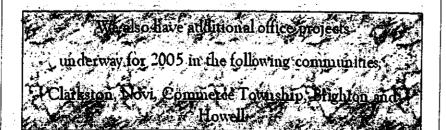


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Fun with worms

Beth Shaeffer's and Jean Walle's kindergarten classes at Orchard Hills Elementary School made a Worm Farm as part of their "Underground Animals" unit. They will be starting a "Garden Unit" next. The kids are currently reading and studying about worms and how they make compost. They are anxiously waiting and watching for the worms to make compost so they can plant some seeds. Here, Shaeffer and Reagan Mumford work on the compost with Walle while Lucas Pinheiro and Erika Matel check out the progress of the worms in the worm farm as the little creatures create compost.



Courtesy photo

The Living Science Organization brought its "Touch Tank" to Parkview Elementary School on May 9. Pictured here are: Briana DeOrnellas, Anthony Allouny (Picking up a lobster), Anna Quenon, Nicole Radgens and Lauren Nelson.



Houston, no problems here Mr. Gardner, a former flight suit engineer, who used to work for NASA Mission Control in Houston, visited Novi Woods Elementary School recently to talk to fourth graders about space. He talked to the kids about how astronauts prepare for space travel by using a 25 foot deep swimming pool (to practice moving around weightlessly) and the "Vomit Comet," an airplane that would free fall to simulate weightlessness. He also told about how the space suits work and about all the gadgets

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider THE REQUEST OF SINGH IV LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR UPTOWN PARK FOR A PLANNED BEZONING OVERLAY AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18,605 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTION 14, SOUTH OF TWELVE MILE ROAD AND WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD FROM OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY, AND RM-1, LOW DENSITY, LOW RISE MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RM-2, HIGH DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The site is approximately 38.6 acres.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the

l'Love Lucy

Always one of the more popular events at Novi Woods, the elementary school's wax museum was held on May 12 and 13. Students read a biography, wrote a two minute speech telling why a famous historical person is considered a hero and dressed the part. Here, Morgan Egner portrays Lucille Ball.

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

The City of Novi will receive sealed proposals for ELECTRICAL SER-City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 7:30 id packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2005 t 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 7. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MJ 48375-3024. Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at which time proposals will be opened

and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows: CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Novi, MI 48375-3024 All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONTRACT PROPOSAL" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER.

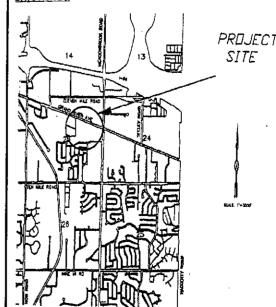
The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City. in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

(248) 347-0446

(5-19-05 NN 214056)

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, May 25, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider BROOKTOWN, SITE PLAN NUMBER 05-24 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL OF A PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN. BEING CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION IN THE GE, GATEWAY EAST DISTRICT, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 23, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 27.73 ACRES.

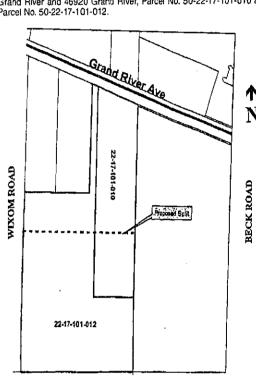


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 25, 2005.

(5-19-05 NN 214047)

CITY OF NOVI **COURTESY NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will consider a Land Division Appeal to divide property located at 46916 Grand River and 46920 Grand River, Parcel No. 50-22-17-101-010 and



The Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2005, at 7:00 m.m., in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be pre-sented in writing or during the Audience Participation section of the agen

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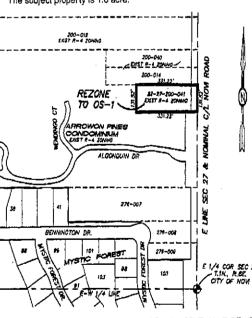
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to con-Sider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.651 FOR POSSIBLE RECOM-MENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY IN SECTION 27. SOUTH OF TEN MILE ROAD, WEST OF NOVI ROAD FROM R-4. ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO OS-1, OFFICE SERVICE

The subject property is 1.0 acre.



To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-27-200-041 more articularly described as follows:

ning at a point on the East line of Section 27 (nominál C/L of Novi Road) said point being N00°06'48"W, 851.40 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 27; thence S89°59'26"W, 331.22 feet; thence N00°06'48"W, 131.52 feet; thence N89°59'26"E, 331.22 feet to the East line of Section 27 (nominal C/L of Novi Road); thence along said East line S00°06'48"E, 131.52 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.00

RCIES.
FROM: R-4 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. 18.651 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 651 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday June 8, 2005. NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be

(5-19-05 NN 214052)

Muscular Dystrophy Association Jerry Lewis, National Chairman 1-800-572-1717 www.mdausa.org

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Beginning at a point distant N89°24'35"E, 1066.73 feet along the North line of Section 14 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road) and S00°35'25"E, 860.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 14; thence N89°24'35"E, 912.12 feet; thence S00°01'05"E, 1777.58 feet, to a point on the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 14, (said point being S89°20'01"W, 660.00 feet, from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 14); thence S89°20'01"W, 652 86 feet along said Fast-West 1/4 line: thence \$89"2U'U1"W, 660.00 feet, from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 14); thence \$89"20'01"W, 652.86 feet along said East-West 1/4 line; thence \$00"15"15"E, 664.29 feet; thence \$89"20'01"W, 1064.93 feet; thence \$89"20'01"W, 1064.93 feet; thence \$41"58"04"E, 70.32 feet; thence \$04"01"24"E, 130.44 feet; thence \$88"56"39"E, 55.41 feet; thence \$06"42"58"E, 56.24 feet; thence \$48"00"25"E, 257.12 feet; thence \$48"26"09"E, 32.37 feet, to Traverse Point "8"; thence \$48"26"09"E, 32.37 feet, to Traverse \$48"26"09"E, 32"26"E, 32 N45°00'25"E, 257.12 feet; thence S48°26'09"E, 32.37 feet, to Traverse Point "B"; thence Southeasterly, Easterly, Northerly, Northeasterly, Easterly, and Northwesterly, 2723 feet more or less along the shore of "Twelve Oaks Lake"; thence N59°05'44"E, 30.00 feet, to Traverse Point "A", (said Traverse Point "A" being S89°28'42"E, 225.60 feet and S31°58'09"E, 158.61 feet and N88°24'00"E, 341.76 feet and N01°15'56"E, 172.77 feet and N37°23'07"W, 127.31 feet and N31°25'47"E, 261.69 feet and N11°18'35"E, 131.38 feet and N37°25'47"E, 261.69 feet and N10°25'47"W, 494.05 feet and N31°25'47"E, 261.69 feet and N11°18'35"E, 131.38 feet and N87°31'55"E, 110.80 feet and N08°21'20"W, 494.05 feet and N58°12'28"W, 222.88 feet and N04°59'03"W, 270.31 feet and N33°52'43"W, 87.70 feet, from said Traverse Point "B"); thence N59°05'44"E, 34.15 feet; thence N11°58'06"E, 139.41 feet; thence N58°49'11"W, 130.49 feet; thence N00°34'12"W, 86.30 feet; thence N48°39'49"W, 28.68 feet; thence N00°34'12"W, 182.89 feet; thence N89°25'48"E, 55.70 feet; thence N00°35'25"W, 279.42 feet, to the point of beginning All of the above containing 38.62 acres, more or less.

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FROM: OST OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY
RM-1 LOW-DENSITY, MULTIPLE-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL RM-2 HIGH-DENSITY, MULTIPLE-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL

To rezone a part of the East 1/2 of Section 14, T.1N., R.8E., City of

ORDINANCE NO. 18.605 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 605 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be leard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday June 8, 2005.

(5-19-05 NN 214054)

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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.

One year later: Does anybody still give a Hoot?

It was starting to sound like a broken record around this time last year. No. No. No.

Four members of city council were dead set against a Hooters restaurant in Novi, and gave a variety of reasons:

- adult-oriented theme
- liquor violations at other Michigan locations
- the ment's lack of uniqueness · a negative impact on surrounding neighborhoods and chil-
- its closeness to schools • and Fountain Walk shopping center's family theme.

Council even requested background checks of the franchise's president and its owner. Once it was apparent the city had no legal grounds for deny-

ing a liquor license, councilman Bob Gatt switched his vote, and the "delightfully tacky yet unrefined" restaurant opened its doors for business last July. Since then, Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer reports that there

have been no liquor violations. His department conducted two decoy operations, and Hooters did not furnish alcohol to the underage decay either time. Likewise, quarterly liquor inspections revealed no violations.

There have been no major criminal incidents reported either. In fact, only eight police calls for service have been logged, and, frankly, they are not even worth noting here. "After all the hubba hubba about Hooters coming into Novi,

we find that they are one of the best alcohol managed restaurants

in the city," said city councilman Kim Capello. Additionally, the restaurant's theme has not had a negative impact on the shopping center, nearby neighborhoods, schools

The Atlanta-based chain has over 360 restaurants, it might be a challenge to find a tighter ship in its fleet — and their hot wings are to die for!

Congratulations to Hooters of Novi for keeping it safe, clean

■ An article titled "Novi High School making a difference," which appeared in the May 12 edition of the Novi News, stated that 500 purple teddy bears were delivered to students with antism at Village Oaks Elementary School, It was actually 50 bears delivered to special educa-

■ On page 10A of the May 12, 2005 Novi News, the name of Jessica Slating-Meoak's husband was printed as Mike Meoak. His first name is

Casino night helps chamber relocate

Every year, the Novi Chamber of Commerce's fund-raising auction helps a worthy organization. This year, it was the chamber's turn.

Housed in the Novi Expo Center, the chamber has to find new digs soon as the center nears completion of its spectacular facility on Grand River Avenue. Blair Bowman, president of the expo center, has given the business organization an unbelievable deal (free rent!) for years, but now it's time part com-



Funds raised at the chamber's Hold 'Em Casino Night, held Saturday at Lucky's, will help cover the cost of relocating.

Well over 100 people showed up for event. which included three tables of poker action. The overall winner was Mario Savino, of TDS Metrocom, who netted \$500 and a fine

Second place went to Dan Stowell and Joe Sutschek (who, along with myself, serves on the chamber board of directors) took third place.

Congratulations to those three gentlemen, and now I know who to keep an eye on when a deck of cards is opened! Kudos to Eddie Bourque, as well. He's the general manager of Lucky's, which has quickly become one of the coolest places to go in Novi. Great pool tables, an unbelievable game room, lots of TVs and friendly service. What more could you

In fact, Lucky's impressed me enough that we are holding a small reception there next Thursday evening in recognition of the Novi News' 50th anniversary. I've been working with Erin O'Neill, events, coordinator, picking out hors d'ocuvres and setting up places in the Felt Room for folks to flip through old issues of our newspaper.

We've sent out invites, and it'll be a great opportunity for people who haven't seen each other in awhile to eatch up and

Our staff is also in the process of putting together a special section in next week's edition that will take a look back at the last 50 years in Novi. We'll have plenty of extra copies on hand at the reception.

There are many, many people who have played a key role in this city's development. If I overlooked you on the invitation list, my apologies - get ahold of me by Monday afternoon

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or by e-mail at cstone@ht.homecomm.net.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Up on the roof top Dave Cox relaxes on

the roof of "Maria," his 1994 Saturn station wagon, during last Friday's Novi High School car show. As students check out other rides in the background, Cox said he was on the car's roof because "I like to feel like I'm part of the

police information and punished with conse-

iences proposed and not approved by the

· It lacks parental involvement. The code

of the coach or AD". What happened to the

mission of the school district which states, "In

· It has consequences (penalties) that make

no sense. First-offense penalties are way too

severe and do not differentiate between a child

experimenting with tobacco over the summer

· There is no alignment of the athletic code

and a child caught with a 12-pack of beer at

calls for parents to be involved "at the discretion

school board or senior administration.

partnership with the parents..."?

Heed the doctor's advice

On March 17, Dr. Emmett Lippe addressed the Novi Board of Education regarding actions he was taking as a result of a meeting conducted with 10 parents who discussed the proposed athletic code and investigation practices. Dr. Lippe advised the board he intended to

work with a small group of parents on the athletic policy and problems in the conduct of investigations. He indicated to the board be would serve as the intermediary to the board on this issue going ahead.

Dr. Lippe elected to work with the parents on a redraft for presentation to the board that included parents' input. At the March 17 meeting, the board did not provide alternative direction countering Dr. Lippe's publicly announced

Since district athletic director Curt Ellis' "secret" committee excluded. Novi parents, and the parents' input from the public forums, letters and the postcard campaign was disregarded, we have very much appreciated Dr. Lippe's efforts to include parents of athletes. We have worked with him satisfactorily in generating both a revised version of Mr. Ellis' draft and proposed policy revisions for investigations and

student disciplinary proceedings. To my absolute dismay, Dr. Lippe advised me yesterday that the board intends to proceed with public hearings on Mr. Ellis' draft without consideration of the version prepared by Dr. Lippe and the parents. This is appalling

As elected officials, you sanctioned Dr. Lippe's approach on March 17. While I can only speculate that you are now experiencing review the tape. If you were not in agreement with Dr. Lippe (our superintendent and Mr. Ellis' supervisor), why did not a single member say so at the time, for the record? I applaud Dr.

Lippe's efforts: I do not applaud yours. Under pressure, Lunderstand you may have reversed your decision and may allow the public hearings to consider both drafts of the athletic code. As I stated in my remarks to you in lanuary, I have not seen any data regarding a problem with athletes in Novi that begins to rationalize the draconian process for investigations and discipline proposed by Mr. Ellis, You might note that his policy allows him to make the accusation, perform the investigation, invoke

the punishment and hear the appeal. We expected the board to listen to and respect the man who has led the district for the past 13 years, to whom we pay in excess of \$200,000 annually - and with whom we have worked for the last six weeks. Since you, in essence, authorized the process by which the parents worked with Dr. Lippe, I encourage you to publicly consider only the Dr. Lippe/parents' draft, since it is a refined, enforceable, and defensible version of Mr. Ellis' proposal and includes the input of parents who are willing to

be identified. Additionally, if you are sincerely interested in improving Novi schools and garnering public support, I would encourage you to focus on cor-

Round two of the code

change, industrial obsolescence. recting the process that got us to this point. JoAnne Pritchard

insurance policy for a lottery ticket.

It's great to see the Novi School Board has

scheduled public hearings to discuss the proposed athletic code of conduct. Parents and the community finally have a chance to express concerns with a body that appears anxious to The plan being brought forward by the athlet-

ic director is sorely lacking. This plan, composed by a secret committee that did not include a single athletic parent, has several • It vests too much power in a single individ-

ual (the athletic director) who essentially serves as prosecutor, judge and jury. With no checks and balances, this power is easy to be abused. We already have seen children punished by the athletic director with improperly-acquired

with the student code of conduct. It only makes sense to have alignment in all areas of discipline and conduct expectations. The district has also posted on its Web site the student discipline process. While I applaud

the district for publicly presenting the documents, a couple of concerns are raised: · Incidents are not defined as only those events happening at school or school functions. What happens at school or school events is very much the school's business. What happens out-

side of school is the business of parents. . There are no time limits on the assessment of the incident before parents are contacted. We already have seen in the Novi News the principal admitting he knew of "one incident where a student was detained for up to four hours" before parents were contacted. We need to have parents involved as early as possible with any allegation of inappropriate behavior. A time limit on the assessment period (perhaps 30 or

45 minutes) would be most appropriate. Public hearings and the posting of the prosed athletic code and the student discipling Process are great first steps in opening up a dialog on these critical issues. As parents and citizens we need to let our thoughts and feelings be

Don't be fooled by "ownership society"

"To be uncertain is to be uncomfortable, but to be certain is to be ridiculous."

President Bush uses the term "ownership society" to disguise his plan to make a radical overhaul of American's entire system of social insurance - in health care, savings, and retirement. Lately he has been concentrating on Social Security. He fails to mention a huge shift in risk away from government and society and

on to individual citizens. Social Security, Medicare, insurance — these are basically risk-sharing mechanisms. The programs in place pool the risk. Individuals have little control over risk of illness, economic

The ownership society's greatest flaw is that it won't solve the problems it pretends to address. A real solution would require facing up to some thorny issues - raising the retirement age, slowing growth of benefits, meanstesting. The Bush plan is asking you to swap an

Hannah Provence Donigan

More on Social Security

I'm sometimes amused when I read negative comments regarding ideas our leaders have for improving Social Security. For many years, no one has wanted to address the problems because, as the "third rail," it was political sui-

In a previous letter by Democrat Chuck Tindail, he suggests removing the current can of \$90,000 because it is not "fair." Unfortunately, he forgets to mention that the benefits are not based on what you make, but what you've paid

the limit, then the government would just end up having to pay out a larger monthly benefit to those who end up paying more. Since our government has already proved they cannot manage the money we give them now, why give them more I'm offended by his assertion that benefits

in. What's not fair about that? If you removed

should only be paid out to those who need it and any thought to the contrary is greed. Mr. Tindall, could you please define need? Security is not a welfare program. Just because my family and I don't have a cottage, boat or take lavish yearly vacations, does that mean that the money I save now should be counted against me in the future? That's just plain ridiculous. I, for one, if given the choice, would opt out

of Social Security today and let the government keep what I've already put in. I could then invest that money into the financial vehicle of my choice and, even at 41, would end up with a better return in the long run. I don't know if private accounts will ultimately be the answer, but at least it's an idea worth pursuing, especially since, we're only talking about a small percentage being invested, and no one would be forced into the program. It's a choice, and who can be against that? What a great deal that would be for younger folks, especially those just entering

Do I sound greedy? Maybe. But that's only because I have to continue to remind folk like you that it's our money, not the government's!

Soccer tourney successful because..

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone who helped make the Fourth Annual Novi Jaguar Invitational Soccer Tournament a great success. This year's tournament was held May 6-8 at Novi's Community Sports Park, Schoolcraft College and Bicentennial Park, in Livonia. Two hundred and eighty-eight teams participated, bringing over 4,000 players and their families to Novi Mother Nature did her best and gave us the best

weather we have ever had. Many individuals and organizations cooperated; over 600 games went off without a hitch. I would like to thank the following for their part

City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department for providing the Community Sports Park. The park was in great shape and was a first-class venue. Randy Auler - keep up the good work!

Our sponsors — Jaguar of Novi, Fidelity Investments, Emagine Theater, Toll Brothers, Soccer Plus and Flexible Products - whose help will keep the club growing in size and

All the parents who volunteered their time and talent, especially the following: Mary Caruso, tournament director — what a

wonderful job you did! Chris Swed — the trophies were a big hit. Bob and Mary Parkin - great shirt, the best sales ever!

Sheryl Harrison - concessions, we couldn't do without them.

Sherry Lumley - the program was excellent? Erich Shrewsbury — the referee's were good.

Filling in for Paul was really appreciated. All the members of the board — Bob Laux vice-president; Brian Maturi, treasurer; Beth Meadors, secretary — whose planning and vanizational talent were essential. And last, but not least, the spouses of every-

which without their support the tournament would not be possible. Thanks again to everyone and anyone that I might have missed. I look forward to a success-

one who helped, especially my wife, Beth,

ful Fifth Annual Jaguar Invitational in 2006. Doug Reid, President

Novi Jaguar Soccer Association

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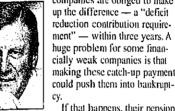
OTHER OPINIONS

Airline pension proposal offers possible solution

When it comes to the autumn of our lives, few things are as important as a decent and comfortable etirement. Yet increasingly, a forest of dense and often bewildering terms are standing in the way: Defined benefit pension plan. Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). Distressed termination. Frozen plan. Underfunded. Deficit reduction

contribution requirements. Legacy costs. Unlovely words -- but important ones, because for thousands and thousands of Michigan workers and pensioners, each term represents a potential threat to their retirement future.

Here's the key to understanding all this: Some companies have promised their employees a "defined benefit" pension upon retirement (i.e. plans that provide workers with a set amount each month, depending on their wages and number of years worked) but yet have not contributed enough to their pension funds to pay for the benefits they promised. Such plans are "underfunded," and by law, the companies are obliged to make



un the difference - a "deficit reduction contribution requirement" - within three years. A huge problem for some financially weak companies is that making these catch-up payments could push them into bankrunt-

obligations can be turned over to the federal Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. But the PBGC is already saddled with a \$23 billion deficit, the result of various companies having gone into bankruptcy over the

past few rocky years. Which means that pensioners covered by the PBGC often discover their benefits are much less than what they assumed they'd get in retirement. All this can cause big trouble for many people. Just last week, in the largest corporate pension default in U.S. history, United Airlines obtained permission from a bankruptcy judge for a "distressed termination" of its pension plan, which was under-

funded by \$9.8 billion. That ruling clears the way for United's pension plan to be turned over to the PBGC, which scares the dickens out of the airline's retirees and employees already nervous about their pensions. A spokeswoman for the Association of Flight Attendants said that her pension, for example, could be cut from \$1,700 a month to \$800 — less than half what she had counted on.

And there is a potential local angle that could have far more importance for our area. Northwest Airlines, the dominant carrier at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, employs nearly 9,000 people in Michigan and something like 1,000 retirees. They have been nervous for some time, and what hanpened with United last week made them a whole lot

They come through the mail in black bags, wrapped

up tightly so prying eyes can't see what is held on the

pages. Or they're put on a high shelf where little kids

can't reach, hidden behind other publications so they

Kids are curious; it's their nature. And eventually

they end up getting their tiny little hands on one of the

But what if they could just bypass the magazine all

Convention last Friday, Saturday

Nestled in with comic-book

actresses and comic-book, toy and

movie dealers were adult models.

They weren't asked to set up shop

in a dark corner of the Novi Expo

Center or to even be corralled into

Instead, they were out in the

their own section of the conven-

artists, has-been actors and

together? No, not the Internet, but right to the models

and Sunday.

"I'm absolutely appalled," said Helen Reynolds of

Why would she? Reynolds was just toting her 10-

year-old son, Brendan, to a comic convention so he

could pick up some back issues of his favorite comic

books series. He wanted to wander around, and she

obliged, not knowing she was about to stumble onto a

booth run by adult models who have appeared in such

magazines as "Playboy" and in their own videos and

"I really wasn't expecting this," said Mike Mackey

of Flint. "This is the first convention I've been to, and I

really didn't think they were going to have much more

than comic-book dealers and a few old television stars

They had much, much more. The convention also

The adult-oriented booths weren't just mixed in with

the comic creators either. Two former "Playboy" mod-

els - Sandra Taylor and Chanel Ryan - were in the

autograph signing section of the convention. Next to

Taylor was Carolyn Lawrence, better known as the

Ghostbusters International, Inc., a group that promotes

Other notables on the convention guest list? Destiny

Ghostbusters and is involved in a lot of charity work.

Davis, Lori Lust, Angelina Melini, Monique Parent,

Tiffany Taylor and Linda Tran. All of these models

have associations with "Playboy." Davis, Melini and

Taylor were all centerfolds for the magazine. Jasmine

tion, has posed for "Juggs," another adult magazine.

Then there's Dr. Victoria Zdrok, who has appeared in

"Penthouse" and was the 2004 Pet of the Year.

Grey, who was also scheduled to appear at the conven-

voices of cartoon characters Sandy Checks on

"Spongebob Squarepants" and Cindy Vortex on

"Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius." Next to Ryan?

featured amateur wrestling, has-been stars and plenty

Royal Oak, "I didn't know they were going to have

That was the scene at the Motor City Comic

magazines, slowly flipping the pages in wide-eyed

won't offend the unsuspecting passerby.

They're adult magazines.

in person?

Sam Eggleston

these kinds of displays."

on Web sites.

signing autographs."

of scantly-clad women.

open for all to see — even little kids.

The nation's airlines are in trouble, having collectively lost nearly \$33 billion since 2000. Northwest is no exception, having lost \$458 million in the first quarter of this year alone. By the end of last year, Northwest's pension plan was underfunded by \$3.829 billion. For months, the airline has been fighting to stay out of bankruptcy, which, if declared, would lead to serious job loss and risk reductions in pension benefits.

If bankruptcy were to happen, everybody loses, according to Andrea Newman, Northwest's vice president for government relations.

"Under current law, once a pension plan is underfunded the difference has to be made up within three years. If that happens, the risks become very great," she said. "Making these big eash payments could push the company into bankruptcy. The employees could find their pension benefits cut substantially. The Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation would be saddled with another big debt obligation, and the taxpayers would have to pay for it.

"Nobody wins." As what happened to United shows, Newman is describing a looming crisis that demands a prompt solution.

She and others in the airline industry think they have one. They would prefer to amend the federal law to allow the airlines to freeze their pension bene fits at current levels and stretch out overdue payments to their pension funds for 25 years instead of three, as the law now requires.

Representatives of the airlines and their unions met in March with 10 senators to press for the change. To my mind, this proposal only makes good sense. Employees would continue to get their full pension benefits rather than see them slashed when the pensions are taken over by the PBGC.

By stretching out their underfunded payments, air lines would get time to return to economic health. And both the government and the taxpayers benefit by avoiding a wholesale shift of pension liabilities. What are the chances for legislative success? Reasonable, says Newman, "The senators have assured Northwest that their forthcoming pension

bill will include a provision that deals with this issue. The House has told us they are interested in working with us. I'd guess something will be done, sooner or later. But the Pension Funding Equity Act expires at the end of 2005, so 2006 will be the year of the big crunch." Far from being a government handout, the solution proposed by Northwest and other airlines makes

sense. It costs no money. It improves the business prospects for Northwest, Michigan's dominant air carrier and one of the big factors in any economic development strategy for the state. And it protects workers from seeing their pension benefits slashed. It's a win-win-win deal that, for the benefit of all concerned, the U.S. Congress should pass and the President should sign, right away.

Phil Power, the former chairman of Hometown Communications Network, chairman of HCN, Inc. and regent of the University of Michigan, is a longtime observer of politics, economics, and education issues in Michigan and is Chairman of HCN, Inc.

Comics, kids and 'Playboy'

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON A young boy stops to take a look at Chanel Ryan, who has worked for "Playboy" and other magazines. She, with other adult models, was at the Motor City Comic Convention at the Novi Expo Center last weekend.

One young boy took an interest in Lust's table, stopping to take a long gaze at pictures of her with just stickers covering parts of her breasts.

Another kid made several trips past Ryan's table, though she was rather conservatively dressed compared to her counterparts. Then again, the larger-than-life posters of her displayed at her booth weren't as mod-

The point of a comic convention is supposed to be comics, right? Sure, it's nice to see some of the old stars signing autographs — at \$20 a pop — and having toy and movie dealers there add to the mix. But adult "I really don't think it belongs here," said Reynolds.

"I'm offended. I'm sure there are other people who are offended as well." With the admission costs of \$18 for adults and \$10 for children, 6-10 years old, no one can say they didn't get their money's worth.

In fact, few people can say they didn't get an eyeful

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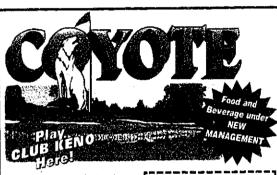


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To find out what kids and their on color options and celebrities sporting To find out what kids and their mothers thought about braces, the American Association of Orthodontists commissioned a study, on its behalf. Eighty-six percent of the mothers who responded said braces are cooler today, than when they were children. While wearing braces used to be a less companying the control and the process of the process fortable and lengthier process, in their teeth. Braces also prevent other oal and day, mothers of today's young patients general health problems, because ure finding that new technologies and straight teeth are casier to maintain an orthodontic options are making their therefore less vulnemble to tooth decay children's experiences more enjoyable.

Most also described the experience of visiting the orthodontist's office as fun, and 81% rated their children's experience at 39595 W. Ten Mile Road, Suite 111

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Novi senior honored for her Salvation Army work

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

to children.

As a grade school student, Clover Downs made one of her earliest contributions on a class trip to Belle Isle in Detroit. "I gave a nickel to the elephant."

Downs, 91, laughed. "That was our Since then, the Novi resident has made giving and volunteering her lifestyle, especially when it comes

the Salvation Army - recently honored the businesswoman for more than 45 years of service. Dubbed a lifetime member. Downs has been a fund-raiser and

One of her means to that goal -

advisor alike for the group's Denby Children Home in Detroit. "I would like to help humanity she said. 'My goal in life is to help people - definitely to help people." An enterprising spirit ran in Downs' family. As a teenager in Detroit, she saw her engineer father

invent a kitchen fan. focused on raising money for disad-"Of course I thought it was wonderful," Downs said. "I admired him verv much."

Fancying herself a nurse, Downs said her parents convinced her to She was earning a degree at the young Joiner to plays — and, later, "She's extremely sincere about

University of Michigan at a time did the same for Joiner's children. when women attending college still "She's just always there when you needed her," Joiner said, "Kind Her first introduction to the and gentle and caring and would do Salvation Army came about 20 anything for anyone. years later thanks to John Downs, a When Downs and John bought a Southfield mobile home communiman she met in junior college biolo-

"I thought it was a wonderful John, who later became her husgiving heart, she said. "He was very philanthropic and inexpensive and yet being able to passes on. very kind," Downs said. Active with get started." charitable Masonry activities. John for causes - from baby showers and

was a Salvation Army president.

At first, his bride tagged along to toys to new Denby drapes. Taking over the family business meetings, but before long, she was own due to health reasons, Downs donated plenty of her own income.

Along the way, she "adopted" Downs miss meetings only for travplenty of nieces and nephews of her el — most recently to Africa for a Family friend Catherine Joiner, "Her mind is just as sharp as the 57, is one, "Auntie Downs" took the time I met her," Rowland said.

by the Detroit Salvation Army for her years of service to

the philanthropic organization.

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wanting to help people." Downs submitted her Salvation Army resignation last month and also is in the process of selling the

Southfield business. But for a woman that began helpband, was an insurance agent with a thing for young people," Downs lion to the Detroit College of Law said. "It was a way of people living - John's alma mater - once she

All along, she collected money tion," she said. "I believe in giving

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for when John died in 1987, Downs still the Novi News. She can be reached Unable to have children of ber made-fund-raising bulletins and at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or

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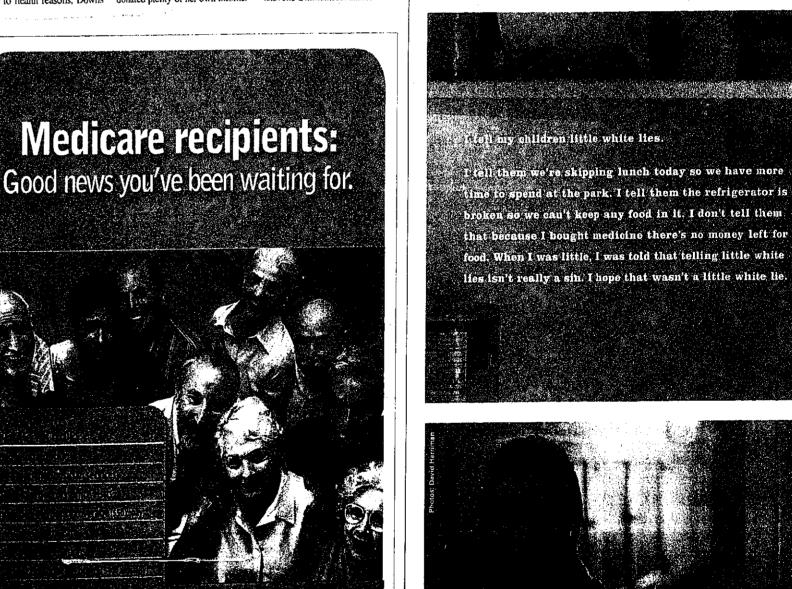
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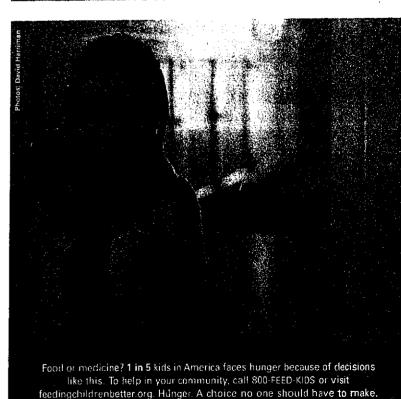
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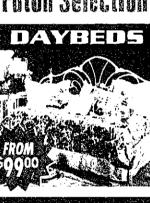
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CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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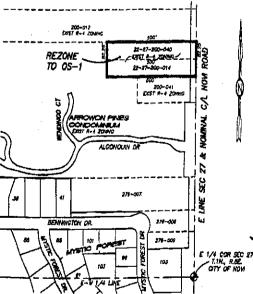
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 7:30 PM. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.652 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY IN SECTION 27. SOUTH OF TEN MILE ROAD, WEST OF NOVI ROAD FROM R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO OS-1, OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday June 8, 2005.

(5-19-05 NN 214053)

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

Presbyterian 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 grade. Dr. Henderson is leading a class on world religions at 7 p.m. on

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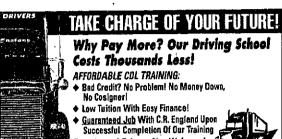
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Compiled by Ramez Khuri





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Cancer claims Relay for Life organizer

■ Novi resident known for kindness, ability with children

By Pam Fleming

Family and friends of Michelle Galecka of Novi are mourning the loss of a courageous woman who founder of the Novi/Northville Relay for Life

event benefit-

Ironically,

Galecka, 30,

died May 11.

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annual event she helped organize six years ago and chaired in 2002.

Her husband, Mark, and other family members even attended the relay for a short time late Saturday night, the day of her funeral at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.

Galecka survived cancer and a host of other illnesses during more than the last decade of her life. A combination of an initial bacterial infection, followed by a fungal infection in her lungs eventually led to her death. She had been hospitalized at the University of Michigan Hospital since January and died there last week.

The Novi Middle School teacher was diagnosed with cancer in 1995 but was in remission from before her lung problems occurred. After receiving her second bone marrow transplant, she developed a condition called myclodysplastic synin 2002 caused by drome chemotherapy and radiation treatments that affects the marrow.

"The first couple of years since then, she was actually OK. She wasn't great, but she was OK," said her younger sister, Karen Ventura, who works at the Novi Public Library.

It was only in the last year that she started having problems with graft versus host disease in the lungs, stemming from the 2002

marrow transplants. The Galeckas' have a 4-year-old

"Mitchell was her bright light when she had that second bone marrow transplant," said her mother, Dorie Knox. "He brought her much joy.'

Her husband, Mark, said the family will make sure he remembers his mother.

Ventura said that in a way it was nice that Galecka's death occurred close to the time of the relay for Life fund-raiser.

"We remembered her in a special way when we were at Relay," Karen said. They arrived specifically for the luminary ceremony because that was always a special time for Galecka.

Knox said Michelle only wanted one thing before she died, and that was to have her funeral mass be a celebration of her life.

"I think she would be very pleased to see the number of people that were at that funeral mass. Everyone was celebrating the life of Michelle," Knox said. Galecka is buried in Bannister, Mich., in Ford Cemetery north of Lansing next to her husband's parents, Joe and Marilyn Galecka.

The family will gather for a more light-hearted occasion - the marriage of Galecka's brother,

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Those who would like to make a doriation in memory of and in celebration of Michelle Galecka's life can contribute to her son's education, Holy Family Regional School or the American Cancer Society Novi/Northville Relay for Life.

For more information, contact the Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia at (734) 464-

Ventura and the late Galecka prepared a reading before Galecka died that Ventura will read at the wedding in Madison, Wis.

Knox said about her daughter: "Michelle has taught us how to live life to the fullest, how to love much more deeply and, obviously, she showed us how to die with great

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Friends remember Galecka as genuine, loving person

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Barb lovan and the late Michelle Galecka accomplished a great deal together in the few years they knew each other.

Iovan, a coordinator at the Metro Detroit chapter of the American Cancer Society, met Michelle Galecka when Iovan started the Novi/Northville Relay for Life in 2000.

Only three people organized that first event in which five teams raised almost \$25,000. Since then, participation has grown to about 35 teams, with volunteers netting more than \$120,000 for cancer research and treatment programs in 2004.

Galecka spoke at kickoffs not only for the Novi/Northville Relay for Life, but also for the Rochester and Redford events. which lovan started two years

'She's really been a wonderful advocate for the American Cancer Society by sharing her story, which is not an easy thing to do," Iovan said. lovan noted that the cancer

society has a program called Tell-A-Friend, where people are asked to call five women they know who are at least 40 and simply ask them if they've had their mammogram in the last

year. Galecka made such a call a couple years ago and found that one of her fellow teachers had not had her mammogram that year. The colleague responded to her call, scheduled the diagnostic test and learned that she had breast cancer.

Today, she may be alive because of Galecka's effort.

Fellow teacher Colleen Ponte of Novi, a speech pathologist at Novi Middle School, had known Galecka, who taught seventh grade math, for seven years.

"She was probably one of the most genuine people I've ever met. She was kind, always pleasant, always positive and very loving as a teacher and a person," Ponte said.

Galecka's friends, co-workers and family remembered her at the event she helped organize just a few years ago last weekend at Ford Field in Northville.

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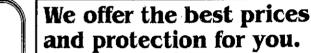
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Future foes

Jeff Policicchio and Sean Costello may be teammates now, but the two will be bitter rivals when they head to college next year and play lacrosse against one anoth-

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SPORTS



Marketplace

A unique concept of a family practice that offers both dental and medical treatment at the same location opened last month in New Hudson A husband and wife team opened the combined practices in the Lyon Towne Center on Milford Road --- Page 6B

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Quick

Get the facts straight!

It's always refreshing to see other publications mess up, especially the BIG ones.

Sports Illustrated's Web site, www.si.com, announced the top program out of every state for high school sports. Earning Michigan's? None other than Marquette Senior High School in the Upper Peninsula.

According to the Web site. Marquette has over 160 state titles in their trophy case. Really?

Marquette doesn't even compete in several tournaments that include Lower Peninsula schools, including swimming, wrestling, tennis and track and field among others.

In cross country, where the Redmen won the Upper Peninsula title, times from the Lower Peninsula Division IV state finals runners were lower than that of Marquette's top runner, who was the top finisher in the Upper Peninsula.

Sure, the number of titles sounds impressive, but line Novi up against the Redmen in just about any sport and they II either win or make it darn close in every one of them.

Smarter than your average Wildcat

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team earned state recognition once again this

year, being named sixth in the state for Girls State teams. "I'm really

proud of these girls

because they stress academics along with their academics," said Novi coach Bill Kelp. "It's

a great team accomplishment." The team collected a combined grade-point average of

The teams were named by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Going, going — gone!

Zach Flavin, one of the top home run hitters in the Kensington Valley Conference and a solid performer for the Novi

Wildcats, signed his national letter of intent to play at Madonna University last week.

The impressive swing of the senior is dull in comparison to his attitude, which is full of tremendous work ethic and even stronger determination.

Madonna will be a good fit for Flavin, who hopes to lead Novi into the districts and beyond this season.

Inching up the list

The Novi Wildcats soccer team has moved up the national rankings, earning a spot at No.

With the talent this team has, we'd like to see the teams that are ranked ahead of them! Novi will be looking to secure a

KVC title before focusing their attention on a very tough district that includes state-ranked Northville and Stevenson, Check back next week for details on the toothand-nail tournament.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School varsity track team member Christina Lis vaults over the highjump.

Novi high jumper Christina Lis eyeing state finals

By Courtney Ratkowiak SPECIAL WRITER

Unseasonably cold weather in Michigan can be a blessing in disguise. On a chilly spring day during her middle school track season, Christina Lis decided that running outside in the cold did not seem particularly appealing. Taking advantage of the practice mats in the gymnasium, Lis decided to stay inside and try the high jump for the first time. Four years later, the Novi High School senior and track captain is one of

the best high jumpers in the state. Lis finished second at state championships as a sophomore and tenth as a junior, placing second at the Kensington Valley

Conference championships and regionals both years. She has placed first in all but three dual meets since her sophomore year. Her personal record is 5-feet-5.25-inches shy of the school record.

The 6-0 Lis is quick to attribute her success to height and flexibility, the latter credited to an extensive background in dance. Varsity track coach Marsha Reid agreed that Lis has natural talent, but feels that Lis's character and desire are what make her truly

"When I think of (Lis), the first word that comes to my mind is 'genuine'," Reid said. "She's a genuine individual, always helping others... her unselfishness and

her great work ethic help her and the team improve."

As a consistently high performer, Lis is under great pressure to be the best at every meet. To combat the pressure. Lis focuses on repetition, practicing her jumping until it seems like

second nature. "I just think (about) what I have to do so I don't go into the bar, what I have to do to make it over, until it becomes 'mind over matter'," Lis said.

"She handles pressure well. She keeps it in perspective, doesn't overthink it, and just has fun.'

Reid added. Lis said she is a quiet, focused competitor, and her meet rituals include eating Skittles between jumps and listening to an inspirational orchestral piece on the

morning of a meet. When Lis is not high jumping, she enjoys playing the clarinet in the high school band and dancing in the school musical.

Relating high jumping to her interest in fine arts, she said. "There's no way that you can tell someone how to (high jump). Everyone does it differently. It's an art, it's how you interpret it. Just like everyone can interpret music differently, no two jumpers

jump the same way." Lis has been offered a partial scholarship to participate in track at Hope College, where she will be attending in the fall. Looking toward the end of this season, however, her goals are clear: to finish first in the league, return to the state championship meet, and break the school record.

Although seemingly daunting goals to many, they are all within Lis's reach.

Describing the sensation of jumping. Lis said "being in the air... is actually like you're flying."

As her high school career draws to a close, Lis is flying straight for the Novi High School

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New rival: Northville hires Hockman

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

With 35 candidates vying for the open head football coach position at Northville High School, tough decisions had to be made.

When all was said and done, Rvan Hockman was left standing. The 35-year-old coach, who resigned his position at Livonia Clarenceville Monday, said he expects Northville will be a good

"I'm excited about taking over this program," he said. "Clint (Alexander) thid a great job there and he fine field a great program to work with the first that great program to work with the first that great program to so the first that great program to work the great program to work the first that great program to work the great program to w

7-3 record and a state playoff berth — said he plans on bringing the West Coast Offense with him. Passing will be a primary weapon for the Mustangs, which will use returning All-Division quarterback Charlie Thomas as the main

threat. The team, however, will still line-up with many traditional run formations, he said.

"We still have to have that punch when we get near the goal line and in the redzone," said Hockman, "We have a lot of the same elements as the spread offense. There will be plenty of motions and shifts and I think we'll be able to run the ball more effectively because of that. It will give us a little more power clement to the offense."

The right choice

The Northville athletics department knew they had to fill a vacancy left by Alexander's departure as soon as possible, but it was a decision they didn't want to rush into.

Bryan Masi, the school's athletics director, said he believes the right choice has been made.

"We had some tremendous candidates," he said. "Ryan stood out the most. He came off as a great teacher, a great coach and he does things the right way. He's extremely knowledgeable of the game of football and he's extremely organized and dedicated."

Hockman, who will teach English at Northville High School, was interviewed by a

panel committee, a subcommittee, a player panel and two smaller interviews with Masi and principal Dennis Colligan.

"He went through five interviews," said Masi. "We just felt he was the right candidate for the position."

The student athletes agreed. Thomas, who sat in on the player panel along with David Bandy, Joe Perpich, Chris McGuire, Mike Deluca and Brian Smith, said Hockman struck the right cord with his future players.

"He knew exactly what he wanted to say when he answered our questions," Thomas said. "He has great credentials, he knows what he's talking about and he

has his ethics in line as well." Hockman had a vote of confidence from Alexander as well, who mentioned the Clarenceville coach as a possible replacement the day he announced his departure. Alexander said the school

made the right choice. "He's an outstanding selection," he said. "I think he's going to do an outstanding job and I think they're going to love him. When it comes to the Xs and Os of the game, I honestly think he's a better coach than I am. I couldn't be more pleased."

First impressions

Hockman boasted a strong football resume. Growing up in Ohio, Hockman

continued on B3

Novi baseball's current record after winning all of their

KVC games last week

last week against

two KVC foes.

Novi tennis score

games last week.

Goals scored by Novi facrosse in just two

Baseball's current place in the Kensington Valley

Conference.

Shutouts earned by Kim Herbst for Novi soccer this year. She wants 14.

Place Novi soccer currently is in the KVC and their ranking in the state.

Novi soccers shots on goals compared to South Lyon's in Monday's game.

GET IN THE SWING

Spiendor in South Lyon

Tanglewood offers stunning scenery, tough challenges

By John Mueller SPORTS WRITER

Scenery and challenge. Both factors combine to make playing South Lyon's Tanglewood Golf Club a memorable experience, whether you're a scratch golfer or an 18-handicapper. If you're the former, you'll enjoy the challenge of seeing how many pars you can string together on a course that is as visually appealing as it is intimidating

And if you're the latter, you'll enjoy the experience of "getting your money's worth" if you happen to take some unplanned you lose a couple of golf balls prerequisite.

ing not to enjoy. The course, located at 53503 Like the West course, the South W. 10 Mile Road in South Lyon, course, measured at 2,973 from is comprised of

three separate nine-hole lay-"On a lot of the North. South and the - so about where your tee shot ends up, not choose three different how far it goes. 18-hole combi-

If you choose Brad Stedry struck precisely to try and avoid Tanalewood Golf Club head professional on the sweet the sand or the water (and this

Brad Stedry's assessment of the courses," Stedry said.

basically," he said. This is especially true on the

nations.

West course. The first hole, a 497yard par 5, gives the golfer a thick, scraggly grass runs between quick lesson in the benefits of some of the fairways, giving the staying clear of the water, which algoritha more links-style feel. So on this hole comes into play right - while you may be able to be a litaround where most golfers would - the more aggressive off the tees on be hitting their approach shots. this nine, you'd better keep an eye This water starts on the right-hand on your ball if it trickles into this ide and early its way around the back of the green, meaning an

approach shot with too much club - course is undoubtedly the par-3 or too little spin is almost certain-sixth hole, which measures out at see flawless greens, nearly-sugarly doomed to a watery grave. That's basically the story of the sprawling lagoon runs the left-West course --- water, water, water. Only two holes, the par-3 fifth hole and the par-4 ninth hole. are free of the wet stuff. Sand hunkers, along the fairway as well-

of control.



Indeed, at 2,915 total yards from the white tees, the West course clearly wasn't designed as detours on the way to finding the a John Daly-friendly Jayout. In green. You'll enjoy this even if other words, brute strength isn't a

"You can think your way In short, your caliber of skill on around it." Stedry said, "On a lot links doesn't matter, of the holes, it's more about Tanglewood is much too appeal- where your tee shot ends up, not how far it goes."

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spot isn't nec essarily headed course definitely has its share of both), you'll for the water or the sand. want to pay close attention to "Shot placement is more Tanglewood head professional important on the West and South

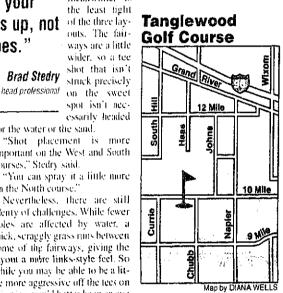
> on the North course." Nevertheless, there are still plenty of challenges. While fewer holes are affected by water, a

The signature hole on the North 159 yards from the white tees. A hand length of the playing area and fronts a rock-covered green, which is one of the largest on the course. The view from the tee area is stunning (as is the view from 10 Mile Road if you happen to be driving past the course), and

as greenside, also serve as a constant reminder of the importance "The main thing is to keep it—the sight of a shot that is hit flushstraight." Stedry said. "It's not and true, areing toward the plush green and away from trouble, is



The sixth hole on Tanglewood's North course, a 159-yard par 3, is one of the signature holes of the layout, requiring a precise iron shot over a picturesque lagoon.



just one of the rewards this layout

the course you're playing, you'll white sand in the bunkers and immaculate fairways throughout.

"We've got a new superintendent, and he's done a great job," embankment leading up to the Stedry said. "The conditions are And so is the experience of playing at Tanglewood.

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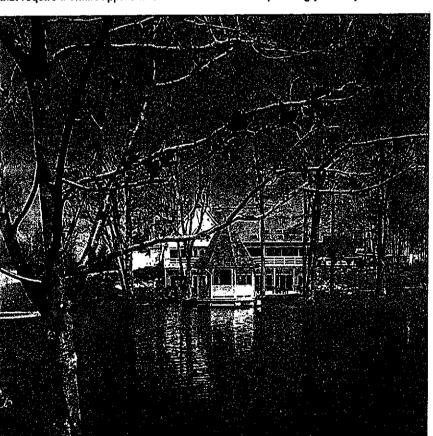
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The sixth hole of the West course, a 310-yard par 4, is just one of Tanglewood's holes that require a smart approach shot in order to avoid splashing your way to trouble.



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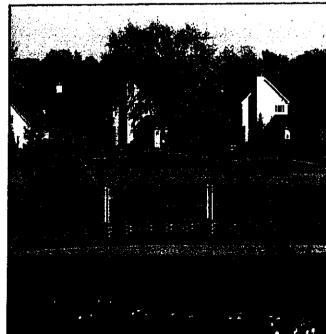
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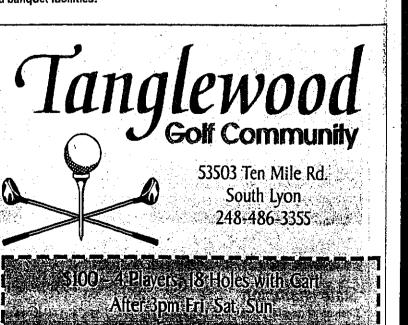
Pro tip

Having problems lining up your putts? Make it easier.

"People's biggest problem with putting is their alignment. If you can pick out a spot on your line that's six inches or a foot in front of your ball and aim for that, it's a lot easier than turning your head

and looking at Brad Stedry the hole. Nobody's going to tell me that it's easier to line up a putt looking at the hole 20 fect away than it is to line it up to something six inches away. This is something that anybody can put into their practice routine."





Wildcat tennis spanks KVC foes

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi Wildcats tennis team didn't have much to fret about when they took on and crushed Milford and Hartland, 8-0 and 8-0 last week.

The team, coached by Jim Hanson, had their conference finals delayed until this week. "We're going to have to play our best tennis this week," said Hanson,

"It's as simple as that, " The team won't just be playing for the KVC title either. Tomorrow the team will take on the likes of Northville and second-ranked

Catholic Central in hopes of keeping their season alive. The games, which are expected to start at 8:30 a.m., will be played at Novi Middle School and Northville High School.

To advance to the state finals, Novi needs to either finish as one of the top two teams or earn 18 points. Their dual matches last week, however, we far from challenging. The Wildcats simply dominated their foes as they rolled past both

teams with perfect marks. Against Milford, Kyle Goodman, Roshan Ramachandran, Justin Namm and Kevin Lai all earned wins from first through fourth singles, respectively. At one doubles, Ryan Heffernan and Felix Liu earned a win, as did second doubles players Richic Fetters and Eric McOucen. Notching a win at third doubles was Nan Jiang and Adam Doster while Jason Hsu and Chris Shah won at four doubles.

The line-up through third doubles was the same, as were the results, when Novi crushed Hartland, 8-0. At third doubles, Jason Hsu joined Rvan Goodman for a victory while Chris Kim and Shosuke Nakainura won at four doubles.

Baseball in driver's seat

For the fifth year in a row, the Novi Wildcats baseball team is in the driver's seat when it comes to their Kensington Valley Conference

The team, coached by Rick Green, earned a win over Brighton, 6-2, after taking two away from Lakeland in KVC play. The team also split their double header with a tough Lake Orion squad.

Against Brighton, Zach Flavin, who recently signed with Madonna University, went 2-for-3 with two RBIs while Kevin Cisto carned the

devastating 14-2 defeat in the nightcap. Cislo went 2-for-3 in the first game and 4-for-5 in the second while Flavin went 2-for-2 in the Novi climbed to 15-8 overall and

Against Lakeland, the Wildcats had a nice showing from Billy Morrison, who eamed the win from the mound in the first game before going 3-for-4 at the plate with two

11-1 in the KVC with the victories

RBIs in the second game to help his team to the wins. Novi beat the Eagles, 6-5 and 6-1.

Lacrosse getting wins

The Novi lacrosse team may have



State champion Chelsea Anderson poses with her medal and her plaque following a state championship performance in the Pre Silver Solo Dance portion of the competi-



year, but they're bouncing back jus fine in their fast few games.

The team, coached by Brad Muston, cranked out a 12-3 win over the Northville Mustangs after crashing South Lyon, 17-2. The victories pushed the team to a

winning record, 6-4. Against Northville, Bobby Watts led the attack, scoring four goals while Keven Gee added three goals and an assists. The majority of the team was able to get in against the Mustangs. Corey Simone earned the win in goal.

Against South Lyon, Simone had

to only make three saves to preserve the victory before senior Ryan Belt came in for the second half of play to finish the win between the posts. Jeff Policicchio, a senior, scored four goals and had six assists as he helped the Wildcats to the crushing victory. Also scoring was Watts Gee, Mike Kolis, Parker Beard

Jacob Haf, Ryan McNamara, John

Favorite and Justin Cameron.

Soccer in control

The Novi soccer team knew heading into their game against South Lyon Monday that if they wanted to win the KVC title, they'd have to beat the second-place team in the conference.

The team did that, and in con-

vincing fashion, 6-0. Novi scored its first goal seven minutes into the game on a Emily Esbrook shot from a Stephanie Crawford drop cross. Four minutes later, standout Kristi Timar added a score on a 15 yard shot after beating

two defenders. The Wildcats continued the pressure, adding a goal from Pia Janssens off a pass from Shae Reichley before Esbrook added her second goal of the night for a 4-0 lead on a Lauren Marchioni cross pass. Janssens made it a 5-0 game just before the half on a Katic Chaklos through ball.

Novi's lone goal of the second half came off the foot of Kellie Walker, who knocked in a Crawford

night with the victory with Timer Against Lake Orion, it was a 7-6 Kelly Hebert, Kim Herbst, Sarah victory in the opening game but a Schmitt and Chelsea Atiyeh being honored Novi climbed to a 12-0-1 record

overall and a 9-0 in the KVC. Earlier in the week. Novi crushed Pinckney, 7-1, in a game that was much closer than the score indicated. Pinckney scored first on a breakaway in the opening minutes of the game for the quick 1-0 lead, but the Wildcats tied the game 20 minutes later with a pass from Timar finding Crawford, who put in the back of the net. Crawford added a second tally

before the half for a 2-1 lead on the game-winning goal Novi didn't look back in the second half, scoring give goals in the first 20 minutes of play. Katie Walker, Esbrook, Timar and Kellie Walker and Janssens all added goals



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Well done, Jaguars!

On March 13, 2005, The Novi Jaguars Bantam B team became the Novi champions winning the Novi Youth Hockey Association Tournament. Team Coaches: Steve Bahler, Dave Foster, Gregory Gordon Team Players: David Allor, Jack Bentley, Spencer Bondy, Nicholas Butterfield, Gary Darby, Kyle Gordon, Alex Karas, Danny Macielak, Karl Parker, Paul Petrous, Eric Rogg, Scott Waldo, and Trevor Whitehead.

UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

The freshmen softball team split their doubleheader May 10 against Canton, 19-22 and 24-22. Top hitters over the two games were Ally Berenguer with one triple, one single and four RBIs while Nar Shirvanian knocked in three runs with her two singles. Paige Henley and Kaitlyn Stanford each added two singles

and one RBI. Two days later, the freshmen lost two games to a tough Brighton team, 21-4 and 13-0. Top offensive players were Henleym who had a double and two RBIs while Ally Berenguer collected a double and one RBI in the losing effort. Sara Sheeran added a single and one RBI and Jessica Salley also hit a double. Defensively, Chelsea Reynolds

innings while striking out a season-high eight batters. Rachel Burris went 4-for-4 and scored four times in the winning effort while Kristen Lowney had two game with five runs in the fifth won the second game, striking out

catches in the outfield.

Wildcats. The team wasn't all smiles last fought games. Burris pitched nine sively in the losses while Emily Jilg showed her defensive ability was outstanding with two great fought back in the last inning with recorded a 54 and Missy

The JV team defeated Walled Christine Skouberdis, but fell one Lake Northern twice May 10 as run short. Novi had key hits and Amy Bielski pitched seven good RBIs from Jilg and Lauren Shelar.

The junior varsity golf team won their match against Hartland doubles. Novi broke open a close May 9 to remain undefeated in the Kensington Valley Conference, against the Knights, Rachel Burris 216-242. Scoring for Novi were Brenna Quinley with a 48, seven. Camille Press and Burris Lindsey Haslett with a 55 and had key RBI doubles for the Missy Broadwell with a 55. Dana Czekaj recorded a 58 on the day

while Kelsey Brendenial shot a 6 week though as they lost two hard—and Yoo-Jin Kim carded a 62. Two days earlier, the JV earned innings and added two hits offen- a victory, 200-276. Scoring for Novi was Asako Akamatsu with a 46 while Czekaj shot a 51 and with a difficult catch in the out- Haslett recorded a 51. Erica field. In the second game, Novi Takeda notched a 52 while Kim

hits by Kristin Lowney, Burris and Broadwell shot a 55.

The junior varsity baseball team beat Lakeland twice May 11 to improveto 16-6 on the season. Tyler Scott pitched the first game and won, 9-8. Leading hitters were Mike Slack, Phil Celeski and Brandon Schwanz, In the second game, Alex Tollis struck out five batters in five innings and Novi won the game, 12-6. Slack was 3for-3 and Celeski had two hits to lead the Wildcats.

Courtesy Photo

without him.

ested coaches."

The JV lacrosse team beat South Lyon, 11-4, and beat Northville, 6 - 4, last week.

Compiled by Sam Egglestor

Hockman said he's looking

forward to taking the helm at

"If they take charge of that pro-

they II continue to have success

he said. "They're tough kids and

they have an outstanding pro-

gram. With the success they've

had in the last six years I don't

doubt they'll attract a lot of inter-

Sam Egglesion can be reached at

(248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seg-

gleston@ht.homecomm.net.

Hockman is new Northville football coach

Alexander said he expects

the potential to make the playoffs

next season, though he didn't

want to add any pressure for his

He said he hopes Northville is

"I hope they support him," he

said. "I hope they're just as sup-

replacement.

his father, Ken, at Harrison High School before moving on to the was an Academic All-SEC selec-

tion at quarterback. Hockman went to play a season in Europe for the Braunschweig Lions before coming back to the U.S. and coaching at Nicholls

Hockman added in Braunschweig while working with the National Football League's international divisions

on several projects. After returning to the U.S. in 2001, he joined the coaching staff start familiarizing players with at Ryle High School in northern Kentucky before taking a position at Eastern Michigan University as director of football

Walled Lake. Western last he's talking about," he said and added he's looking forward to Saturday. The guys were telling me having a quarterback-minded he'll miss Clarenceville. The about how open he was and how coach work with him. "I think I'll team, he said, should be fine

University of Kentucky where he friendly he was," said Thomas. be able to learn a lot from him." "He wanted to get to know the guys right away and I believe. Hockman and the Mustangs have gram and they take ownership, finishing college, build right now."

Hockman said he'll continue to as good of a home to Hockman as Sate University and then Bowling use Steve Mandregger as the it was for him.

team's strength and conditioning University to his credentials as a coach and is planning interviews coach before heading back to with current members of the foot- portive and helpful to him as they Europe to coach his former team ball staff to see where they fit were to me." into the future of the program. During the remainder of the off season Hockman said he hopes to implement speed and agility training and will be looking to

> his West Coast offense. "I'm excited," Hockman said. "I want to keep working with the things that are already in place with the program while adding some of my own elements. don't think we'll have much trou ble installing our own stuff into

Thomas said he and the other players are excited about the

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SHOWCASE WESTLAN

EMAGINE NOVI STAP SOUTHFIELD



Sean Costello, left, and Novi Lacrosse teammate Jeff Policicchio will be going to New York City to play at compet-

From teammates to rivals

Costello and Policicchio will play each other in college years

By Sam Eggleston

rivals next.

Novi standouts defease, will be squaring off next year as league rivals. York City while Costello will join Manhattan College in the exists between the two schools, Bronx, Both athletes earned with Manhattan winning this respective schools.

good friends. They hang out together, play lacrosse together Though a rivalry already

in college For Policicchio, the thought Policicchio will head to Wagner and now will be just a few miles of playing at the next level was College on Staten Island in New apart when they play in college. a mind-boggling one. Sure, he could score goals and he could find a way through almost any defense, but he wasn't sure he ward to getting a chance to play

The two Wildcats said they'll skills if they hope to step into playing roles in their freshman

Making an appearance in New York will be the parents of

"They're going to pack up the trailer and bring it down," said Policicchio, "My dad really liked the school and he's look-

their parents play their together and watch their sons "Jeff's a great

instruction, techniques, and the drills a player needs to shoot the Costello said. "I'm looking forbasketball well. Emphasis will be placed on 3-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble, and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shoot

Sam Eggleston can be reached

Dan St. Clair aiming high with Air Force Academy track

the track team there.

himself to be the best athlete and cadet he could possibly be. The result? He's currently the best discusthrower on the leam and is chasing after the Air Force Sam Academy's

Eggleston

out here," said St. Clair via cell phone. "I've got another year and I plan on doing a lot of work in the ff season because I'm still al little

But not too short. St. Clair is eyeing the record of 183-feet-9iches, which was set in 1993 by hawn Larcher. That leaves him ist 13-7.5 to go before he owns the

thark of 170-1.5 earlier this year and is rightfully proud of it. His ow put him at seventh-best in cademy history and he ranked imself 65th in the nation, 20th in he: Midwest Region and sixth in Mountain West Conference. They're really competitive out here. St. Clair said. There are some really good throwers in this

Regional Championships, which will be held May 27-28 but he also competed in the Mountain West Conference championships last week. St. Clair also won the relay meet he participated in April 15 with his season-best throw and earned a first-place finish at the Cal-Berkeley Brutus Hamilton

Invitational just a week prior with a throw of 168-7. "It's been a really good season," e said. "I'm real happy with how 've done."

And he should be. St. Clair does more than the typical collegiate athlete. He balances some of the toughest academics in the nation with rigorous physical basic training. He has a regimented schedule to adhere to, unlike most college kids, and he even has a "lights out" time for him to hit the sack to prepare for another full day.

"It's pretty tough," he admitted. "It keeps me busy, that's for sure." St. Clair, however, doesn't mind. He said he knew what he was getting into when he signed onboard with the Air Force. He wouldn't change any of it.

"The Academy gives you a ton of experience," he said. "I'd never be able to get the same kind of experience at another college." It's an experience St. Clair hopes to turn into a career. He said he's still deciding if he'll continue to Falcons fly over the Academy, the



Dan St. Clair is shooting for the discus record at the

decision," he said, "I wanted to fly and I still want to be up in the air. I'm majoring in aeronautical engiif I don't fly. Either way, I'll be

But every time the F-16 Fighting pursue the reason he joined the Air drive to strap himself into a cockpat. (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seg-Force in the first place - piloting is renewed.

From the academics to the ath-

letics to the desire to be the best the Air Force has managed to teach Dan "Air" St. Clair just what it

starts. The 8 a.m. shotgun start includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Costs are \$195 per person for a four-person scraming the option of adding the din-

The afternoon package for \$250 includes the 1 p.m. shot-

The Northville High School gun start, lunch and dinner. coaching staff will be offering Evening activities begin at 6:30 sand and indoor volleyball p.m. A live auction and a silent camps this summer. Indoor clinauction will be held, with items ics will run Monday and including a ride for two in the Tuesday nights and sand clinics WJR Traffic Copter and four (4) will run Wednesday and suite tickets for a Tigers game at Thursday mornings beginning Comerica Park. Dinner packthe week of June 20. Clinics ages for \$50 also will be availwill run five weeks. able for non-golfers wishing to For more information, please

SPORTS SHORTS

Girls basketball camp

The Novi Wildcats girls bas-

kethall team will be hosting a

girls basketball camp June 27-

Field House.

July 1 at the Novi High School

The camp, hosted by varsity

coach Bill Kelp and members of

the girls varsity basketball team,

Cost is \$126 and includes a T-

will teach girls, grades 2-9, the

fundamentals of the game of

shirt and a basketball in addi-

of skills and basketball basics.

Registration begins May 2.

at (248) 449-1206.

Basketball Camps

(grades 3-9)

School Gym

tion to the experienced coaching

For more information, please

call Novi Community Education

Novi Community Education

Call (248) 449-1206 for regis-

DATE: Monday-Friday, June

TIME: 8:30 a.m-noon, grades

3-6 and 1-4:30 p.m., grades 7-9

DETAILS: Participants in this

camp will receive knowledge of

the game of basketball, as well

as instruction to aid in the

abilities. Emphasis will be

development of their playing

including dribbling, shooting,

pivoting, faking, rebounding,

team play, sportsmanship, and

defensive concepts. Students

will be grouped according to

clothes and shoes are required.

shirt and outdoor basketball.

Boys and Girls Shooting

DATE: Monday-Friday, July

TIME: 8:30-10 a.m., grades

DETAILS: This shooting

camp will be packed with

ine contest winners. Gym

The fee is \$63.

clothes and shoes are required

Boys and Girls Basketball

DATE: Monday-Friday, July

A 19-year NFL veteran and

Murray will be one of the play-

honorary co-chairperson of the

Goodwill Industries of Greater

The Classic is moving this

Country Club at 40941 Eight

Featured this year will be a

special Corporate Cup, with

companies challenging each

other to win this inaugural trav-

In addition to the Corporate

awarded to the most successful

women's, men's and mixed

Classic on Monday, June 6,

year to the Meadowbrook

Mile Road in Northville.

eling award.

ers taking to the greens as an

former Detroit Lion, Eddic

Camp (grades K-2)

10:30 a.m.-noon

Golf classic

3-6 and 10:30 a.m.-noon, grades

Camp (grades 3-9)

School Field House

The fee is \$126.

age, size, and ability. Gym

placed on all phases of the game

LOCATION: Novi Middle

tration, beginning Monday.

Boys Basketball Camp

Volleyball camp

participate in the Classic. contact Kate Woodrich by email Registration deadline is May at katewoodrich@hotmail.com. 30, 2005. Individuals who do not register a full foursóme will be matched up with others on

> For information on the Golf Classic, or a registration form, visit www.goodwillelassic.com, or call 313-964-3900, ext. 302.

Spring leagues

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

League

Starts Tuesday, May 3 -Entry fee \$460/team with 11 games played.

Adult Coed Kickball League Starts Friday, May 20 -

Adult Coed Golf League

Entry fee \$468 for 18 weeks. Burn Golf Course. Tee time

players wanted

Want to be a part of a new for you. Imported from the All participants will receive a Ting to creep into the United

Girls ages 15 and over are welcome to participate in the league. For more information. 344-2828.

ice with Suburban

progressive approach to ice nockey instruction for all ages and ability levels, kicks off its Rochester Ice Arena and Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills. Summer programs continue throughout July and August at

Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton, Suburban Ice-East Lansing, Novi Ice Arena, St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, Suburban Ice-Macomb, Birmingham Ice Arena and the Dearborn Ice Skating Center. In addition to age-specific

TIME: 8:30-10 a.m. and 5-6), mites (ages 6-8, squirts LOCATION: Novi Meadows (ages 9-10) and pee wee/ban-DETAILS: Learn basketball skills and build your confidence. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-18 and up), Suburban Hockey ups and shooting. Gym clothes Schools will once again hold and shoes are required. The fee specialized programs for forwards, defensemen and goal-

> al and college coaching and playing experience, will lead

these programs. all ability levels. All classes six student-to-one instructor ratio (four student-to-one instructor ratio in the goaltend-

ing program). Classes will fill fast. Call (248) 478-1600, or visit www.suburbanhockey.com for more information or to register discounts as well as mite and

Walled Lake Coaching position available

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is looking for qualified candidates for a current opening in their athletics depart-

Lakes Activities Association, is looking for a head varsity boys hockey coach. Interested candidates should

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EVENTS

Cub Scout Ice Cream Social DATE: Thursday, May 19

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Rotary Park, off Nine Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads

fourth grade, and their parents or guardians are invited to find out more about Cub Scouts. Cub CONTACT: Frank Maynard at (248) 207-5528

Competition

Northville Parks and

Adult Women's Softball

Adult Coed Softball League

Starts Sunday, May 1 -Entry fee \$460/team with 11

games played.

Entry fee \$210/team.

Starts Monday, April 25 ---League will be played at Brae

Girls netball

and exciting game hitting the area? Then netball is the sport United Kingdom, netball is a very popular sport that is start-

contact Sarah Weyburne at (248)

Take your summer to the

Michigan's leader in providing a summer class schedule on July 11 with programs at the Onyx-

programs for mini mites (ages tams (ages 11-14), men (ages 18 and up), girls 12U/14U (ages 8-12), girls 14U/16U/High School (ages 13-18) and women (ages tenders as well as a power skat-

Suburban-trained instructors including those with profession-

Detroit's 22nd Annual Goodwill have limited enrollment, with a

> Multiple class, family and team goalie combos are available.

contact David Yarbrough at (248)

49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom Home Buyer Seminar DETAILS: "Visions of a Child" is a program in its fourth year with

or arts and cultural affairs and

Oakland County arts, culture and

CONTACT: (248) 624-2850,

DETAILS: Author, Charles

Ferguson Barker

Sunday, May 22

1000 Beck Road, Wixom

DETAILS: Annual flower sale,

Borders Booksignings DATE: Saturday, May 21 DETAILS: Boys, kindergarten-TIME: 11 a.m. DETAILS: Author, Amy Wynn Pastor DATE: Sunday, May 22 Scout Pack 54 is hosting this event. TIME: 2 p.m.

Congressional Arts DATE: through Thursday, May

TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., Northville DETAILS: The 11th Congressional District will be part of the nation-wide Artistic Discovery Congressional Arts Competition. The first place winner will have his/her artwork hung at

TIME: 8 p.m. (Sunday shows

LOCATION: The Farmington

Players Bam Theater is located on

Twelve Mile Road between

DETAILS: Rodgers and

rific show for the whole family,

from small children to grandpar-

leave the routine of the farm for

al Iowa State Fair. There is free

accessible. Mothers get special

lar ticket price is \$15; discount

are \$10 on Mother's Day.

on Broadway" ·

p.m., July 12.

Thursday tickets are \$12; mothers

Farmington and Orchard Lake

"State Fair"

are 2 p.m.)

pre-orders taken through April 29. the Capitol Building and will also Open house, 3-7 p.m., Thursday, be entered in the national competi-May 19, including new swan fountion. The second place winner will tain and waterfall display. have his/her artwork hung at CONTACT: (248) 668-5673 Congressman McCotter's DC office while third and runner's up will be lung at the District Office.

SCHOOL/ GOVERNMENT DATE: May 19-21

PLANS Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 31 TIME: 7-8 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Meadows 6th grade media center **DETAILS:** Nancy Davis Assistant Superintendent for Academics in Novi Schools, will

Hammerstein's "State Fair" is a terbe speaking. You do not need to be a current member of PLANS ents. Join the Frake family as they (Pursuing Learning Advancement in Novi Schools) to attend. CONTACT: Lee Linton at (248) three days of adventure at the amuparking and the theater is handicap **Wixom City Council** pricing on Mother's Day. The regu-DATE: Tuesdays, May 24; June

14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9,

LOCATION: Wixom City Hall,

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 553-2955 22: Dec. 13 and 20 **Novi Theatres Auditions "Kids** 49045 Pontiac Trail

CONTACT: (248) 624-4557. DATE: Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20 **Novi City Council Meeting** TIME: 4-6 p.m. DATE: Monday, May 23 LOCATION: Civic Center. TIME: 7 p.m. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Performances will be 45175 W. Ten Mile Road August 12, 13, and 14, Auditions are for 7-18 years old. The fee is

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 American Red Cross Blood

DATE: Thursday, May 19 TIME: noon- 6 p.m. LOCATION: Walsh College, **BUSINESS** 41500 Gardenbrook Road, Novi CONTACT: For more information or to make an appointment. call the American Red Cross at 1

\$270. Rehearsals will begin noon-4

800-GIVE-LIFE. Spring Perennial Exchange

DATE: Saturday, May 21 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Old Township Hall, 10 Mile Road, E. of Taft DETAILS: Bring your perennials to exchange and trade, free of

Lyon Oaks County Park

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

DATE: Saturday, May 21 TIME: 10 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Lyon Oaks County Park, 52221 Pontiac Trail, South

DETAILS: Watch experts fly model airplanes and kites, then build your own (kits available for sale) and fly it with the help of experts. Park entry permits CONTACT: (248) 437-7345 for

Novi High School Band Bottle network with others.

DATE: Saturday, May 21

CONTACT: Sharon Hoving

DATE: through May 31

LOCATION: Wixom Library,

TIME: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. LOCATION: Farmer Jack DATE: every Wednesday Supermarket, 10 Mile and LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. Meadowbrook roads 45175 Ten Mile Road DETAILS: Students will be col-TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. lecting bottles and cans at single residences in the Novi School District(no pick up at apartments or mobile homes). Residents can bring cans and bottles to Farmer

(248)349-4461 City of Wixom Photo Show

DATE: Thursday, May 19 a grant from the Michigan Council

TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Learn how much you can afford; what your monthly payment will be; what your available price range is; and what to do if you're in a lease. Scating is limited

LOCATION: Walsh College DETAILS: The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. and community planners. McKenna Associates, Inc. are teaming up to present, "The New Contract Zoning Legislation in Michigan: Is Your Community Ready?" The seminar is open to local elected and appointed planning and zoning officials as well as private developers, property managers and surveyors interested in understanding the amended laws and how they will impact develop-CONTACT: (313) 496-7548 or

Boost Camp Day

herrick@millercanfield.com

DATE: Friday, June 3 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, informa-

Registration in required. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Walled Lake Builder's Pre-DATES: Tuesday-Thursday,

May 24 and 26 or May 31 and TIME: 7 p.m. TIME: 6-10 p.m

around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome CONTACT: Formore information, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496.

Providence Center for the

tions from the license examination

CONTACT: (248) 956-5000 to

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 sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies

Providence Center for the Healing Arts — Artist in

ONGOING: Thursdays TIME: 1:00-2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. **DETAILS:** Artist May Teevans instructs. Class will include drawing, pastels, watercolor, and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee. Drop-in or register. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Lakes Area Chamber of LIBRARY Commerce Morning LINES

Novi Public Library Hours LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten

Mile Road HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The library will be open for regular hours on Saturday, May 28. The library will be closed on Sunday, May 29, and Monday,

DETAILS: Unless noted below,

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Help Match the Walker

DETAILS: With "A Million Books" going up on the walls, there are more books than usual these days at the library. By purchasing one of the paper signs in the shape of a book for \$1, you can

help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. The

book signs may be purchased at Summer Teen Volunteer Applications DETAILS: The library's Youth Services department is looking for CONTACT: (800) 705-9420, ext. teen volunteers to help with our Summer Reading Program.

> tact a Youth Services librarian. Spring Story Times DATES: Tuesday, May 24; Thursday, May 26 DETAILS: Drop in for stones, song, and movement. For all ages; no registration.

Pageturners

DATE: Saturday, May 21 TIME: 11-11:45 a.m. DETAILS: Fifth and sixth graders will discuss "Petey" by Ben Mikaelsen, have snacks, and play a game. No registration.

Volunteers should be in going into

the 7th grade or above in the fall

and be able to work two bours a

Applications are available at the

library. For more information, con-

week from June 20-July 29.

High School Literature Club

DATE: Tuesday, May 24 ty to play and talk TIME: 7-8 p.m. High school writers and readers (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257 are invited to share their own writing or a favorite piece by another author, and talk about anything and Novi Toastmasters everything literary. No registration.

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

Multiples DATES: second Thursday of each month

Kensington Valley Mothers of

LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, (TOPS) chapter 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook information, support and social Commons Activities Room, 25075 activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Meadowbrook Road, Novi TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 Mothers of multiples living in and

HEALTH

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday

LOCATION: Harvest

Trail, Wixom (parking behind the

DETAILS: Come for encourage

ment, help, hope and prayer as you

face life's problems, issues and

frustrations. Drop in for five min-

utes or longer.
CONTACT; Nancy and Susan,

(248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow-

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai

Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C

on the ground floor of the hospital.

DETAILS: No registration

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

DATE: first and third Fridays of

LOCATION: Holy Family

Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook

Road between Ten Mile Road and

DETAILS: A nonprofit nonde-

adoptive families together. Twice-a-

month meetings provide apportuni-

CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau

DATE: first and third Tuesdays

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Toastmasters will

help you improve your communi-

cation skills, voice your opinion,

polish your presentations and prac-

CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly

DETAILS: \$20 per annual mem-

bership includes handbook; \$1 per

meeting. New members welcome.

of the month

Activities Room

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

nominational group that brings

Tuesdays of the month

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

Adoption Playgroup

the month

TIME: 10 a.m.

Grand River Avenue)

ship@comcast.net

TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.

church).

Better Health Market Seminar Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac

DATE: Saturday, May 21 TIME: 1-2 p.m. LOCATION: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., DETAILS: This free seminar

from Enzymatic Therapy. Ms. Lawson will discuss women's health from puberty to fertility and

will be led by Elizabeth Lawson

on into menopause. CONTACT: (248) 344-0040 or

MAPI - Free Annual Health

www.thebetterhealthstores.com

DATE: Sunday, June 5 TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Park

Hospital,47601 Grand River DETAILS: Free health information and screenings. A full blood screening panel is available with advance registration. Presented by Providence Hospital, Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin and the Gurunanak Sikh Temple. Light refreshments pro-

CONTACT: (888) 440-7325; Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

EXPO CENTER

The Novi Expo Center is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road). Call (248) 348-5600 for more information.

Amish Country Craft Show

DATES: May 20-21 TIMES: Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Featuring the very best Pennsylvania Amish quilts and crafts direct from Lancaster, Penn. Free admission; parking is \$5. CONTACT: (717) 687-8548 or

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



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scholarships to play at their season's game, Policiechio said was what college coaches were he thinks their addition to the looking for. "I'm really looking forward mix will heat things up even "Then the letters started coming and I started to talk to at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at to it," said Policiechio, "I visit- more, "It's definitely going to get coaches," he said, "It was really seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. ed a hunch of schools and I

When Dair St. Clair left Novi St. Clair has had some impres following his graduation three sive moments this year. Not only years ago, he wasn't sure where did he qualify for the NCAA he'd fit in when it came to the Air Force Academy in Colorado and So. St. Clair did what he always does. He worked hard. He pushed

"The plan is to take the record

ord himself. St. Clair carned his season-best

Air Force Academy. neering, which means I'll be able to still help the Air Force out even



"I still have to go through that week," he said. "When they rip over it's just sweet to see. It

Also new at this year's Classic will be the presence of golf pros who will provide mini-lessons on the driving There will be two shotgun

Cup, the Goodwill Cup will be

Walled Lake Western High School, a member of the Western

Zoning Seminar DATE: Wednesday, May 25 TIME: 7:30-11 a.m.

LOCATION: Novi Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent **Oakland Schools Flower Sales** DATES: Saturday, May 21 and TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Oakland School Technical Campus Southwest,

tion and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be beneficial to the participants. Open to the public. The cost is \$50 per person. including lunch and materials.

License Class

LOCATION: Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake DETAILS: This course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample ques

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at **Novi School Board Meeting**

DATE: Thursday, May 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

Dakland County Planning and Economic Development fee (no more than \$10). CONTACT: (248) 465-5483 Workshop DATE: Thursday, May 26 DETAILS: Bookkeeping Basics for Small Business - Learn the reasons to keep good records, the dif-Residence ferences between bookkeeping and accounting, a variety of ways to keep the books, how to track a

noon, at the Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. For more information or to register, call (248) 858-0783.

month's worth of detailed records

and determine a monthly profit of

loss. The fee is \$45 and includes

the Big E-Z Bookkeeping book.

All workshops will be 9 a.m.-

Connection DATE: Wednesday, June 8 TIME: 8:30-9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Big Apple Bagel, 2510 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township DETAILS: Opportunity to meet one of the newest members and

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MONEY MATTERS

New credit scoring system

My grandfather immigrated to America from Ireland in the late 1800s, forgoing the quiet life of a chemist and choosing instead to live as frontiersman in the tumultuous American West. For a time he carned his living mining gold and silver in the Colorado Rockies, and though he didn't strike it rich, his experiences proved life altering. Appalled at the aboninable working conditions in the mines, he helped unionize the miners, setting the stage for a successful career in politics and public service. He would later serve in the second and third Arizona Legislatures, where he was best known for authoring legislation that established the minimum wage for women.

In my grandfather's day, credit as we know it today didn't exist. People paid cash for what they wanted, and if they couldn't ante up, they might have found themselves staring down the barrel of a shot gun. It was the "Wild West,"

Today credit is an integral part of society. Without it, consumers can't buy a house, obtain a credit eard, or gain approval for other financial opportunities. And for somerecent immigrants and young adults for example—establishing a credit history is a difficult challenge. (Typically immigrants have to start over because their credit histories don't transfer to U.S. credit bureaus.)

It's for these "credit underserved" individuals that Fair Isaac-the company that developed the Fair Isaac & Company (FICO) credit scoring system widely used by lenders to gauge credit worthiness-created the FICO Expansion Score. It's a new scoring system that predicts credit risk for individuals who have minimal or no credit history. According to Fair Isaac, approximately 50 million Americans could benefit from this new system. The score is designed to provide these individuals with the opportunity to access favorable interest rates and affordable financial products-things they other-

may not be able to qualify for with a standard FICO score. That's because without an established credit history, individuals can be turned down for loans or pay higher interest rates for financial products.

The standard FICO score was veloped in the 1950s as a meth of predicting how likely a horrower is to pay back debts. Data used to calculate the three-digit score. which ranges from 300 to 800, is derived from information that mortgage companies, credit card issuers and auto financing companies keep on consumers with whom they've done business. Payment history, level of indebtedness and credit history length are also figured into the score. In contrast, the FICO Expansion Score, which ranges from 150 to 950, draws from alternative sources of consumer data like payday lenders and rent-to-own stores-companies that typically don't report customer information to the credit bureaus. The score also takes into account information about rent and utility payments as well as deposit accounts.

The FICO Expansion Score is not without its critics. The criticisms largely surround the non-conventional sources of data which figure into the score. Consumer groups worry payday lenders and rent to own companies may be looked upon negatively by lenders, despite the consumer's payment history. As a result, these individuals may end up qualifying for subprime loans, which traditionally carry high interest rates and abusive fee structures.

People who find their credit score is lacking can take steps to improve it the old-fashioned way. The first step is to establish a relationship with a financial institution by opening a checking or savings account and using it responsibly. While information surrounding deposit accounts aren't typically reported to credit bureaus, lenders see them as a sign of financial sta-

Many credit unions help members establish a credit history by offering small loans, usually in the amount of \$300 or \$500. Repaying the loan on time helps the borrower begin building a credit history that eventually provides the basis for a good credit score.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCÚL), a statewide trade association representing Michigan credit unions. Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or stop by our Web site (www.mcul.org) to learn more about smart money management.



Pictured from left: Dr. Mitchell Billes with his dental staff of Chris Miller, Kim Ewald, Chris Evans, and Terri O'Brien, Kathy Frayne, and the medical staff of Debbie Essenberg, Debbi White (office manager), Jackie Maxwell, Tara Capezutto, Debbie Crowley and Dr. Marsha Billes. Mara Daien of the dental staff is not pictured.

Family Doctor & Dentist

■ Family practice offers dental, medical services at two **locations**

By Duane Ramsey

practice that offers both dental and medical treatment at the same location opened last month in New Hudson. A husband and wife team opened the combined practices in the Lyon Towne

Center on Milford Road Mitchell Billes, D.D.S., operates the dental practice and his wife, Marsha Billes, D.O., operates In Sync Family Health. As a family physician and dentist, we feel like we are "in sync" with caring for our patients, according to the couple.

They expanded their existing practices in Livonia by opening the additional location in New Hudson. Both practices are open five days a week as the doctor and dentist work a revolving schedule and alternate days at the two locations.

"Patients find it convenient to have their dentist and doctor at the same location and they are comfortable with our staff," Mitchell said.

However, convenience is not the only advantage of seeing Dr. Mitchell Billes for dental treatment and Dr. Marsha Billes for medical treatment at the same

"The whole philosophy of how we treat patients is what sets us

location.

apart," said Marsha. "The most rewarding thing about the practice is meeting new families and partnering with them as a team to meet the dental and medical needs of the entire family."

"It is convenient to have your doctor and dentist at the same location, but it's more about the doctors," said Colleen Polidori of Taylor who has been a patient of Marsha's for several years and recently started seeing Mitchell for her dental care.

"They are both very caring doctors. Dr. Billes is a great doctor and has taken very good care of me. I have recommended her to my family and friends, Polidori said.

Mitchell treats both adults and children, providing his patients with high quality dental treatment with an emphasis on prevention and aesthetics. He and his staff put patients at case while treating them with the latest equipment in a warm, friendly environment.

"We take a team approach to make sure our patients receive proper treatment. Our goal is for all patients to walk out with an award-wining smile," Mitchell

He stays current with the latest dental techniques and new materials used in dentistry by constantly attending continuing education programs. He has experience using porcelain crowns and veneer to create an "extreme smile makeover" for his patients.

Mitchell has operated his dental practice since 1986 when he graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School. He is a native of Southfield and earned his undergraduate degree at Michigan State University.

After practicing medicine in a



The husband and wife team of Marsha Billes, D.O., and Mitchell Billes, D.D.S., operate the combined dental and medical practices in Livonia and New Hudson.

group practice since 1992, Marsha wanted to open her own family practice. She established In Sync Family Health last November and relocated to

While looking for a second location to expand Mitchell's dental practice, they realized that South Lyon was a growing com-munity in need of health care providers. They found the perfect space in New Hudson and open the combined practices there.

Marsha's philosophy is to treat the patient as a whole and offer the highest quality health care available. She spends a lot of time with her patients in support of that philosophy. She even has patients come to see her from out of state.

"Dr. (Marsha) Billes is a very attentive and caring doctor who listens to her patients. She has a real gift to heal people with her approach," said Justine Allmond of Livonia, who has been a patient of Dr. Billes for about 14

Allmond said that Dr. Billes doesn't just treat patients like a traditional doctor but emphasizes preventive factors such as eating

right, taking vitamins and feeling

good about your health. As a business owner and mother of four boys, Allmond understands what it takes to run a successful business and raise a family today. She was impressed when Dr. Billes combined her medical practice with her husband's dental practice.

"It says a lot about them as people and doctors," Allmond said. "Their staff is always accommodating and cheerful to make you feel comfortable."

As an osteopathic physician, Marsha also uses a hands-on approach especially for the treatment of the back. She performs many medical procedures in the offices as well.

The scope of our practices is evolving toward preventive medicine and helping people feel

DETAILS

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well, not just seeing them when

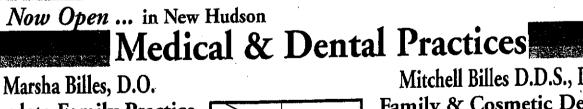
they are sick," said Marsha. Marsha served as Chief of Staff at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills in 2003. She also has given many lectures on women's health

issues in the community. Marsha grew up in Livonia, earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and graduated from the College of Ostcopathic Medicine at Michigan State University. Marsha and Mitchell have two children, ages 11 and 13.

'We are welcoming new patients for both practices at the New Hudson and Livonia locations," said Mitchell.

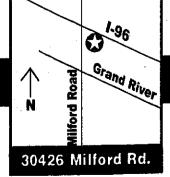
The dental and medical practices offer convenient hours while accepting most insurance plans. The offices are close enough that they can see patients at either location when necessary.

Call the Livonia or New Hudson offices for more information about this unique combination of dental and medical practices operated by this husband and wife team.



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