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Novi Neighbor

Anthony Lolli may not be able to see very well, but that hasn't stopped him from being a neighbor people can count on. He's friendly, he's outgoing and he's determined to make friends no matter where his feet take him

Meet one of Novi's Neighbors.

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Novi's Andiamo, **Second City now** open for business

By Pam Fleming

The long wait is finally over After months of anticipation about the arrival of the two powerhouses, Novi residents have a new comedy theater and an upscale Italian restaurant at their

doorstep.
Andiamo of Novi opens their Andiamo of Novi opens their doors at 11 a.m. today, with The Second City comedy theater starting their preview shows last night at their Main Street Novi location at 42705 Grand River

The restaurant, which seats 250, includes a 40-person private dining room, which can be reserved for special occasions.

Employment opportunities are still available at the restourant.

Andiamo of Novi is open seven days a week. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dan Linnen, co-owner of the business, said the decor, designed by Ron Rea, is unique to the area.

"The dining room is very open, but yet there are nooks and spe-cialty seating areas that can make for an intimate night," Linnen



COURTESY PHOTO

The cast of The Second City's first show in Novi, "In The cast of The Second City's first stown in Vot, in Pod We Trust," from left, Quintin Hicks, Margaret Exner, Topher Owen, Tiffany Jones, Shawn Handlon, Jenny Hagel and John Edwartowski. The comedy theater will have previews of the show starting tonight, with the theater officially opening Aug. 18.

said. "It's really three distinct businesses under one roof. Patrons can spend their entire night in our facility."

The cuisine features northern Italian dishes -- pasta, steak,

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SPORTS



Will hard work pay off?

With the fall sports season looming on the horizon, athletes are quickly realizing the benefits of working out over the summer. For some, it's about staying in shape, while others want to be

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Now the waiting begins

■ City meets critical deadline for state grant

By Pam Fleming

Randy Auler made one of the most important trips of his career last Friday. Auler, director of Novi's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, drove to Lansing that day to deliver what has become one of the most controversial issues in the city this year — a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

for a new public park.

The paperwork had to be in Lansing by the Aug. 1 dead-

The application asks the state to fund 75 percent of the cost of about 51 acres of property to create the proposed Meadowbrook Park.

The property in southeast Novi is located just east and west of Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads.

The latest turn of events is that the Friends of Novi Parks did include a letter of intent with the application stating it will pay the other 25 percent of the cost of the property. The organization's mem-

bers had to commit to the \$103,662 match for the city council to approve the gran application.

Now, the waiting begins, as the MNRTF Board of Trustees meets over the next few months to review applica-tions. The board's decision is scheduled to be announced the first week of December.

If the grant is awarded, and the residents can come up with the money for the 25 pe cent match, the park would include about 15 acres north of Village Wood Lake east of brook Road between Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads about 36 acres west of eadowbrook Road between the two mile roads.

the two mile roads.

The property north of Village Wood Lake is owned by William Roskelly of Bagney & Smith developers in Livonia. The land west of Meadowbrook Road is owned

Meadowbrook Road is owned by Claudio Rossi of Mirage Development in Novi. Roskelly, who already has an approved site plan to build 10 condos on the site, said he would sell his land for \$900,000.

Rossi said he would donate

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Go jump in a lake

Novi's Camp Lakeshore counselor Chadd Neal, right, dumps a cool bucket of Walled Lake water on camper Rachel Fox during a Thursday afternoon session in late July. With the recent above average temperatures, Lakeshore Park's been the place to cool down for Novi residents.

Triangle to revamp Main Street project

STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills developers
Dave and Pierre Nona are working on the premise that "If at
first you don't succeed, try
again."
Nona, of Triangle
Development and brother

Triangle brother, Nona.

Development, and open proposed a Development De Authority in conjunction with their firm's \$120-million plan for Main Street Novi.

But, after a majority of city council members did not respond favorably to the idea of a DDA for Novi, they have decided to abandon the idea and

present a scaled-down version of the concept to the city.

Triangle was to bring in experts to explain to council members the benefits of a DDA

meeting. They will instead introduce their revised concept during a study session at the Aug. 22 council meeting.

Aug. 22 council meeting.
"We felt that the idea (for a well received," DDA) was not well received."
Dave Nona said last week.
"We're not going to fight for it."
Nona said the DDA was a

mechanism or tool to provide the nucleus of a downtown area for Novi for the long term. "We felt like it really meshed

with the city's vision for the area," he said. According to Nona, by pro-viding parking for the general area, the DDA would have made

it possible for Triangle to devel-op smaller lots on property owned at east of Novi Road and south of Grand River Avenu

The plan was for the DDA's capture of tax dollars to help

Recreating the dream In a July 25 letter to City Manager Rick Helwig, Matt Quinn, Triangle's attorney, said the developer would

the beginning of the Aug. 22 developer's presentation of a new concept. A draft of the plan will be delivered to the city no later than Aug. 18 so it can be included in the council packet.

fund the building of two parking garages along Grand River Avenue, costing about \$7 mil-lion to \$8 million to be

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"This is one of the most significant drug seizure cases in the history of the United States."

> Chief Daug Shaeffer Novi Police Department

Novi's finest 'in the money'

Forfeiture funds increase to \$3.6 million

By Pam Fleming

Novi Chief of Police Doug

Novi Chief of Potice Bodg Shaeffer has a nice problem. His dilemma? He has to try to figure out how to spend about \$3.6 mil-lion his department has received from federal forfeiture funds.

ture funds.

The funds were handed down to Novi from the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Agency after Novi police officers stumbled upon about \$4.8 million in drug-related money in a Novi hotel and rented Northville home in March 2004.

The drug-money seizure

The drug-money seizure and the investigation that followed led to the breakup of one of the

largest drug car-tels in the

country. The first two checks April. Last

department

notieven more cash is coming its way. Additional funds are expected to be received in the next year, with the total expected to increase to about \$5 million.

"This is one of the most significant drug seizure cases in the history of the United States," Shaeffer told city council Monday night.

council Monday night.
"Sounds like you're in the
money." Mayor Lou Csordas
told the Chief.
Now, city council has the
daunting task of having to
approve how the money is
spent.

spent. In March, the department put forth a plan on how it wanted the money to be spent,

wanted the money to be spent, following DEA guidelines on federal forfeiture funds. Monday night, council agreed to earmark funds for overtime pay that occurred during the investigation; eight replacement vehicles and on new patrol car (required per contract); and new

on contract), and in-nmunications equipment. Thaeffer noted th Shaeffer although the policy does not apply to the Novi officers involved in the investigation, the DEA has a reward pro-gram for its agents who successfully complete major

investigations.

Benefits can include a week of extra vacation, a raise and a cash award up to \$5,000 or more with approval from their

Council Member Bob Gatt, however, said he was shocked by the thought that Novi's

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COMMUNITY

Community gathers at Novi Middle School

■ Teen Center luncheon a way to say thanks for support

By Ramez Khuri

Novi Middle School was hopping fast Wednesday afternoon, as many prominent members of the commu-nity gathered for a luncheon put on by the Novi Teen Center.

Those in attendance included Peter Dion, the Novi Community School District's new superintend-ent, John O'Brian from O'Brian Funeral Home; Claudia Walter, who represents the Novi Youth Assistance organization for Oakland County: Bob Steeh, director of Novi Community Education; State Sen Nancy Cassis: Novi Fire Chief Art mong other organizations.

This is like a thank you for everybody who helped out in the community," said Matt Topper teen center supervisor, "It's a thank yo to the fire department, the school board, the police department, people who work in the city of Novi, youth assistance and anybody who work

Topper said that the teen center had about 30 businesses contribute their time, goods and/or money to help this year's program get off the ground and be successful, once

center leveled off at about 80 kids this year, which is a great number,

want to keep it close to a 10-or 11to-I ratio," he said. "Our primary funding is from Providence Hospital, who gives us \$6,000. The kids also pay a \$100 fee for six weeks, which came out to less than \$5 per day, which is a great deal.

smoothly, Milan Obrenovich, Novi Middle School principal, helped



Novi Teen Center visitor Dan Farrugua, 12, left, and another boy enjoy a video driving skill game during last week's community appreciation luncheon at its Novi Middle School location.

new 'Harry Potter.'

"It has been a great year." Topper said, "We've had many kids and the staff really set the tone and the atmosphere. They're the ones who went out and got but a lot of these places didn't even question it. It's great. We wanted to make it special this

this year included: Marc Van Poperin Kristi Arnold Arlie Jirasek · Sarah Tepley

Teen Center employees

Topper said that about 70 kids showed up for the organization's covernight lock-in, which went very smoothly. Milan Ohrmoeich New 2000 and 100 to computes throughout the whole program, along with many of the same fin activities and field trips. However, there is one brand new terms from the control of the control



John O'Brien. Novi Youth talks with Novi Teen Center's Matt Topper during the center's apprecia-Wednesday for

Holding such a large

event isn't cheap or easy,

just a little lighter thanks

Here's a list of organiza-

tions and companies that

donated to the Novi Teen

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The walking man Anthony Lolli easily recognizable, friendly neighbor in 'Noville' area

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m eing}$ legally blind would probably hinder the lives of many people. But Anthony Lolli, a local resident, hasn't let his disability stop him from doing things he's always

enjoyed.

A 79-year-old retiree from
General Motors, Lolli has
turned his misfortune into a means to exercise and meet new friends. Technically, he lives in Novi, but has a Northville mailing address. So, in order to get and town, he must walk omething he doesn't mind one

"I go for walks because I can't drive," he said. "I walk anywhere from two to three miles per day." And those walks have giver

Lolli a chance to meet friends and to have nice conversations,
"I like talking to people," he said, "If I meet someone, always say 'good morning,' or 'good afternoon,' or 'hello,' 'how are you' and I hate it when people don't answer. There are

a lot of people out there who don't say anything back and that Lolli has developed many acquaintances during his walks. No matter where he goes, there are many who will stop to chat,

which makes his day enjoyable. "Sometimes when I'm walkhave a load, some people will stop and give me a ride," he said. "That's really nice."

Lolli grew up in Middletown, Ohio until he

school in Chicago," Lolli said.
"Detroit is my home now. I'm
not going back to Ohio, all my
kids and my friends are here."

When he's not walking, Lolli enjoys spending his time doing activities with the many organi-zations he belongs to, such as American Legion, the American Veterans Post 76 in Novi and the Marine Corps League. Lolli is second vice commander with the American Legion and the American Legion and the finance officer in the AMVETS. He doesn't shows up for meetings with the Marine looking for any rewards. He does, however, organization has only one memory with members of the Police with members of the Police in the AMVETS. He doesn't shows up for meetings with members of the Police with members of the Police with members of the Police in the AMVETS. He doesn't shows up for meetings with members of the doesn't shows up for meetings with members of the doesn't shows up for meetings with members of the doesn't show and the Marine who show up for meetings with the different organizations without looking for any rewards. He doesn however, organization has only one memory with members of the Police in the AMVETS. He doesn't show up for meetings with the different organization without looking for any rewards. He doesn however, organization has only one memory with the different organization without looking to rewards. He doesn however, organization has only one memory with members of the Police in the AMVETS. He doesn't shows up for meetings with the different organization without looking for any rewards. He doesn however, organization has only one memory with members of the Police in the AMVETS. He doesn't show up for meetings with a doesn't show any organization without looking for any rewards. He doesn't show organization has only one memory with members of the police in the AMVETS.

About Anthony Lolli

quarters of a mile away, a daughter, Linda,

High School in Middletown then went into the Marine Coros, Came out in 1946 Television Institute of

age 56..

can't play any.
"I can't watch them too much on television, espeof the time I'm on my com

Choir Boys, an organization of over 1,500 members which was

friends who were.
"I wish we could get more

can't seem to get the young peo-ple involved. Most of us are getting too old to handle this."

Lolli said that most members who show up for meetings with

Occupation: Retired

. Family: Has three kids: daughter Susan and anothe School: Middletown

Ohio. Graduated in 1943, and attended the Americar Technology in Chicago and earned a degree.
• Years worked: 23 years

worked for GM. Retired at · Interests: Likes sports. but being legally blind, he

cially hockey or games like that because I can't see enough of it to enjoy any more," Lolli said. "I watch a little hit of haseball but most

started by a Detroit Police Officer. It gathers six times a year, usually drawing anywhere between 300-500 of

Marine Corps.

After that, he married his sweetheart, who happened to live in Detroit.

"T've been in Detroit ever since, except for when I went to school in Chicago," Lolli said.

members for the organizations that I belong to," Lolli said, "Especially AMVETS. We just

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A humble man, Lolli does his jobs within the different organi

does everything on his own. In fact, he took care of his wife for three years after she became blind. He was married to her for for them to fill out so I can

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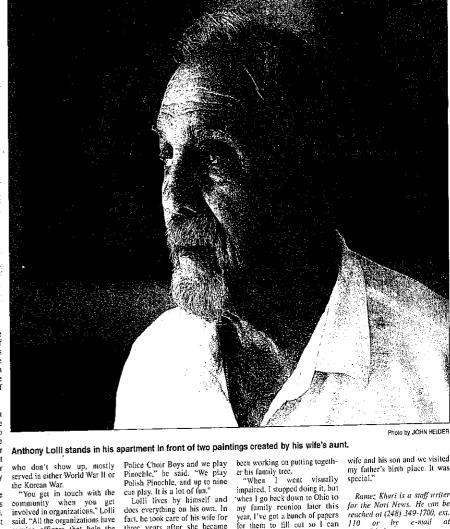
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■ City council's reaction changes Triangle's plans

art of the project.

The developers already have a

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constructed in two stages.
"Without a DDA, a developer can only construct about a 10,000-square-foot building whether it be an office building or a retail building -- because you have to provide adequate

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parking for that use," Nuna said, With a community parking structure, however, funded by a DDA, three- or four-story buildngs could be constructed

because parking is available.
"At the end of the day, came to the conclusion that it wasn't worth it to go through the time, elfort and agony of trying to push the idea, when fairly marginal," Nona said.

really the benefits to us were Nona figures he can receive city council's blessing on Nona believes, however, that Triangle's Main Street Novi it's a good reflection on the

The developers already have a major user for the medical building, so they don't want to parking will be constructed, chance losing the business if the process of getting a DDA approved takes another year or Although he'd rather not say

at this point what local hospital is interested in a medical build-ing near Main Street, Nona has 28, said he's trying to maintain the character of the original plan, although the idea of a hotel has been scrapped. stated that it's not Providence "I think we can come up with Hospital.

Some city council members expressed concern at a recent meeting about a competitor of a plan that may not be as good as what would have been possi-ble under the DDA, but it will

still work," he said. Providence building a structure at the Main Street project, since Providence is building a \$224-million-dollar structure at Beck Pam Flemine is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pflem-Road and Grand River Avenue. ing@ht.homecomm.net.

project faster without a DDA as community that major medical

centers want to be in Novi.

except for underground parking

for the residential component o

the plan.

None, who just met with his architect on the project on July

"At the end of the day, we came to the conclusion that it wasn't worth it to go through the agony of trying to benefits to us were fairly marginal."

Triangle Development

time, effort and push the idea, when really the

Dave Nona

■ The Second City, Andiamo's set to open at Novi's Main Street

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eafood, chicken and yeal Appetizers include such offerings as calamari and marinated and grilled portobello mush-rooms. As for desserts, tiramisu is the house specialty, according to Chef Lee Sharkas, who ha been with Andiamo's for 1-

Martini lounge featured

The Dirty Martini Lounge the flagship martini bar for the Andiamo chain, also opens today in the Novi complex.

The loange, with capacity for 150, is located on the second floor close to The Second City theater. Hours are Wednesday Saturday, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Appetizers are served in the

Vieari invited operators from his other restaurants for a pre-view of the Novi restaurant on

Tuesday.
"They were just all blown.

Thursday, 8 p.m., \$15 Fridays, 8 p.m., and 10 n.m., \$20

The Second City

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away by it," Vicari said. "They said it's like nothing you'd see in Detroit. It has a San Francisco, New York, Las Vegas feel. Those are the comments we've had." Andiamo's is on the first floor of the former Local Color build-

ing on the east side of the Main Street complex, with The Second City on the upper level. "This is our tenth Andiamo's and we feel that this is our higgest and brightest star," Vicari said.

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The Second City

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through Aug. 17, the Chicago-based The Second City will offi-cially open its 26th revue, "In iPod We Trust," at 8 p.m., Aug. 18, in conjunction with their

> tor, with Ken Faulk as stage manager. Set design is by Fred Florkowski and costume design is by Leah Ohmer from Marshall Fields Select. Caroline Syran Rauch serves as the pro-

> > Directed by Ron West and Matt Hoyde "In iPod We Trust" finds a balance between the Novi, Detroit and the national

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The 200-seat cabaret-style theater at The Second City features cocktail tables and chairs

perspective white exploring political and societal elements, including a grieving wrestler, and a little girl with definite The 200-seat cabaret-style theater at The Second City feawith cocktail service available throughout the show. opinions about politics and snow days.
"Our east is just so excited.

They have been working on this show for several months and are raring to go," Rauch said.
"It's a beautiful facility, and we're so excited to have it here

area.

The cast of "In iPod We Trust" includes Margaret Exter, Jenny Hagel, Shawn Handlon, Quintin Hicks, Tiffany Jones and Topher Owen. John Edwartowski is musical direction of the cast For more information, visit www.secondcity.com or andi-

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■ Novi police department gets new equipment as forfeiture funds increase to \$3.6 million

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What's been

ment to date

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police officers might receive some sort of eash or other ben-efit from the investigation of

the drug cartel. "I don't think the Novi "I don't think the Novi police are policing for profit," he said. "To start putting profit as a motive for policing sets a bad precedent. Do we award dollars to an officer for making extra arrests? "It can lead to no good."

Gatt and other council mem bers want the city to build a firearms range with the forfei-ture funds. A local architect has estimated that the type of range the department would want would cost about \$2.5

"We need to do something with this money that will serve as a testament to the officers who worked so hard on this case," said Council Member Kim Capello, "I think it would e better spent on bricks and ortar."
Council will review how to

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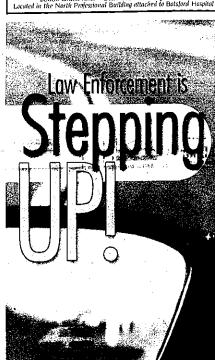
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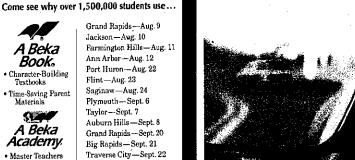
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■ City will wait to hear response to grant application

his 36 acres, which are part of the new Orchard Hills West Subdivision.

Council Member Lynne Paul

and Friends of Novi Parks were able to obtain a letter from state approved appraiser Harvey
Deson stating that the fair market value of Mirage property
was higher than \$3,000 an acre.
Based on recent land sales,
Deson believes the 36,15 acres,
that he will be developed from

which can't be developed since the city council recently designated the property as a conservation easement, would fall between \$160,000 to \$580,000. Deson's estimate shows that the land might be worth at least

\$4,400 an acre. But, since this wasn't an official appraisal, the city was forced to go with the lower estimate of \$3,000 an acre for the properly from City Assessor Glenn Lemmon for the grant

application.

The MNRTF has been in place since 1976. It provides financial assistance to local governments and the Department of Natural Resources to purchase lands for uldoor recreation and/or the ind open space. It also assists in the development of land for

annual revenues from the devel-

opment of state-owned mineral resources, largely oil and gas. The MNRTF Board of Trustees makes its final grant recommendations in late fall. It then submits these recommenapproval and appropriation of funds. As of January 2004, more

than \$600 million in MNRTF appropriations had been made for more than 1,200 state and

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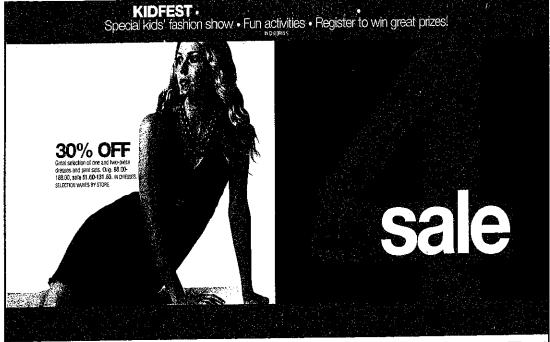
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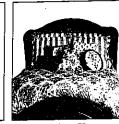


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New concept allows more kids to participate in Novi Theatre

Children will be doing 'Kids on Broadway,' while seniors perform 'Kicks on Route 66'

By Ramez Khuri

Novi Theatre directors are trying some hing new this year. In order to allow more thing new this year. In order to anow more children from the community to participate in their summer production, they came up with the idea to do a variety show called "Kids on Broadway," which will highlight "The Sound of Music," "Annie," "Hairspray, Miserables," "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Wizard of Oz," and clown sungs from several other Broadway musicals.

"Kids on Broadway is a brand new concept for us and it's going to be an all encompass-ing theater camp where part of each day, the children are spending time with a chorcographer, a vocal director and with an acting director," Sheri Sansom said, one of three directors for the show.

"It's a neat concept, The problem we raninto before is, kids were trying out for regular shows and the parents were always asking what they can do to help their children get better parts in plays. This way they're going to have so many more tools in their toolbox at the end of the summer as far as knowing how to do

In other words, it's a way better prepare the youngsters to be stronger actors by leaching them the triple threat of singing, acting and dancing. Every child in the program will have the chance to experience this triple threat.

The other unique aspect of this year's show is that patrons will witness parts of eight Broadway shows. Kids will perform songs

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"Kicks on Route 66" will be per-

formed Thursdays, Sept. 8 and 15; Fridays, Sept. 9 and 16 and Sundays Sept. 11 and 18 at the Novi Civic Center. Starting times are noon for the Thursday and Friday shows which include a lunch eon. Ticket prices for those shows are \$18. The starting time for the Sunday shows is 2 p.m. and ticket prices, which don't include a luricheon, are \$13. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (248) 347-0400.

and skits from those shows. "That's pretty exciting," Sansom said.
"One of the shows we're doing is Annie, for instance, and when we put on that play a few years ago, we had about 100 children try out and of course, we couldn't take 100. It's very hard to have all these little girls hoping they can do these parts and then not have enough parts to go around. In this, we've east a bunch of kids as the orphans in Annie and then we're also doing Sound of Music. Not only are we going to have seven children in that, but we're doing more than one song and we're going to let another seven children to

be in it as well." The difference between doing a variety show and a regular show is, in a regular show, there are only a handful of significant lead roles, and usually not too many other roles. This is a chance to have every child feel like

a star by performing a significant role.

The production will be a full length, two hour show with an intermission. It will feature a professional set design, professional musicians and professional lights and sounds

theater production.

The hardest part of putting the whole thing together, according to Sansom, is how to move the kids around from place to place during their day. They attend the camp four hours a day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for five weeks and they each have a schedule which must be followed.

"It's a crazy task because we have 86 children right now enrolled and will be in the show," Sansom said, "Kids on Broadway is using to be complete a control of the second by the same that the same than the same t going to be something great that people can bring their kids to and get them excited about."

Another production that Sansom is directing will be performed by senior citizens in September, called "Kicks on Route 66." "That's our Senior Variety Series," Sansom said. "It's extremely popular. Last year we sold out on the day that tickets went to the

public, so this year we're offering two addi-The show will be performed by those who are 50 years old and up, though a few in this year's show aren't quite 50 yet.

The show itself is based on Route 66,

which goes from Chicago to Los Angeles. It begins in Chicago, and will have lots of songs from Chicago and then as the cast treks west, the songs are reflective of the trip.

"You get to St. Louis, there are songs about St. Louis, you get out to cowboy country in Texas, there are Texas songs and all the way until you get to California and we have songs for the beach boys and we're doing a tribute to Hollywood because that's where route 66 ends, right near Hollywood and Pasadena,"

A treat that the audience will see is a sequence from the "Wizard of Oz." The senior citizens are playing Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Lion and the Scarecrow.

Rame: Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at



It's all in the swing Instructor Melanie Wiseman, right, positions tennis camper Dante Bishop, 7, in just the right spot before he serves the ball. Wiseman taught a week-long tennis camp for Novi Community Education last week at

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Courting sobriety: Drunk drivers graduate

Northville resident Christy Collins was 18 years old when her alcohol use started catching up

That was two years ago. Her troubles began with minor in possession charge.
White Lake Township police officers had pulled over the car she was driving in and determined she was drinking. She was underage, o she was cited.

She ended up on probation, required to live at her mom's Highland Township home and follow the house rules. When Collins chose to stay out all night, her mother reported her to police. A judge later ruled Collins' indiscretion was a probation violation and sent her to the Oakland County

It wasn't enough. Collins was ot about to change.

She violated probation six times during the next several months, didn't fulfill her countordered community service requirement and continued to drink. She racked up another minor in possession citation, and then a drunk driving charge in Wixom. She was sent to a drug and rehabilitation facility for 90

Still, she didn't change. ity three weeks later for kissing one of the male clients there. That rned her a 30-day jail stint. Still, she didn't change.

It was an eventful year, indeed, for the gregarious, fair-haired teenager.
Collins' turning point came

Another chance

On the verge of being released from the county jail, Collins was offered the opportunity to partici-

"I decided I was done with drinking and that I needed to do somethina about it. And the program just worked."

> Christy Collins .Recent Graduate of Sobriety Court

pate in Sobriety Court through 52-1 District Court in Novi. The alternative approach to dealing with repeat drunk drivers. Rather than heading to jail,

selected defendants may voluntarily agree to participate in the pro-gram, subjecting themselves to a '72-week program that includes intense supervision, drug testing, counseling, involvement in a 12 For many, it's a last-

attempt to make a crooked road straight again. Last week, more than 30 defen-She was kicked out of the facil- dants emerged from the pro-

gram's first phase — the most demanding 36 weeks Sobriety Court has to offer — and were publicly recognized during a Milford Civic Center



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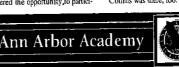
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program, created four years ago by Judge Brian MacKenzie, is an

graduation ceremony held at the It was the first time Milford hosted the twice a year event, MacKenzie was there, along with

fellow 52-I District Court Judges Robert Bondy and Dennis Powers. Also in the crowd: probation officers, 52-1 staff and family and friends of the graduates who



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name she stood up, walked to the podium and received the inspira-tional plaque chosen especially for her by her probation officer. Collins has been sober 14 months. But she's hesitant about months. But she's hestain about giving herself too much credit.
"I'd like to say it was something in me — that I did it by myself — but I didn't," she said.
Her family's upport played a big

role, she said.

But it was the Sobriety Court that got her clean - and kept has

her that way.
"I decided I was done with drinking and that I needed to do something about it. And the program just worked," she said. personal success: a strong con nection with her intensive proba tion officer, Alex Black; monthly visits before a district judge; daily alcohol screening of her urine, required use of a breathayzer

Christy Collins shakes the hand of a Judge at Sobriety Court Graduation at Milford Continued on page 8

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retreat --- all at her expense The program is definitely worth it, and the people I've me through Sobriety Court an through the 12-step program have just been amazing. But you have to be committed," she said. "And you have to have your heart in it."

A common thread

During the graduation ceremo ny, graduates referred to the proram as "an adventure," 'a kick in the teeth," "a blessing," and "tough, but for good reason." Judges and probation officers were lauded. There were tears and

laughter, handshakes and hugs.
Former graduates also attended.
Mike Adler, a Milford resident,
was part of the first ever Sobriety Court, held in 2001, Since his successful completion, he said, he hasn't touched a drop of alcohol — and he has attended nearly every

"It does my heart good to see somebody else who has gotten some benefit from the program," he said. "It helped me, and now it's helping others to recognize what alcohol and alcoholism are all

Going through Sobriety Court was the first time he truly recog-nized he had an alcohol problem, Adler said, and the recognition came quite quickly.
"At first, I thought it was just a

way to stay out of jail, just another one of 'those programs.' But then I saw how seriously (the court) took the program. And as each day went on it became more and more apparent that these guys were trying to do something," he said.

One of last year's graduates, Maureen Dublin of Commerce said she, too, initially thought Sobriety Court was simply a way to avoid a jail cell. Dublin started drinking at age 13. Her daily pref-erence for vodka and Gatorade erence for yodka and Gatorada lasted 26 years, In May 2002, Dublin was driv-

ing drunk when she rear-ended another car. To "save time," she said she drove to the Milford Police Station to report the collision, rather than waiting for ar

"I figured they wouldn't smell the yodka on me, wouldn't know I

Statistics

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drivers with high blood alcohol levels are implicated in half of all fatal United States each year, and also cause serious injuries and property damage, leading to medical expenses. insurance costs and cour costs. Statistics from 1997 show drivers killed in car crashes involving alcohol likely to have a prior drunk driving conviction.

was drunk. I was like that every day of my life — a constant buzz,

she said. Police administered a breatha lyzer test; she registered a blood alcohol level of a .327 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

She was sentenced to probation and an alcohol awareness class. But she showed up to the class drunk, she said, and was put in jail for 21 days, "Then Alex Black came and

asked me if I wanted to take Sobriety Court. My first opinion was I'd do it as long as it kept me out of jail," she said, "But the truth is, I knew I was an alcoholic and I wanted help, but I wasn't one to ask for help." Dublin had a few setbacks, but

made it through the program. She's been sober for 16 months. "I wouldn't have a life without Judge MacKenzie and Alex and Dave (Campbell, another intensive probation officer)," she said. "I am o grateful for the program, and

that they saw something deep in me that I didn't know about myself — that I could do this." Now Dublin works a job she loves, has learned to be a "real-

mother to her two teenagers and has developed a great relationship with a man whom she plans to soon marry.
"Now, life is good," she said.
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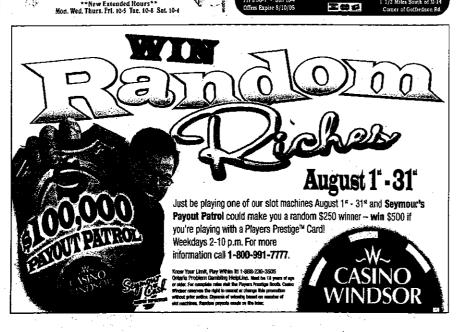


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residents describe the equip-ment to area sporting goods

tries to sell it. The residents said this was the first time they had been the was unable to produce proof of a prescription for the Vicodin.

Marijuana, pills found A 25-year-old Northville woman was arrested for a nar-cotics equipment violation when police found drug paraphernalia in her possession at p.m. on July 19.

Officers saw a 199! Oldsmobile traveling south on Napier near 11 Mile Road with a 1991 several objects hanging from the rear view mirror and pulled p.m. July 19. He said that about 9 a.m. on

At this time, officers asked if they could search her car, and the woman consented. They

found one marijuana bowl inside of a velvet pouch in the ash tray. Inside the bowl, there appeared to be a small amount of unsmoked marijuana.

white pills that the woman iden-tified as Vicodin. When asked about the marijuana, the woman said it was hers and that she had smoked all of it on July 17. She

Chicken bones in mailbox

A resident on Mulberry near Glenmoor and Groveland con-

p.m. on July 19.

The man told police that he thought the bones must have been placed in the mailbox between 4 p.m. July 15 and 5:20.

nificance of the cartoon charac-Police also found two, small, the house.

A 35-year-old Oak Park woman was arrested for operat-

tacted police on a malicious destruction of property com-plaint when he found chicken bones in his mailbox at 6:10

July 17 he discovered a drawing of a cartoon character on his cement driveway apron and eat-sup on the pole for the mobile basketball rim/net. It looked like the writing was made with chalk or a similar substance. The officer smelled an incredchalk or a similar substance. The man did not know the sig-

ter.
The resident said that his son has a housemate and that the two had had a falling out over several unrelated problems in

Oak Park woman arrested

ing while intoxicated at 9:23 p.m. on July 23 at 10 Mile and Hampton Hill Roads. Officers were dispatched to the area when a driver called

The officers pulled in behind

police about a possible drunk driver. As police responded to the call, they found a vehicle driving left of center castbound on 10 Mile Road, forcing the patrol car to pull right to avoid a

and after watching the driver almost have a head-on collision with a car coming west on 10 Mile Road, they pulled the

that she was driving all over the place, and she said that she

knew that she was.

When asked how much she had had to drink, she replied "A case of beer." After the officer asked if she had consumed a 12-pack or a 24-pack, she said, "Two beers."

doesn't drink beer. alcohol level in the driver of .28 through 10:33 p.m. by the

Laptops stolen

Thieves stole three IBM Think Pad laptop computers valued at \$9,000 from a busi-

ness in the Crystal Glen Office Complex at Orchard Hills Place near Eight Mile and Haggerty roads between 10:23 p.m. and 10:33 p.m. on July 25. The theft

the driver's breath and person.
Her eyes were glassy and bloodshot and she also smelled like urine. Police told the woman All three laptops were stolen

The woman told police she believed the computers were stolen during the night. One was removed from a desk docking station, and the other two wer stolen from their cases on the

"Two beers."

Then site said she had had two glasses of wine and that she doesn't drink beer.

A breath test showed a blood be opened until 10:23 p.m. door access showed the clean-

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CONTACT: Melissa Cohn

First Annual Novi Wildcats

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 6 LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Club, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon

Township DETAILS: Golf, lunch, raffle,

contact: Dave Crandell at

at (248) 380-3921

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a.m. shotgun start

(248) 380-3148 or Doug Reichley

Novi Chamber of Commerce

ПМЕ: 8;30 a.m. check-in; 9:30

DETAILS: Scramble format and

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 11

LOCATION: Moose Ridge

(1180) Doane Rd. South Lyon)

rules; lunch at the turn; contest

29; sponsorship packages avail

CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

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Sections of Wixom, Kern roads to be closed

The Road Commission for Oakland County has issued permits allowing the closure of sections of Wixom Road in Wixom and Kern Road on the Oakland/Orion township border. Wixom Road will be closed between West Maple Road and Pontiac Trail in Wixom from 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 to 6 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8. The closure was requested by a developer that is installing a 54-inch storm sewer

route will be Potter Road to Beck Road to Pontiac Trail and vice

Kern Road will be closed between Gunn Road and Silverbell Road for Aug. 5 (oneday only) so that Consumer's Energy can install a 36-inch gas main under the road. During the closure, the detour route will be Gunn Road to Adams Road to

lovi and Northville residents shaking their heads as the two cities continue to grow.
With Northville's combined

city and township population of 31,960 residents and 52,806 in Novi, both areas are experiencing problems with congestion. "As part of the widening project

of Grand River and Novi Road, the area is in better condition now," said Deputy Chief of Police David Molloy of the Novi Police Department. "Once the construcion is complete, there will be a much hetter flow of traffic.

Molloy said improvements are being seen on a daily basis, but ongestion of the intersection still caves gridlocked during the rush "This intersection is at max eapacity," said Kirk Rydzik of Novi. "Coming off the highway at

eastbound Grand River can really scury. "There have been so many near misses with people trying to turn "h's dangerous and something eds to be done."

According to Molloy, 60 accidents have occurred at the inter-section between June 28, 2004 and June 28, 2005. Gi Gillis, manager of The Post Bar, wishes more of the Novi

Road and Grand River congestion

Traffic woes

would pass by her business on Market Street. "The area around the mall is so busy and there's so much potential for this new downtown area," said

The Main Street development project began in the early 1990s with visions of creating a new "downtown" for Novi, but the intersection of Main Street and Market Street are still seeing only a few cars pass by each day. "It's a work in progress," said Clay Pearson, assistant city man-

ager for the city of Novi.

Pearson said there are no future plans to force traffic through the Main Street development, but he does think the area will become busier if the proposal for a parking structure, first floor retail space

Downtown traffic

said there is no way to avoid traffic fic volumes will always increase,"

Same problem in Northville

be enough. "The problem in Northville isn't

the amount of traffic, it's the amount of space available," she

Petres does not believe there to be much change in the way of traf-fic flow through downtown Northville over the years.

The streets in Northville will gle, but we were able to open up

Nine Mile Road traffic to see interruption until Aug. 28

The Road Commission for the developer of the Kirkway closed road to access their Road and Chuhb Road in Lyon lownship from approximately

Oakland County has issued a permit allowing a developer to close Nine Mile Road to through traffic hetween Napier

Bestates subdivision. Curtis-A&M Northville LLC, can pave close Nine Mile Road. through traffic hetween Napier

Bestates subdivision. Curtis-A&M Northville LLC, can pave close Nine Mile Road. The road will be paved at no cost to RCOC or to residents. During the closure, residents—carries appro-whose homes are within the clo-cles per day.

homes. While the road is closed, the this section of Nine Mile Road. The road will be paved at no Eight Mile to Napier and vice

carries approximately 350 veh

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Residents face growing problems as cities expand

counts

In 1998, 11,782 vehicles were estimated to have traveled per day on Center Street between Main Street and Dunlap Street and 7,084 between Center Street and Wing Street.

and mixed-use residential space is

approved by the city.
In July 2000, the Road Commission for Oakland County took a twenty-four hour traffic count for the intersection of Grand

River and Novi Road. 20,801 cars passed through the intersection going east and west on Grand River and 26,981 passed by heading north and south on Novi Road Pearson said there have been no

traffic counts taken for the inter-sections of Main Street and Market Street and there have only been four car accidents at the ection between June 2004 Craig Bryson, public informa-tion officer for the Road Commission for Oakland County, with the response to the control of the "As areas continue to grow, traf-

Northville Township resident, Marge Johnson, 57, is glad the city is working to build a larger downtown, but she is concerned that the two lanes on Main Street may not

Chief of Police James Petres of the Northville Police Department sees no plans for future road developments aside from the current construction on Griswold

stay the same," he said. "There will more space.

town."
The Center Street and Main Street intersection is considered to be the most traveled roads in the city according to Petres. Although a traffic count has not been taken since 1998, he said growth in the

city is only natural.
In 1998, 11,782 vehicles were estimated to have traveled per day on Center Street between Main Street and Dunlap Street and 7,084 between Center Street and Wing Street.
Traffic isn't the real problem

here," said Carol Kasprowicz, assistant to the Northville city manager, "There are occasional backups, but nothing bad enough to cause any problen

Kasprowicz said parking has been the big problem for the city over the past five years. "We now ask employees to parl

behind the Michigan Gift Man

SIDING

TIME: noon-1 a.m LOCATION: 1485 Oakley Park

Road, Commerce Township, Ralph C. Richardson Comunity Center, across from Walled Lake Central High School
DETAILS: This is a fundraiser for Alano Club building and includes bike show and prizes, dunk tank, moon walk, petting farm, various speakers and 9 p.m., dancing

(248) 807-6121 Animal Care Fair

DATE: Saturday, August 27 and LOCATION: Southfield

Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road DETAILS: Michigan Human Society's 14th annual fair, including adoptable animals, pet prod-ucts, and animal team demonstra-

tions. Admission and parking are free CONTACT: www.michiganhu-

Raking it in

Walk for Diabetes

DATE: September 24 and 25 LOCATION: September 24, Belle Isle and Stony Creek Metropark; September 25, Kensington and Lake Erie

DATE: August 6-7 TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: 53510 Grand River, #12, New Hudson DETAILS: Drop donations off before sale or \$10 to rent table. programs and events.

CONTACT: (888) DIABETES Items include clothes, bikes and toys. Fundraiser to raise money for Alano Club building. CONTACT: (248) 807-6121

Novi Theaters Productions LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

EVENTS

Fundraiser

Lakes Area Alano Club

Summer Camp; Kids on Broadway

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Friday

Senior Variety Series; Kicks on Route 66

TIME/DATE: noon, Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15; Fridays, Sept. 9, 16; and 2 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 11, 18 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Lakes Area Alano Club Pio DATE: Saturday, August 27

> Sept. 8 and 22 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

BUSINESS

DATE: Tuesday, August 23 Suite 101, Ypsilanti

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CONTACT: Melinda Beattie.

Workshops

netroparks DETAILS: America's Walk is an event of the American Diabetes Association. Funds raised are used toward diabetes research, advocacy

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Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesdays, Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, 22; Dec. 13 and 20 TIME: 7:30 p,m LOCATION: Wixom City Hall,

Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Mondays, Aug. 8 and

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCAtION: Civic Center,

Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Thursdays, Aug. 18,

Services building, 25345 Taft Road

CONTACT: (248) 366-0785 or

Business Technology Development Center, 301 W. Michigan Ave., DETAILS: This seminar will include learning what is required

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Oakland County Business

LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road,

How to Write a Business Plan DATE: Thursday, August 11

Workshop DATE: Thursday, Aug. 18 TIME: 8:45 a.m.-noon

Women's Conference

ГІМЕ: 1-4;30 р.m 49045 Pontine Trail CONTACT; (248) 624-4557 DETAILS: Designed to provide women in business with tools to increase profitability and make key

Crain's Detroit Business. 22; Sept. 12 and 26; Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 14 and 28; Dec. 5 and 19 www.co.oakland.mi.us/peds/calen

CONTACT; (248) 344-0470 Lakes Area Chamber of **Commerce Events**

LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite B, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-2826 Chamber Chat DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 16 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Lakes Area

Small Business Association

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Michigan Small

lender, including how a lender

CLASSES

Assarian'

Providence Center for the Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at

CALENDAR

CONTACT: (248) 858-0883

DETAILS: Finance options for

and will feature Keyn

Pontiac Trail, Suite B, Walled Lake
Evening Connection

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 18

TIME: 5:30-7:30 n m

Suite 102. Walled Lake

Business Referrals

5175 10 Mile Road

LOCATION: Masserman

Photography, 8585 PGA Drive,

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

DETAILS: Meeting of local pro

fessionals and business looking to

ncrease word-of-month referral

CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

CONTACT:

DATE: Every Tuesday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. wners who are developing a plan Novi.
DETAILS: Variety of activities to serve as their road map to success for the adult community to come Small Business Loan and enjoy a unique mix of classes sponsored by the Providence

Oakland County Business Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Monday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin-ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 16 LOCATION: Royal Park Hotel, 42400 Arena Drive (activity room

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

Center for the Healing Arts. Some

activities may include a supplies

CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

fee (no more than \$10).

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road (activity room, main floor) DETAILS: No partner needed

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

Healing Arts — Artist in Residence ONGOING: Thursdays

TIME: 1-2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. DETAILS: Artist May Tecyan structs. Class will include dray ing, pastels, watercolor and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee.

LIBRARY LINES

Drop-in or register. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10

um.-5 p.m.; Sunday, closed during the summer.
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Oakland County Health Investment Skills for Teens Division Classes DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 9 TIME: 6 p.m. DETAILS: Staff Community Financial will inform ages 13 and up how to invest for the

SUPPORT <u>GROUPS</u>

Friendship Circle

DATE: meetings second Thursday of each month TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic

Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads. DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032 or Joy lovaldi, (248) 348-9138, joyiovaldi@eartl

MOMS Club of Novi DATE: meetings first Thursday

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TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Cente DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a nonprofit support group, for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their

homes, or work part-time. CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc-

DATES: second Thursday of each month TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot. 300 Dorothy St., South

information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple Cool Car Cruise DATE: every Wednesday rth children and their familie Mothers of multiples living in and TIME: 5 p.m., rain or shine. LOCATION: Motor City Steel, around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome CONTACT: For mo 2111 Haggerty Road, Commerce

Women's Prayer Support

DATE; every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest

DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce Classroom C on the ground floor

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

DATE: first and third Tuesdays LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room

help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and prac CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

a.m., meeting DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members

Adoption Playgroup DATE: first and third Fridays of

TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River

HEALTH

DATES: Aug. 2, 9 and 16

DETAILS: Breastfeeding sup-

port series. CONTACT: (248) 858-4003 to

LOCATION: Providence Park,

Yoga Classes DATES/TIMES: Mondays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Fridays, noon-1:30

Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave. CONTACT: (888) 444-7325,

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

DETAILS: The cost is

Healing Arts-

LOCATION:

Medical Building, 47601 Grand

River Ave. DETAILS: A day of enrichment

and personal exploration designed

to provide valuable tools, informa-

healthier living through wholeness.

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Providence Medica!

Center/Heart Institute

DETAILS: A nonprofit, nonde nominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twicea-month meetings provide oppor-tunity to play and talk CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonal

i a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Cost is \$8; parking, TIME: 10:30 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Huron-Valley Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive,

Grand Opening Rock

(open to the paone) TIMES: Aug. 26: 3 p.m. ribbon cutting; 4:30 p.m., facility christen-ing; 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., "The Show of Shows," 6:30 p.m., Dinner Gala; 8 p.m., program; 9 p.m., head-liner entertainment. Aug. 27: 10 a.m., Showplace open to the public free of charge; 7 p.m., opening act entertainment; 8 p.m., headliner entertainment: 9:45 p.m., fireworks. DETAILS: Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels.

tickets for the Aug. 26 invitationonly gala. CONTACT: Anne Sloney, (248) 348-5600, Ext. 210 \$80. If you are interested in battling fatigue, calming your nerves

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per person, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is CONTACT: (248)465-5455

ONGOING Lyon.

DETAILS: This group provides

Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking behind the

Road, Farmington.
DETAILS: Come in for an uputes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy and Susan, Oakland Cable Commission (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow Studios, your local community tel

Breast Cancer Support Group

OUTINGS of the hospital.
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration Boys Baskethall Golf Outing

Hovi Toastmasters

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toas

DATES: Wednesday mornings

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30

EXPO

CENTER The Novi Expo Center is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest-corner of 1-96 and Novi Road), Call (248) 348-5600 for

Rubber Stamp Convention

DATE: Aug, 6 and 7 TIME: Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DETAILS: Cost is \$6 at the oor; parking, \$5 CONTACT: (909) 689-2530 or

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DATE: Aug. 26-28 TIME: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5

Mike Stratton, an employee with Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry, works on prepping one of the baseball fields at Ella Mae Power Park last Wednesday morn-

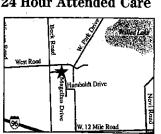
ng. Stratton had already completed re-lining of six of the nine ball fields that

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Hummer business takes off

By Tracy Mishler

Novi wouldn't be complete without it's very own Hummer dealer and it's finally here. Hummer of Novi opened May 16 and business is booming. President Dan Frost couldn't be happier with his newest location and hopes to be bigger than

Only open a few months and Hummer of Novi is already first in the northeast region for sales. "It's the location," said Frost, 55, of West Bloomfield. "I didn't want to be near other dealer-ships - that's why I'm on Meadowbrook and not

Haggerty."

Frost has been in the car business since 1972 and currently owns five dealerships with part-ner Gary Wood, 45, of Btoomfield Hills.

Along with Hummer of Novi, Frost and Wood own Detroit Hummer, Telegraph Chrysler, Southfield Chrysler and

Genesee Valley Dodge.

Frost said they chose the Novi
area for their newest store because "it's a up and coming high profiled area."

Hummer of Novi is not a nor-mal looking dealership: in fact,

Frost said it has a very retro

ook.
"Most dealers look like airplane hangers. Ours is a two story building made of brick and limestone," he said. The store sits on five and a half acres of land and is up

close to the road. ose to the road. "You can't miss it." he said. "We hide our product in the back and only display what we

absolutely have to."

Unlike other Hummer deal-

and people need to be able to ee what it can do," Frost said. It sounds like a cliché, but "It sounds like a cliché, but its grand opening, but Frost there is nothing else out there like a Hummer."

"I don't have big events in the Hunimer of Novi is strictly a

single-brand store. Frost said be has faith in the vehicle and isn't worried about business dropping.
"If you like Corvettes, the

Hummer is the Corvette of off-road vehicles," he said. "People come here and know what they

Frost believes that Hummers



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

we've got it here at Hummer of Novi," Frost said, "Our goal is

to try and meet the expectation

Tracy Mishler can be reached

of our customers.

An H2 Hummer sits outside the recently opened Hummer dealership at the corner of Meadowhrook and Grand River.

"It's important to know the

room is all set and we're finishing up the access department. Anything Hummer makes, we'll and really all you're going to change or look for is the color. Hummers have a personality and that's why this store is so sell," Krupa said. Hummer of Novi also has 12 service bays and a full service

great," he said. Hummer of Novi has not had

summer; everyone's gone on vacation," he said, "The middle

to end of September will be the Frost expects his grand open-ing to be when the new 2006

Hummers come out. General Manager Gary Krupa said, the store is still working out kinks, but so far sales have

been good and everything is going well. "The decorating of the show-

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.652

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of
the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO.
18. 652, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance or
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or

parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this

Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III, WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are

2005.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 25th day of July, 2005. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

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REZONE 22-27-200-041 TO OS-1

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particularly described as follows:
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FROM: R-4 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

via e-mail mishler@ht.homecomm.net. uniqueness of a vehicle and FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-047

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cunningham Limp is requesting a remporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer for (eystone Medical Center at Parcel #50-22-16-226-011 which is located in Twelve Mile Road between Talt Road and Beck Road from August 12,

on Twelve Mile Hoad between Iah Hoad ain beck Hoad Irom Aujust 12, 2005. DA Jugust 12, 2005. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held all 0:30 am on Friday, August 12, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mille Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the life if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

(8-4-05 NN 230189)

GAIL U. BACKUS TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-044

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tower Automotive, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent at 27175 Haggerty Road on August 19, 2005 for a company pionic.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, August 12, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mille Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the fife if received prior to the sched-

uled meeting. Please address all communications to Gall U. Backus at he City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI

GAIL U. BACKUS TEMPORARY LISE PERMIT SECRETAR (248) 347-041 (8-4-05 NN 230187)

TUP 05-051 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cort Furniture is requesting a

NOTICE IS HERBEY GIVEN that Cort Furniture is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for a rental furniture sale in the parking lot at 42350 Grand River Avenue from August 10 to August 14, 2005. Cort Furniture is located west of Meadowbrook Road and east of Novi Road on the north side of Grand River Avenue. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:30 am on Monday. August 8, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil 48375.

GAIL U. BACKUS TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (8-4-05 NN 230186)

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-052

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Roth Zamler Construction LLC is

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Roth Zamiler Construction LLC is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at 38475 Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-12-200-008 from August 12, 2005 to August 12, 2006. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:15 am on Friday, August 12, 2005. The meeting is at the Novir Chot Center, 45/1575 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45/175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

GAIL U. BACKUS TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY

Business Briefs

New Website helps

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm announced last week the launch of a new website to help entrepreneurs start and grow their business-es in the State of Michigan. The vehsite, "Be Your Own Boss," will help entrepreneurs find the tools they need to start a new business or

grow an existing one.

The website makes it easier for for all stages of business development from the start-up to finding skilled workers and sources of The site also makes it easier to busnesses to understand which govemment regulations they may need to comply with and which licenses

may be required.

The new website, "Be Your the manufacturing process, a crit Own Boss," can be found at cal execution component of

New Dog Training compay

Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company, announced last week that it is expanding into the Northville and Novi areas New franchise owner, Bruce Headley, selected a Bark Busters franchise for this market because of its dog-loving culture and the strong demand for a geatle and nat-ural approach that delivers results. Bark Buster therapists offer dog wners a variety of training servic-

training approach can call 248-752-7782 or visit barkhusters.com.

week that Michael Slubowski was promoted to President, Hospital and Health Networks.

In this new position, he will lead and oversee operations for all of Trinity Health's 45 owned or managed member facilities as well as clinical operations support. at www.it-harvest.com for \$55 or at the door for \$75.

Slubowski has served as Trinity Health's Eastern Division Executive Vice President since 1997, and has been with Trinity

A

president

DispenseSource, provider of inventory management solutions for indirect materials today announced the appointmen of Stephen DeSantis as executive vice president and chief financial officer, and Bill Keyworth as executive vice president.

Both DeSantis and Keyworth

will assume newly created roles within operations and marketing, respectively, and will report directly to Anton Visser, CEO and presi-DisnenseSource Inc., founded in

ment and law-enforcement and

emphasize data security, spy-ware, hacking and targeted attacks. The summit will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will

be followed by a networking reception and afterglow.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446

reception and aff Registration is available

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI 12 1975186

REQUEST FOR BIDS

CHIP SEAL

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for CHIP SEAL according to specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the

ice of the Purchasing Director.
Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time,

CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375-3024

"CHIP SEAL BID".

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.
The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to walve 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.

OAKLAND COUNTY

ROAD COMMISSION

WE WANT YOUR HELP

Your Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County wants you to help decide on the 2005-2006 BUDGET FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 AND

2005-2006 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County invites all interested citizens and elected officials to present comments prior to adoption of the 2005-2006 Budget and Road Improvement Program. For this purpose, we have scheduled a Public Hearing.

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2005
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Oakland County Auditiorium
Oakland County Service Center
1200 North Telegraph
Pontac, Michigan 48341
WHAT THE BUDGET IS
The proposed Budget sets forth the revenue anticipated to be available.

The proposed Budget sets forth the revenue anticipated to be available to the Road Commission and the sources of the revenue. The Budget also designates the proposed use of these funds, including the Operating Expenditures of the Road Commission and the proposed Road

rogram.
ADVANCE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

ADVANCE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the proposed 2005-2006 Budget and related information will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Finance Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31(011 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2237 or TDD (248) 645-9223).

Copies of the proposed 2005-2006 Road Improvement Program will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Engineering Department of the Road Commission for Oakland, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 268 or TDD (248) 645-9923).

WE HOPE YOU WILL PRESENT COMMENTS

The Soard Meeting and Public Hearing are held in accordance with

Board Meeting and Public Hearing are held in a sions of Act 2, P.A. 1968, as amended by Act 621

the provisions of Act 2, P.A. 1968, as amended by Act 621, P.A. 1978, Act 43, P.A. 1963 (2nd executive session), and Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amend-

If you require accommodation in accordance with the provisions of Americans with Disabilities Act, please provide the Finance artment with five days advance notice.

Monday, August 15, 2005 at which time proposals will be opened and

shall be addressed as follows:

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized n. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

Notice dated: August 1, 2005

(8-4-05 NN 230568)

Supply Chain Management. With headquarters in Orange County, Calif., the company also maintains a sales and support office in Novi,

IT-Harvest to host summit Speakers from Gariner Partners will keynote the fourth annual Midwest IT-Security Summit, entitled "Security Tha Works" scheduled at the Nov Oct. 6.

rect behavioral issues in dogs of all ages and it is the only international dog training company that offers a lifetime guarantee.

Pet owners interested in learning more about Bark Busters' natural printers.

The summit's speaker line-up will feature Ridgely Evers, managing partner at Tapit Partners and former CEO of lifetime guarantee.

Pet owners interested in learning more about Bark Busters' natural printers. president of Research fo Gartner. Break-out sessions and

New President at Trinity Trinity Health announced last

"Up north, you get an omelet and toast. Here. everyone wants potatoes. I threw in potatoes when I came down here"

Bacon and eggs anyone?

Maybe try a farmer's omelet

or fresh blueberry waffle?

Whatever your fastebuds desire, - - Owner Oma's Breaktest Glub? it's sure to be fresh at Oma's

■ Cooking

homemade

foods could

bring more

business

By Tracy Mishler

reakfast Club 2. Oma Darrah, owner of Oma's Breakfast Club 2, whips up homemade favorites every morning at her new diner in

Known for her specialty bacon, Darrah has poured her heart and soul into her new e and hopes to be a big suc-

The original Oma's Breakfast Club opened 12 years ago in Charleyoix and has had boom-

the hardest and one of the reasons she gave the restaurant to her children and headed for

headed for Darrah hopes Oma's 2 will be similar to her previous summer. Charlevoix store. "During the summer, Charlevoix has about 30,000

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-048 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cunningham Limp is requesting: Imporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction Irailer lo lumbus Corporate Office Centre at 39450 Twelve Mile Road from

ple," she said

her customers

"I'm not a fast food restau-

rant," she said. "I don't want to be a fast food restaurant. I don't want to change and I don't want

to be a commercialized chain.

August 12, 2005 to August 12, 2006. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:45 am on Friday, August 12, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road, Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Breckus at the City of Novi Building Department 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48:375. nust 12, 2005 to August 12, 2006.

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY 4-05 NN 230190)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS MEADOWBROOK TOWNHOMES LANDSCAPING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for MEADOWBROOK TOWNHOMES LANDSCAPING according to the specifications of the 3ity of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasting timeter. or. alled bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, by August 19, 2005 at which time proposals will be opened and

riday, August 19, 2005 at which time proposals will ead. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI CALY OF NOW CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding m. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

"MEADOWBROOK TOWNHOMES LANDSCAPING BID"

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER AND MUST BEAR 1HE NAME OF THE SUDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bridder, 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.

Notice dated: 'August 1, 2005

8-4-05 NN 230530)

could be friends with my customers," she said. "To have a successful busi-

here and Charlevoix and I drove

to move," she said.

Currently, Oma's 2 has a full

breakfast menu and partial

Darrah's kitchen crew is new

and she said she's slowly adding

Darrah plans on having a

future and an all-you-can-eat fresh fruit bar.

As for hours, Darrah hasn't

set an exact schedule yet.

"It all depends on business

now we're pretty steady," she said, "We're still new and when

business picks up, our hours may change."

Tracy Mishler can be reached

soup and salad bar in the near

lunch menu.

more items.

back and forth in my Durango

ness, you need to talk to your customers and know what they want," Darrah said, "Up north, you get an omelet and toast.

Club

Oma Darrah recently brought her name and restaurant concept to the Novi Square on Pontiac Trail. Oma's

New breakfast nook

sure to please diners

"I want to make everyone product."

Darrah has been in the restau-

rant business her entire life and aside from the 10-month transi-Unlike the original Oma's, Oma's 2 was built from the

ground up.

"There was no kitchen in this building before I came in,"
Darrah said. "We had to compeople and you work hard. When the snow falls, the population drops to about 3,300 peo-

Oma's 2 opened June 22, and Darrah said she has so far received good feedback from pletely redo everything and buy

The entire process was very hard and Darrah said there are Darrah said she considers her many things she would change

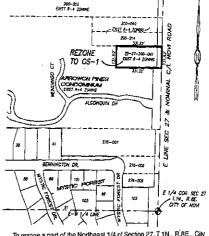
at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.651**

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS

THE CITY OF NOVI CRDAINS:
Part I, That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of
the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO.
18.651, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
Part III. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or
parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this
Ordinance are hereby repealed.
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are
hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days
after tinal enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is August 9,
2005.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan



To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, 7.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-27-290-041 more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 27 (nominal C/L of Novi Road) sald point being N00°06/48°W, 851.40 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 27; thence 898°59'26°W, 331.22 feet; thence N00°06"48°W, 131.52 feet; thence N80°59'26°W, 331.22 feet to the East Novi of Section 27; the County of Section 27 (and Novi Beast Parties). ne of Section 27 (nominal C/L of Novi Road); thence along said East line 500°06'48"E, 131.52 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.00

FROM: R-4 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

LOU CSORDAS, MAYOR MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

Walled Lake DDA is back in business

By Parn Fleming

Casey Ambrose, chair of the Lake Downtown Development Authority, says the DDA is back in business, with an approved budget.

However, this came with a cost. Before city council would OK the authority's budget, DDA Board members had to agree to give more than \$300,000 a year back to the city for the next five years. Board members signed the rev-

enue-sharing agreement in mid-July. The five-year agreement affects the distribution of tax increment financing revenue within the DDA. The DDA will now give \$321,000 a year to the city for five years, with annual incremental increases.
Walled Lake's DDA was formed in 1990. Jerry Walker,

Walled Lake city manager, sits on the DDA Board as its executive director and assists in the formulamuch the same over the last several years.
Ambrose said several DDA

Board members even volunteered their own funds to pay for an attorney from Butzel Long to help the DDA's cause when the city council wouldn't approve its budget.
Attorney Tim Wittebort from

Butzel Long in Detroit, who just handled a similar case with the city of Wyandotte in which the council didn't approve the DDA budget, agreed to talk to Walled Lake DDA members.

Wyandotte's DDA went into a limbo-type situation when their budget wasn't approved by the city. Board members filed a law-suit against the city, with the city city, board inemoters filed a law-suit against the city, with the city then filing its own suit.

"It cost the city of Wyandotte over \$200,000 in legal fees." Ambrase said. DDA Board mem-bers were eventually removed from office, with lawsuits finally

from office, with lawsuits finally withdrawn by each side.

"Consequently, the law firm is now suing the city for the \$200,000, because the DDA is part

The city of Walled Lake has

about a \$10 million budget, with about \$1 million coming from the DDA's capture of tax dollars. Ambrose is concerned that if the city tries to take any more money rom the DDA, Oakland Count might shut down the whole pr

gram.
"With the \$321,000 going to the city (each year), that only leaves us with \$179,000, which is about what the county's share is to the Walled Lake DDA. You can't take of Walled Luke," he said.

Ambrose hopes the Walled
Lake DDA and the city situation

doesn't turn out like Wyandotte's. He believes there have to be problems with the city balancing the budget, since city officials hav already made numerous budget cuts and are still asking for money from the DDA. "We'll see if they can get their

spending under control," he said. Charlene Long, DDA managing director, said she understands the city's budgetary concerns, but there's still work to be done in downtown redevelopment.

> Walled Lake's DDA, she's not sure the organization has to end in 2010 when its bonds are paid off.
> "We have a list of projects that the DDA is supposed to complete When these are done, the city has

> > zation such as an Economic

the option of ending the DDA or extending it," she said. However, one project listed states that the DDA will market and promote the downtown — and that goes on forever. Long doesn't believe an organi-

Development Corporation would be as effective as a DDA at bring ing businesses into the city. "They're not going to be recruiting volunteers and bringing that element into the community like a DDA," she said.

Walled Lake's DDA plan stating it

must end on a certain date, the plan will at least need to be reviewed. of the city," Ambrose said. "Do we need to just update proj-The Walled Lake DDA has ect list in five years, or does the about a million-dollar budget, with \$500,000 going to pay for bonds, according to Ambrose. whole plan need to be amended? I don't have an answer for that," Long said.

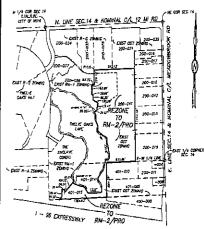
CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.605**

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of
the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP No.
18,605, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or

Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance ar

NUS. MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michiga this 25th day of July, 2005. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may b purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigar weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the East 1/2 of Section 14, T.1N., R.&E., City of i, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as fol-

s: Beginning at a point distant N89°24'35"E, 1066.73 feet along the Beginning at a point distant N89"24"35"E, 1066.73 (set along the North line of Section 14 (nominal CL of Twelve Mille Road) and S00"35"25"E, 860.00 (set 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 19, thence S92"201"1W, 660.00 feet, from the East-1/4 corner of said Section 19, thence S92"201"1W, 660.00 feet, from the East-1/4 corner of said Section 19, thence S00"16"15"E, 664.29 feet; thence S92"20"1"W, 1064.93 feet; thence S00"16"15"E, 664.29 feet; thence S00"10"14"E, 130.24 feet; thence S00"16"15"E, 664.29 feet; thence S00"10"14"E, 30.24 feet; thence N45"00"25"E, 257.12 feet; thence S48"26"09"E, 32.37 feet, to Traverse Point "5"; thence Southeasterly, Easterly, Northerly, Northeasterly, Easterly, and Northwesterly, 2723 feet more or less along the shore of Twelve Oaks Lake"; thence N59"0"5"4"E, 30.00 feet, to Traverse Point "A" (said Traverse Point "A" being S69"28"42"E, 225.60 feet and S31"58"09"E, 158.61 feet and N31"25"07"W 127.31 feet and N87"31"55"E, 172.77 feet and N11"18"35"E, 131.38 feet and N87"31"55"E, 110.80 feet and N11"18"35"E, 131.38 feet and N87"31"55"E, 110.80 feet and N04"29"03"W, 270.31 feet and N33"52"43"W, 67.70 feet; thence N11"50"06"E, 139.41 feet; thence N59"05"44"E, 34.15 feet; thence N11"50"06"E, 139.41 feet; thence N59"05"41"E, 34.15 feet; thence N00"35"25"W, 279.42 feet, thence N59"05"41"W, 130.49 feet; thence N00"35"25"W, 279.42 feet, thence N59"05"41"W, 130.49 feet; thence N00"35"25"W, 279.42 feet, to the point of beginning. All of the shore or less.

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RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
RM-2 HIGH-DENSITY, MULTIPLE-FAMILY,
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT WITH PRO PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY

LOU CSORDAS, MAYOR MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

LOU CSORDAS, MAYOR MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (8-4-05 NN 230298) (8-4-05 NN 229840)

(248) 347-041

(8-4-05 NN 229433)

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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

started.

To win or not to win in Puerto Rico?

since the Novi Heat baseball program has sent a team to Puerto Rico to participate in the World Series hosted there. Nine years ago when Dave Ray

took the inaugural Heat players to the island nation they made a commitment to playing with the kids who had taken them there. They had the option of picking up-players from their district and their regional, meaning kids from other states could have ended up on their roster by the time they reached the tournament.

They didn't take a single one. Craig Bonnell, the coach of the 2005 Heat making the trek to Puerto Rico this week, has decided to pick up a couple of players

--- all from Metro Detroit.

He could have had a pitcher from Kennucky or a big hitter from Minnesota if wanted, but Bonnell Rnew his players brought him the distance and he was going the box. If there's one thing that never changes in the world of sports it's

to ride with them until the end In a day and age where loyalty isn't something often spoken of in the ranks of athletes, Bonnell

teach, yet he managed to do it by committing to bring his team to Puerto Rico with basically the on the roster as when the season

Winning won't be easy in the World Series with the decision Bonnell made, but it was the right decision nonetheless. The players from the Novi Heat

will see things they've never seen before. Players from the 1996 team, and Dave Ray, told them they may even see players with

There are still only nine players on defense and the distance between the bases hasn't changed and neither has the distance

the fact that any team can win or any given day.

Sure. Bonnell may not have

the ranks of athletes. Bornell showed the kids on his team that con don't turn your back on those something no one can take away - heart and loyalty. That's a rare

COVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

United States Senate

Carl Levin (D-Detroit) 269 Russell Senate Office - Building Washington D.C. 20510 (202) 224-6221 senator2@levin.senate.gov 124 W. Allegar Ste. 1810 Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 377-1508

Dabbie Stabenow (D-Lansing) 702 Hart Senate Office Building Washington D.C. 20510 (202) 224-4822 senator@stabenow.senate.gov Local office: East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 203-1760

United States Congress

11th District Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) 415 Cannon HOB Washington D.C. 20515-8171 (202) 225-8171 FAX: (202) 225-2667 Local office: 17197 N. Laurel Park Dr. Livonia, MI 48152

Jennifer Granholm (D-Northville Twp.) PO Box 30013 (517) 335-7858

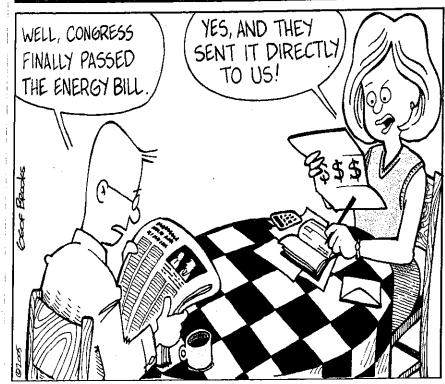
State Senate

15th District Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 senncassis@ senate.michigan.go

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Residents show commitment to keeping community green

homeowners have worked tireto help the city prepare a grant application to the state to keep ome land green in southeast

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to pay for 25 percent of this land, that they mean business when it comes to creating more

Department of Natural Resources in Lansing before the Aug. I deadline, has two stipula-

75 percent of about 51 acres off Meadowhrook Road. Friends of Novi Parks have agreed, via a letter of intent, to raise money for the other 25 percent of the land.

Novi.

This group has shown, by agreeing to raise over \$100,000

passive parkland in the city. Pam Fleming The grant application, which

Fund grant is awarded, the state will pay for

This is quite a commitment for the residents to make, especially when the Friends of the

state, and the residents can come up with the money to fund 25 percent of the land, this would mean that a good chunk of land will remain undeveloped in the city. Plus, the city will have a new park — Meadowbrook Park. The two developers involved

in the land acquisition quest -William Roskelly of Bagney & Smith in Livonia and Claudio in Novi - are also to be com-

mended for their part in the saga.

Roskelly had an approved site plan to build Village Wood Lake Condominums on his property east of Meadowbrook between Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads. Yet, he still agreed to sell the property for \$900,000 for purposes of the deadline.

Rossi, at the suggestion of Council Member Ross, at the suggestion of council wember Lynne Paul and others, agreed to donate about 36 acres he owns in Orchard Hills West Subdivision west of Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads. Residents even paid for a professional appraisal on the Roskelly property. However, with the grant application deadline approach-

Novi residents are one group willing to open their pockethooks to support their convictions.

Friends of Novi Parks, residents of Village Oaks
Subdivision, and other local benefit of their time to assist the city in drafting this grant application, that this land issue is important to many Novi residents.

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used in the grant application. If residents had been able to obtain a legiti mate estimate on the Rossi property before the Aug. 1 deadline, it most likely would have been higher than the \$3,000-an-acre estimate put forth in the grant application by City Assessor Glenn Lemmon.
Furthermore, since the Rossi property was

recently designated as a conservation easement by city council, the city assessor has said the donated land will have no value in Formal appraisals will not be required or

the two properties unless the grant is awarded. Finally, although the city administration has been heavily criticized for not paying for any appraisals and not fully supporting g efforts, they did use staff's time and expe and delivered a viable grant to Lansing before

It will be interesting to see in December if the grant is awarded and if southeast Novi gains 51-acre Meadowbrook Park or 10 con

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Area has more than just shopping

Growing up in Livonia, my idea of Novi and Northville had always been Twelve Oaks Mall and downtown Northville.

Life for five years and captain a team every year.

Dr. Scott Grodman and his wife, Karyn, Oaks Mall and downtown Northville.

Novi and Northville are comprised of citizens who take pride in their area, their neighborhood and making a difference at the local, state

Novi and Northville are made up of people like U.S. Cpl. Jeremy Carter, who is surrently in Iraq serving and repairing unmanned spy-planes, Dragon Eyes, and is helping protect our nation

and its citizens. They are people who look home front, such as Stephen Wiesman. He invented the magnetic stove.

which may possibly save lives of children They are people giving back to the com-Adults students and children donated time for Life on May 14 and 15 to help find a

cure for cancer. Laura Steiner and her daughter. Michelle, have been involved in Relay for

Oaks with and downtown curvene.

Being an intern this summer at the Novi started a diabetes support group for people News and Northville Record and covering the area. I have learned that it's so much their family in the Novi area.

Novi is also people like Sarah Flynn, who recently

passed away, but not after leaving an impact on the Living in the area for 40 street named after her, is remembered by her neigh-bor, Louise Pargoff, as a

"wonderful neighbor who

made the best raspberry

bered as an avid race horse

fan who raised championship of the volunteers who give hours and hours of service to provide its citizens with fun and entertainment every year at the Michigan 50s Festival.

Each year, these volunteers plan the events and bring in entertainment such as the Rock-n-Roll K-9s or Herman Hermits huge pat on the back for their efforts each

They are a places with interesting events

They are cities full of people with inter-Both will be showing their cars at the Concours d'Elegance Aug. 7.

This summer's internship has really opened my eyes to the communities of Novi and Northville and what it represents. I have truly learned that Northville are more than simply these "downlown" areas. They are cities full of people making a difference and leaving

their mark on the cities. This internship has taught me more than simply journalistic techniques and has helped me grow beyond simply improving

my skills.

I would like to thank David and Cal (my

Thank you for allowing me the opportu nity to learn more about your wonderful cities and share your stories and passions

Angela Harris is a Grand Valley State versity journalism student and a Novi

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Flanagan earns top marks as leader in Michigan education

legislature - the list goes on

and on. I now have more than

1,000 requests to attend events on my desk right now,

and more are coming in

So what are his first reac-

workers. I had a perception

that wasn't entirely favor-able. But they're working hard, day in day out, at their

desk during lunch, coping

with budget freezes and concessions without whining about it. The system is bureaucratic, but the people

are not.

The obvious question to put to the new Superintendent: how to make a quantum

jump in student performance in our schools?

His answers seemed deceptively simple; motivate the kids and concentrate on teacher training. As to motivation, Flanagan

tells a simple story. "I live in Lansing, and all over town you go into the coffee shops and you see Asian kids working on their laptops, even late on Saturday nights.

"Now some of this is parent- or family-

"The overwhelming fact is simple. The

driven. But the fact is that these kids are highly motivated. We absolutely need to extend this level of motivation to the entire

"It's refreshing."

society.

I first met Mike Flanagan back in the late 1980s when he was the very successful and well-liked superintendent of schools in Farmington. He went on to become head of a week. I could spend all that time right the Wayne Regional Educational Service here at my desk and I'd be fully employed, Agency, which serves nearly half a million children, more than 180,000 of them from meet with education people, the media, the

ilies below the poverty line. And in 2001 he became executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the organization that serves the 1,200-odd Michigan public school superintendents.
For years, Mike has been turning up at meetings where sensible people got together to talk about doing sensible things, most of them having to do with investing in human capital.

For instance, he was an early

member of the Ready to Phil Power Succeed group. They popu-

larized the research showing that the absolute best time for children to learn is at a very early age, and thereby began an important discussion about very

early childhood learning.
In January 2003, the newly elected Gov. Jennifer Granholm asked Flanagan to be her full-time education advisor. And most people who care about education were delightthat on May 18, he was appointed (with the governor's backing) Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education, following the messy departure of his predecessor. Tom Watkins

Still a slightly boyish-looking Irish guy with a big smile and glasses, Mike Flanagan, now 55, is almost universally liked and respected. Gov. Granholm made a

smart appointment.

I finally caught up with him for an early morning phone call. "So how's it going?" 1

it." By that, he meant that we live today in a

Another fine time for Novi

August 2005 will be another great one for Novi Mayor Matt Quinn. Iim on this event and the many other exciting Novi and all that live and do business here. The headthing event for our city will be the grand opening festivities at the Novi Expo Center (Rock Financial Whatever) and the Matter of t get the ball rolling. Blair

restaurant. Blair Bowman has been steadfast in his dream of building a first-class, private-ly funded exposition center. He has persevered the arduous municipal approval process, a change of construc-tion contractors, sky-high steel costs, anti-growth "community activists," and many other obstructions in order to see his plan through. As you drive along Grand River you are sure to be impressed by the great curb appeal of the new facility. The financial impact will also be a great plus. There is another side to Mr. Bowman that

American Legion. He served a term as the Novi Township treasurer prior to Novi becoming a village. Duane was also Novi's fire chief for

the Philippines.

The Memorial will be a fine amenity for this process must be spent on law enforcements.

The generosity does not stop there. Blair general fund. be named The Duane Bell and Bob Pohlman Novi Veterans Memorial.

I had the opportunity to meet with the committee in charge of seeing this project through. The committee members are Barbara Bowman, Kathy Bond, Alan Bond,

lesign, development and fund-e Memorial. Blair has already donated the land, the flag-poles and other components complete, the Meadowbrook Bridge replacement is nearing completion, the post office traffic signal is up and running, Meadowbrook Lake dredging is going well, Nine Mile Road reconstruction is ready to

global village. "We don't have a choice," he continued. "We must make a quantum leap in school achievement or else we're going

to be a second-rate country."
Flanngan is equally direct about teachers.
"The reality is that it's the individual teacher who reaches and inspires a kid. That's one of the reasons I like smaller

schools. They're far more personal and

offer an environment where the teachers can oner all environment where the teachers can really work with the kids."

Michigan education's new top man wants to pull together a teacher training summit,

bringing together the deans of the schools of education in Michigan, maybe the university presidents and possibly even some members of the governing boards.

The goal would be to make big gains in

recruiting talented college students to become teachers, and then preparing them to correctly instruct and motivate their stu-

"Inspired teachers will make all the dif-

ference in the world, and teacher prepara-tion affects everything else. There are going to be thousands of teachers retiring in the

next 10 years, so if we get at it with the

schools of education we can affect an entire

that, Listening to Flanagan's enthusiasm

and common sense made me feel a little bit

'Tis education forms the common mind.

As the twig is bent, so the tree's

Phil Power is a longtime observer of pol

itics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear

to be a second-rate country."

military veterans will be honored.

Mr. Bell was born in the area and joined the Navy in 1945. He served part of his tour of duty on the 1985 tour of duty on the USS
Springfield. He was active in the Novi AMVETS and the American Legion. He served pening in our city.

Then there is the money that is flowing in from the drug money bust that our police department continues to lead. Police Chief

Dong Shaeffer advised us last week that a couple million dollars more was recently received, increasing the total share for our two years following 19 years as a volunteer firefighter. Heck, he even worked at the Novi Post Office for 10 years.

Mr. Pohlman was a Marine during World

Mr. Pohlman was a Marine during World War II where he served as a radio gunner in police department performs. Just for clarif cation, all of the money recovered through ment items. This money does not go to the

> All of this and a balanced city budget to top it off. This is a thing of beauty

The greatest threats to families

In the summer edition of Enrichment magazine, John Kennedy (not the past American president, just in case I might have confused you... ha ha)

is far more impressive to me. His genuine

apport of the community and the people

that live here continues to shine through.

The most recent example of his generosity is the memorial that he is placing in the

front of the new building for all Novi veter-

ans of the armed forces. The memorial will be named The Duane Bell and Bob Pohlman

writes in his article "Greatest Protestant clergy believe vorce, negative media influences, and materialism are the three greatest threats to families in their communi

He referred to a recent study conducted by Ellison Research, a marketing research company based in Phoenix, Ariz. It surveyed several different denominations: Lutheran, Baptist,

Sam Belanger the study surveyed doesn't matter. What es matter are their too three answers to

1. Divorce. More than half of all mar riages end in divorce. Divorce hurts spousnd children alike. Granted, many marabuse or infidelity is present. But half? I'm no marriage counselor, but abuse doesn't ccur in half of all marriages. I'd also be Maybe I'm wrong, but most of the divorces I've heard about center around that all-too common phrase "irreconcilable differences." This means, basically, "We can't

in divorce's wake. I have met more teens

than I have cared to meet who have two bedrooms in two different homes, mom's and dad's. While that sounds kinda appeal-

beds. Two dressers. Two closets full of clothes. Two, two, two. What if the clothes a teen was going to wear was in his other bedroom 10 miles away in a neighboring town? Is he supposed to wear something else? Probably, but

> have beaten themselves ut for "causing their parents

think our kids don't blame themselves, but many of them do. "If I had only been a better, more obedient kid, my parents wouldn't have wanted to split up." Oh, it happens. It happens.

rejection? How many kids

of us have been saturated and influ enced by a media that positive - by a media that seems to have become a threat to families. Someone told me the other day that the new "Charlic and the Chocolate Factory" movie has an appropriate scene with a woman clothed only in lingeric. C'mon - in a past era's children's classic? Why? Simple: Negative media influences have become a threat to

Divorce is definitely a threat to "family.

2. Negative media influences, Every last

today's family. Movies, music, advertisements, video games, the Internet. All of these media outlets have become potential threats to God's

white labels on CDs at music stores? They are provided so kids cannot buy non-family-friendly music. Media can be a threat to "family" if we aren't careful.

3 Materialism America the heautiful or is it "America the rich?" I remember from past mission trips to other countries that people view Americans as rich. I certainly do not consider myself rich, but I do have rest of the world struggles more than I do

The only problem with the abundance we have experienced is that we have become consumed by it. The "I have to have it now" syndrome seems to have taken over. The old phrase "keeping up with the Joneses" is alive and well. I can't tell you how many people drive a newer car than I do. Ha ha! Seems like everyone on the road! Don't get me wrong — my family has to fight materialism as well. We

do live in America, vou know be debatable, but most Americans live as it the almighty dollar is alive and well. Everything seems to be about money. It has become the most important thing in

And yes, I agree. Materialism, also, has become a threat to our society's families. Divorce, negative media influences, materialism. These may become a three our families, but we can change all that.

Sam Belanger is the youth pastor at Howell Assembly of God. He can be reached at pastorsamb@hotmail.com.

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Real estate down, prices dropping too

sale, and like many sellers, he's worried about the price. Barbera, 43, of Novi, has had his home on the market a little over two months and has already

dropped the price \$10,000. The metro Detroit area is cus rently listed as one of the 13 riski-est housing markets in the nation Michigan is a good example of high home values and low resale

prices.
The number of homes for sale has nearly doubled in 2005 and no one is having them. Realtor Ginger Barrons of Red Carpet Keim Realty in Novi said it's all

listing service for real estate, as of on the market. July 27, there were 482 homes for sale in Northville and 601 for sale appraised in 1 in Novi; nearly double 2004's list-

ings.
"Michigan has a huge dependence on the auto industry,"
Barrons said, "With places like

afraul to move,
"The job market is hurting peo-ple in Michigan, Along with the high gas prices, people don't trust the economy," she said. "Newspapers everywhere are talking about the real estate

worst in 3 exc. I start the 1980's, we had a high unemployment rate, but now, we have the highest in the nation and the area and new homes are con-

Northville and Novi home val-

Six tips to spruce things up

· Paint rooms a nice. even color, not just white Remove large furniture to create open space

· Remove knickknacks to avoid clutter · Empty accessories from basement, garage and clos-

 Keen front entrance area immaculate for first impres

tained and cut twice weekly

due to the economy.

According to the local multiple—ues do not match the prices listed

appraised in 2004 at just over \$300,000. Now, he wants to sell it for \$265,000 and has already dropped the price.

"I can't go too much lower if I want to get into another house and Ford Motor Company laying off—have a lower mortgage payment, white collar workers, people are—he said.

Housing hang-ups?

Barrons said the problem is that people aren't looking at accurate data when trying to sell. "Sellers are looking at the value

booms it's happening everywhere, but here:
"9/11 started a downward trend, but now real estate is the word it's ever been" Barrons, data within the past six months,

> stantly being built. "It's all supply and demand."

Former Novi Schools superintendent Dale dead

Homas Henry Dale, a former and served in the Pacific Campaign 1982. Date returned to the class-superintendent of the Novi as a Military Police Officer and Community School District, died captain in the artillery. He was wounded and awarded the Purple of the Year award from the Novi fac-

June 6 in Bradenton, Fla.

Born in 1921, Dale was a 1939
graduate of Hillman Rural
agraduate of Hillman Rural
Agricultural School and also attended Normal School for a year. He
teaching at Alanson Public School
Kirland Community College in
teaching at Alanson Public School
Kirland Community College in

Schools, and was later named super-

Agreement Agreement of the played in the marching hand and carned certification as a teacher.

The began his teaching career at Claim School between Wallson Lake and Petoskey, where he met the played in the playe

Dale entered the United States intendent of the Novi Community Army at the start of World War II School District. Prior to retiring in

Novi resident Rick Barbera stands in the back yard at his house, which is currently for sale. The yard sported a stream, landscaping, fire pit, in-ground pool and even a club house with heating and air conditioning units

int them. Brandon Kekich, of the Kekich team at Keller Williams Realty in regulator restrict of the fraction of the factor of the fa

being flooded with homes.

"We're competing as realtors and home sellers with new construction," Kekich said, "There is no way to stop the builders."

When people are putting their humes on the market, Kekich said

Roscommon as a geology instructor. His Army service as an MP served

him well later in life when a mugger attempted to rob Dale, who dis-armed the culprit and kept him at

Dale is survived by his wife

A memorial service is scheduled for

3 p.m., Aug. 7, at the Methodis

bay until police arrived.

she said. "We have the highest inventory of homes with the lowest interest rates and people don't them or basing the price of the now." Both set interest rates and people don't the price is right, it could highe

take four to six months to sell a value they thought the home was

Both Barrons and Kekich agreed that homes are on the market longer than they should be. "We tell people six months." Kekich said. "It could be shorter, they are typically over pricing

Both realtors said prices were

higher in 2004 than in 2005. In 2004, a two-bedroom condo was listed for \$152,000. In 2005, the same condo was listed for

order to sell," Kekich said, "They just aren't selling.
"We've seen a pretty nice leveling off right now," he added, "But no real increases or decreases in

their homes to look immaculate in

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Barrons doesn't see a drastic change in the near future, but she hopes the market gets better for both the sellers and the realtors.

"The cost for realtors to complete a sale is 50 percent higher than the sellers are the sale is 50 percent higher than the sellers are the sale is 50 percent higher than the sale is 50 percent high

than in nast years," she said "We're doing our best and we just

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One last hurrah before school starts

August to bring much excitement to Novi Public Library

By Ramez Khuri

The Novi Public Library's summer reading program may be over, but that doesn't mean Eds can't still have fur there

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Clifton, a 2001 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, recently graduated from

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with three separate activities in

services at the library.

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Iast afternoon movie before school begins."

The last of the three events, a

The first will take place at o p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

"It's called Investment skills for teens," said Margi Karp-Opperer, head of youth and teen services at the library.

"It's for ages 13 and up, and "It's for ages 13 and up, and minutes."

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Women hear shots fired outside Novi restaurant

■ Two ran to their car after eating at TGI Friday's

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Beth Pilacinski went to the Novi Restaurant TGI Friday's

Novi Restaurant 101 Friosy, with a female co-worker late on the night April 10, 2003.

Then about 1 a.m. on April 11, as they left the restaurant, they heard five to six gunshots fired in rapid succession to the right of them.

right of them.
"We could hear them clearly, and it startled me," she said, and two young women ran to their car.

It wasn't until a male coworker of Pilacinski's heard the news report that a man's body had been found April 14 in a wooded area south of Twelve Oaks Mall near the restaurant that she made the connection the two incidents. Her female co-worker then

called Novi police.

called Novi police.

Pitacinski was a witness for the prosecution in a two-day preliminary exam that took place July 21 and July 22 at Novi's 52-1 District Court.

Kevin Mykolaitis, 36, of Farmington Hills, has been charged with the murder of Cameron Sanders, 27, of Novi. The two were former inmates and friends in a Michigan Department of Corrections

Police say the two devised a life insurance scam in which they created a supposedly bogus business, took out a "key man" insurance policy on each other, naming each other as the beneficiaries. The alleged plan was to fake one of their deaths and split the money.

But then Sanders was mur-dered in an execution-style killing near Twelve Oaks Mall. The woman said she ducked

"We could hear them clearly, and it startled me."

Beth Pilacinski Witness for the prosecution

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behind her friend when she heard the shots fired, which she said came from the direction of

the highway. Her friend, Jennifer Babcock said the two women had checked in at a local hotel, then went to eat at TGI Priday's. She stated that it was around 1:15 or 1:30 a.m., when they heard the shots, as she remembered checking her cell phone at the

Although Sanders' body was found with multiple gunshot and stabbing wounds, no gun or knife have been found. In fact, nothing has been found connecting Mykolaitis to Sanders' leads

Sanders' sister speaks

Outside the courtroom on July 21, Sanders' only sibling, Veronica Crabtee of Minden, La., talked about her deceased brother.

She was consoled both days

She was consoled both days of the preliminary exam in the murder case by her best friend, Miranda Oaks, of Minden.
Born in Shreveport, La., Crabiree said Sanders had just moved to Michigan shortly before his death.

A military family they moved

before his death.

A military family, they moved around a lot, and had lived in North Daken and Europe before moving to Michigan.

Six years younger than Sanders, Crabtree said that with her brother being in and out of prison for various breaking andentering convictions, they lost a lot of time together. She noted that family members under age 18 aren't allowed to visit inmates.

Since his release from prison in 2002, they had begun to get to know each other better. "We were just starting to have

good brother-sister relation-tip when he was killed," she

Crabtree has fond memories

Crabtree has fond memorics of her brother, including his good sense of humor.

"He was very caring, open minded and too trusting," she said. "He wanted to be friends with anybody, and he always gave everybody a chance."

She had just visited her brother a couple of months before his

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MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Editor's note: This is a second in a series of articles in the case of Kevin Mykolatiks of Farmington Hills, charged with the first-degree, premeditated murder of Novi resident Cameron Sanders in April 2003. Mykolatiks faces life in prison if convicted.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kevin Mykolaitis, left, walks into Judge Brian MacKenzie's 52-1 District Court for the start of his pre-liminary exam. Mykolaitis was charged in May with first degree murder in the death of Cameron Sanders.

body was found, and he had just returned to Louisiana for a visit a month before his death. A graduate of Tecumseh High

School. Sanders was working at

School, Sanders was working at House of Sofas in Ann Arbor at the time of his death.

"He was extremely intelligent and spent a lot of time on the computer," Crabtree said.

"I'd never met anybody like him. He had an I.Q. over 170," eshe said.

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Next week: Fellow inmate takes the stand; Ford Motor Company engineer reviews police video of Mykolaitis' F-250 taken the night of the alleged murder.

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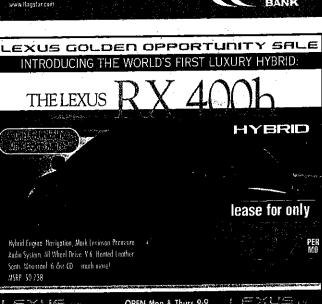
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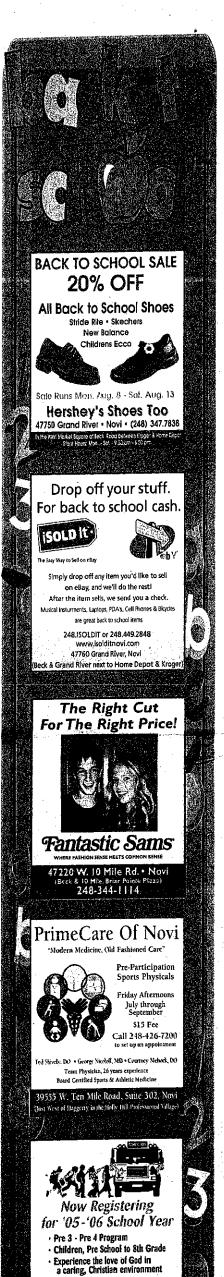
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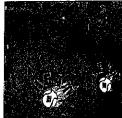
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Headed to the World Series

than just another tournament World Series in Puerto Rico means the U12 Novi Heat is one of the top eight teams in the country. They're looking to earn some wins and, more importantly, make some memories

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Blast from the past

There once was ony one Novi Heat baseball team. The inagural year the players were 12 years old and they, too, made it to the World Series in Puerto Rico. Several alumni of that team showed up to a Sunday practice to wish the 2005 Heat well in their

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Thursday, August 4, 2005

Puerto Rico greets Heat

Dear Puerto Rico,

Rumor has it you have a real nice country down there where baseball is quite popular. Though I really couldn't tell you (I've never been that far south. Sorry!) but there are a few fellas here in Novi that have told me it's very

You see, they went down on a



visit in 1996. They were 12 years old then but they played base ball and, well, you guys know all about baseball.

That's proba-bly why you host the World Series.

Series. Series. Series. Series. Series. Series. Series. Series was the first-ever Novi Heat baseball team. Back then, there was only one. They started it. They defined heart and team. They set the pace that hasn't been able to be followed in nearly a decade. They made it to the World Series on their first the was one in a life. their first try. It was once in a life-

well, you've been generous enough to make room for another group of 12 year olds from Novi. They're just as smart and as talented as the last group. They're even looking to take it a step far-ther than the last crew by winning a game while they're down there. They're looking to set the bar a little higher than the last Heat squad that made the flight over the ocean and to your island.

The last team didn't win any

games but they played their hearts out. They deserved a win (but, alas, it wasn't meant to be). The athletes that came from that squad were just amazing. Soccer play-ers, football stars, baseball studs and wrestling champs. Heck, even one of the best long-distance runone of the best long-distance runners in the nation (and not coshabby in world competition either!). They were the kings of kings in Novi. There wasn't a sport they didn't control. They could play with the best of them on every playing field.

It makes me wonder just how great the athletes from this team are going to be. Will they win state championships? Will they break records? Will they go to college on scholarships? Some won't.

will, most likely, and some won 1. Everyone in Puerto Rico, just like in 1996, will get a chance to see them before most of Novi does. Enjoy it. You get to see something the rest of us could only hope to see. These kids will be all smiles and more excited than they've been in nearly their entire lives Of course, you know that already. You've been doing this for years. Though we here in Novi won't

be able to come along to cheer on this year's Novi Heat team we're sending our best wishes along with them. We're proud of these boys and we want them to have the time of their lives.

We have confidence everyone there in Puerto Rico will do best to make it one of the memorable moments in the life of revery player there. You did it in 1996 (great job, but the way. The guys are still talking about it!) and we know you'll do it again. Best of luck, Heat, Make this

the greatest time of your young lives. It's moments like these that great athletic careers are forged Just look at those who've made the trip before you.

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Rachele Folino put in plenty of hours over the summer preparing for fall basketball.

Practice makes perfect

Plenty of summer hours make the difference come fall

By Sam Eggleston

Mark Yassay glanced at his biceps and his forearms

en shrugged.

forearms aren't that big, but I'll probably work on that," said the recent Northville graduate.

Forearms? Maybe not so big, but the rest of Yassay's

arms, his chest and legs are chiseled with muscle. They are a product of hard work and dedication.

Yassay may have graduated from high school, but that didn't stop him from putting in time in the weight room. He has a collegiate football career at Hillsdale College he embarked on yesterday. He couldn't afford to take a break.

I've been working pretty hard," he said. "(John) Mullen and I have been lifting this summer

Mulien, too, will be playing college football. His will take him to Olivet College.
But it's not just those playing at the next level who've put in the hours and the sweat over the summer. Novi basketball forward Rachele Folino, who has verbally committed to Nagara University in New York on a scholarship, played with the Michigan Belles throughout the summer in addition to her own

"I ran every day in the summer and practiced shoot-

Though Folino said she wasn't in the tip-top shape she would have liked to be in heading into the fall, she still stayed in the shape that mattered the most.

"I'm in good playing shape," she said. "I might not have the fastest time in the mile when we run conditioning, but I could still play basketball. My long-dis-tance running is something I need to work on, but by the time the season starts I'm sure coach (Bill Kelp) will whip me into shape."

Folino said she hopes to turn her senior year into her best season yet. She said personal accomplishme would be nice, but wins for the team would be bett

I'm going to have to be a leader this year," she said. "That's why I have to come into the season ready to work hard. I need to lead by example."

At an informal conditioning with the team, Folino showed that leadership Monday. The last girl on the track for a mile run was struggling and quickly slowfolino and two other players jogged out to meet fellow hoops player and ran with her the remaining. Folino and two other pl

But leading others isn't always a driving force. Sometimes it's the need to be better than the year

For some players, it's staying in playing shape despite not being able to play. Matt Watza, a Northville standout football player who earned a walk on spot at Michigan State, found out recently he won't be able to play due to a shortage of credits. That has-n't stopped him from working hard.

still rostered and I'm still working out," he

From running to weight lifting to jumping rope, athletes across the area are keeping in shape with the same goal in mind: Being dominant in their

respective sports.
"If you don't work through the summer you're "Il you don't work through the summer you're not going to be ready when you need to be," said Yassay. "Exen when you do work all summer there's still room to improve. It's just a good base to get started from."

Schmitt signs for volleyball

Standout spiker inks full-ride scholarship

Courtney Ratkowiak SPECIAL WRITER

When Sarah Schmitt hit the ball out of bounds to seal Novi's loss in the regional semifinals, she thought that her Wildcats varsity volleyball career was over.

Little did she know that, four months later, she would be signing a letter of intent to play varsity vol-leyball for the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats. On July 26, Schmitt became the first Novi volleyball player to receive an NCAA Division I full-ride scholarship.

Schmitt, a right side hitter and setter, played for the Novi High School varsity team for two years and the Oakland Juniors volleyball club for three years. Although Schmitt had been accepted to Michigan State, she returned to the Oakland Juniors club during the spring of her senior year to ase her chances of receiving a scholarship volleyball

Immediately following the spring season, the Bethune-Cookman volleyball coach contacted club director Brandon Parsley regarding unsigned senior setters. Parsley told the coach about Schmitt's collegiate-level potential.

"One of her dreams was to go on and play college volleyball," Parsley said. "She was probably overlooked (earlier) in the recruiting process, and I knew that the only reason she placed the only reason she played this spring was for the chance to get a late scholarship. I knew that she would definitely appreciate the (Bethune-

Cookman) opportunity."

After a visit to the Daytona
Beach, FL campus, Schmitt was offered a four-year, renewable scholarship covering tuition, room and board, and books. "At first, I couldn't believe that it was actually happening," Schmitt

said. "I've always wanted, more than anything, to continue playing volleyball past the high school

Father Marty Schmitt agreed that the scholarship was unexpect-

"We have four daughters, and having all four of them in college at the same time is pretty difficult,

so it was a pleasant surprise," he said. "Sarah wasn't pursuing a scholarship at the time, but it just so happened that she was a perfect fit for what they needed at Bethune-Cookman."

Due to the absence of a veteran starting setter, Schmitt will be receiving ample playing time as a

freshman.

"I'm going to be stepping onto the court right away," she said. "It's going to be hard being a freshman and having to control the game as a setter, but I think that one of my better skills is leadership."

High school varsity coach Julie Fiscite added, "Sarah's greatest attribute is definitely leadership, being that take-charge, go-to person. She knows how to get the job done the project son. done, the points scored, and never cracks under pressure. "I told the (Bethune-Cookman) coach that Sarah could step into

her varsity team and set right now for those junior and senior hitters. I don't think that, physically or tech-nically, she will have any issues stepping in and leading that team freshman?

While attending Bethune-Cookman, Schmitt plans to study biology and forensic science with a minor in criminal justice. Although the college does not have a socces or cross country program, she plans to possibly run track in the spring. She admits that she has always wanted to get away from the "cold Michigan winters" and looks forward to going to the beach in her free time. Schmitt will start team training

August 8. As she begins her colle-giate volleyball career, fulfilling her dream while making a mark on Novi athletics history, the girl who printed graduation party invitations with Michigan State University in mind is simply thankful for the late scholarship opportunity.

senolarship opportunity.

"It's going to be such a great experience to be in a totally new environment," she said. "I'll be almost 1200 miles away from everyone I know, but it's new and different, a once-in-a-lifetime deal. I'il never get this opportunity again."

All-Star game tomorrow

By Sam Eggleston

It's starting to be old hat for fovi's Kevin Cislo and Northville's

Matt Williams The two All-State Dream Team

baseball players will, once again, be representing their respective communities as members of an all-star baseball team. This time, however, they've been selected by the Detroit Tigers as some of the best players in

The two standout athletes will take the field tomorrow at Comerica Park at 10 a.m. The game will feastate and will be played as part of the Negro League celebrations annually hosted by the Tipers.

"I think it's going to be a lot of a," said Williams in an interview earlier this summer. "It's an honor to be selected as one of the best ers in the state."

players in the state."

Williams and Cislo will be among 28 players from across Michigan showcasing their talent Both players were also selected for the East-West All-Star game hosted by the Northville Record and the Novi News as well as for the EastWest All-Star game hosted by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches' Association.

Cislo was also selected to play in the East-West All-Star fo game but had to bow out due to a bout of mononucleosis. He said he was feeling much better and is

expecting to play.
"I wouldn't miss this," he said. "I'm really looking forward to play-

ing at Cornerica again."

The two players have received a slew of recognition this year. Williams, who will play baseball at Duke University on scholarship next year, carned All-State Dream Team, All-State First Team and

Cislo, who be playing at the Team selection in football last fall.

"It's such a great honor to be picked by the Detroit Tigers to play in this game," Cislo said. "I think it's rough to be great." m cus game," Cislo said. "I think it's going to be great."

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Grougan doesn't let life slow him down

Novi junior makes name for self racing

By Sam Eggleston

Novi junior Alex Grougan

can't breathe when he plays pitches, the baseball diamonds and the football fields in Novi, but it hasn't been able to stop

him from competing. Instead, he's found another sport to keep him occupied. He can go as fast as physics will allow and he never once loses his breath.

He's a soan box derby racer. "It's a lot of fun," Grougan said of the sport. "With my asthma and my lung condition there weren't a lot of other

sports I could play."

One day, while flipping through the channels at his Novi home, Grougan came across a made-for-television movie on the Disney Channel -- a movie about Justin Yoder, a 13year-old boy confined to a wheelchair who is determined to win tropies like his athletic older brother. Soap box derbies were his answer

"I saw it and I thought it looked cool," Grougan said. So, Grougan and his father, Paul, did some checking and

eventually purchased a kit to build one of the soap hox stock cars.
"We thought there couldn't be that much to it," Paul said, "We didn't even know anybody involved in the sport. Then we had the kit and we were looking

at it and we decided we needed to talk to somehody." So talk they did. The fatherson combination reached the Detroit Metro Soanbox Derby

Soon, the duo was racing. Grougan drove the car and his father was his "handler." Paul was responsible for tucking Grougan in, setting him on the ramp, getting him ready to go and doing the best he could to

"After that, you've just got to

Practice, practice and more practice

Grougan didn't get the jump in the sport like many of the racers do. Where most start at age eight, he first climbed into a seen how more rule 13. soap box racer at age 13.

"He got a pretty late start in relative terms," his father admitted, "We talked about getting him started a couple of times and would look at some of the cars they had at the North American Auto Show and say how cool it was. Then, we'd just foreet about it when we walked out the doors."

But the topic never left and, eventually, Grougan found him-self helping his dad piece together the first of many stock

on the large prize of qualifying for the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. To make it to the big event, Grougan had to either qualify by winning a local championship or through rally points by racing across the



Novi junior Alex Grougan poses with his trophy and his super stock soap box racer. He recently competed in the All-American World Championships in Akron and will compete in the nationals in Saginaw this week.

the odds-on favorite, Grougan put his ear sideways and finished fourth. With all of his rally points, it didn't really

In his first year, he chose the local championship route and to head to the All-American came up just short, finishing finals via the local route once

again.

"You're only allowed to go to get past the first round and I did." Last year he didn't take any .

Chances, choosing to put in countress hours and 67 races as an All-American across the country in order to put up enough points to earn the

Grougan finished first in the local race this year, earning a trin to Akron for his second time. The race was held July 30.

He went in with a goal to fin-ish better than he did the year

"My first year I was knocked out in the first round," said Grougan. "This year I wanted to

raced well," said his father. "I'm really proud of him."

Grougan, but is career may be. The junior racer said he's con-

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the race, which will be on all

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A little bit of Novi in Puerto Rico

Novi Heat U12 teams earns World Series berth

If there's one thing Craig Bonnell knows about sports, it's that anything can happen.

The Novi Heat baseball coach found our

recently that heart and spirit play as much of a part in America's Past Time as a strong swing His boys, the U12 Novi Heat, went into the

regional tournament hoping to make some noise and a name for themselves. When the dust settled, they were making hotel reserva-tions and booking plane tickets to Puerto Rico. They were going to the World Series. "You take 3,000 learns and then times that by the number of players and there are a lot of dreams out there," Bounell said about the sea-

kids accomplished a lot and they should be real the back with a heart "good job" and then just let their team fizzle out in the World Series against seven other teams that earned a berth to

Not Bonnell and the Heat.

They'd love nothing more than to have a sign tacked up displaying their accomplishments just as soon as they get back. They left for the irnament yesterday and will return Monday. "We'd love nothing more than to come home

son. "That's what makes this so special. These A Novi Heat player gets ready to snag a ball at third base during

> and be able to put up a sign on Eight Mile that AARC World Series Champions," he said.

Sunday's practice.

aware of what that asks of them. Dedication and heart have been something they've given all season, so that's nothing new, but they're going to have to perform at their highest levels if they hope to stun the World this week.

heading to Puerto Rico: None of the players on the team throws curves or sliders. It's not that they don't know how, it's just a decision made by the coaching staff with the wellness of the players in mind. We won't let them throw curves," Bonnell

said, "It's dangerous and can cause a lot of damage at that age."

The Heat even saw it first-hand when they played a team from Kentucky. The pitcher from the opposing team had a whole arsenal of pitches and ended up taking himself out of the game after hearing something snap.
"That kid might not ever pitch again,"
Bonnell said. "We refuse to win at the satrifice

The Heat aren't deterred though, They have what it takes to beat any team. They've proved

team, he also said he's not stressing wins over

the true point of the game.

"Without question this just adds to a great season," he said. "We want the kids to go down and have fun. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event. They should have as much furn as they

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Members of the U12 Novi

Chris Montville

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Tom Kort*

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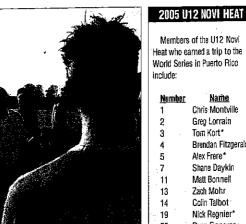
Nick Regnier*

Ryan Finneran

Brady Sheldon

COACHES: Craig Bonnell and

Dave Regnier



Adam Haberman (foreground left) and Vince Slovan listen along with members of the

can expect in Puerto Rico.



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U12 Heat team while one of their former teammates talks about what this year's squad



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LEFT: Novi Heat U12 coach Craig Bonnell prepares to fire off a fly ball to the outfield during practice Sunday at Novi Community Sports Park. ABOVE: Tom Kort (No. 3) and Grag Lorrain crouch behind third base as they watch



1996 because we'll be able to

share and compare memories and achievements," Zach said. "I'm

very proud to be playing the same position as Tyler did in Puerto Rico because he's such a hard

worker and I hope I can become

half as good as him."

As a centerfielder, a catcher and

Lightning strikes twice for Mohr family

By Sam Eggleston

vords to describe how her family

was feeling.

Her oldest son, Tyler, and his
Novi Heat team earned a trip to
Puerto Rico and the World Series as 12 year olds in 1996. Her youngest, Zach, just helped his Heat team do the same thing as 12 year olds nine years later.

No words that Mohr could

think of, but she came pretty

close.
"It's a once-in-a-lifetime expe-

rience and we're fortunate to get it twice," she said. "I imagine this must be what it's like when neople win the lottery."

Well, the Mohrs may have never purchased a lottery ticket in heir lives, but they should proba-

bly consider it. Lighting, they found out, does strike twice "I'm really happy for him," Tyler said of his younger brother.
"He's going to remember this for

experience."

Tyler was a member of the firstever Novi Heat squad that set the tone for years to come. He went on to play soccer and baseball in

high school and still plays sports when he finds the time in college at Eastern Michigan University where he's studying constructi nanagement. But nine years ago, college and construction were the last thing on Tyler's mind. He was a center-fielder that knew of a place called field, Ty

Puerto Rico but had never dreamt

of going there. His team won the district tournament in Minnesota and nearly immediately hit the runway for a flight to the island where they played in the World three-year-old when his brother made the trek. He doesn't remem-

ber a thing, but he'll have plenty of chances to make his own mem-

a pitcher, the youngest Mohr will be looking to help the Heat take a step toward the first-ever World Series victory for the Novi organ-"He's setting his own trend," brother. "I think he just might be (better than I was). He's got the

hot bat and I don't think I ever had that power."

But Tyler had the speed. One time during his 12-year-old sea-son he stole second base, but the runner who was already on the

bag didn't run.

It's those kinds of memories the Mohrs hope Zach makes for him-

"There's such a big déjà vu fac

The Mohrs have a laminated made the trek to Puerto Rico They expect to be making another

"It's hard to believe it's even hap-

And while Zach takes to the his entire athletic career - a place in the stands.

"I'd rather be there than play-ing," the elder Mohr said, "I think I've moved on. I just hope Zach

and his team can do something

that we weren't able to do. I'd Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

Novi Heat alumni give advice, support to 2005 team

Dave Ray peered through tinted sunglasses at a group of 12 year olds getting ready to go to Puerto Rico.

It was dejà vu.

For Ray, it felt like it was nearly
yesterday that he took a group of
boys who were the same age down
to the island to play in a World

ago.

But there he was Sunday, with a handful of his old team — now 21-year-old men — addressing the Novi Heat baseball team that was



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

to get a bid for the World Series in Puerto Rico. Yet they did. They beat all the odds and they went. So Ray came to the baseball dia-mond, located at Novi Community Sports Park on Eight Mile and Napier roads. He and some of his wide player to be they are the state of the stat Napier roads. He ame old players showed up. Each of the former Heat players Each of the former Heat players
— Tyler Mohr, Vince Slovan, Matt
Gorman, Adam Haberman,
Brandon Davis and Jake Ray —
gave a piece of advice. They shook
hands and wished the kids the best.
They meant it too.
"We want them to go down there

and win as many as they can," said

together the INSECUTION to the State of the

for their upcoming tournament, the Heat of a decade ago went to the adjoining field and had a homerun derby, Dave Ray pilched, Plenty of balls were hit out.

It was the 21 year olds way of saying good luck. It was their way of wishing well the team that, in a sense, they helped build.
"I think it's real gratifying for the "think it's real gratitying for the boys to know that when they started out they were the only Heat team," said Ray. "Now, there's a whole organization and a whole lot of different teams. They were the beginning of something and now they get to see another group of 12 wear olds maker the same memories.

where the standard nearly a decade ago.

"Once you've been through that you realize how special it is," said Ray. "We're really proud of them."

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"Why wouldn't they be? Nine. years ago, Ray and some other Novi Heat stages or titles or the dash put together the first-ever Novi Heat baseball team. They were 12
"Heat baseball team that was preparing to carry on the tradition his team started nearly a decade ago.

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Money Matters

Today's young entrepreneurs still dream big dreams

"We can't make you successful. but we can create an environment in which people can dream big dreams and in which people are willing to risk capital. willing to risk capital." Those are the words of President George W. Bush in a National Small Business Week speech honoring entrepre-

Dreaming big dreams and risk-ing capital is something that Americans value, Ours is a culture that strongly



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operating in
every imaginable industry, creatwealth for future generations of business owners and jobs for

about half of the U.S. private work

ial activity

The public's faith in small business, and its appreciation of the behaviors and conditions associat-ed with small and entrepreneurial ventures, provides an atmosphere that influences small-business

A study by the NFIB Research Foundation examining public perceptions of small business found that 90 percent of those surveyed would approve if a son or daugh-ter went into business for himself or herself. Half of those would strongly approve. What's more, the study found that women and minorities were the most likely groups to be favorably disposed to having a child launch a business.

Similarly, 91 percent of those who responded to the study said they thought small-business owners work harder than people like themselves and eight of 10 believe that local business owners con-tribute more to the betterment of the community than they them-

But the hard reality of starting from seratch was top-of-mind for those surveyed. Typically Americans believe that it is diffi-Americans believe that it is diffi-cult to start a successful small business, let alone start one and grow it into a large firm. Starting a small business is no cakewalk. The fact that millions of

Americans have done it successfully is a testament to the entre-preneurial spirit and determina-tion that is interwoven in the fab-

ric of our society.

One group, the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation, believes that it can help smooth the path for tomorrow's small-business owners by encouraging them to learn more about the inner workings of the free enterprise system before taking the plunge. That's why the foundation recently laid more than \$400,000 on the line for 382 Free Enterprise Scholars Awards those students can use to attend the college, vocational or technical school of their choice to study business. Major funding support is provided by VISA

Students from 46 states received awards, the largest of which, \$10,000, was won by a future entrepreneur from Wisconsin, Four \$5,000 awards went to students in Missouri Massachusetts, North Carolina and California

applications for scholarships this ar, more than double the number for 2004 and a clear indication that some of tomorrow's small-business owners are already savvy enough to recognize a competitive advantage when they see one. For these future entrepreneurs, seeing these future entrepreneurs, sceing is knowing. That's just what the Young EntrepreneurFoundation is

hoping for.

As President Bush noted in his speech, "Men and women who run small businesses have a vision to see beyond what is, and the courage to pursue what might be.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization found ed in 1943. NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., at www.NFIB.org.

Kids flourish at Gayle's DancePhase

At Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom, you'll find as many styles of dance as there are studenis; from Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Pointe, to Cecchetti, hip hop and specialized Technique classes. They offer a friendly, family-style atmosphere with a big focus on fun and building skills. The studio also features classes that include private to semi-private and small group

Students quickly feel at home regardless of their skill level. The studio provides an atmosphere where everyone can find a space to shine whether dance prefer-ence is a recreational pastime or a serious devotion.

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"We're geared to all age and skill levels. We're not just competitive, we accommodate the recreational dancer as well," added Tina Bishop, co-owner Grutels. instructor Gayle's

DancePhase.

Right now, they're gearing up for registration and next fall's for registration and next fall's classes. Registration for current students will begin Aug. 8th by phone. New students may begin registration on Aug. 15th by walk in or phone and will continue through the beginning of the new season. The public is also welcome to attend the open house as Webrasdra Aug. 17th house on Wednesday Aug. 17th

house on Wednesday Aug. 17th from 5 to 8 p.m.

At Gayle's DancePhase students feel at ease, whether joining a friend or meeting a new one. Perhaps the family-type environment is due to the fact that Tina Bishop and founder Gayle Winnie are co-owners and teachers at the facility. Gayle founded the studio over 22 years ago in the home of their mother, Carol Limbright. Their dream has grown into a 7,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility that has remained a family-based

There's always something new going on at the studio. The group is winding down from the past season after a grand finale national competition at Disney World in Florida.

World in Florida.
"It was a once in a lifetime experience for them to dance at. Disney World," agrees Bishop, who accompanied the group on their recent trip to Orlando. Last fall the group performed at the South Lyon Pumpkinfest. Some classes performed for the Novi Rotary at the Sheraton in North In January, they performed at the Palace during a pre-game show for the Detroit Pistons. Afterwards they watched the for the Detroit PISORS.
Afterwards they watched the basketball game against the Orlando Magic. The group consisted of approximately 80 dancers with skill levels ranging from first year to competitive. Bishop notes the younger stu-dents look up to the older mentors, especially at these events.

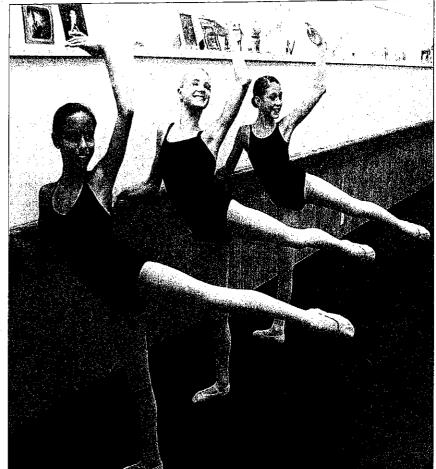
DETAILS

Classes offered: ballet, Pointe, Cecchetti, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, technique classes and competitive lines. Important dates: Fall

Registration begins; Aug. 8th through 10th 3-7 p.m. and Aug. 15 –17th, 12 –7 pm. Open House: Weds. Aug.

17th 5-8 p.m. Competition Auditions: . Thursday, Aug. 11 Age 10 and under 5:45-

Age 11-13 6:45-7:45 p.m. Age 14 and up 7:45-9 p.m. Classes Begin: Sept. 6th.



From ballet and tap to jazz and hip hop dancing, Gayle's Dance Phase helps students reach goals in a family friendly atmosphere. Practicing at the bar are students Lauren Cole, 11, Chelsey Korte, 12, and Lauren Timm, 12.

This year they will also perform at the Festival of Trees in Novi; a benefit for Children's Hospital. Another great event this year is the annual performance of the

Nuteracker with the Majestic office manager, Linda Crain. "A Dance Ensemble. Gayle's boy that's talcuted has a lot of DancePhase is home of the opportunities."

Many students have auditioned and the teach student feel special, and have been selected to be a for example, the halls are lined part of this festive holiday events with a large individual portrait of "The Nuteracker gives our students." Nuteracker with the Majestic The Nutcracker gives our stu dents another opportunity to per-form," Bishop notes. Tina Bishop and co-director Sarah Benish are delighted to include several former students in this year's production; including Adam Crain, Adrienne Odmark, and Samantha Crain. These former Gayle's DancePhase stu-

mer Gayle's DancePhase students have remained a part of the DancePhase family and are very willing to give of their time. Gayle's DancePhase also offers clinics throughout the year with top of the line arists from both coasts, New York City and Los Angeles, All skill levels are relacence. However, they're welcome, however, they're geared to honing competitive skills. Hip-hop continues to be one of the most popular styles of dance styles at the studio. This year the studio hosted hip hop/jazz specialists Cassidy and Brian Thomas. They offered a fun filled workshop. Paula Morgan also continues to be a well renowned for working in

offers special scholarships for

boys.

"We encourage the boys to come. We'll offer all-boy classes as well as mixed groups," noted office manager, Linda Crain. "A boy that's talented has a lot of concutmites."

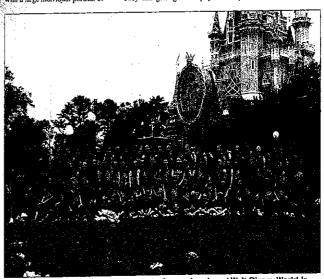
year they receive a special mem-ory book that documents the year. Each dancer will also

receive a trophy for participa-tion. Those who've participated for three, five, and ten years receive additional trophies in recognition of their years of dedication over and above the yearly

award.
"They like getting the trophy

at the end of the year... it really gives them something to look forward to," said Linda Crain. Gayle's Dance Phase is conve-niently located at 51770 Grand

River in Wixom between Wixom and Napier roads. There's easy access from 1-96. For more information or to register for classes call (248) 305-5600. Or check



top studios across the country," noted Tina Bishop.
Gayle's Dance Phase also Florida during a national competition. Dancers from Gayle's DancePhase pose after performing at Walt Disney World in

DancePhase



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Gayle's DancePhase is the place for all stages of a dancer's education. Offering classes in Tap, Jazz Ballet, Pointe, Hip Hop, Cecchetti, Lyrical, Technique, Combination Classes and Boys Classes for ages 3 yes and Up

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